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RAT program trains future RAs

By REBEKAH HURST

Champion Reporter

The Resident Assistant Training Program has been instituted by LU's administration in order to train future Resident Assistants (RAs) by following other RA examples.

According to the Residence Life Office, 200 students applied for an RA position. However, only 50 positions are available.

RA trainees (RATs) actively participated in hands-on work Feb. 13 to 26. RATs shadowed RAs during this two-week period and learned how to do room checks, paperwork and other basic duties.

The entire process began in November when two meetings about RA positions were held to inform interested students about the program. The applications were then sent to supervisors, who reviewed them and made the first cuts.

The next round was an exposure period known as "RATting." Each

applicant was required to be interviewed by administrators.

Based on the combined results and recommendations of RAs, supervisors and deans, RA selections for the 1992-93 school year will be made by administrators and deans on March 3.

As opposed to last year, the training program this year started much earlier.

"The program is earlier this year to prevent some last minute things. The RA still has to select a partner, prayer leaders and SLDs (Spiritual Life Directors)," Cathy Baker, a member of the administrative selection team, said. "We started early in order to finish early."

Kimberly Smith, who is an RA in

Dorm 26-1, agreed that it was a good idea to start earlier.

"A lot of pressure is taken off of you. You're not rushed through training, finals and then final cuts. . . You're not pushed for time," Smith said.

"It's good that it's earlier. They started recruiting last semester, and it gets it out

of the way before spring break. At the end of the semester there are just too many pressing things," RA Brenda Woodhams said.

The only other major change in the training process in comparison with last year is the length of time spent in training.

"The RA trainees stayed on the floor longer last year, due to the fact

that the RAs weren't there as much. This year, the RAs are on the floor much more, so the trainees spend less time working in the dorms," Baker explained.

Although the RATs are on the floor less this year than last year, many RAs still feel that it was hard on their schedule.

"I feel that the way it's done is very beneficial to the applicant because they're more exposed to what's going on. For the RA it's a little more difficult because they (RATs) are with you all the time, and you still have your work and classes," Smith said.

RATs also have adjustments to make.

"I think the hardest part about training is trying to fit another schedule on top of the one I already have," trainee Shannon Cochran said.

The applicants also expressed what they felt was the easier side of RA duty. Applicants Chris Hulshof and J. J. Neilsen said that the easiest part

was room checks, and they enjoyed meeting new people.

Although the process of RA training can be time consuming and stressful for RAs, supervisors and the trainees, most of them agree that the program is effective and helpful.

"It's very concise and very effective. It's a good selection process," Hulshof said.

Cochran added, "The program is good experience for RA applicants to let them know exactly what's expected if they become RAs."

"I think it's really good in the fact that they can observe the RAs in action and take mental notes of what is good or bad," Woodhams said.

Molly Huston, an RA in Dorm 19 agreed. "The program is very good" she said. "It's a good system, and they (the administration) have done the best they can. It is well thought out, and Residence Life tries hard to make it effective so that we can get a good depiction of who the trainees are."

"The program is good experience for RA applicants to let them know exactly what's expected if they become RAs."

— Shannon Cochran
RA trainee

'Souped-up' children's game attracts adults

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

A children's game for adults is the most effective way of describing "one of America's fastest-growing sports"—paintball.

Paintball is much like such children's games as hide-and-seek, kick the can and other types of "war" games. The object of the game is for a person to shoot his "enemy" with a paintball the size of a nickel (propelled by carbon dioxide guns) before he is shot himself.

Paintball was introduced to Central Virginia a little more than a year ago by Bernie Clayton when he opened Outdoor Pursuits. He began the venture because he reached "a point in life where I was getting boring in my old age."

"I went hang gliding, wind surfing,

things like that," Clayton recalled. "I was invited to Maryland to play paintball, and after the third time I realized that no one was doing it around here."

Outdoor Pursuits, located in Buckingham County approximately 35 miles southeast of Charlottesville, consists of 340 acres of land (believed by Clayton to be at least the third largest playing facility in the country), and more than six different types of paintball games.

"I'm a big Army tactician fan, and I love playing children's games. That's all it is; a souped-up children's game," Rick Chew, who is advertising manager at Outdoor Pursuits and instructor of a one-hour physical education course in paintball at the University of Virginia, explained.

"It's easier to play pick-up games (at Outdoor Pursuits) because it is hard to find a team down here," he added.

Safety is the main concern of those at Outdoor Pursuits. All participants are outfitted with the latest protective equipment that include face masks, eye goggles and bandanas (for the neck and throat area), and are supervised by referees in each game.

"This game is the safest thing in the world," Clayton said. "I believe this game has the same accident rate as



photo by Jeff Cota

A paintball participant takes aim at his enemy during a game of "Elimination" at the Outdoor Pursuits facilities in Buckingham County.

golf. It's definitely a safe sport."

Although Clayton equates paintball as "the closest you'll get to the real thing," this sport isn't just for macho, sweaty men; 15 percent of the participants at Outdoor Pursuits are females.

"The one's who come out love it. They are on equal ground with the males," Clayton explained. "The most petite and feminine women turn into tigresses."

The cost for a player includes

safety equipment and gun rentals, a supply of paintballs and field fee; however, prices may vary according to the experience level of the player.

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Lovern receives a national post

By GRACIE COWELL

City News Editor

Lynchburg Vice-Mayor Patricia Lovern was recently appointed to serve on the National League of Cities' Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

Lovern has chaired the Virginia Municipal League of Cities for two years and sees the promotion to the national league as a great opportunity.

"I want to be able to give the government the Lynchburg point of view on environmental issues," she said.

Lovern's appointment was announced by the NLC President Glenda Hood, city



Patricia Lovern
Lynchburg vice-mayor

she was excited about working with the federal government on resolving the environmental problems Virginia faces through means such as lobbying.

Lovern is the only member from Virginia, and the first from Lynchburg to serve on the NLC committee. She feels that her position on the committee will be particularly important to Lynchburg because of problems such as the sewer overflow.

"The city is faced with many environmental issues," Public Works director Raymond Booth said. "Having a local council member, who has firsthand knowledge of these problems, serve on the NLC policy committee will be very beneficial to Lynchburg."

The League, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the nation's oldest and largest municipal organization.

All of the nation's 49 municipal associations are members of NLC, making the league a national representative of more than 15,000 municipal governments throughout the United States.

Lovern currently serves on the Lynchburg City Council, a position she has retained for 4 1/2 years. She has served in the position of vice-mayor for the past two years.

By REBEKAH HURST

Champion Reporter

A campus computer store is set to open within two weeks to provide educational discounts on computers and printers to students and faculty.

According to Gary Russell, director of academic computing, the store will be a major benefit to the students.

"It will provide both IBM and Apple computer systems and software as

well as printers," Russell said.

He explained that the store will be limited to selling computers and printers because the bookstore already sells disks and other computer accessories.

Russell said that while many manufacturers have specialized prices for faculty and administration, the LU computer store will also give students the opportunity to take advantage of reduced prices.

Another advantage for students is that the computer store will have people to help students choose a computer or printer.

"We're going to have people here virtually all the time to give demonstrations," Russell said.

He explained that having representatives in the store will help students decide what kind of computer is the most suited for their individual needs.

"The computer store is not in business to make a profit like a dealer might be, but to provide the right computer systems to the students at affordable prices," Russell said.

"We want to further the computing capabilities on campus so students don't have to be looking somewhere else," he added.

The store will be located in the academic computing lab in SH 102.

Wanted: The best and brightest

Preparing for the real world

By GRACIE COWELL

City News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the second story in a three-part series dealing with how the current job market will affect college graduates.

Believe it or not, the chance of getting a good job after graduation really begins on a student's first day in college.

Many factors are involved in the hiring process. Current openings in the job market are limited, as reported in part 1 of this series, and one major question potential employers will be asking is what experience graduates gained through opportunities offered at their respective universities.

"Employers are interested in how seriously a student took his or her education," Shelly Seibert director

of the career center at LU, said.

Most employment advisers believe that the most obvious area students need to concentrate on is grades. Because of economic cutbacks, many companies are only accepting students graduating in the top percentages of their classes.

The federal government has also set up certain GPA (grade point average) requirements for potential employees. According to the fall 1991 issue of *Career Futures*, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management is looking for only the best and the brightest applicants to fill current openings. Some jobs are not even available to anyone with a GPA below 3.5.

However, future employers will not only be looking at how intellectual a

graduate is, but also at what he or she has to offer his or her company through experience gained during the preparation years.

Although Liberty University is not a large school compared to many, there are still numerous ways students can become involved in their fields before graduation.

Professional organizations and clubs abound at Liberty and can be easily accessed by the interested student. One such club is IABC, International Association of Business Communicators. The club focuses on students in the field of communications and also business marketing.

Special speakers are featured at IABC's monthly meetings and give the students a professional perspective on important issues dealing with

the communications field.

Craig Baker, president of the LU chapter of IABC, said that club membership is a great source of experience needed after graduation.

"It looks good on your resumé to have that you were involved in a professional club during school," Baker said.

Experience can also be gained by working for a school organization such as the LU Marketing Department or writing for the school paper, *The Champion*.

Brian Randall, a 1991 public relations graduate of LU, is currently working for a nonprofit organization in Fairfax, Va. Randall gained needed writing experience by

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LUSLLL student, serving a prison term, graduates in May

By DAWN K. LOONEY
News Editor

Like other college seniors, Barry Minkow anxiously looks forward to May. However, Minkow is different from the average student. He is serving a 25-year prison term for several counts of stock, mail and bank fraud at The Federal Correctional Institute in Littleton, Colo.

Minkow, a senior in Liberty's School of LifeLong Learning, is known for being "the biggest and greatest con man of the 20th century," according to CBS's 60 Minutes.

"I'm not proud of that title. But if I'm going to be titled that way, then I'll use it for the Lord's glory," Minkow said. "The Lord can use an ex-con man to expose those cults that are conning people out of their salvation."

At the age of 17, he started ZZZZ Best Company, which was a carpet cleaning and furniture restoration business. By the time he was a senior

at Cleveland High School in Los Angeles, he had 16 employees.

"This was my big bang for an attention buck. I wanted to do something that no one else had done in my high school. I was not very athletic or good looking, and I didn't have any money. I never really dated, and I had this neurotic need for attention," Minkow explained.

Minkow said that he was thought of as "the teenage wonder kid." He appeared on several television programs including 60 Minutes and Oprah Winfrey, and in such magazines as Time, Fortune and Money.

"Harvard and Stanford are doing case studies on me, and other universities are too. I know they wouldn't mind the old con man coming to speak to their classes. So, I'm going to use this to get my foot in the door in order to share the Gospel," he said.

ZZZZ Best Company grew until it was considered the fourth-fastest-growing company in the United States by the Wall Street Stock Exchange.



"Barry required a little more time than other students, but he had special circumstances. He was always very concerned about his grades and would often call for advice."

—Shaun Redgate
LUSLLL academic adviser.

"I was personally worth \$120 million, and my company was worth \$300 million," he said. "We were the best pursued stock in March of 1987. The company also had a budget of \$2 million for advertising."

As the company grew, Minkow's scams increased.

"I had 1,400 employees and 23

carpet cleaning stores in three states. All the employees were real. At that time, we were going to buy out Key-Serve for \$40 million from an English company, Northern Foods. Key-Serve did all the cleaning for Sears and Roebuck. We signed the deal and it was announced on Wall Street.

"But two days before the deal was

actually finalized, my credit card frauds were revealed in the newspapers.

"When I first started my business at the age of 17, I couldn't get a loan for cleaning supplies so I stole the money off of peoples' credit cards. But my fraudulent activities didn't stop there."

After Minkow was found guilty, he learned about how Christ died for him. Later, Roberta Clancy, who was a victim of one of his scams, told Minkow about Liberty University's School of LifeLong Learning.

"She told me that I needed to get my life on the right track and utilize my time. Robby also said that if I really wanted to do something, I should take classes from LUSLLL."

"I had no idea how I was going to be able to do this. How was I going to afford this? I was paying back \$26 million in restitution to my victims. And who would go out of their way to help me through school?"

"The Lord made it a done deal. I

didn't have to scam, con or give a sales pitch. Jesus gets the job done before I even get there. The Lord changes hearts. . . Warden Anthony Belaski overruled his own staff to allow me to receive the videotapes to get an education. I'll never forget what he did for me," Minkow said.

In addition to the help of Belaski, Minkow attributes his academic achievement to Shaun Redgate, LUSLLL's coordinator of student relations and academic adviser.

Redgate said, "Barry required a little more time than other students, but he had special circumstances. He was always very concerned about his grades and would often call for advice."

Minkow said: "In my opinion, Shaun Redgate should be running the school. He's an entrepreneur, a marketing genius who has a real vision for the school. I wanted to quit several times. . . but Shaun really helped me to keep going. He went out of his way to get me through."

R-MWC plans production of 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

By MARILYN GLASGOW
Champion Reporter

"The Diary of Anne Frank," a story that has touched the hearts of millions, will be presented at Randolph-Macon Woman's College near the end of March.

A professional director and costume designer have been engaged for the production, which will take place at Thoresen Theatre. Bart Whiteman, a professional director in theater, music, film, television and radio in the Washington, D.C., area was brought here by R-MWC theater professor Thomas Stevens to direct the play.

Stevens said: "I had seen his work and was impressed with it. So I asked him to come to Lynchburg and direct the play."

Discussing the play, which was written in 1955, Whiteman said, "It was well received and won many

awards. Ever since that time, the play has become part of the repertoire of high schools and colleges and most professional theaters around the world."

Robert Horek, who recently moved to Lynchburg to fill the position of costume designer at the Fine Arts Center, is the guest costume designer for the production.

Commenting on the importance of costuming to a production, Horek said, "My job is to help the actors feel their character." He explained that when they get a piece of clothing, some-

thing in their hand, then it becomes a reality for them.

Realism is important to the Anne Frank play because it is not just a story told by a young girl, but it is an

"The play is very tragic, but it has a lot of light moments. It is the celebration of the life of a young girl."

—Alice Mawdsley
LU drama professor

Anne Frank, along with her family and friends, was forced to hide out for two years in Amsterdam before being discovered and taken to concentration camps.

A line from the play described Anne's thoughts: "I can shake off

everything if I write. But, and that is the great question, will I ever be able to write well? I want to so much. I want to go on living even after my death."

LU drama professor Alice Mawdsley, whose son is a member of the cast, said: "The play is very tragic but it has a lot of light moments. It is the celebration of the life of a young girl. It affirms human dignity and shows that even though they were lost in the prison camp, her diary has had a profound effect on succeeding generations."

Getting this message across to the audience is the job of those working behind the scenes. One of these is stage manager Coleen May, a R-MWC sophomore from Massachusetts, majoring in creative writing and theater.

Although May has played several

roles in other plays, she said this one may be more difficult.

"Because all the characters are on stage at the same time, there are a lot of cues in the show. It's going to be a little difficult to call," she explained.

May has many duties as stage manager, but she said she enjoys seeing how much growth takes place as a play develops and the great amount of improvement from the beginning of rehearsals to the time of the performance.

The cast of characters also includes Mr. Frank, played by Michael Whorley, and Mrs. Frank, played by Susan Reid, a senior from Richmond majoring in English and theater.

The main character, Anne Frank, will be portrayed by Heather Miller, a sophomore from Alexandria, Va.

Expressing her personal impression of Anne Frank, Miller said:

"Rather than focusing on the horror, I can feel what it was like growing up. She is so full of life."

Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan, friends of the Franks, will be played by Tim Wilson, an LU graduate from Knoxville, Tenn., and Sherry Wilson, a student at R-MWC.

James Mawdsley will play the part of Peter, the Van Daan's son. Mawdsley has acted in several plays at Lynchburg Christian Academy.

Mr. Dussel will be played by Rob Gray, an attorney from Appomattox, and Joseph Day will make his stage debut as Mr. Kraler. Heather Morgan will play Miep, Sarah Drubig will play Ellie, and Diane Hudock will be Margot Frank.

Performances are scheduled for March 20, 21 and 23 at 8 p.m. There will be a matinee March 22 at 2 p.m. For information call 846-9692.

Council receives favorable progress report on 'Quality First' program

By GRACIE COWELL
City News Editor

The Lynchburg City Council was presented with a positive report during its Feb. 25 meeting from the city utilities department on improving customer satisfaction through the Quality First program.

Quality First is a plan co-implemented by Region 2000 and Central Virginia Community College to increase quality service to customers through employee team work.

The Lynchburg city utilities department has been using the program for six months and have seen noticeable improvements in needed areas

such as timeliness in response to service calls, quality of workmanship and thorough customer follow up.

Twenty percent of customers were surveyed by the utility services of Lynchburg to obtain insight into areas in which the department was lacking.

Bob Foster a member of the Quality First team for the city water department, said, "We went to the community to ask what improvements they would like to see made."

The department was able to gain information through a community suggestion sheet called "Brainstorm."

Response from the community

caused the department to set the following objectives to meet the needs.

- Increase customer satisfaction
- Reduce overtime cost
- Increase

documentation effectiveness.

"We realize we cannot cut customer satisfaction because of cost," Foster said.

Members of the City Council expressed their appreciation to the team

from the city utilities department for the success in the quality of service resulting from the Quality First program.

"I'm excited when we can improve service and save money at the same time."

—Paul Barringer
City Council member

the same time."

Another council member, Dr. Joseph S. Freeman, said that he had

heard positive support of the changes. "People are surprised at the quality of our city," he said.

The Quality First team received a standing ovation from those in attendance at the meeting. "You are great employees, we are grateful to have you here," Mayor E.W. Thornhill Jr. said.

Future recommendations given to the team were to continue the project, involve other city employees and explore spinoff projects.

Other business heard at the meeting included approval of a resolution appropriating \$579,000 for the construction of the governor's school for

Science and Technology at Heritage High School.

The council also approved \$19,502 to equip, employ and train part-time personnel associated with efforts to control the deer population.

Council member Gilliam Cobbs, adding his personal approval said, "We are involved in a necessary project."

Cobbs went on to relate the story of a three-year-old Williamsburg girl who was killed when a deer crashed through the window of the car in which she was riding.

The next meeting will be March 10 at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

—Paintball

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"We guarantee that this will be the second most fun you'll ever have," Clayton said confidently. "The only people I know of who are against it are the people who have never tried it or seen it (played)."

Paintball's humble beginnings were literally on the farm. Farmers marked their cattle with paintballs and to make a long story short, "they would get crazy and shoot at each other," Clayton said.

Today, paintball has evolved into a popular and fast-growing sport. Several semi-professional and professional teams have started competition

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working on The Champion staff for two years.

"Writing experience is the major skill that employers looking to fill public relations-type jobs are looking for," he said.

By the third year in college the student should have a general idea of what field he or she has most interest in. According to Lew Weider, director of the National Internship Office at LU, this is the best time to seek an internship in the professional world.

Internships give the student four to six weeks of contact with an approved organization in his or her area of interest.

The student works with the professionals and becomes a temporary part of the team. The student may or may not be paid for their work but will gain valuable experience that will better his or her chances of landing a job out of college.

Weider said that taking an internship early in the college career can give students a better look at the field

and tournaments have been broadcast on cable television.

"It is very popular in Great Britain, western Europe and South America, especially in Brazil. It is considered macho (in Brazil) to play without a shirt. Then again, I hear they can be pretty crazy," Clayton said.

Clayton is a member of the International Paintball Players Association (IPPA), which furnishes safety video tapes and promotes the sport.

Those interested in more information can contact Outdoor Pursuits at 1-800-966-GAME. Membership and group rates are available.

they are pursuing.

"When the students return from the internship, they will have a better handle on their field and will be able to ask more intellectual questions," he said.

Practical experience, solid career goals and future contacts are three of the many benefits of an internship.

"Our goal," Weider said, "is to give the student experience in the field of their dreams. If you want to be a state governor someday, we'll try to get you into the governor's office."

Keeping an updated resumé will also enable the student to be a jump ahead of others when opportunities arise. It is important to list professional clubs and organizations that the student is associated with so that the seriousness of gaining experience for the position is evident.

Part three of this series will discuss how students can successfully penetrate the barrier of the career world by finding out what will make them most attractive to their future employers.

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Campus train crossings a potential hazard

By DR. CHARLES W. SYDNOR
Special to The Champion

Editor's Note: Paul Powell, a student at Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va., was killed driving over railroad tracks off campus when his vehicle was struck by a freight train. Dr. Charles W. Sydnor, president of Emory and Henry College, wrote this article to urge safety precautions while crossing or nearing railroad tracks. The LU Residence Life office will be distributing flyers promoting railroad crossing safety this week at the rear entrance of campus.

It is the most awesome, powerful and dangerous thing to ever move on land. In less time than it takes to change classes it can move 8,000 tons from a standing start to 40 m.p.h. At that speed a freight train can not respond to human carelessness.

Crew members spoke of accidents and death with sad familiarity, in the trauma, and the terrible and lasting effects on the lives of those who have seen and known avoidable injury and needles fatality in accidents that never need happen.

Listening to them, two thoughts emerged in my reaction. If the people of the railroad cared that much about avoiding accidents, saving lives and sparing further tragedy in this community, something had to be done to drive home the message of caution they pressed with such urgency. The effort, I thought, should include some attempt on our part to know and understand what they experience, as they labor to avoid accidents, and then struggle to cope with their aftermath.

The college and railroad have lived together since 1857. The campus and tracks share a common history inseparable in tradition and in tragedy. We have, perhaps, grown so accustomed to the trains that we assume they can respond to our distraction, inattention or carelessness.

Before climbing into the cab of 6179, I was issued the standard safety equipment that all train crews. Once

in the cab, I was given the front seat on the right side, where a fireman or conductor would normally ride.

What did occur along the tracks as incident, or near-incident, were repeated, blatant acts of carelessness by motorists and even pedestrians who crossed the path of the moving train.

Between Bristol and Abingdon a group of boys yelled at the approaching train from the edge of the gravel bed supporting the rails, then jumped aside as it passed, and began throwing rocks at the freight cars.

At crossings west and east of Abing-

don, drivers pulled their cars to the very edge of the crossing line as the lead diesel, horn blasting, was almost on top of them.

And between Abingdon and Meadowview, a motorist drove to the crossing and stopped, warning lights flashing, and then with the train 100 yards away, drove across the tracks.

Staring transfixed, I was horrified, and as I turned slightly, I noticed that the men in the cab were all looking at me. In less than an instant, I knew I was thinking what they were: what if the fool had stalled, or his tires jammed

or hung in the track crossing?

What happened east of Chilowie, along an open, uncrossed track, frightened me more.

As the train travelled between open fields, slightly raised above the level of the tracks an elderly man suddenly ambled unsteadily down the embankment on the left. He paused at the edge of the gravel bed, and then nonchalantly walked across the tracks.

If he had even stumbled, the man literally would have committed suicide. A train moving at our speed, 35 m.p.h., requires at least a half a mile

of track to come to a full stop.

The incidents that seemed scary to me however, are but part of the daily, routine experience of train crews.

The line connecting Bristol and Roanoke will be traveled by an increasing number of longer and faster trains in the coming years. The historic tracks bordering the college campus will continue to serve as one of the most vital arteries in the entire Norfolk-Southern System.

We can not remain listless, inattentive bystanders to this important development. As the number of trains

passing the campus increases, Norfolk-Southern's efforts to promote and insure crossing safety will intensify. And so must ours.

The barrier gates which will be installed will not be the whole answer, or even the most important contribution to crossing safety. A community must resolve to be vigilant. Every time any of us, on foot or in a car approaches or crosses the tracks, we simply must be alert to the possibility of approaching danger.

We have options, the train crews do not. We can stop, and a train cannot.

Parking fee reduction bill passes senate

By REBEKAH HURST
Champion Reporter

The LU student senate passed three bills by a majority vote in the Feb. 27 meeting. The bills dealt with dorm bunk beds, town student car registration and DeMoss Hall bulletin board privileges.

A bill sponsored by the Town Student Committee, discussed lowering the town student car registration.

The current rate for both dorm and town student car registration is \$50. The bill stated that since town students spend an average of one-third the amount of time on campus com-

pared to dorm students, their car registration should be lower.

The bill would set both town student and dorm student fees set at \$25 and not more than \$35. This bill would also present raising dorm student fees overall. Any change in price would change equally for both town and dorm students.

Another bill, which concerned administrative withdrawal of students, failed the senate by a majority vote.

Proposing the bill, Sen. Bart Swain said: "Students here have been asked to leave the school, and it was really close to the end of the semester. That's

5,000 bucks gone just to be asked not to return."

Many senators debated against the bill. It was argued that if it were passed, seniors who knew there would be no consequences might not abide by the university's rules.

Others argued that the bill delayed punishment, and LU officials would be condoning sin if they allowed students to violate The Liberty Way.

However, several senators debated in favor of the bill, saying people are not perfect, and God's grace should be shown to students who make the wrong choices.

In opposition to this argument, some senators said if people make the choice to come to Liberty then they should abide by the rules that Liberty has set.

Moving on to another bill, Sen. Jason Williams proposed the Dorm Bed Policy Bill, which would allow students to move their beds around in their rooms.

Williams argued that if there are two students in a room with four beds, then they should be allowed to disassemble the beds.

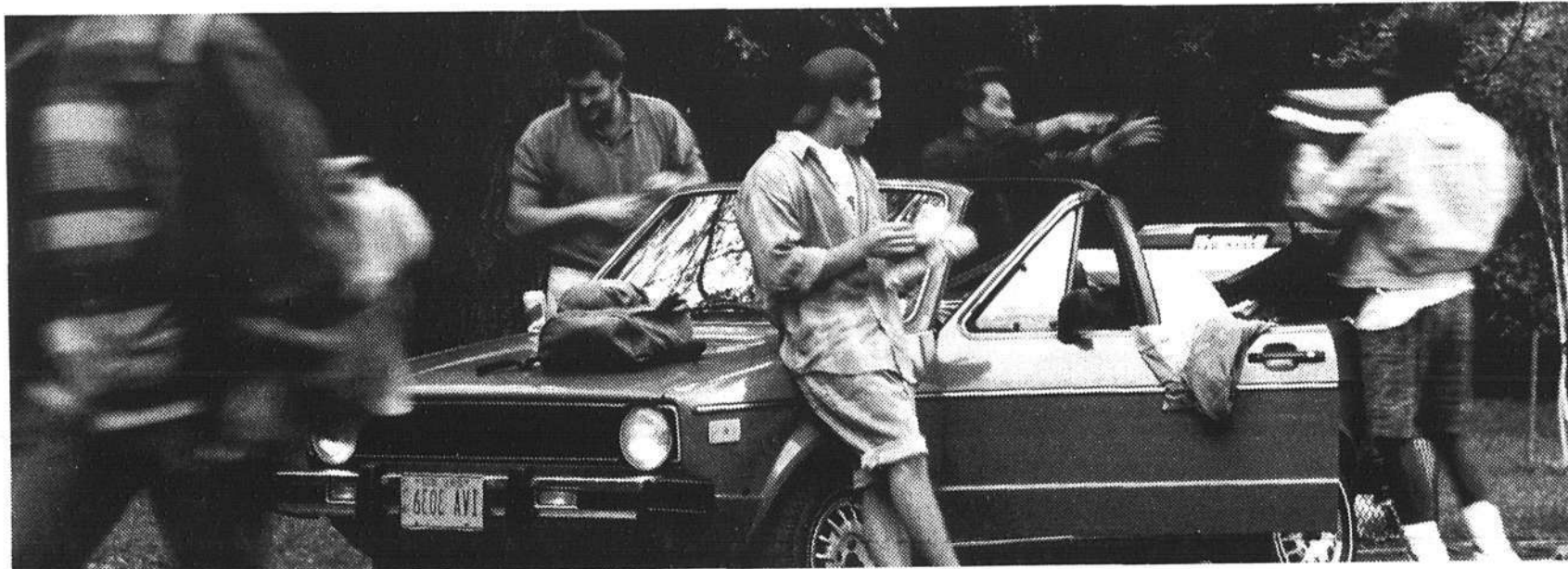
"I don't see any reason why we can't take them apart since we're responsible for any damage anyway,"

Williams said.

The final bill was also proposed by Williams. He stated that many of the bulletin boards in DeMoss Hall look worn out, and none of the clubs seemed to care about decorating the boards.

"I think that in our school we should make it look neat. I think that the clubs should either keep the boards straight or lose their privileges to the boards," Williams said.

The bill would allow clubs 10 days from the time they are warned about the board to get them fixed or the privilege would be lost. Both bills passed by a majority vote.



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Editorial

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

SGA needs candidates

Despite the opportunities the LU Student Government Association offers, in each of the last two elections one position was void of candidates, and several positions have had only one candidate.

The reasons for the lack of candidates for these scholarship positions are as diverse as the number of students. Some would like to blame SGA itself, but SGA is the same as it has always been with the same problems. The responsibility to get involved rests with the students.

If there are serious problems, the greatest benefit to the organization would be to have a diversity of candidates running to offer many choices to the students.

A wide range of candidates will help SGA by allowing students to choose the most competent and qualified.

At many universities groups and organizations, such as fraternities and sororities, sponsor candidates. Why don't clubs and other groups at Liberty organize themselves and push a candidate? Could Chi Alpha sponsor its candidate for president? It would be good to see.

Judging from the last few elections, SGA has been relegated to promoting its candidates, but students' supporting votes have legitimized advancing the "favored son."

This is not a direct problem with SGA, but it is a sign of student non-involvement. For example, until now the students have been able to choose, but that will change.

A senate bill recently passed through the administration approval process. The bill effectively gave the SGA president power to choose the secretary and treasurer.

The bill eliminated student input into the election of the SGA secretary and treasurer (unless one considers the student senate a viable student voice).

Do the students want people walking into a scholarship positions without having to pay any price other than having connections? The theory behind the move is to guarantee qualified people filling the positions. Has there been a problem with unqualified candidates? The candidates are already screened with a basic competency test.

Another reason senate adopted the measure was that it did not consider the jobs of treasurer and secretary as having a direct effect on the students. How much effect does SGA have on the student body?

If the president is the best person to choose the menial (if they are not important enough to be voted upon) offices, wouldn't it be reasonable to think the dean of student affairs would be the best person to pick the entire SGA board?

He could hire a parliamentarian to run senate, an accounting major to be treasurer, and he could select the other officers as well, based upon competence and ability not popularity or willingness to run an election.

Well, it wouldn't be fair to take the students entirely out of the picture. They could elect a figurehead president, without scholarship, who was good at addressing public forums, to give announcements in chapel.



A reversal of roles the Friday before Spring Break



Off The Record

Greed motivates Tyson's advocates

Six days after Mike Tyson was found guilty for the rape of Desiree Washington, a group of Indianapolis ministers began a petition drive to suspend the sentence of the former heavyweight boxing champion.

The Missionary Baptist Ministry Alliance (MBMA) began its campaign, entitled "The National Committee for Mercy for Mike Tyson," by petitioning its congregation, urging that Tyson serve no time for the crime for which he was convicted.

The group later announced that it had gathered 10,000 signatures and hopes before March 27, Tyson's day of reckoning, it can find another 90,000 people who feel the boxer is above the law.

The MBMA has declared Tyson an "Afro-American hero" and "a legend in his own time." Perhaps Tyson is a

legend in his own time, being the youngest man to win the heavyweight championship. However, if he is regarded as an "Afro-American hero," then Teddy Kennedy should be the American chastity poster boy.

I was shocked when these so-called "men of the cloth" endorsed this cause. However, I was not so shocked when Donald Trump made a similar proposal.

Trump, in a sense, suggested that Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford, the presiding justice, both consider Tyson's freedom in exchange for "making substantial financial retribution to his victim" and establish a fund to aid rape and abuse victims in

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Editor

Indiana. Trump said in defense of the proposal: "I'm opposed to harsh penalties. A lot more people can benefit this way than by throwing the man in jail."

Dolynne Pettingill, spokeswoman for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, showed that she did not take well to Trump's version of plea bargaining when she said: "How offensive. We have a judicial process for these matters and it's not for sale."

Not to be outdone, the MBMA allegedly offered the Miss Black America Beauty Pageant contestant \$1 million before the trial if she decided to drop the rape charges against Tyson.

What makes this issue of a man

"The choice today is not between violence and non-violence. It is either non-violence or non-existence."

— A banner that hung above the stage at Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., the same morning a 15-year-old gunned down two classmates.

"No enemy did this to us. We did it to ourselves."

— A poster hung by a minority student after eight students were crushed to death during a rap concert at New York City College.

convicted of rape different than others? There is much money to be made at the expense of this young man who makes a living at pounding the pulp out of other men. One way for Trump to climb out of his economic difficulties is to host "The Dream Bout" between former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and current heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield. It is sad that these "leaders" (Trump and the MBMA) are more caught up in their own agendas, rather than the welfare of a troubled young man, who is no older than most college seniors.

Words of Wisdom: "Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice."

— H.L. Mencken (1880-1956)

Immorality is blight of this generation

By JOSEPH E. VALLELY

Special to The Champion

Editor's Note: Mr. Valley received his master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Maryland and currently operates a private counseling practice in Connecticut.

In 1949, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's book, *Peace of Soul*, was published. Chapter eight of this book discusses human sexuality. The chapter is titled: "Sex and Love of God." Sheen observed: "Sex has become one of the most discussed subjects of modern times. The Victorians pretended it did not exist; the moderns pretend that nothing else exists."

Concerning the obsession with sex manifested in this culture, Sheen noted: "The principal reason for sex deification is the loss of belief in God. Once men lose God, they lose the purpose of life and when the purpose of living is forgotten, the universe becomes meaningless. Man then tries to forget his emptiness by the intensity of a momentary experience."

Sheen draws an astute relationship between promiscuity and the present chaos in society. He wrote, "An age of carnal license is always an age of political anarchy." Who can deny that political confusion, moral riot and anarchy exist in this nation and other "sexually liberated" countries?

Another cause of the overemphasis on sex is the denial of immortality. "Once the eternal is denied, the now becomes all-important. It is a fact that in times of disaster, epidemic, bombings, etc., some individuals who have no eternal values to sustain them, seeing their lease on life about to run out, plunge into orgies of debauchery."

"The predilection for sex is characteristic of a profoundly naturalistic age," Sheen continued. "The naturalistic literary school of France emphasized sex. None of the naturalistic writers was an amoralist, but they shared the idea that 'nature' must be discussed openly and without restrictions. The naturalistic school thus

became, involuntarily, a preparation for a growing licentiousness. The success of psychoanalysis in America — not with the psychiatrists, but with the public — has the same source as the success of certain novelists of sex like D.H. Lawrence."

Contemporary amoral concepts such as "safe sex" would be characterized by Sheen as a loss of moral certitude. He further commented, "The modern tragedy is not that human beings give way more often to their passions now than in previous ages but that in leaving the right road, they deny that there is a right road."

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COUNTERPOINT

Condoms are not a moral issue

By MEG ALLEY

Special to The Champion

Editor's Note: Meg Alley is the editor of *The Sun Dial*, a student publication of Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg.

Before addressing the issue of whether or not to distribute or make available condoms to high school students, the fact must be established that this is not a moral issue. This issue goes far beyond the pros and cons of teenage sex: condom distribution should not speak to a person's morality, rather it should speak to his or her mortality.

Admittedly, the argument exists that making prophylactics available to teenagers will encourage them to have premarital sex, but the debate on condom distribution can really only be discussed if the debate on teenage sex is set aside temporarily. Teenagers who are bent upon sex will have it regardless of whether or not they can get condoms from their gym teachers.

Remember, it is just as easy for teens to have sex on the living room sofa as it is for them to have sex in the back of a car. As is true with drugs, the teen's final choice is based upon a combination of parental guidance, peer pressure and the teen's own decision.

Distributing condoms in high schools can take place in many ways: they can be handed out in hygiene class, vending machines can be put in bathrooms or they can be given out upon request from the health room. Whatever the method, making con-

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doms available to teenagers raises awareness among teens about important issues like unplanned pregnancy and virus.

The point of distributing condoms in high schools isn't to say, "Here kid, now go have some fun." The point is to say, "Sex is a decision that mature adults should make. If you feel mature enough, so be it. But be smart about it and protect yourself and your partner — that's the mature part."

True, vending machines or handing them out in class may spark many practical jokes, but each time a teenager takes out another condom to blow up like a balloon, he or she will at least be thinking about what they're really used for.

Thoughts like, "this could keep me from getting AIDS," or "this will keep me from getting my girlfriend pregnant," will cross their minds, and if teens eventually do decide to have sex, they'll know where to go to get condoms.

Distributing them by way of the health room may cause teenagers to balk; how embarrassing would it be for the school nurse to know you're going to have sex, and what if she told your parents?!

Although this method is not as effective for insuring that each student who currently practices has safe sex, it cuts down on the number of condoms that are taken but not used.

Also, it gives teenagers a reliable place to go to and provides someone to talk to when they may not be so sure they're doing the right thing.

Condoms are wrong emphasis

By BEN LaFROMBOIS

Feature/Opinion Editor

Handing out condoms in high schools to teenagers will do as much to prevent social ills as anarchy does to promote order and stability.

Placing condoms in teenagers' hands gives them a responsibility that our judicial system does not recognize. Advocates of condom distribution believe children should have the responsibility of sexual decisions yet protect teenagers in the court room from the consequences of their crimes.

If teenagers are not given the responsibility for their crimes then they should not be given responsibility or encouraged to make a destructive and possible fatal decision.

Teenagers are not responsible adults, rather they are maturing children who don't understand the consequences of their actions and must be instructed and encouraged to make the right choice.

To engage in premarital sex of any kind is clearly the wrong choice. The addition of a condom to such behavior adds little security when research clearly discredits the condom's effectiveness in preventing pregnancy or the spread of sexually transmitted diseases — especially one that is 100 percent fatal.

Disregarding teenagers' lack of maturity to make responsible decisions concerning sexual behavior, giving them the responsibility to use a condom is beyond reason when a recent study revealed only 41 to 51 percent of college students used condoms.

To encourage behavior that could

quite possibly result in a person's death is not only irresponsible, but it disregards traditional restraint that has been taught and practiced in this nation.

Condom distribution appeals to the emotion of the problem by fallaciously offering "protection." However, the only real protection against AIDS is abstinence; not Russian roulette in the form of safe sex.

Dealing with AIDS and unwanted pregnancy through the distribution of condoms not only ignores the fact that it encourages teenagers to make decisions they are not ready to make, but also it further destroys the moral framework that our nation was built upon.

Strength and productivity are two hallmarks of nations that advocate restraint instead of promiscuity.

Most religions preach abstinence. Abstinence is tried and true. Therefore, rather than license immorality, it must be discouraged and reprimanded.

The moral codes that have guided our nation and ancestors have proven to be workable and productive — contrary to no restraint which offers no stability but is actually destructive to people and institutions.

Only a greater sense of morality and responsibility leading to abstinence will curb the problems related to sexual immorality.

The use of condoms only offers the illusion of safety and further erodes the religious and moral mores our nation and families have thrived upon.

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Towles excels in silent communication

By CYNTHIA STROUD

Champion Reporter

Flying hands and an illuminated face tell the story.

It is the story of Celia Towles, a professional interpreter for the deaf, conversing with the hearing impaired. "I feel it is the Lord's calling. He has given me a love and fascination for their language, as well as the skills," Towles said.

Her original interest in sign language came during high school when she worked in a summer camp. A conference for the deaf during the camp's opening week provided her first exposure to deaf people.

"I was terrified at the sight of thousands of flying hands," Towles admitted.

"But it was beautiful and fascinating. I was petrified because I didn't know how to communicate with them."

Communicating with the deaf, especially as an interpreter, requires more than complex hand movements.

"As an interpreter I must mirror the speaker's mood. If he shows excitement in his voice, I must visually show excitement in my face and hands. I must show the enthusiasm and animation of the speaker visually because the deaf cannot hear the tone of voice," Towles explained.

"I like speakers who have a lot of feeling," she said.

Although Towles is a skilled interpreter, this was not always true. She attended a few basic workshops where she learned to say simple things like

"Good morning, how are you?"

"I had to work up a lot of courage and carefully select who to talk to. When I found someone and said 'good morning,' all of a sudden hands would be flying everywhere. They were very pleased that I was trying to learn," Towles said.

Following her original exposure, Towles placed her interest in the interpreting on hold. However, she retained a few signs and could remember the alphabet.

In 1983 she was working for Lynchburg Shelter Industries, which is a shelter workshop for handicapped people. Here she came in contact with two deaf clients, and she found that she could communicate with them.

"I would communicate with the clients and they could understand and would smile," Towles said.

"I wasn't very good, and I didn't know the language until one of the clients, whose name was Linda, started to teach me. She was very patient and gracious."

"Up to this point I had been communicating through pantomime, gestures and simple writing. I communicated with these people eight hours and day, five days a week. They would watch me and then do what I did," she said.

Towles later sought information concerning deaf communities and participated in deaf organizations and meetings. She built her signing skills, and in April 1991 she received certification from the Commonwealth of

Virginia to interpret.

"I think she is one of the best interpreters on campus. She is active and likes interpreting a lot. She is very willing to do anything in interpreting," Brian Walters, a deaf student at LU and a friend of Towles, said.

Most of Towles' work is not done in chapel and church services, but in classrooms. Deaf students cannot choose an interpreter for their classes,

but schedules are arranged so that interpreters are always available.

"She always makes the deaf people happy and laugh in boring classes," deaf student Cindy Holding exclaimed.

"I think I speak for all the deaf in this town. She is always putting a lot of time into what she does. People admire how she juggles her time between family, school and her job. She

is an incredible testimony to all the deaf," Mary Hayes, an LU graduate currently working in the campus library, said.

When Towles decided to follow her interest, she came to Liberty and enrolled in an interpreting course.

"It was here at LU that I learned the signs, but I also learned to be a conversant interpreter," she explained.

Towles has been at interpreting at

Liberty since 1987. She has been a student here since 1989. She is majoring in English and is planning to teach high school students.

However, her ultimate goal is to obtain her master's degree and possibly a Ph.D. which she would use to teach the deaf.

Towles and her husband Dennis have three children: Christy, Michael and Joshua.



Cella Towles
Interpreter for the deaf

Falwell records last words to world

By LAURI TEVEPAUGH

Champion Reporter

"I am ready to die, but I presently enjoy life and service for Christ very much. When God's time comes to call me home, He will give me dying grace, but presently I have only living grace," The Rev. Jerry Falwell, LU chancellor, said.

One year ago, Falwell received an invitation from the Public Broadcasting System in Washington, D.C., to deliver a final message to the world, which would be videotaped and aired 24 to 48 hours after his death.

"I was very intrigued about the concept of giving a last will and testament to the world. I believe it gives me a wonderful opportunity to share my philosophy of life one more time internationally after I am deceased," Falwell said.

PBS officials invited exactly 100 Americans to deliver a final speech to the world. Falwell explained that these people were selected because PBS felt they were individuals who had made significant contributions to society in this generation.

Among those chosen were former presidents, scientists, authors, musicians and financiers. Falwell was the only minister selected, as far as he

knows.

By invitation only, 1,000 people attended the videotaping of the speeches. Falwell said that an official at the event told his son Jonathan that his father's speech had been the highlight message thus far.

"The applause was very loud and sustained," Falwell said.

The Baptist preacher said that when his farewell message is telecast, he will probably be heard by the largest audience he has ever addressed.

He said the fact that many viewers will be those who do not agree with his views was the most difficult concept to deal with in giving the speech.

"I spent a great deal of time in preparation and feel very pleased with the 24-minute message which I delivered," Falwell said.

"It was difficult because it requires a great deal of concentration to transpose yourself to one day after your death and to, in essence, speak back to earth from heaven," he added.

The exact content of the message cannot be disclosed until it is aired; however, the main idea may be shared.

"I communicated what I have learned in my 40 years as a Christian in a condensed fashion. I talked about the real meaning of life and how to

guarantee success in life for you, your family and succeeding generations," Falwell said.

"The bottom line was man is a spiritual being. He will spend eternity somewhere. A right relationship with Jesus Christ is absolutely the essential experience in life."

Falwell said he has always wondered what he would preach in his last sermon, but he realizes that he will never know when that day will be.

"This is the first opportunity I have had to preach my last will and testament. It was very exciting and humbling," he said.

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They also deny the reality of sin.

It was interesting to observe that during the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings and the disclosure by Magic Johnson of his HIV-positive diagnosis, no religious leader was asked by the media to provide moral commentary. A moral voice of discernment should have been sought. Modern man has thrown away the maps and guides of morality as Sheen asserted. For this specific reason, society has centered deeper into confusion. And violence.

Falwell's philosophy of life and, therefore, his view of death have not changed as a result of the difficulties he and the university are facing, nor did it affect what he said in his speech.

"My philosophy of life is based upon the truths found in the Bible and my own personal experiences based upon my personal relationship with Christ."

"All of life's experiences, good and bad, serve as teachers to the Christian. The present difficulties being faced by the ministry are simply one more chapter in God's dealings with Liberty and with me," Falwell said.

Herb and Spice

Applebee's proves to be a pleasant dining experience

Lynchburg offers a variety of restaurants, from elegant, formal dining on rock lobster or filet mignon to the inhalation of fast-food cheeseburgers and tacos.

For this week's restaurant review, I chose to try out one that would be in the middle of the pack — one that offered good food, reasonable prices, and sit-down table service.

My choice was the recently opened Applebee's, which is located near campus.

My criteria used to critique a restaurant include: physical/aesthetic appearance of the restaurant (both inside and outside); the efficiency of the waitstaff (how much time it takes for them to seat me, order a drink and food and other such standard restaurant services); the quality, quantity and presentation of the entrees, and finally, an overall subjective opinion of the establishment.

Now that you know what to look for, let's get started!

In driving onto Applebee's premises, you notice the clean blacktop parking lot and newly-planted shrubs surrounding the restaurant. The build-



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Staff columnist

ing itself is generic of other restaurants in its class (Chili's, Bennigan's, Shaker's) with dark brick construction and large bay windows.

Upon entering, my date and I were greeted by the friendly hostess and seated immediately due to a slow pace of business that night.

Looking around the interior, I noticed the array of suspended plants, antique memorabilia on the walls, the natural wood-grained construction of the bar and the complementary dark carpeting on the floor. So far, so good — an "A" for aesthetics!

The menu offers a number of selections of appetizers, burgers, salads, entrees and desserts at prices ranging from \$1.50 for french fries to \$8.95 for the highest-priced entree.

For an appetizer, we ordered spicy buffalo wings. The baby-back BBQ rib platter sounded too tempting for

me too pass up, and my date ordered the Taco Salad. Everything arrived in good time and was presented well.

The taco salad, which was served in a giant fried flour tortilla shell, was a little soggy in the middle, but it tasted good. The ribs were great for the most part, tender enough to pull the bone out and intensely infused with a hickory aroma. However, the BBQ sauce they were dipped in seemed to taste "manufactured" — not very authentic or with much character. I gave a "B" here.

No restaurant critic worth his fork can pass judgement without reserving room for one of Applebee's creative desserts.

We chose the apple butter crunch cake, which was served with a warm cinnamon sauce over a scoop of vanilla ice cream. It was a superb combination of sweet and nutty taste and an excellent finish to our meal. A definite "A" here!

Finally, my overall subjective opinion, taking into account the appearance, food and service, would have to be an "A-," and I would certainly patronize Applebee's again.



Hart of the Matter

Depression is no laughing matter

Have you ever battled depression and wondered when matters would ever get better? I mean, just when you think you're about to make ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Psychiatrists define depression as "an emotional dejection and withdrawal, which is often greater and more prolonged than any objective reason merits."

Normal people describe it with words somewhat less clinical — like "down," "gloomy" or "bummed."

In second grade, I experienced my first serious bout with depression. You see, our family owned a beautiful collie that I named Playful (give me a break, I was a little kid).

Playful loved to run and, unfortunately, formed the nasty habit of chasing vehicles. One tragic morning, I missed the school bus and Playful didn't. I cried at the sight of front bumpers for two weeks.

In 10th grade, I discovered that even joyous occasions can be depressing.

For Homecoming, I asked Pam Darnell to go to the school dance. She said yes but explained that she'd meet me there at 8:30.

Sure enough, she appeared at ex-



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Staff columnist

actly 8:30 p.m. with a new hairdo, a stunning dress and a 200-pound football player. I consumed nearly five gallons of Hawaiian punch that night.

As college students, we're still susceptible to occasional instances of depression. In the rigorous pursuit of our academic and social fulfillment, we sometimes become emotionally deflated. We don't mean to be sullen or downcast, but it's simply unavoidable.

We strive to maintain a positive outlook at such times, yet depression is powerful emotion that can consume our thoughts unless certain concepts are understood. It is for this reason that I offer the following words of advice dealing with depression.

- Understand that someday you might actually be thankful she said the words, "Let's just be friends."

- Realize that perhaps he truly does want to ask you out, he but has no earthly idea how to do so.

- Call your parents and tell them to stop sending money and send that old-fashioned advice instead.

- Write the very people you wish would write you and hope that they're influenced by peer pressure.

- Try something totally out of character, such as going to breakfast when you don't have class until 12:20.

- Accept that you can fail the CLEP test 15 times before passing, and it will still cost less than a three-credit class.

- Realize that you'll soon be in Florida for spring break, and Liberty will be the last thing on your mind.

Sometimes when we're depressed, we act as if there's nothing we can do. We deny any responsibility in resolving the depression and simply allow our emotions to dictate our mood. Ironically, we think it more therapeutic to suffer through the hardship than to remedy the situation.

The truth is, you're quite capable of dealing with the depression you'll inevitably face in life. The trick is not to feel sorry for yourself and to learn something from the experience.

I'd better finish this article now. I've got to wake up in the morning and meet a friend for breakfast.

Answers Please

What is the leading cause of teenage promiscuity?

By Danielle Peters



James Schuppe
LU speech professor

"Our culture has swallowed the idea that fulfilling our bodily desires is the path to happiness, and teenagers are simply imitating their role models."



Chris Barr
Lake Norman, N.C.

"I think that this widespread problem can simply boil down to curiosity and peer pressure."



Beth Grenier
W. Millbury, Mass.

"I believe that this problem is the result of society's lack of fear of God."



Chuck Bates
Thomasville, Ala.

"I think when a couple gets in a relationship and leaves God out of it, then the times they're alone lead to these pressures."



Becky Carver
Pine Bluff, Ariz.

"I think the leading cause is in the lack of morals in teenager's lives and also the lack of allowing God to lead their lives."



Greg Springsteen
Peoria, Ill.

"Christian teenagers tend to rebel against mom and dad's morals, and they fall into the cultural trap of it being all right."



TOP TEN COUNTDOWN

By Anita Wells
Ad production manager



Top ten ways to clean up the environment

10. Make everyone wear wigs so hairspray isn't necessary.
9. Turn nuclear power plants into helium balloon factories.
8. Disable the sound cable on MTV.
7. Make airheads wear earplugs.
6. Selectively nuke a few local papers.
5. Cut New Jersey out of the United States map.
4. Give cows Gas-X® so they won't release methane belches.
3. Give a few Mid-Eastern leaders one-way trips to the Bermuda Triangle.
2. Send the leaders of the ACLU up on the next defective space shuttle.
1. Knock off a few politicians.



**Sports
Shorts**
Mike Gathman

Baseball salaries gone wild

Inflated baseball salaries and the free-agent market have set baseball on a collision course that is damaging small media market teams and will eventually result in a downswing in salaries.

Owners are currently money happy, handing out millions to any .250 hitter or pitcher who wins more games than he loses. Average and above-average players are now earning seven-digit salaries because of this rash of generosity.

However, this money madness will be short-lived because of sagging television ratings for the companies responsible for all the money in baseball.

Currently, CBS and ESPN have both suffered losses because of their baseball coverage. Both pumped billions of dollars into owners' hands to buy the rights to coverage. More than likely, because of losses, neither network will put so much money into baseball as it did before. Because of the poor ratings the advertisers will not give money to the networks to pay for the coverage.

In the end baseball will be the loser because ticket and concession stand sales cannot support million-dollar salaries. Television is what makes these players rich.

These days, a winning team can be bought instead of earned. However, in the future, the only teams that will be able to survive will be the ones with large television markets.

The New York Mets are a prime example of this new philosophy. This past winter, Bobby Bonilla left Pittsburgh and headed for media-rich New York to make more money. The smaller media market teams just do not have the money to engage in bidding wars.

What will happen if baseball stays on its current track?

Teams like Pittsburgh and Seattle will essentially become minor league systems for the rich teams. As soon as a player becomes a star in a smaller city, that city will no longer be able to afford to pay his inflated salary, and he will move on to where the money is.

Team loyalty is no longer a consideration with players these days.

I grew up watching players like Mike Schmidt, Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan, who stayed with one team for most of their careers. One of the few players like that today is the Brewers' Robin Yount, who could find more money outside of Milwaukee but takes into consideration what the Brewers have done for him.

Normally, however, you need to have a daily update to see the latest casualty to the free-agent market.

Because of all the money and free agents jumping from team to team, cities like New York can spend money to avenge last year's fifth-place finish. They will simply buy quality players and emerge as the new leaders to win their division.

Meanwhile, the teams that brought these players into the major leagues, have to scrounge to find players to replace them and suffer in the win-loss column because of it.

Sooner or later it WILL, and I stress WILL, come to an end. Baseball cannot keep travelling on its current path. If Bonilla receives \$6.1 million per season for the next five years, then what happens to all the players who are better than him? Don't they have a legitimate argument for receiving even more money?

Eventually, it will reach an end. The players will be upset when it happens, but what a shame to have to settle for only \$2 million instead of \$5 million to play 162 baseball games for half a year!

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

The Liberty University men's basketball team bounced back from its loss to Virginia Tech and defeated Coastal Carolina University 68-58 in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Thursday night for the team's 21st win of the year.

The win improved the Flames to 10-3 in Big South action in LU's first season in the conference. Overall, the Flames improved to 21-5 for the year.

Coastal Carolina, playing without its Most Valuable Player Tony Dunkin, registered its biggest lead of the night early in the game when it was up by two points. Dunkin and his 22.2-points-per-game average were missed because he was suffering with back spasms.

Throughout the contest the Flames held the Chanticleers offense to only 33.3 percent from the field, while the LU offense shot 48 percent on the night. LU's free-throw shooting was 65.4 percent, led by junior center Julius Nwosu's five of eight shooting.

For much of the first half the teams exchanged buckets before the Flames began to pull away in the last five minutes. Nwosu and sophomore guard Matt Hildebrand led the Flames to a 35-27 lead going into half time. The Flames led by as many as 11 points after an eight to zero run late in the first half.

Early in the second half, the Chanticleers cut the LU lead to four points with an eight to four run at the start of the second half, but the shooting of senior center Mike Coleman helped

to build the Flames' lead back to 11 points.

The Flames maintained a lead for the rest of the game before winning it in front of 837 in Kimbel Gym.

Nwosu led the Flames with 15 points and two blocked shots. LU junior Keith Ferguson scored 12 points and also pulled down five boards.

Coleman and Hildebrand led the Flames defensively with 10 and nine rebounds, respectively. Hildebrand also scored 11 points, while Coleman chipped in 10 for the Flames.

Sophomore Jody Chapman provided the Flames with nine points on four of five shooting from the field in only 18 minutes of action off the bench.

The Chanticleers had four players in double-figure scoring, led by Eric Grissett's 13 points. Grissett also led Coastal with 12 rebounds.

Coastal's Ernie Williams followed Grissett with 12 points, while Marty Whitfield and J.J. Foster scored 11 points each.

With the win, the Flames inched closer to clinching the best turnaround ever in NCAA history.

Last season, the Flames finished the season with a 50-23 mark. This season Liberty has turned the program around and posted a 17-game turnaround with Thursday night's victory. The record turnaround in the NCAA is 16 1/2 games, accomplished by North Carolina A&T in 1978 and Murray State in 1980.

Post season games are included in the figuring of the turnaround, so the final numbers will not be known until

after the Flames' appearance in the Big South Championships.

On Monday night, the Flames hosted the Virginia Tech Hokies before a sellout crowd of 8,650 in the Vines Center and fell short in the game, 73-70.

The sellout crowd was a dream come true for LU head coach Jeff Meyer and his basketball team. Since the beginning of the season it was the team's goal to fill the Vines Center.

Tech, which has played top teams such as Tulane, Louisville and Kentucky, has witnessed large crowds this season, but LU's was the biggest.

"This was one of the best games in Virginia this year. It was a great crowd, and it might have been better than the Tulane crowd," Virginia Tech head coach Bill Foster said.

The loss was the first at home for the Flames this season and finished LU's record in "The Furnace" at 14-1.

After trailing 41-33 at half time, the Flames fought back and took a three-point lead against the Hokies with 3:10 left on the clock.

In the end, Tech's Jay Purcell hit three of his four free throws to seal the victory for the Hokies.

Hildebrand let go on one last desperation shot as time expired, but it caromed high off the backboard, sealing the Tech victory.

Nwosu led the Flames with 14 points and eight rebounds, followed by Chapman and Hildebrand, who each poured in 12 points.

Steve Hall led the Hokies with 22 points on the night, followed by Corey Jackson's 15 and Purcell's 14 points.

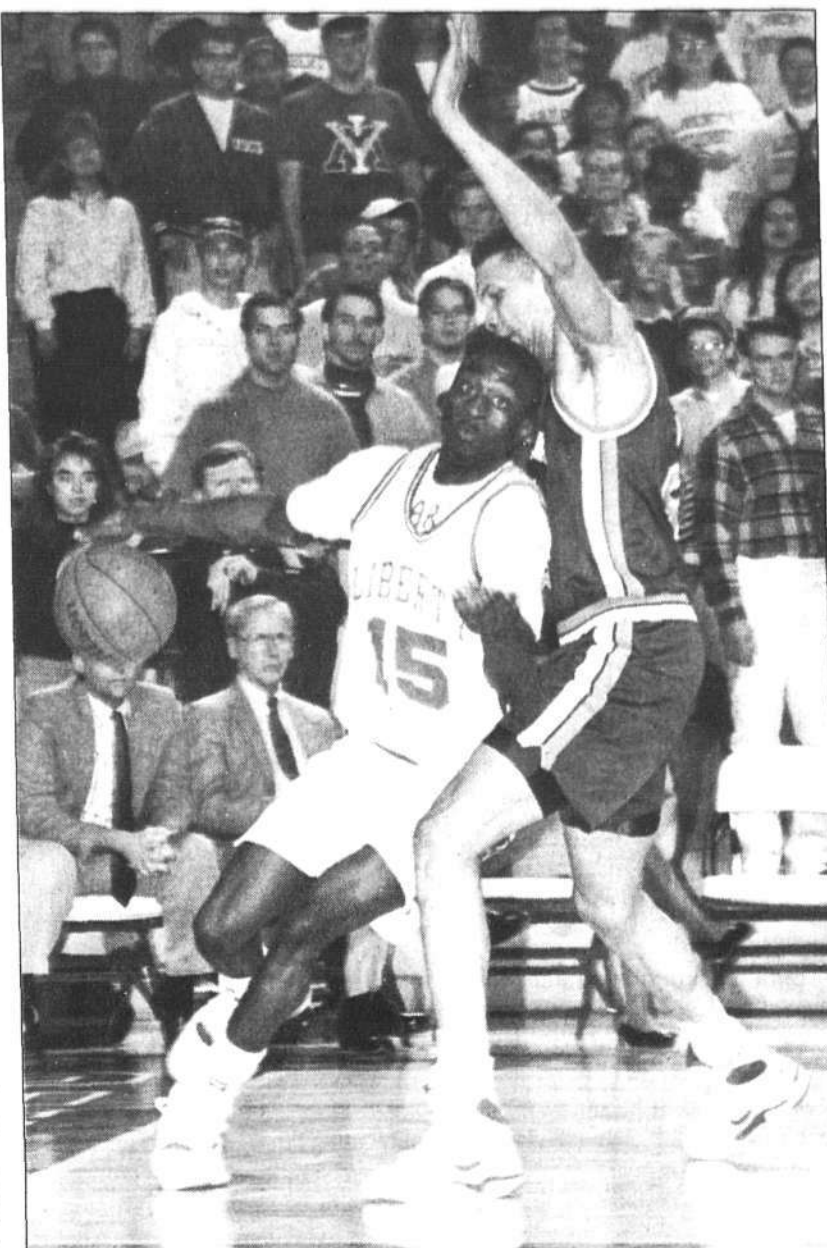


photo by Jeff S. Smith

LU's Keith Ferguson fights to move the ball up the floor during the Flames' loss to Virginia Tech last Monday night in the Vines Center, 73-70. It was LU's first home loss.

UNC-G slows Lady hoops

By PAMELA WALCK

Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames basketball team was defeated 67-47 Thursday night in the LU Gymnasium after failing both to perform better in the second half and to slow UNC-Greensboro's increasing second-half lead.

"This was a big emotional let down for us," head coach Rick Reeves said. "We came into this game too lackadaisical."

UNC-Greensboro came crashing onto the court in the second half with a 25-16 lead over the Lady Flames, as Liberty fought unsuccessfully to break the lead.

By breaking LU's full-court presses, the Lady Spartans jumped to a quick 13-point lead.

Lady Flame sophomore Angie "Indiana" Johnson broke through UNC-Greensboro's defense under the basket for shots underneath, helping Liberty in a short shooting spree.

LU senior Wendy Johnson added four additional points to the score, as Liberty came within nine points of breaking the lead, 31-22.

The Lady Spartans then turned up the heat with a shooting spree that gave them a 60-40 lead over the Lady Flames with less than five minutes left in the game.

Liberty ended with a seven-point run and forced the Lady Spartans to the free-throw line with five opportunities, and the score ended 67-47.



file photo

LU's Cynthia Thomson sets up for a shot in a recent home game. Thomson has been one of the team's 3-point threats.

The Lady Flames jumped off to a quick start in the first half, leading the Lady Spartans 11-10 after the first 10 minutes of the game.

Liberty fell behind when UNC-Greensboro crashed the backboards and broke the Lady Flames' defense.

"We came out and were not mentally focused," LU senior Wendy Johnson said. "It has been a hard past few weeks, and things happen."

"We got emotionally sky high the last couple of games, and we're now realizing that we cannot always be on

that emotional peak," Reeves said.

Liberty struggled to pull out of its slump and ended the first half down by nine points, with a 25-16 score.

"Our team has never been where some of these teams, like UNC-Greensboro, have been," Reeves explained. "We are beginning to learn through some hard lessons, even if it means losing."

Lady Flames seniors Jeri Wiley and W. Johnson led the team in

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Three Flames runners win in Virginia meet

By DAMIEN BATES

Champion Reporter

Three LU athletes won races as the men's and women's track teams competed in a triangular meet against Virginia Tech and the University of Richmond at Blacksburg on Saturday.

LU athletes Gerald Mosely, Johnny Prettyman and Gina Turner each turned in first place performances in their individual runs.

Turner's run qualified her for the ECAC championships. Because of his win, Mosely will now be in contention to run in the national indoor meet. Prettyman ranks second in the IC4A championships.

Mosely won both the 300m and 400m with times of 34.6 and 48.4 seconds, respectively.

Mosely now appears to be in contention for a place finish at the upcoming IC4A championships. He will probably run the 200m and the 400m, with a chance of making the national indoor meet in the 200m.

Prettyman set yet another school record in the 500m. He comfortably won the race and his time of 1:02.7 destroyed the old school record of 1:03.8 held by Gerald Swann.

This time places him second in the rankings for the IC4A championships. However, Coach Brant Tolsma, who feels that Prettyman could qualify for the national meet at Indianapolis in two weeks, said that he will probably run in the 800m.

Turner also set more school records, as she smashed both the 400m and 300m records. Her times of 56.3 seconds (400m) and 40.8 seconds (300m) easily qualified her for the ECAC championships, but because of a scheduling conflict with the N.T.E. exams, she won't compete.

There were many personal bests turned in by LU athletes. Among them; Brett Honeycutt (800m) 1:55.6, Damien Bates (1000m) 2:31.2, Jason Krull (3000m) 9:10, Steve Hokanson (shot) 52-feet-34-inches, Ryan Werner (polevault) 14-feet-6-inches, Esther Mills (800m) 2:27, Dawn Mihms (800m) 2:29, Christi Rinninger (500m) 1:22.3, Fadhilla Samuels (55m) 7.4, Aaron Werner (Pentathlon) 3356.

Other performances included; Brent Squires (1000m) 2:33; Mark Szkolnik (mile, 800m) 4:23, 1:59; Terry Burwell (3000m) 8:30; Bill Khan (3000m) 9:06; Keith Woody (long jump, triple jump) 6.62m, 14.2m; James McKnight (55m, triple jump) 6.47, 14.1m; Urlene Dick (mile) 5:26; Lisa Smith (mile) 5:32; Jenn Reeder (800m) 2:28; Leeann Hayslet (400m) 62.8; Eric Vreugdenhill (Pentathlon) 3303; Mike Lucas (Pentathlon) 3098.

Next weekend, the men's track team will compete in the IC4A championships at Princeton, N.J.

Also, the women's track team will compete at the ECAC Indoor championships in Syracuse, N.Y.

Hockey club moves to 18-3-1 with win over Army

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter

The brother combination of Mike and Scott Torrance scored two goals each to lead the Flames past an Army club from Fort Bragg 7-1 on Friday night at Lancelot Arena before a crowd of nearly 1,000.

The win strengthened the Flames' stranglehold on their number-five spot in the Tier 2 rankings. They will now head into the national tournament March 13-15 in Glenallen, Ill., with an overall record of 18-3-1 for the season.

The Flames scored quickly and stunned the Dragons with two goals in the first two minutes of the game. M. Torrance scored before all of the audience members were in their seats

44 seconds in, as the Flames went on an offensive thrust from the outset.

Randy Wilkie netted a goal of his own 1:08 later for the 2-0 advantage.

Coach Gary Habermas was pleased when the Flames started the game out strong against a team that has played Division I and III schools in the north.

"We played excellently from the beginning," he said. "We skated and passed well to control the Dragons almost the entire game."

The Flames played clean in the first period without earning any penalties. The Dragons were called for three infractions and paid for one of them when S. Torrance upped the score to 3-0 with 8:53 left in the period. Dave Bauer and Dan Davey passed while

Torrance set up in front of the net to receive the puck and shoot for the goal.

The Flames came out strong in the second period, as they scored within the first minute on a goal by S. Torrance to up the score to 4-0.

D. Bauer picked up his second assist of the game with 7:11 to go in the middle session to build the LU lead to 5-0. He set up Dave Graziotti, who took the puck in alone and proceeded to skate in front of the Army goaltender. Graziotti took the puck to the right side of the sprawling goalie for the score.

The Dragons eventually beat Flames goalie Billy Holiday with the help of a two-man advantage with 4:53 to play in the period. The Army

goal was in the midst of a slew of penalties called against the Flames.

"We had a six-minute stretch in which we had five straight penalties," Habermas said. "Except for that lapse, we played well."

However, the Flames took advantage of an error by the Dragons to score shorthanded late in the period while they were still on a power-play.

S. Torrance picked up the puck in the Liberty zone and fed it to his brother, whom the Army failed to cover. He skated in on the goalie virtually alone and made it look easy to up the lead to 6-1 heading into the third period.

Another key to the blowout was the goaltending of Holiday. Despite being

outshot 40-25 for the game, the Dragons put some quality shots on Holiday. Jeff Marshall relieved Holiday early in the third period for the Flames.

The Flames capped the scoring on a goal by Brian Bauer with 10:48 remaining in the game. Brent Martilla and Wade Burrows set him up on the sequence for the assists.

The Flames will battle the University of Kentucky in the first round at the nationals on March 13. The Wildcats have been at the top of the Tier 2 rankings for most of the season. They took an undefeated record into the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament last week in Atlanta before being stunned by George Mason University in the semifinals.

Baseball team loses fourth

By MIKE GATHMAN
Sports Editor

After leading 10-4 in the seventh inning, the LU baseball team dropped its fourth-consecutive game after allowing seven runs in the final two innings at North Carolina A&T on Thursday afternoon.

The Flames, who are now 0-4 for the season, did not help themselves on the field as they committed seven errors.

Joe Bonadio led the Flames with three hits, including two doubles and six runs batted in. He also scored two runs for LU.

Rightfielder Danny Brahn and catcher David Eeles slapped three

hits each for the losing Flames.

Rodney Ashby started the game for LU and pitched 4 1/3 innings before being lifted for Chris Wick. Ashby only gave up three runs on three hits and walked four batters.

Wick pitched 2 2/3 innings for LU before the Flames pitching began to collapse. Wick gave up one run on four hits in his span on the mound.

Chad Fox and Rich Humphrey pitched the final two innings for LU and gave up a combined seven runs on eight hits.

LU dropped its first three games of the season on the road to conference rival Campbell University by scores of 20-10, 6-2 and 5-3.

In the 20-10 loss, Brahn led the Flames at the plate by hitting two home runs and knocking in four runs. Mike Kreider also led the Flames with his three for six performance and two runs scored. Beau Martin went two for five for LU, including two doubles and two runs batted in.

In last Saturday's doubleheader against Campbell, the Flames lost two close games 6-2 and 5-3.

In the first game, sophomore designated hitter Keith West led the Flames with his two for three performance, including a double. Pitcher Todd Martin started the game for LU and gave up all six runs in his five innings.

In the second game, Sheldon Bream

led the Flames offensively with his two for three performance, including a double.

Pitcher Kris Morton started the game for LU and gave up all five runs in four innings on four hits.

The Flames were rained out on the road against UNC-Greensboro and at home against James Madison University.

Correction

In the Feb. 28 issue of *The Champion*, a story on the baseball team incorrectly stated that Sid Bream would return as the Flames' first baseman. It should have read Sheldon Bream.

LU golf team hopes success continues

By SHANA HUFF
Champion Reporter

Liberty University's men's golf team, hoping to pick up where last fall's successful season ended, will begin its spring season March 7.

Last fall, the team defeated Indiana, 1991 Big 10 Champions, and 18th-ranked N.C. State. It also defeated Old Dominion University for the first time in school history.

Dale Tyre won the ODU/Seascope Tournament, making a seven-foot par putt on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff. Chris Turner finished fourth in the tournament.

Tom Anthony and Chris Easley shot three under par to tie the school record for a nine-hole score.

Liberty's spring season opener is the William and Mary/Kingsmill Invitational. Coach Mike Hall hopes that with a combination of mental toughness and playing to potential, Liberty will win the tournament.

Spring highlights for the Flames include the Big South Conference Championships, District III North Tournament and the John Ryan Memorial Iron Duke held at Duke.

"I'm very excited about the Big South Tournament," Hall said. "I expect us to be one of the top four teams. One of my season goals is to win the tournament. I would like to see a couple of my players win All-Conference and All-State honors."

"This year is also the first year we have had the opportunity to be one of the top 30 teams in the district to participate in the district championships," Hall said. "Having the opportunity to participate in these tournaments and in Duke's is a great way to finish coaching."

Hall will coach as golf coach after the spring season to devote full time to his duties as LU's assistant athletic director. His replacement, Frank Landrey, will assist him with various coaching duties before coaching the team next fall.

"This is a pivotal year for the team," Hall said. "The guys are eager to play and to play well for the outgoing seniors. We would like to eventually move into more of a regional and national schedule, which are some of the goals that Coach Landrey also has."

The Flames' golf schedule for the spring season is as follows: March 7-10, William and Mary Kingsmill Invitational (Williamsburg, Va.); March 12-15, East Carolina (New Bern, N.C.); March 29-31 L.D. Small/Campbell University (Buies Creek, N.C.); April 4-7, Big South Championships (North Myrtle Beach, S.C.); April 16-19, District III North Tournament (Charlotte, N.C.); April 23-26, UVA Classic (Charlottesville, Va.); and May 11-13, John Ryan Memorial Iron Duke (Durham, N.C.).

Big South Tourney

This is the last chance for Liberty students to make plans to stop in Anderson, S.C., on their way to Florida for Spring Break '92.

The Flames' men's basketball team will be competing in the Big South basketball tournament on March 5-7 in Anderson.

LU athletic director Chuck Burch has made arrangements to house interested students in churches and private homes in Anderson.

Those interested in riding the bus must go to room 14 of the Hancock Building to sign up. It will pull out Friday at noon. The cost is \$22.

Tickets are on sale at \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved seating through the LU Athletic Department only. The book ticket is for all tournament games throughout the weekend, including the Big South Championship game to be telecast on ESPN.

Tickets outside of Liberty University cost \$20 for the entire tournament and \$5 for individual sessions.

The teams involved in the tournament include: Campbell University, Charleston Southern University, Davidson College, Radford University, UNC-Asheville, USC-Coastal Carolina, Winthrop College and Liberty University.

Prior to the tournament on Wednesday, March 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a dinner recognizing the Big South All-Conference Team, the Player of the Year, the Rookie of the Year and the Coach of the Year.

For those interested in staying in the Anderson area during those days, a list of major hotels in the area follows.

The Quality Inn of Anderson, (803) 226-1000; Howard Johnson Lodge, (803) 226-3457; Park Inn International, (803) 225-3721; and The Holiday Inn of Anderson, (803) 226-2051.

There are also rooms available in nearby Clemson, S.C. Reservations should be made early.

Tickets will also be available at the Civic Center of Anderson.

Intramurals

LU Intramural Sports will sponsor the second annual Liberty Softball Tournament April 3-4.

Associate Director of Intramurals Sam Skelton expects a good turnout this year similar to that of a year ago.

"Last year we had a strong competitive tournament," he said. "This year, from the response already, it looks like it will be an even stronger tournament. Unfortunately, we can only take the first 30 entries."

There will be city teams as well as intramural teams competing in the tournament. The teams that win first, second and third places will be awarded trophies.

In addition to team prizes, the top two teams will receive individual prizes. At the end of the tournament, an MVP will also be chosen and awarded a prize.

The tournament will consist of 30 teams, and it will be played on five fields.

Skelton encourages LU students to get involved.

"If you are looking for some good softball competition, this is the tournament to be in," he said. "We will promote it, and it is open to city leagues."

To register a team or for additional information on the tournament, go to the LU intramural trailer or call ext. 2389.

"We came in as underdogs because we only had seven guys, but I was really surprised at how well we played together," Coach Sam Skelton said. "By the end of the day we seemed to be unstoppable."

There were five teams from all over the Eastern U.S. that participated in the tournament. Starting out as the underdog, LU lost its first two matches and split the third match.

In order to place, LU needed to win the next two matches by a big point spread. The team did just that, giving it a strong second-place finish.

Paul Collins led the day in kills with 29, closely followed by Sam Skelton, who had 25. Skelton also led in digs (16), followed by Dan Williamson (10).

Others who participated in the tournament were Joby Anthony, Bill Speck, Bret Helmick and Brian Fox.

Their next match will be played on March 5 at 7 p.m. at Jefferson Forest High School.

Friday, March 6, against Radford University starting at 3 p.m. Doubleheader at home on Saturday, March 7, against Holy Cross starting at 12 p.m. On the road Monday, March 9, through Tuesday, March 10, against UNC Wilmington starting at 3 p.m. both days. On the road Wednesday, March 11, against Coastal Carolina starting at 3 p.m. On the road Thursday, March 12, at Charleston Southern starting at 2 p.m. On the road Friday, March 13, at Furman University starting at 3 p.m. On the road Saturday, March 14, at Davidson College starting at 2 p.m.

Lacrosse: At home on Saturday, March 21, against James Madison University starting at 2 p.m.

Volleyball: Playing beach volleyball in Florida Saturday, March 7, through Saturday, March 14.

Men's track: On the road Saturday, March 7, through Sunday March 8, at the IC4A Indoor Championships in Princeton, N.J.

Women's track: On the road Saturday, March 7, through Sunday, March 8, at the ECAC Indoor Championships in Syracuse, N.Y.

Sports Schedule

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Women's Basketball: At home on Saturday, March 7, against American University starting at 3 p.m. On the road Thursday, March 12, through Saturday, March 14, at the Big South Tournament in Radford.

Golf: On the road Monday, March 9, through Tuesday, March 10, at William & Mary.

Tennis: At home on Monday, March 9, against Haverford College starting at 11 a.m. and against Northwood Institute starting at 5 p.m. At home on Tuesday, March 10, against St. Ambrose University starting at 8 a.m. and against Southeastern College starting at 3 p.m. At home on Friday, March 13, against St. John's University starting at 11 a.m. and against Miami Dade C.C. (North) starting at 5 p.m.

Baseball: At home on Tuesday, March 3, against Maryland starting at 3 p.m. On the road Wednesday, March 4, at George Mason University starting at 2:30 p.m. At home on

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Lady hoops

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scoring with 12 points and 10 points, respectively. W. Johnson also had 12 rebounds.

LU sophomores Dawn Coleman and A. Johnson added nine points and four points with eight rebounds, respectively.

"I was disappointed with our rebounding," Reeves said. "When we forced the Lady Spartans under the basket, we didn't rebound like we should have."

The Lady hoopsters finish out the season with one game on the road against Virginia Commonwealth on March 4 in Richmond

at 7:30 p.m. and a final home game against American University, March 7 at 3 p.m. in the LU Gymnasium.

Also, March 12-14, the Lady Flames will be going to the Big South Tournament in Radford.

Now that the majority of the team is back playing after earlier injuries, the team can concentrate on this upcoming tournament.

"One thing I want, when we leave this tournament, is for other teams to see that we do have a great attitude; we play hard and most importantly, we play as a team," Reeves said.

Big South Conference standings

Men	
Radford	12-2
Liberty	10-3
Campbell	7-7
Charleston	7-7
Asheville	6-8
Coastal	6-8
Davidson	5-8
Winthrop	2-12
Women	
Radford	10-1
Campbell	9-2
Liberty	7-5
Asheville	4-7
Winthrop	3-7
Charleston	2-8
Coastal	2-9
Games through Sunday	

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SGA tournament proves successful

By ABRAM PAFFORD

Champion Reporter

Liberty University volleyball fanatics, came out in force last Friday to participate in the Late Night Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by the Student Government Association.

More than 250 students, forming 21 teams, entered the event, which began at 11 p.m. with play lasting until 5 a.m. Saturday. At this point the remaining teams headed back to their dorms to rest for the final rounds Saturday afternoon.

Bryan Buckley, SGA vice president of activities, proclaimed the event to be a success.

"It went excellent, a lot smoother than it has in the past," Buckley said. "Everyone wanted to play, and everyone had a good time."

Buckley credited the SGA volunteers with making the event a success.

"The volunteer help was excellent. They were very cooperative and willing to do anything," Buckley said. "We could not have done it without them."

Along with the volleyball action, entertainment was provided by DJ Mark Redding, who

played contemporary Christian music throughout the evening.

Redding also stayed busy devising various giveaway contests during the tournament.

"We had prizes for dateless people and for the best dog imitation," Redding said.

The prizes for the winning contests included free tapes and free passes to future LU late night activities.

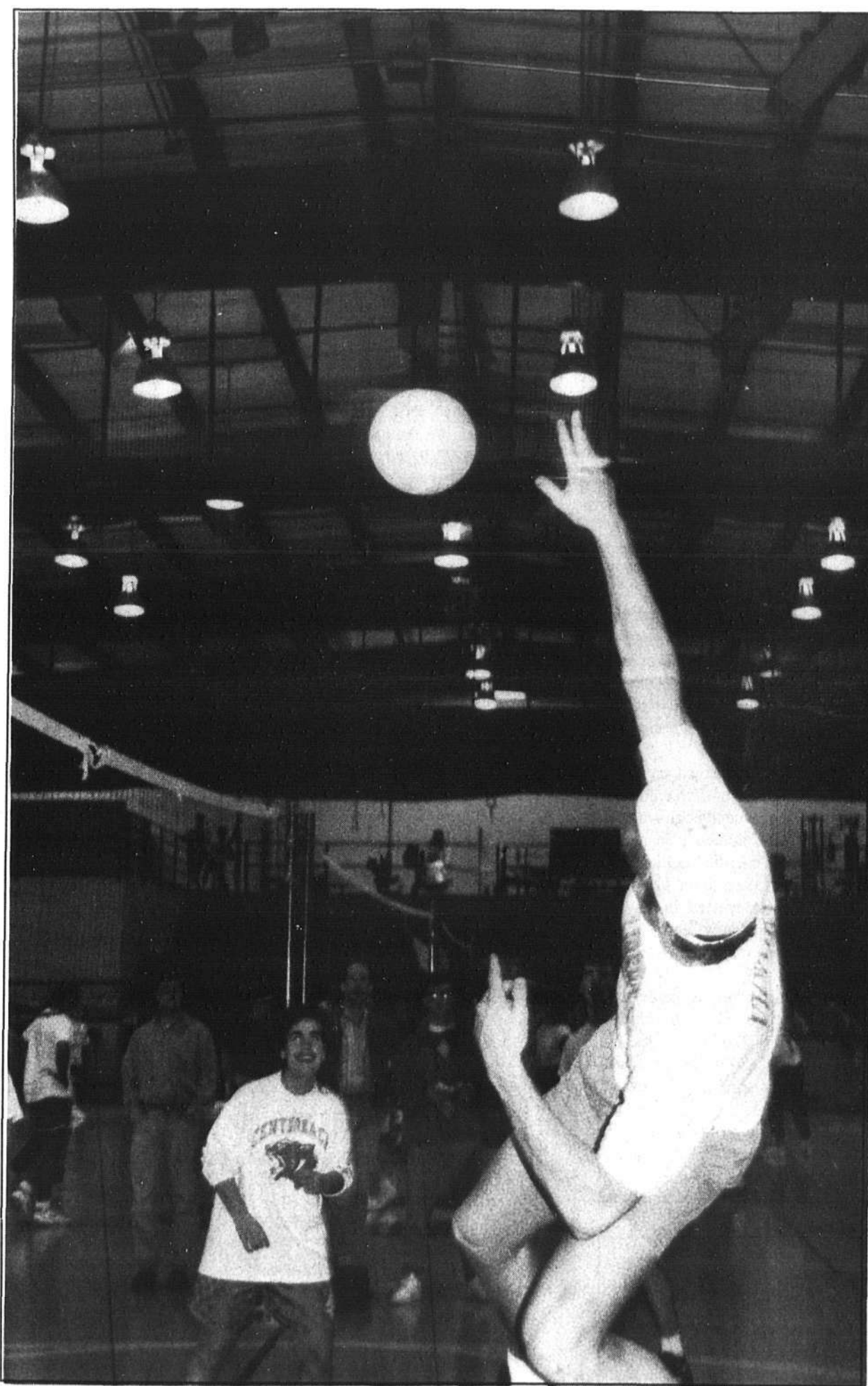
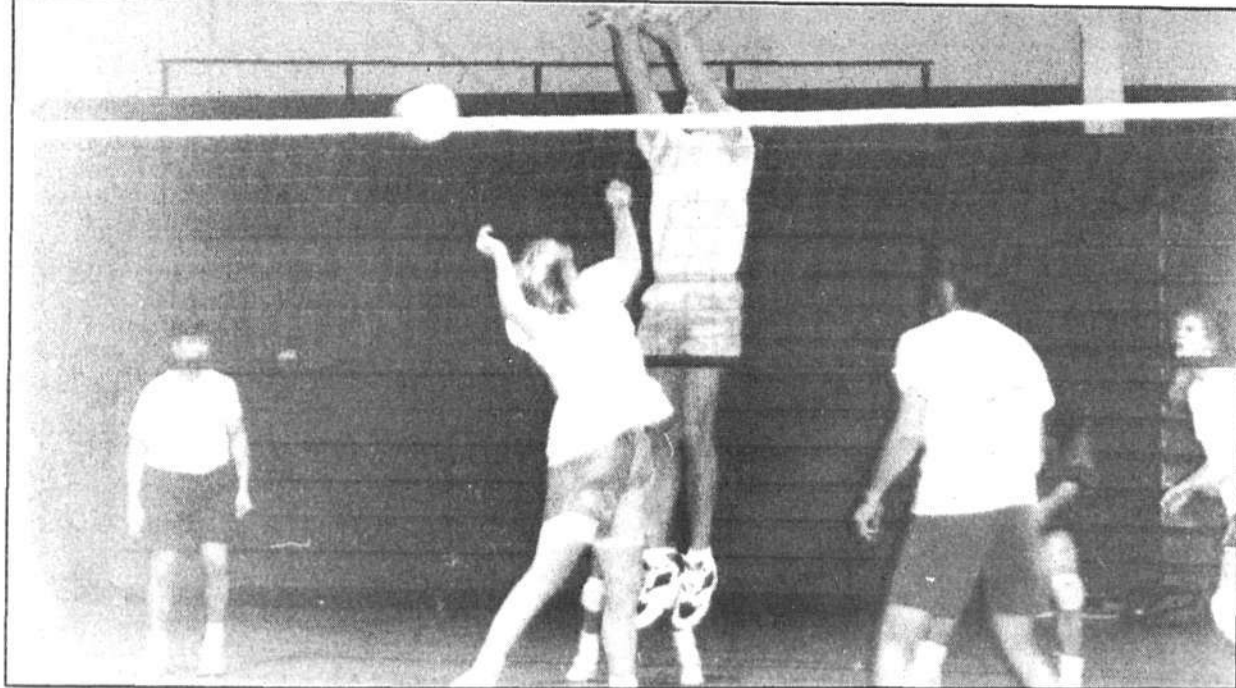
Most of the students participating in the tournament agreed that it was a success.

"It was a good time to get together, have fun and meet new people," LU sophomore Jonathan Souder said.

Junior Marcie Huffman enjoyed the tournament because "there were more cute guys than you can imagine."

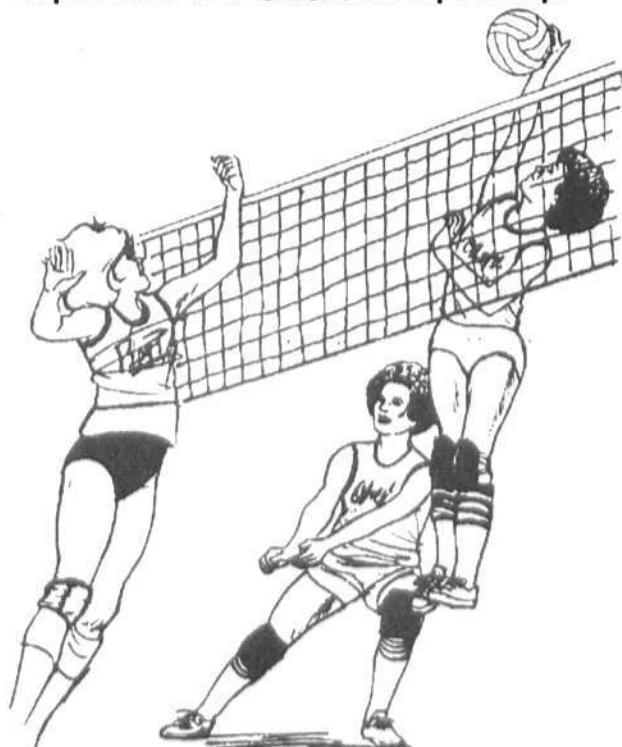
One male student, when asked if he enjoyed the tournament, responded by saying, "I loved it. It was good to finally see girls in shorts."

Junior Kevin Small also enjoyed interacting at the tournament. "I like jumping high on the spikes and trying to nail the girls as hard as I can with the ball," Small said.



Chris Barr loads up for a spike during the SGA-sponsored Late Night Volleyball Tournament.

Over 250 students participated in the SGA Late Night Volleyball Tournament in the LU Multi-Purpose Center. Play began 11 p.m. Friday and lasted until 5 a.m. Saturday. The remaining four teams in the field of 21 battled Saturday afternoon for the championship. "Team X" prevailed to capture the tournament championship.



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Campbell claims crown

Camels to face Duke in first round

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Mark Mocnik pumped in 20 points, while Joe Spinks grabbed eight boards as third-seed Campbell University captured the Big South Championship and an automatic NCAA Tournament bid with a 67-53 victory over fourth-seed Charleston Southern March 7 in Anderson, S.C.

After trailing by as much as nine points in the first half, CU tied the game at 23 with 1:43 remaining on a Mocnik layup.

CSU turned the ball over on the ensuing possession, and Mocnik canned a layup to give the Camels the lead for the first time. The score was knotted at 25 to end the half on a Falur Harderson layup with :44 remaining.

The Camels came out shooting in the second half, holding CSU to three points in the opening six minutes while climbing to an 11-point lead.

"They (Campbell) played tremendous defense the entire game, particularly in the second half," Bucs coach Gary Edwards commented.

"My hat is off to them. They would not let our top scorers get the ball where we

needed, and when we did they had a hard time falling (scoring)."

CSU was not without its opportunities however, as CU sent the Bucs to the charity stripe nine times, where they converted only six of 18 opportunities.

"We came down here, polished our shoes and gave it our best. And we are going to the big dance."

— Billy Lee
Campbell coach



fore Mocnik came to life with a 25-foot jumper that placed the Bucs 12 points in the hole. After Keith Ison sank the front end of a one-and-one, Mocnik canned his fourth 3-pointer of the game to put the Camels up by 15.

"We got on track (and) back to basics defensively and turned it up a notch or two," Campbell coach Billy Lee said. "We came down here, polished our shoes and gave it our best. And we are going to the big dance (NCAA Tournament)."

Ison iced the game by canning five free throws with 1:13 remaining. The 6-foot junior from Charlotte, N.C. scored all of his nine points from the free throw line.

At the midpoint of the season, Lee and the Camels did not have much reason to be optimistic of reaching the finals let alone winning the title.

"(At 7-9) I would have looked like I had brain lock (had I predicted we would win the conference title)," Lee admitted.

Ison, who grabbed six rebounds in the conference final, explained that at the midway point of the season, the team was aware that its shot at the automatic bid was slim.

"I think that's what kept us going," Spinks added.

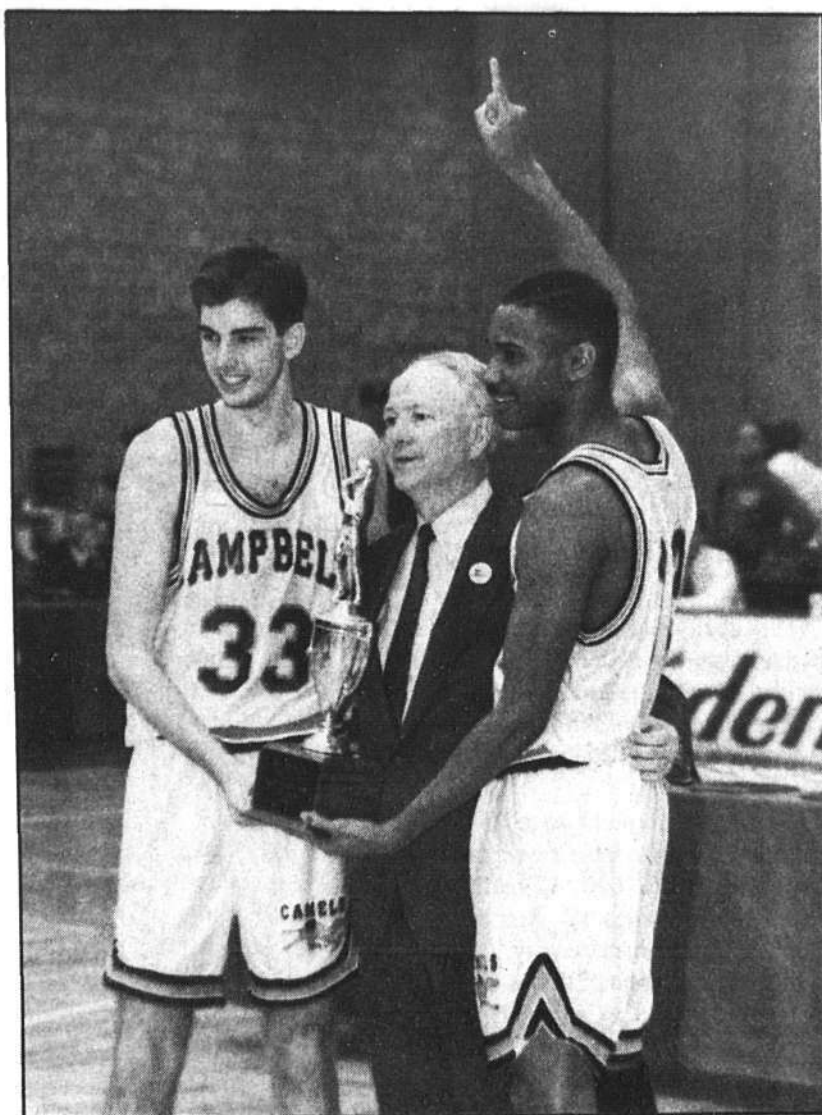


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Commissioner George F. "Buddy" Sasser (center) presents the Big South Championship trophy to Campbell University captains Mark Mocnik (far left) and Steve Martin (far right).

Results

Men's Tournament Championship Game

March 7, 1992

The Civic Center
Anderson, S.C.

Campbell 67 Charleston 53

Semi-Finals

March 6, 1992

Campbell 53 Liberty 51
Charleston 88 Radford 83

First-Round Games

March 5, 1992

Campbell 69 Davidson 60
Charleston 58 Coastal 54
Liberty 85 Asheville 54
Radford 80 Winthrop 54

Women's Tournament Championship Game

March 14, 1992

Dedmon Center

Radford, Va.

Radford 85 Campbell 77

Semi-Finals

March 13, 1992

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Campbell 73 Liberty 68

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Liberty 78 Coastal 65
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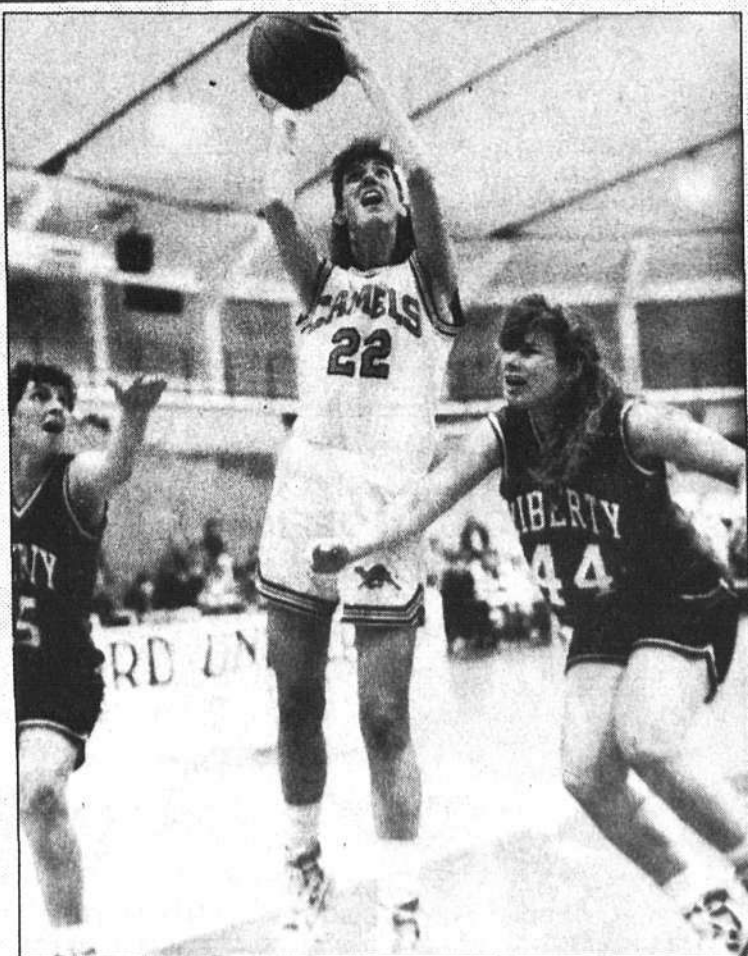


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Laurie Hood of CU pulls up for a jumper against LU.

Fifth title in six years

Toney lifts RU past Lady Camels 85-77

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Patrinda Toney capped her career at Radford University with a 33-point performance as the Lady Highlanders were crowned the Big South Champions for the fifth time in six years as they defeated Campbell University 85-77 at the Dedmon Center in Radford, Va.

The teams have faced each other in the last six Big South Championship contests.

After a see-saw battle much of the first half, Radford's 6-foot-2-inch freshman center Sara Larsen put the Lady Highlanders in front for good, 35-34, by hitting two free throws with

2:56 left in the first half.

Radford stretched its lead to as much as 15 before the Lady Camels started to climb back into the game.

Campbell senior Laurie Hood canned six of her team-high 18 points during the drive that cut the Radford lead to two points, 65-63, with 8:31 remaining. However, the Lady Highlanders wouldn't let Campbell get any closer as Toney hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put Radford up by seven.

Toney, the Big South Co-Player of the Year and tournament MVP, stretched the Radford lead to 10 points after hitting two free throws at the 1:27 mark in the second half. The

senior guard scored 16 of her 33 points during the 7:49 span.

The 20-9 Lady Highlanders placed three players in double figures with Shannan Wilkey (16 points) and Becky Harden (13 points), while Tammie Crown grabbed 14 boards en route to an All-Tournament selection.

For the 18-10 Campbell University, Hood paced the Lady Camels with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Lisa Allison pumped in 16 points and grabbed 10 boards. Amy Nigro buried 15 points, and Shonta Tabourn canned 13 points (seven-for-10 at the free-throw line) and nine rebounds for the Big South runner-up.

Nwosu, Ferguson named to All-Conference team

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Julius Nwosu and Keith Ferguson of Liberty University were named to the 1992 Men's Basketball All-Conference Team, the Big South announced March 4 at the conference tournament in Anderson, S.C.

Nwosu and Ferguson led Liberty to a 22-7 record (10-5 in the conference), which tied the NCAA mark of 16.5 for the largest turnaround in the country. North Carolina A & T and Murray State also posted the record during the 1978 and 1980 seasons.

Nwosu was a first team selection as he led the Flames in scoring with a

14.1 clip, and pumped in a team leading 380 points on the year. He also averaged 7.1 boards per contest (second on the team behind senior Mike Coleman). The 6-foot-10-inch junior from Imo, Nigeria scored a career-high 27 points against George Mason and the University of North Carolina-Asheville, and matched a career-high in rebounds with 13 against Campbell.

Ferguson, a second team selection, averaged 12.5 points per game (PPG), while shooting 56.4 percent from the floor. The 6-foot-5-inch transfer from Three Rivers Commu-

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1992 First Team

Tony Dunkin, Coastal Carolina
Darnell Sneed, Charleston So.

Doug Day, Radford

Julius Nwosu, Liberty

Joe Spinks, Campbell

Second Team

Mark Hailey, Winthrop

Robert Watson, UNC-Asheville

Chris Hawkins, Radford

Keith Ferguson, Liberty

Detlef Musch, Davidson

Rookie of the Year — Scott Neely, Campbell
Coach of the Year — Ron Bradley, Radford
Player of the Year — Tony Dunkin, Coastal



photo by Jeff S. Smith

LU fans cheer on the Flames during the second round matchup against Campbell. The Anderson Independent featured the LU fans on its front page March 6.

big south tournament

Johnson named rookie of the year

Wiley garners first team honors; conference rebound leader snubbed

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Radford University women's basketball team garnered five awards, while LU earned two, including the naming of Angie Johnson as the 1992 Big South Rookie of the Year by the conference at the women's tournament in Radford.

Johnson earned the Rookie of the Year honor after averaging 8.8 points per game (PPG) and 5.4 rebounds per game (RPG). The 5-foot-9-inch forward put up her best numbers against conference opponents as she averaged 12.6 PPG and 6.5 RPG. Johnson recorded a career-high 21 points and 12 boards against Winthrop College in Liberty Gym on Jan. 25. She shot a team high .517 percent from the floor (5th in Big South) for the season, while helping the third-seeded LU to a 7-5 conference record.

Radford's Patrinda Toney and Campbell's Laurie Hood were named the Big South Players of the Year, while each was also selected to All-Conference First Team.

Toney was selected to the first

team for the second time in three years after winning the Big South scoring title with a 21.1 PPG average;

she also scored a conference high 571 points. Toney garnered Big South Player of the Week honors on five occasions and was a three time honorable mention selection. Toney scored in double figures in 103 of 116 games in her career, including 26 consecutive contests this season. She also netted a career-high 36 points in a 80-70 victory over Winthrop.

Hood was selected to the All-Conference team for the third consecutive season (a 1989-90 second team selection) after finishing second in scoring with a 20.8 clip. The senior center finished 5th in the conference in rebounding (8.2 RPG) and shot 52 per-

cent from the floor (4th in the conference). Hood has scored in double figures in 25 consecutive games and canned a career-high 29 points at UNC-Greensboro on Jan. 29. She was also tabbed Big South Player of the Week on two occasions while leading the Lady Camels to 10-2 conference mark.



Jeri Wiley
First Team All-Conference

Jeri Wiley capped her senior season with the Lady Flames as a first team selection after pacing LU with 14 PPG average (7th in conference). Wiley also finished 5th in the Big South from the charity stripe with a .753 accuracy rate. In addition

she finished second in the conference in blocked shots with 23 to her credit. The 5-foot-8-inch senior netted a season-high 23 points against Morehead State and East Tennessee State. In two seasons with LU she has scored more than 600 points.

USC-Coastal Carolina's Holly Bot-

tar became the team's all-time leading scorer in her final game as she pumped in 22 points. Bottar placed among the conference leaders in six categories: scoring (8th, 13.8), rebounding (9th, 7.1), 3-Point field goal (FG) percentage (5th, .302), 3-Point FG (3rd, 1.5) assists (2nd, 5.9) and steals (3rd, 2.7). Bottar was selected to the All-Conference First Team for the fourth consecutive year. She nailed six 3-pointers in 15 attempts against Campbell on March 8, 1991, both conference records.

Tammy Jones of Winthrop College makes her second appearance on the All-Conference roster (1990-91 second team selection) after finishing third in the Big South in scoring (15.4). The lone underclassmen on the first team, Jones finished second in rebounding (9.1), second in FG percentage (.576) and first in blocks (51). The 6-1 center from Irmo, S.C., scored a career-high 31 points against LU on Jan. 25, blocked a career-high 10 shots against Coastal on Feb. 11 and 18 boards against Queens on March 4. Jones recorded a triple-double against Coastal (24 points, 10 rebounds, 10 blocks) and 12 double-doubles.

Lubomyr Lichonczak was named Coach of the Year after leading Radford to an 11-1 mark in the conference (18-9 overall) and its fifth Big South conference championship in

six years.

Wendy Johnson of Liberty was snubbed by the Big South after leading the conference from start to finish in rebounding (11.0, 14th in the nation) and scoring at a 10.5 PPG clip (18th in conference). Johnson was also sixth in FG percentage (.507) and selected Big South Player of the Week and honorable mention each once.



First Team
Laurie Hood, Campbell
Patrinda Toney, Radford
Jeri Wiley, Liberty
Tammy Jones, Winthrop
Holly Bottar, Coastal Carolina

Second Team
Becky Harden, Radford
Roz Groce, Radford
Lisa Allison, Campbell
Bryanna Owen, Charleston So.
Shelly Hall, UNC - Asheville

Rookie of the Year —
Angie Johnson, Liberty
Coach of the Year —
Lubomyr Lichonczak, Radford
Player of the Year —
Laurie Hood, Campbell
Patrinda Toney, Radford

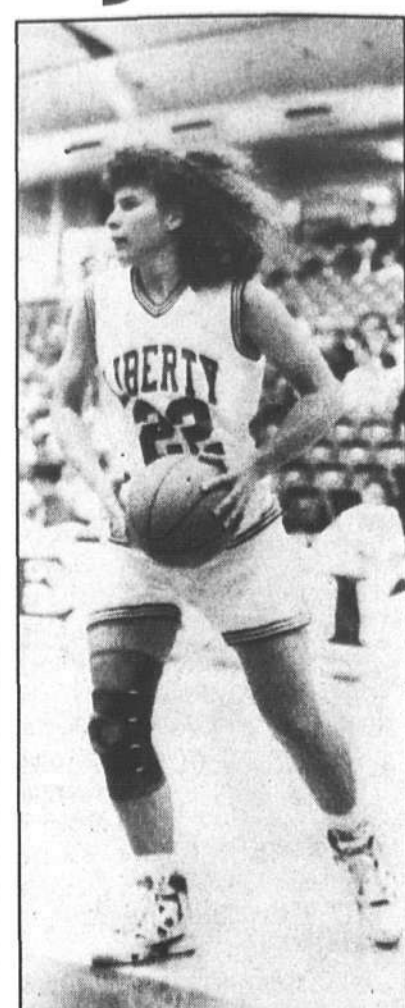


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Angie Johnson
1992 Big South
Rookie of the Year.

Camels upset LU 53-51

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

The Liberty University men's basketball team concluded its first season in Big South Conference play with a win and a loss in the conference tournament in Anderson, S.C., March 5 to 6.

The Flames cruised to a 85-54 victory over the number seven seed University of North Carolina-Asheville for the team's first ever Big South tournament victory.

In the second round LU was upset by number four seed Campbell University 53-51 to end LU's hopes for a trip to the NCAA tournament.

In the loss to the Camels, the Flames' Jeff Bloom shot a 3-pointer as time expired, but the ball caromed high off the rim to end LU's season.

"There is a fine line between winning and losing and that shot represented that fine line for us in the game," LU coach Jeff Meyer said.

Campbell head coach Billy Lee said, "I wasn't breathing on that shot. I give Liberty credit because they got a good shot off."

With the loss, the Flames finished the season with a record of 22-7 to give the Flames a tie for the biggest single season turnaround in the history of the NCAA at 16.5 games.

The loss also marked the end of senior Mike Coleman's career at LU. Coleman finished the second-round game as LU's leading scorer with 14 points while grabbing five boards. Coleman played solid defense as well, capping his effort by his steal late in the game to help LU fight back.

"This is not the way I would have liked to see it end, but it's been a great four years here at Liberty. I truly love each and every one of these guys," Coleman said. "Next year when the season comes around I will begin to miss it more."

The Flames only shot 40.7 percent from the field and 26.3 percent from 3-point land against CU. LU was also plagued by several fouls, including a controversial intentional foul against Coleman and a technical foul called against Meyer.

LU junior Julius Nwosu was held to four points in the game after getting into foul trouble early. Sophomore Matt Hildebrand scored 11 points for the Flames in the game after a cold first half.

Mark Mocnik paced the Camels with 14 points, followed by Steve Martin with 12 points.

In LU's first-round game against UNC-Asheville LU completely dominated the Bulldogs defense as the Flames romped to a 56-18 half time lead.

The Flames' starters were rested for much of the second half, but Liberty still managed to win by 31 points, 85-54.

Nwosu scored early and often as the Flames jumped to leads of 13-4, 20-6, 35-9 and 43-13.

The entire team received playing time, and nearly everybody scored as the Flames made the first round victory look easy.

"We did a good job of executing

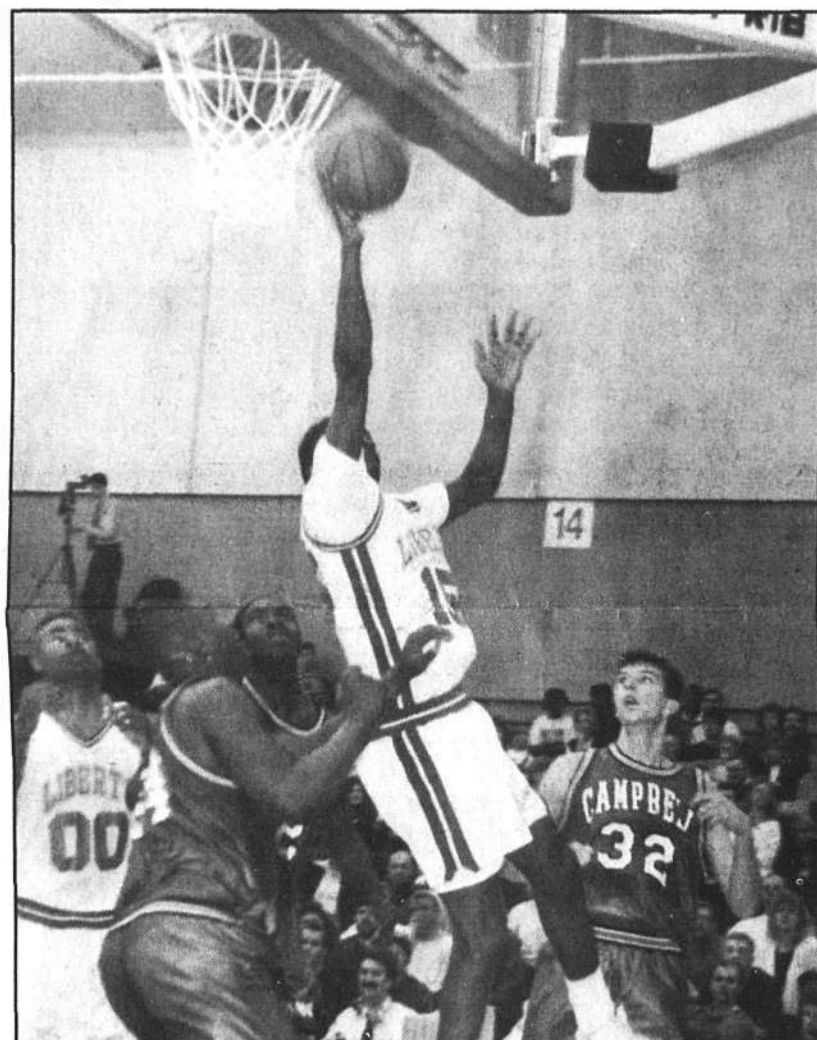


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Keith Ferguson skys for a layup during the Big South Tournament.

the game plan. Defensively we wanted to force tough shots on them. You have to credit our kids for preparation because it was probably as well as they have ever played 20 minutes of basketball (in the first half)," Meyer said.

Asheville head coach Don Doucette said: "We just ran into a team that is playing terrific. They got the ball inside early, and we just fell apart at the seams."

Bloom led the Flames' assault with 15 points, and he also grabbed seven rebounds. "The Lord just gave us a great game today, and we executed the plan," Bloom said.

Nwosu followed Bloom with 14 points; Hildebrand scored 13, and Coleman poured in 12 points. Coleman and sophomore Jody Chapman led LU with eight rebounds each.

The only blemish in the game for LU occurred during a timeout when LU cheerleader Lark Alloway fell during a stunt in the middle of the floor. After several minutes she was rushed to the hospital with a slight concussion. She was released shortly after and suited up for LU's second game.

Coleman said of Alloway's fall: "It was traumatic, and it was hard to refocus after her fall. Mentally you have to be strong."

The Flames' 22-7 season was their best at the Division 1 level, and LU left lasting impressions on the Big South Conference after being picked by most to finish near the bottom of the pack.

Next season the Flames will have better things to look forward to as the team loses only one player in Coleman. The team will have this year's tournament experience to build a winning season next year.

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Lady Camels defeat LU in heartbreaker

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Beth Sanderson canned two free throws with 39 seconds remaining in overtime to lead the Lady Camels to a 73-68 victory over the Lady Flames in the Big South Tournament Women's Semi-Finals at the Dedmond Center in Radford. The win placed Campbell in the finals to meet Radford for the championship.

Amy Nigro buried a 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining in regulation time to force the overtime period, and the Lady Camels never looked back.

Lisa Allison put Campbell in front for good with 1:47 left in overtime by hitting two from the charity stripe after a technical foul was called against Lady Flames head coach Rick Reeves.

"We knew (going into overtime) Laurie Hood had four fouls so we wanted to push it inside. But their experience showed going into overtime," senior Jeri Wiley explained the LU overtime strategy.

After the lead changed four times in the second half, LU took control with senior Wendy Johnson leading the way. Johnson scored nine of her 15 points during the stretch; she also finished with a team-high 12 rebounds.

The Lady Flames biggest lead was

stretched to four, 61-57 with 2:25 remaining in regulation time. Shonta Tabourn cut the LU lead to two on a jumper at the 1:46 mark. Barrington added a point after hitting the front end of a one-and-one with 20 seconds left, but Nigro canned the jumper to send the game into overtime.

"We came up short, but we had never had this type of experience before in Division 1. Hopefully, we should win next year," Johnson said.

In first round action, the Lady Flames handily defeated Coastal Carolina 78-65 behind Wiley (23 points, eight rebounds) and Johnson (22 points, 21 boards).

LU placed four players in double figures with Cynthia Thomson (12 points) and Angie Johnson (11 points, five rebounds) following behind Wiley and W. Johnson.

The 21 boards by W. Johnson was one shy of the tournament record set by Denise Ford of Campbell in 1988.

It also served as a wake up call to the judges who left W. Johnson off of the All-Conference team despite leading the conference from start to finish in rebounding (11.0) and scoring in double figures for the season (10.5). She is also currently 14th in the nation in rebounding.

"In fairness (to the judges) Wendy



Rick Reeves
Lady Flames head coach

missed three weeks to injuries, but she showed tonight that she belonged on the team," Reeves said.

"The kids wanted to win this for Wendy because they felt she should have been on the team. I just wish she wasn't a senior," he added.

For 7-20 Coastal, senior Holly Bottar netted 22 points and grabbed 13 boards as she became the Coastal's all-time leading scorer with 340 points on the season.

Stacy Hughes finished with 19 points and five rebounds while Kim Lewis contributed 11 points and six boards. Sonja Harris grabbed eight rebounds for the Lady Chants.



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The LU cheerleaders gather to pray for squad member Lark Alloway after her fall from a three-tier human pyramid during the LU-UNC-A contest.

Cheerleader suits up after fall from pyramid

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

All of the excitement and the 29-point lead of Liberty's first post season play disappeared. The only concern for the 637 in attendance was an LU cheerleader, Lark Alloway, who lay in the center of the court after falling from a human pyramid stacked three layers high.

During the stunt, Alloway lost her balance, swaying forward. Eric Lingenfelter, the cheerleader positioned behind Alloway to catch her, raced to the front of the pyramid to catch her. However, Alloway regained her balance, and unaware that Lingenfelter had not had time to regain his position behind her, she launched herself backward.

As the LU sophomore's feet left her partner's shoulders, it seemed like an eternity passed before she hit the floor. In much the same "slow-motion" state, Lingenfelter once again raced around the pyramid, diving

headlong in an attempt to catch her. By then she had nearly reached the floor.

Because of fear of a possible fracture of her back, it took the Anderson rescue squad approximately one-half hour to remove her safely from the building.

Approximately three hours after the ordeal, Alloway was released and cleared to cheer the following day. In a statement released by Mitch Goodman, LU sports information director, Alloway said that she could remember everything up until the fall. Although the doctor had cleared her to cheer, she said she would not cheer "if I feel like this tomorrow."

She received a standing ovation from Liberty fans as the cheerleaders entered the auditorium before the start of the second round contest between LU and Campbell. Evidently she felt better, she suited up and cheered; although she did not perform any stunts. Who would blame her?

Out of Bounds

Despite adversity, Flames never gave up

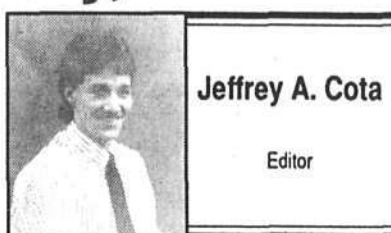
The first taste of "March Madness" for those associated with Liberty University was a satisfying experience. It provided all of the excitement and thrilling action that was expected.

Our own Liberty Flames put on a great show throughout the tournament, especially in the 53-51 loss to eventual Big South Champion Campbell University. No, you are not experiencing blurred vision, you read the above statement correctly. The Flames did an excellent job keeping their composure, and they never gave up.

Composure is a key word, especially after dealing with the type of officiating that was displayed at the tournament, in particular by Dick Paparo. Paparo was the "experienced veteran" referee on the floor.

Paparo clearly missed calls that were blatant, while making some that were outright petty. In one particular instance, he was positioned under the Liberty basket when Keith Ferguson went up for a rebound. Ferguson was blatantly fouled three times before falling to the floor and losing control of the ball. Paparo missed every call.

The ball was later passed to tournament MVP, Mark Mocnik, who went one-on-one with Mike Coleman. As Mocnik raced toward the basket, Coleman brushed him and was called for an intentional foul. Hardly an intentional foul when he



Jeffrey A. Cota
Editor

was running with Mocnik.

An argument can be made that any foul committed by the team that is behind with 15 seconds remaining in the game is an "intentional foul." However, this was neither hard, nor blatant.

Now, those of you who did not have the privilege of attending this game may think that I am whining and placing blame on the officials because Liberty did not end up in the win column. That is not the case. The Flames did not play the type of basketball that they had played in past games, and the officiating was not the cause of defeat for LU. However, they didn't help the situation either.

Paparo has not received high marks by others while in the ACC either. Recently on a nationally televised Duke-North Carolina game, Dick Vitale and Jim Valvano repeatedly criticized Paparo throughout the game for his phantom and unnecessary calls.

Coach Jeff Meyer and the team did not let the consistent poor officiating hinder them from making a last ditch run for the win. After the ensuing free throws from Mocnik (from the Coleman foul), Matt Hildebrand fouled

Keith "Iceman" Ison. The 6-foot guard collected most of his points throughout the tournament from the charity stripe, and he continued to do so by canning both shots.

Hildebrand returned the favor when he nailed a 3-pointer with seven seconds remaining. After timeouts from both teams, Jody Chapman fouled Mocnik, who missed both free throws. In transition, Hildebrand quickly brought the ball up the court and found Jeff Bloom open in three-point land with three seconds left. Bloom made a shot that had the 1,172 in attendance holding their breath, until it caromed off the back of the rim and rolled off the left side.

For Hildebrand and Bloom to execute in transition a play like that was proof of how far this team has come in just one season. And although the Big South had a severe shortage in quality referees during the final rounds of the tournament, this team never gave up and they have nothing to be ashamed of. They represented Liberty with class this past season and surprised us all with their level of play.

Who would have thought last season with a 5-23 mark that this team not only would have tied the record for the best turnaround in NCAA history (22-7) but it would also appear in the second round and nearly the final round of the Big South Tournament? We can only wait until next year to find out what's up the sleeve of Liberty basketball.

Men's team

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netted a season high 21 points and eight boards in a 92-77 trouncing of Radford in "The Furnace."

University of South Carolina-Coastal Carolina junior forward Tony Dunkin was named the conference Player of the Year. He was also named to the all-conference first team for the third consecutive year. Dunkin was named Player of the Year although injuries kept him from appearing in 75 percent of his team's games. In spite of that the Rains, S.C., native led the Chants in both scoring (22.2 PPG) and rebounding (8.2 RPG).

Darnell Sneed of Charleston Southern won the regular season scoring title with 20.3 PPG (to be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75 percent of the team's games) as he was selected to the first all-conference team. The Baltimore County Community College transfer led the Buccaneers to a 14-13 record after a 9-19 record in 1991. Sneed was a favorite for Player of the Year honors because of the injuries that hampered Dunkin. After the Bucs held off Coastal 58-54 to advance to the second round of the tournament, Sneed was asked if he was disappointed that he was not selected as the conference MVP, he replied: "No, not at all. I mean he's (Dunkin) gone home. I want MVP of the tournament."

Radford University guard Doug Day was named to the first team for the third consecutive season after leading the Highlanders to the number one seed in the tournament. Day averaged a 19.7 clip and ranks among the national leaders in 3-point field goal with 3.9 per game.

Big South Conference 1991 Rookie of the Year Joe Spinks moved from a second-team selection in 1991 to the first team in 1992. Spinks led the conference in rebounding for the second consecutive season with 8.7 caroms for the 1992 Big South Champion Campbell University. Spinks averaged 11.4 PPG while swatting 48 shots and recording 60 steals for the Camels.

Scott Neely garnered Rookie of the Year honors for the second consecutive season for Campbell while shooting 43 percent from three-point land. Neely sat out the conference tournament because of an injury; however, he is expected to play in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Ron Bradley was voted Coach of the Year as he guided Radford to a 19-8 overall record and posted a 12-2 record in the conference in his first season as coach of the Highlanders. Radford averaged 77.3 PPG to lead the conference in team offense.

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Lady Flames place two on tourney team

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Liberty University and Radford University placed two players each on the 1992 Big South All-Tournament Team, which was announced after Radford defeated Campbell in the Championship game 85-77 at the Dedmond Center in Radford.

Liberty's Wendy Johnson and Jeri Wiley were named to the All-Tournament team after their performances in the Big South Tournament. Patrinda Toney, the tournament MVP, and Tammie Crown, both of Radford,

and Laurie Hood of Campbell rounded out the All-Tournament team.

Hood paced Campbell with a tournament-high 73 points (24.3 PPG) while shooting 50 percent from the floor. The 6-foot senior center also shot 17-of-22 from the free throw line and grabbed 32 rebounds as she led Campbell to its sixth consecutive appearance in the championship round.

Toney was named the tournament MVP after her 33-point performance in the championship win against Campbell. The 5-foot-5-inch senior

from Bassett, Va., connected for 48 points (24 PPG) in the tournament, including a 14-for-17 (82 percent) performance from the charity stripe.

Wiley netted 44 points (22 PPG) in two games and grabbed 16 boards. The senior from Capitol Heights, Md. also shot seven-of-nine from the free-throw line. Wiley was also named to the All-Conference team.

Johnson grabbed a tournament-high 33 rebounds in two games, including a 21-rebound performance in the 78-65 first round victory over Coastal Carolina. Her 21 rebounds

were one shy of the tournament record set by Denise Ford of Campbell University in 1988. In addition to her rebounding, the LU senior connected for 37 points (18.5 PPG), while shooting 14-of-25 from the floor and nine-of-11 from the free-throw line.

Crown scored 32 points (16 PPG), including a 25-point performance against Winthrop in the second round. Crown, the lone underclassmen on the All-Tournament team, also grabbed 28 rebounds as she helped lead Radford to its fifth Big South championship in six years.

1992 Men's Big South All-Conference Team

Billy Ellison
Campbell, So., C, 6-7

Bernard Nelson
Charleston So., Sr., F, 6-7

* Mark Mocnik
Campbell, Jr., F, 6-6

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Campbell, So., F, 6-6

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Wendy Johnson, Liberty University, Sr., C, 6-2
* Patrinda Toney, Radford University, Sr., G, 5-5
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Towson State, UMBC to join Big South in '92

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Towson State University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County will join the Big South Conference in September 1992, conference commissioner Buddy Sasser has announced.

Currently eight institutions are affiliated with the Big South; however, Davidson College announced in May of 1991 that it will rejoin the Southern Conference in July.

"The addition of these two outstanding institutions continues our ongoing efforts to upgrade the Big South as a quality NCAA Division 1 conference. We look forward to in-

cluding these two schools in all of our 1992-93 championships," Sasser said.

Towson State, founded in 1866, boasts an enrollment of more than 15,000 students, including 10,051 undergraduates. TSU, a member of the East Coast Conference since 1982, competes in 21 Division 1 sports.

The Tigers have established themselves in the athletic ranks after appearing in the 1990 and 1991 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournaments and two of the last three NCAA Baseball Championships. The men's lacrosse team finished runner-up in the 1991 National Championship to North Carolina, while its women's ninth-

ranked gymnastics team competed in the National Finals two years ago.

UMBC, founded in 1966, has a current enrollment of more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, representing 30 states and 40 foreign countries. The institution offers undergraduate degrees in 27 majors and 28 minors, while the graduate school, which has merged with the University of Maryland at Baltimore, offers 91 master's and doctoral degree programs. UMBC sponsors 20 Division 1 sports, joining the Division 1 ranks in 1986, UMBC has been affiliated with the East Coast Conference since 1989.

Radford's Day receives AT&T award for 3-point shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Doug Day, a junior guard at Radford University, was named one of the AT&T Long Distance Players of the Month of February.

The AT&T Long Distance Players of the Month, introduced in conjunction with *College Hoops Illustrated*, the official in-area magazine for over 125 colleges and universities, honors the most accurate and most prolific 3-point shooters in each of college basketball's three divisions with up to \$18,000 in donations to the NCAA National Collegiate Scholarship Fund.

In honor of Day's long distance achievements, AT&T will donate \$500 to the NCAA's National Colle-

giate Scholarship Fund.

Each month, AT&T recognizes the player from each division who converts the highest percentage of his 3-point field goal attempts (minimum of 1.5 per game) and the player who converts the most 3-pointers per game. A total of six winners are named as *College Hoops Illustrated's* AT&T Long Distance Player of the Month.

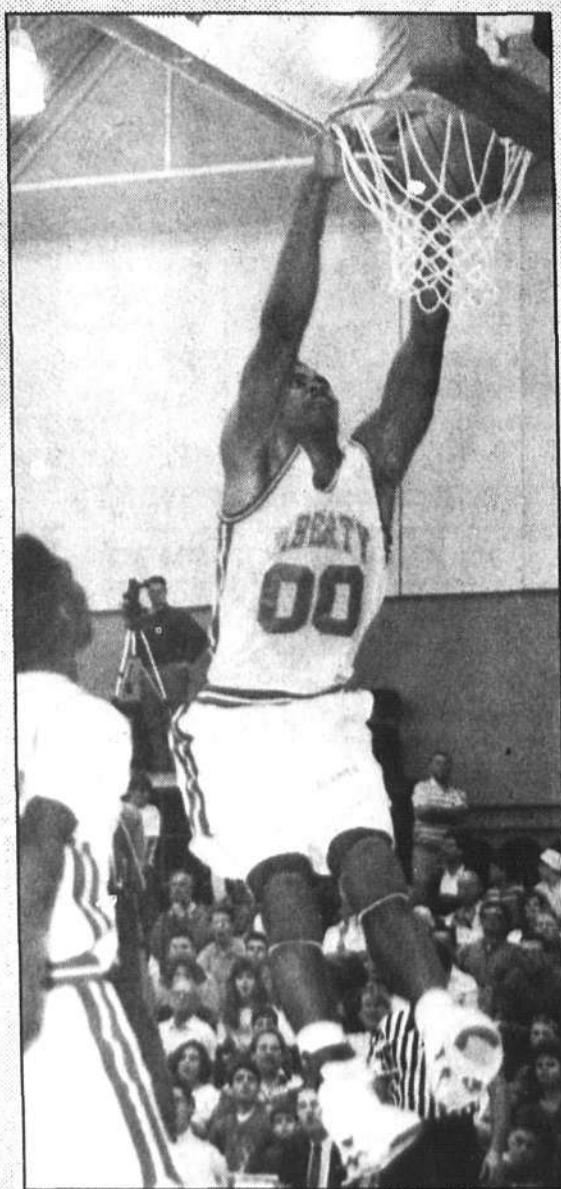
Day, a 6-foot-1-inch guard from Blacksburg, averaged 4.57 3-pointers a game for the month of February — tops in Division 1. For the season, he averaged just under four 3-pointers a game, which ranks second in Division 1. Day is not only the school's all-time leading scorer, but he also holds the school record for 3-pointers

made and attempted. He averaged 19.7 points a game for the 20-9 Highlanders, and he has knocked down over 100 3-pointers this season.

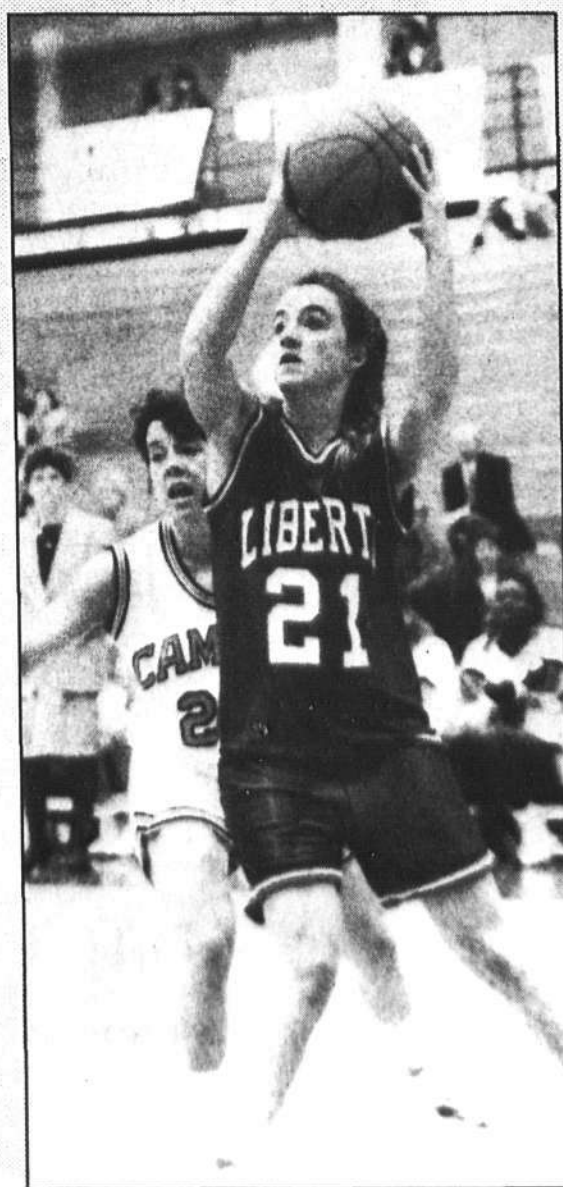
At the end of the season, the players from each division with the highest 3-point percentage and those who convert the most three-pointers per game will be named AT&T Long Distance Players of the Year.

Each winner will be awarded a plaque, along with a \$1,000 scholarship donation in his name to the NCAA. *College Hoops Illustrated* will feature a series of articles on some of the great long-distance performances of the past, as well as a listing of the regular season winners in its tournament edition.

Reach for the sky



Julius Nwosu slams home two of his 14 points in the first round blowout of UNC-Asheville.



Freshman Ginny Coleman drives past Susan Berner of Campbell in the Lady Flames semi-final loss to the Lady Camels.