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The student senate fights for its right to be heard - and wins - in nomination. Page 4.

We're Number Two!

The LU debate team moves to second in the nation behind George Mason. See Page 4.

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UNC-Greensboro broke the LU tennis team's 12-game winning streak Friday. Page 6.

The Liberty Champion

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

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Green nabbed in first round

Vikings select Smith in tenth round

By KEVIN M. BLOYE
Editor

In perhaps one of the biggest days in the history of LU athletics, Flames' tight end Eric Green was selected in the first round of the National Football League draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday afternoon.

Green, a 6-6, 270-pound finance major, led the Flames during the 1989 season with 62 receptions, 905 total yards receiving and 10 touchdowns. He also represented Liberty in the 1990 Hula Bowl, catching two passes for 39 yards.

"There's no question in my mind that Eric has the ability to be a great player in the NFL," Flames' head coach Sam Rutigliano said. "My biggest hope for him at this point is that in everything he does in the NFL, he uses his awesome talent to glorify God."

"God has given Eric some of the best training in the world at Liberty University, and I just hope he puts it all to good use."

The Steelers, winners of four Super Bowls during the 1970's under the leadership of current Steeler coach Chuck Noll, owned the 17th pick of the draft before swapping places with Dallas in exchange for a third round pick.

"As soon as Pittsburgh moved from 17th to 21st, I knew they were going to pick Eric," Rutigliano said. "The Steelers knew exactly who they wanted, and they were confident that no one else was going to take him."

After Atlanta selected running back Steve Broussard as the 20th selection, the Steelers made Green the first player from LU to ever be selected in the first round of a pro-

fessional sports draft.

"Here's a guy nobody wanted over a year ago," Rutigliano said. "He had some personal problems, but Liberty gave him a second chance and allowed him to come back. Now on April 22, 1990, he's a millionaire."

During his five-year career at Liberty, Green was twice dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons, causing him to miss the entire 1986 season and four games in the 1988 season.

On Wednesday of last week, Steelers' receivers coach Dwain Painter came to Lynchburg to take a look at Green, who was rated as the best tight end in the country by most national sports publications.

"After Painter watched Eric run a few drills on the field, he came to me and said 'Sam, with this kind of size, this kid is unbelievable,'" Rutigliano explained. "I knew going into the draft that there was a real good chance that Pittsburgh would draft."

Green, who was at his home in Savannah, Ga., on Sunday, could not be reached for comment.

On Monday afternoon Liberty added yet another player to the NFL ranks when the Minnesota Vikings made Flames' cornerback Donald Smith their 10th-round selection (271st overall.)

Smith, a 6-0, 180-pound native of Danville, Va., was the Flames' defensive captain during the 1989 season.

During the 1989 campaign, the hard-hitting Smith was fourth on the Flames with 63 tackles and tied for the team lead with three interceptions.

Smith was also among the national leaders in kick-off returns last season, returning 13 kickoffs for 341 yards (26.2 yards/return) and one

touchdown. The touchdown was a record-setting 94-yard kickoff return against Edinboro.

In January of this year, Smith participated in the debut of the King All-American Classic in San Jose, Calif.

The game featured the best players from NCAA's Division I-AA, II and

III against a team stocked with quality Division I-A players.

In the game Smith made one interception and had several tackles in front of several NFL scouts.

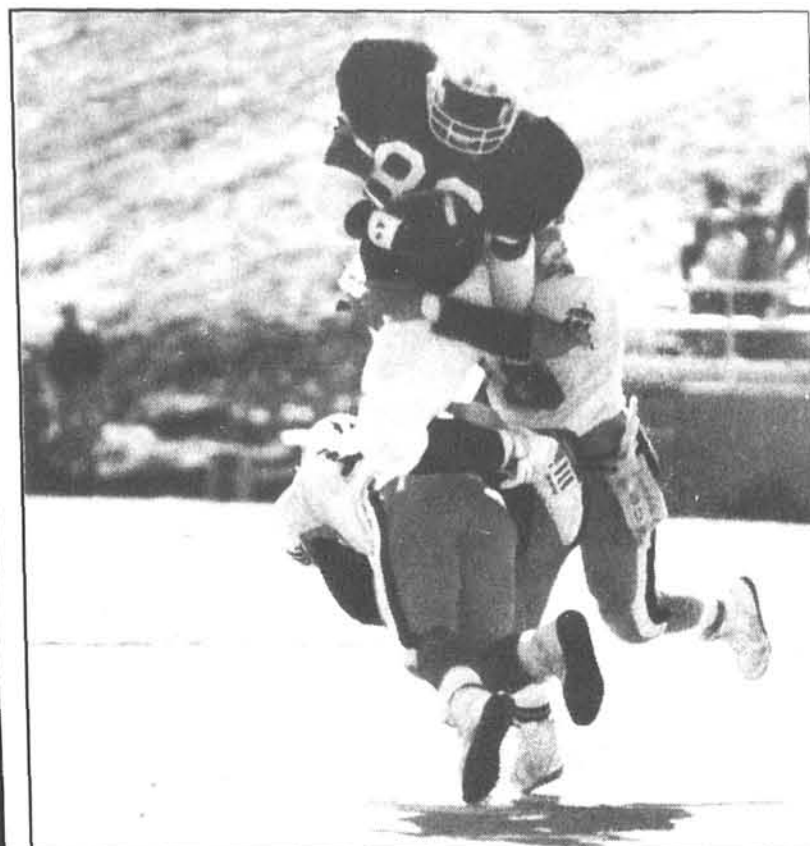
Smith is an advertising major who draws editorial cartoons for the *Champion* on a weekly basis.



Eric Green



Donald Smith



LU's Eric Green received the ultimate reception last Sunday when the Pittsburgh Steelers drafted him in the first round of the NFL draft. Sports Information Department file photo

Creationists debate unbelievable theory

By MEGAN BEARDER
Assistant Advertising Copy Editor

The theories of creation and evolution received almost equal criticism in a heated debate on the subject, sponsored by Students for Creation Science and the on-campus debate team, April 16.

Approximately 70 students attended the debate in which the debate team took both sides.

The affirmative evolution side was represented by Kristy Ericksen, Jean-Marc Gadoury, Valerie Hoath and Jon Norsworthy.

Those citing evidence for creation were Stephen Fairley, Rick Morris,

Scott Harris and Humberto Baez.

All those who defended evolution firmly stated afterwards that they were really creationists.

"There is unrefutable evidence for creation; evolution is in a sorry state," Gadoury said. "But I've got to be able to take both sides...everything I said tonight I could refute."

The affirmative debaters said they had trouble finding sound arguments for their position.

"The creation side had a very easy job as all they had to do was open up their books," Norsworthy, the "atheist" on the affirmative side, said. "I had one of the hardest jobs, and not only the hardest job, but the hardest

part—disproving God."

Gadoury said the defendants decided in order to be evolutionists, they had to "appeal to emotion, confuse people, distort the facts. We had to lie and cover things up to get the evolution theory across to people."

The creation side attempted to keep biblical references and God out of its arguments, but the affirmatives occasionally referred to biblical events, such as Noah's ark, in order to force the creationists out of a purely scientific realm.

"We don't want to have to depend on the Bible for our views because our views are scientific, not biblical," Baez said, noting that evolutionists simply

don't believe the Bible and would consider use of the Bible as irrelevant.

The "evolutionists" cited similarity in embryology, natural selection, breeding, the Miller-Urey experimental model to prove their theory. They also used newspaper clippings of tragedies and the mediocrity of Christians as proof that God did not exist.

The creation side cited such evidences as the laws of thermodynamics, various hoaxes in evolution history, evidences for a world-wide catastrophe, mutations and several evidences that the earth may be considerably younger than evolutionists believe.

Transformation Crusade:

Christian rappers assist TRBC youth in raising funds for missions trip

By KERI BURNS
Champion Reporter

Christian rappers Transformation Crusade from Liberty University performed a benefit concert Saturday evening in the LU Multi-Purpose Center.

The proceeds from the concert were donated to the Thomas Road Baptist Church Youth Department to help in the fund raising for the summer mission trip to Brazil.

The labor used in setting up the stage and the Multi-Purpose Center was also donated.

The concert opened with music from the SNL (Sunday Night Live) Band from the Thomas Road Baptist Church youth department.

The group performed several numbers to the mostly younger aged audience before Transformation Crusade came on stage.

Transformation Crusade consists of LU students Daryle McGhee, Chris Williamson and LU graduate and current seminary student Andre Simms.

Transformation Crusade performed numbers from their debut album "Sold Out" as well as songs from their recently released album "Hold On."

During an intermission in the con-

cert, McGhee displayed the shirts available, representing the new album.

The shirt reads "Hold On." He stated it stands for the willingness of people to hold on to their virginity and purity as God commands it in the Bible.

McGhee also said that those who

do not intend to remain pure and faithful to God's commands should not wear the shirt.

Simms took part in a dramatic sketch dealing with the pressures facing kids in high school and college.

The concert also included a brief message, dealing with hypocrites in

the Christian faith.

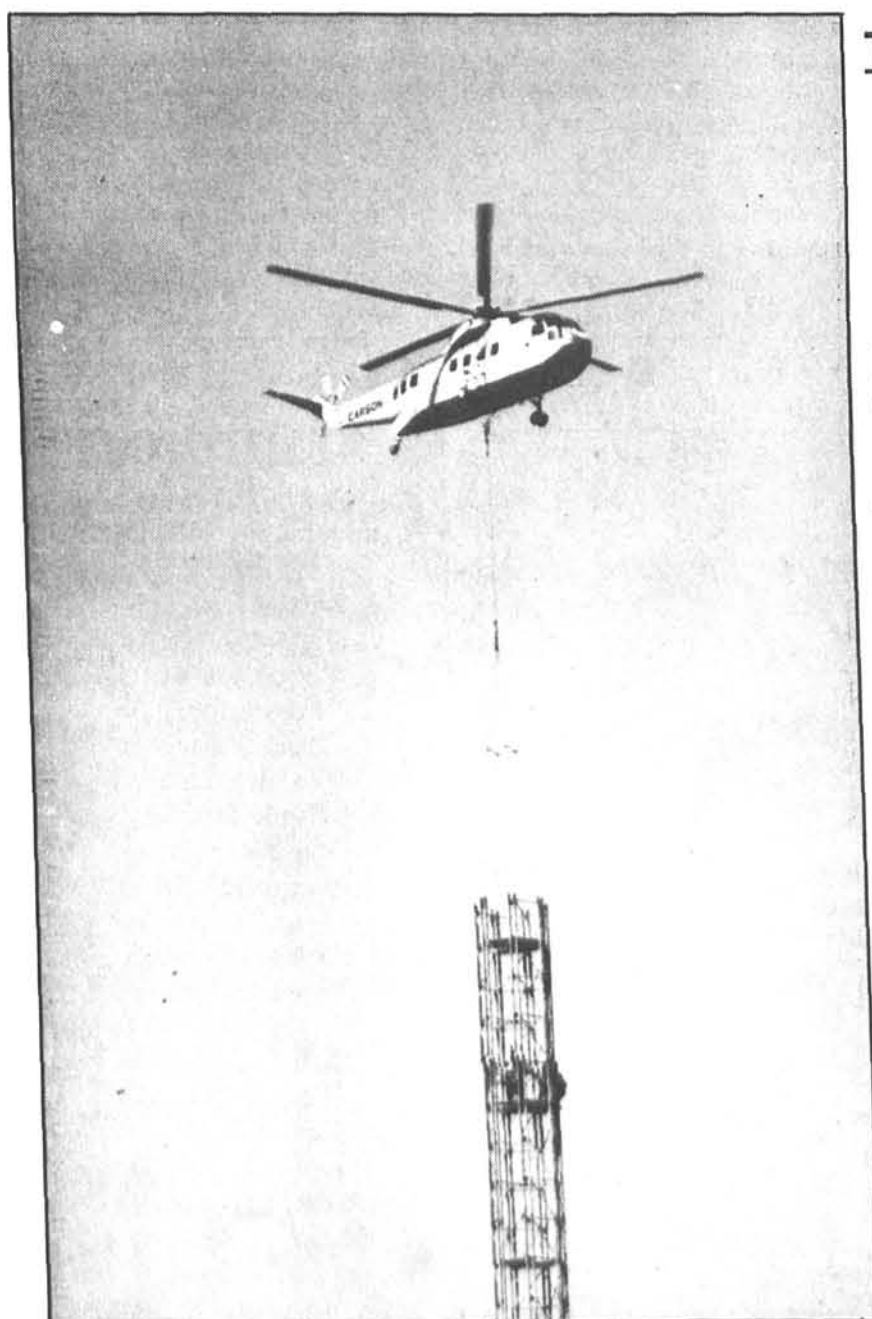
At the end of the concert, Simms gave an invitation. Many young adults were led to the Lord by the Young Believers, the Thomas Road Youth Group.

The two-and-a-half-hour concert ended with two final songs from McGhee and Williamson.



Daryle McGhee and Chris Williamson perform to help raise money for a TRBC youth missions trip.

photo by Tim Albertson



Employees for McDevitt and Street used a helicopter last Wednesday to install sections of the tower used to build the dome of the arena. The tower reaches an estimated 13 stories high. The completion date of the Vines Convocation Center is scheduled for early September.

photo by Jeff Cota



Editorial

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

Newspaper staff recognizes LU's "unsung heroes"

Well, as unbelievable as it may seem, day has slipped into day until, oh boon of boons, we now find ourselves staring down the proverbial homestretch of both the semester and another academic year.

As a result of this inevitable end, the **Champion** would like to take this, its second-to-last opportunity to personally address the student body, faculty and staff this year, to thank and congratulate those who we consider to be the "Unsung Heroes" of Liberty University. These are the people who day-in-and-day-out have faithfully executed their thankless, but necessary, jobs which add to the enjoyment and flavor of LU.

Although we often don't realize and even less frequently acknowledge the importance of your faithfulness to the smooth operation, you still perform your tasks to the best of your ability even under the scrutiny of administration, in the presence of irate and often rude students and in spite of any personal difficulties you may be experiencing.

To you who hold the keys of Liberty life, we salute you and offer our undying gratitude. Among these Unsung Heroes of Liberty several specifically come to mind which the **Champion** staff wishes to recognize. (Besides they all offered us money if we mentioned them.)

Professors—An obvious choice, perhaps, but a sincere one, nonetheless. Because of your dedication to and love of your craft we have gained knowledge, wisdom and an expanded outlook on life. We know that sometimes you drive home, wondering why on earth you ever decided to become an educator instead of a manager of a fast food restaurant or some other more rewarding position. We offer our thanks and hope, someday, to make you proud.

Bev Buffington—Anyone who can create (invent?) something to do within the city limits of Lynchburg and still keep a positive attitude toward life certainly deserves the heartfelt thanks of not only the **Champion**, but also of the entire student body.

Larry—Our infernal, yet loveable computer. Your ability to keep working while the rest of us slept (often on your keyboard) is an inspiration to us all. No matter whose emotions happened to be out of control at the moment, you proved to be a stable reminder that the work simply had to be done.

Dawn English—For the sacrifice of your camera, your sanity and almost all of your dignity one rainy Saturday afternoon (See **Gallery**, Page 8) as you faithfully cheered for your colleagues even though in the end our names were "Mud." (By the way, how come you were the only staff member who didn't go for a dip in the river?)

Evelyn "Biddy" Tomlin—You have probably been witness to students' worst behavior and borne most of the brunt of their anger. Still you have faithfully and efficiently run the business office and dealt with our individual needs. Thanks for your patience.

"Phil"—Even when we didn't care anymore, you helped us to make it against all the odds. Your heartfelt words have been an inspiration to many. All those times when we were emotionally drained and felt we could not continue, you always knew just what to say.

Christy Sullivan—You are the most important person we face as we prepare for the "first day of the rest of our lives." Thanks for helping so many regalia-clad graduates walk the aisle to pick up their final Liberty paperwork.

Dorm Parents—You have opened up your homes, your families and your lives to a hall full of strangers in order to make the separation process a little easier. By the way, "Mom," we need to borrow the car Saturday. Okay?

Students—You make up the core of LU. Those who are not members of the Sounds of Liberty, the Debate Team, any sports teams or the dean's list are the grass-roots of our university. In the final reckoning, it is you who define the true meaning of Liberty University.

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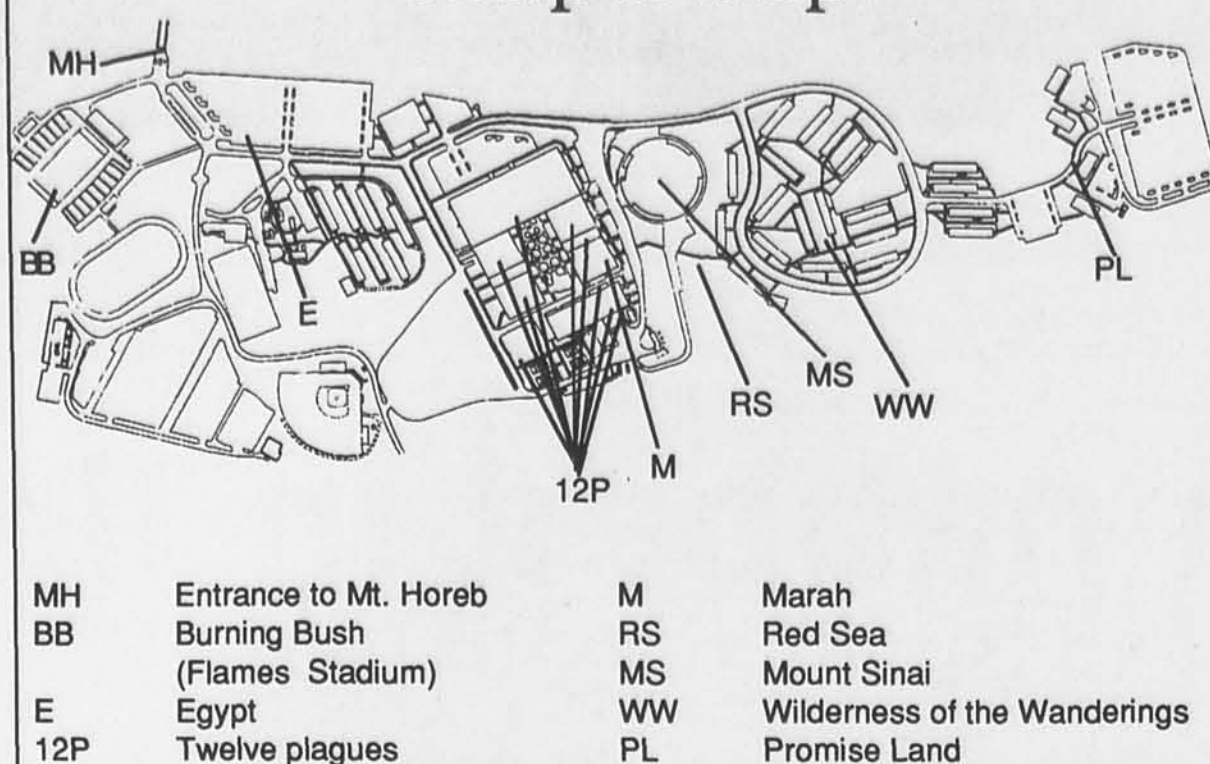
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College-for-a-Weekend Campus Map



Liberty Forum

Student damage increases costs

Editor,

There has been a disturbing rise in the amount of vandalism, theft and littering on campus in recent months. Campus security officers confirmed the suspicion of more theft, and this writer knows personally of hundreds of dollars of damage done in academic buildings by students (not to mention the thousands in electrical damages caused by the power shut-offs).

The damage done recently ranges from holes in walls because of irresponsible, yet accidental, behavior to outright malicious destruction of school property.

The costs incurred by such actions drive up our cost of attending LU.

Costs have also been driven up by the need to place additional custodial workers in DeMoss to deal with the daily flood of trash left strewn all around the building.

Almost as disturbing as these recent trends, however, has been the virtual silence of the school administration on these matters. One feels as if the administration and local

ministry are so unsure of the students' respect that they are unwilling to risk "unpopular" statements that actually ask for and require responsibility and personal holiness.

One regularly hears the litany about "don't smoke, don't drink, etc. etc.," but one waits in vain to be reminded that holiness should affect every area of our lives—including where we leave our garbage.

Tim Smith
Building Services

Liberty should offer excellence to all

Editor,

I would like to ask some questions concerning some comments made in chapel about art. The comments concerning the work of Robert Mapplethorpe and the NEA funding are the subjects of my questions.

I have no problem with the complaint about the content of the show. He and others have gone beyond what the majority of taxpayers would call "Good Taste."

First question. Who should be the

one to judge what is art and what is not? Do we leave it up to our representatives who have no training in the field of art? To leave the decision up to the untrained eye would be the same as asking someone who can't read Greek to check the validity of the English Bible compared to Greek manuscripts. Deciding whether a piece is worthy of being called a work of art should be left up to those who have studied art.

Second question. Since we are against this type of art, what are we doing about it? The Christian community as a whole could care less about the world of art. But not funding this type of work will not make it go away. Where is a Christian who is serious about art supposed to go to school? Not Liberty. The only choice for a serious art student is a state school or a secular private school. Each year a number of Liberty students leave the school because they can't follow the subject that God has given them talent in. I'll probably become one of these.

The school lost a great teacher when Mr. Loven left. He was 110 percent

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Senate displays true grit during Carroll nomination

By DOUGLAS DEMPSEY
Campus News Editor

Those students who missed the senate meeting on Thursday, April 12, (three out of 5,000 students attended; so most of you did) also missed a chance to witness what was perhaps the finest display of senatorial responsibility exhibited by the senate all year.

The senate was called upon to vote for the new treasurer of the Student Government Association for 1990-91. However, because of an oversight the

candidate had not come to meet the senate and answer questions. Most of the senators felt they could not vote intelligently on the nomination without first meeting the candidate.

They were told, however, that a decision had to be made during the meeting and therefore they could not meet the candidate before voting. This did not sit well with a majority of the senate members and a heated debate ensued.

While passionately defending their right to meet the candidate before vot-

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The Liberty Way

by G. Triplett



They came to challenge evil, to uphold life, liberty and The Liberty Way; the Adolescent Radioactive Samurai Elephants: Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and Democritus.

Inner View

Students disclose pet peeves

You know, normally I'm an extremely easy person to get along with; however, lately I would not have made Will Rogers a happy camper.

My theory for my recent behavior is that all the construction has disturbed an ancient Egyptian Pharaoh's tomb, thus unleashing its dreaded "I can't stand it" curse. As a result of this curse, some individuals quickly become annoyed at the slightest provocation. I know the curse is affecting me because I ignorantly removed a sacred Pepsi can from the site.

I really needed help with my problem. My roommates have left; my family has disowned me; my parakeet ran off with a red-neck sparrow, and my air conditioner keeps cutting off. What was I to do?

The only thing that could possibly relieve my agony was to get some of my pet peeves off my chest. The following is my list of things that often drive me to the point of insanity. After I've finished griping, the students will have their shot at relating a few pet peeves. Here's my abridged list:

1. People who think it's really cool to yell at someone who is standing, sitting, etc., about three miles away.
2. Rabid weasels.
3. Onions in everything.
4. Getting a ticket for contemplating parking on a blue diamond.
5. Amusement parks that have little strands of grass sticking up through the pavement in their parking facilities for buses and RVs on the east side.

Here are the student's responses to my annoying question.

Sunny Pinder, Baltimore, Md. - "It bothers me when you start going out with a guy and really start to like him, and then you find out he has a girlfriend."

Noelle Wilson, Washington, N.J. - "It upsets me when a friend does something mean or rude, and they don't apologize for it or act like it never happened."

Glenn Etheridge, South River, N.J. - "I hate when my roommate puts the heater on full blast when it's 80 degrees outside and has his electric blanket on with three layers of covers."

Becky Scott, Glenrock, Wyo. - "It makes me mad when people at work stand around and do nothing and get paid for it."

Jeremy Ferrell, Bryans Road, Md. - "It really bothers me when a person in the room uses an electric razor or hair dryer when I'm trying to sleep."

Debra Porter, Altoona, Pa. - "It annoys me when people leave their chairs out when they're eating and when people slam doors."

Mark Shull, Kernersville, N.C. - "My pet peeve is having to read the **Wall Street Journal** every day for a term project (just kidding Mrs. Livesay)."

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The HO Story

Columnist hi-lights college experiences

While packing some of my things the other day, I came across year-books of my rookie years here at LU.

Dan Hochhalter

My mind immediately went back to those memories while I commenced to thumb through those pages which contain the years in pictures and cute messages scribbled everywhere from friends I don't quite remember anymore.

Nonetheless, four years here at LU have generated enough memories to write comedy material on a dozen records.

The earliest of these goes way back to August 1986, a time, I'm sure, before many of you were even born. It was the first time I had ever been away from my humble upbringing in Missoula, Mont., and I completed the 2,700 mile trip by myself in a Chevy named Ol' Blue. I completed the entire trip without once getting lost—until I reached Lynchburg, where I had the

opportunity to spend two hours exploring this city with roast beef sandwiches in the seat next to me getting cold while I sought the hotel I could have sworn I had checked into earlier that afternoon.

Of course, then there was the time NBC came to town to do a report on our football team; and even though the footage they shot was during LU's ONLY win that year, this unbiased, fair, neutral, professional news team managed to mess that fact up on the aired version.

It was, however, terribly amusing to watch ordinarily mature students act like total dweebs in order to get their mugs on TV.

Then, don't forget the blizzard of '86 in which I got to see an entire city completely overreact about a few measly inches of snow.

And remember when Ollie came to town? That was the day I decided that I no longer wanted to go into radio; instead I wanted to become a

member of the Secret Service. That way, I could order everyone out of dorms and stand on top of buildings in a dark suit in 90 degree weather and carry around guns and stuff.

Then there was the infamous measles epidemic. It was then that I decided that the next time I go to a doctor's office, I will bring along my handy-dandy .44 Magnum. That way, when the nurse pulls out a hypodermic needle and reassures me that "All you're gonna feel is a little pinch," I can hold the gun right between her eyes and reassure her, "I'm gonna hold you to that."

Academically, I have memories. My very first college class was English at 8 a.m. My logic was simple: "Take all early classes. That way I could be finished by noon and have the entire afternoon to myself."

Unfortunately, there were two major flaws in my logic: First, I'm not a morning person and have a tendency to ignore alarm clocks which go off before 2 p.m.; second, I spent my af-

ternoons bored out of my mind.

Also, how could we ever forget the infamous PE class—you know, the one everyone either takes their very first semester in order to get it out of the way or else puts it off until their very last semester with hopes that it will be taken out of the curriculum requirements.

The ironic thing is that I managed to get OUT of shape when I took it. In fact, I managed to run the mile and a half 1:20 slower at the end of the semester than at the beginning.

And how could we ever forget all the formal dinners in the past four years? I went dateless, which gave me no desire to don a tux—or even a tie for that matter. I usually received a table in the casual section.

But, one of my fondest memories, I must admit, falls into a little third-rate column in a 1-AA school newspaper called, very appropriately, "The HO Story..."

...Ah, but that's another column... Stay tuned....

Liberty Forum

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Hopefully the SGA constitution will now be amended, eliminating the chance of such a fiasco occurring again.

If anything good has come of this situation it is this: The student senate showed some real class as they fought for the right of the student body to be heard and the right to do their job properly. Although they were denied at first, they did succeed in showing that there is a spark of greatness within the senate. If the senate were to conduct all of its business with that same feverish intent, the administration would have to take it seriously. That would benefit everybody and; after all, isn't that the point of the senate?

behind what the school stands for. He told me he was leaving because the art department was going nowhere.

Dr. Falwell closed chapel Wednesday April 18 by saying that the reason for sports, debate and other programs on campus was for people to go as far as possible with the talent God has given them. How about giving talented art students a way to develop their talents in a Christian university?

Gary Saenz

Corner of the House

Collections prove LU's generous heart

Donna Honeycutt

The collection of offerings is commonplace at Liberty. Offerings are taken at every service and, sometimes, even in chapel. In past years Liberty students have purchased cars for missionaries, financed the building of medical clinics and churches and bought Bibles to be distributed in other countries.

Although these causes are the most publicized, LU students are equally as generous to each other and to the local community in which we live as Liberty students.

Recently, within two days, two female students received tragic news from home. One young lady heard that her mother had died. Immediately, the other residents on her hall donated enough money to finance her flight home for the funeral. They even enlisted the help of four other dorms in the process. They managed to collect close to \$500 in only one evening.

The other student found out that her mother was terminally ill and had only a short time to live. Her residence and her brother residence halls raised \$250 to help her get home.

LU students give in other ways, too. This year's toy drive for needy Lynchburg children was a great success. In addition, many students volunteered their time to coach inner-city children at the YMCA. Students on one hall are giving clothes and volunteering their help to the local shelter for battered women. Another floor is doing odd jobs for professors in order to support a local children's home.

These acts are just a few of the ways that LU students practice what they have been learning. They are willing to give of themselves to help others. They demonstrate to the world that Liberty truly does have a generous heart.

Senate

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ing, our student representatives showed true integrity. Nobody should be expected, or for that matter even allowed, to vote on a position as important as treasurer without first meeting the candidate and having the chance to ask him a few questions. To do so would not only be highly irresponsible, but it would also deny the student body a voice in the decision. As the representatives of the student body the senate speaks for the students. When their voice is ignored, the voice of the students in general is ignored.

The senate eventually did what it had to do. It voted down the nomination. It was then revealed that the senate's vote was meaningless; the candidate would be placed in office anyway. Again the senate protested,

but to no avail.

According to SGA President Dave Coy, since the constitution of SGA does not specifically address this issue, the student senate does not have the right to either deny or confirm the nomination. The senators were allowed to vote only as an attempt to gain their approval. Regardless of the vote, the nomination was going to be confirmed.

Fortunately, in the next senate session the Executive Committee recognized its errors and President-elect Paul Davis corrected them. Carroll was brought before the senate and questioned. Once the senate was allowed to settle in their own minds whether or not Carroll was qualified for the position, another vote was taken.

The senate voted overwhelmingly to confirm the nomination. Peace was finally restored; and a lesson learned.

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Dr. Darlene Holland

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abnormal pressure or dysfunction of the neck and muscles can irritate the nerves, causing tension.

The tension doesn't cause the headache. To treat this form of headache, attention should be paid to the bone and muscle structures. They should be returned to normal balance so they can function properly again.

Medication is not the answer to tension headaches. Aspirin and other pain-killers may give you temporary relief—but they won't solve the problem. Once the source of the problem is found and treated, then you can get the relief you need.

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Tim Sheppard exhorts seniors at banquet

By KATHLEEN DONOHUE
Feature/Editorial Editor

The 1990 Senior Semi-formal Banquet, held at the Radisson Hotel Friday evening, was enhanced by the entertainment provided by several students and by the performance of singer/songwriter Tim Sheppard.

Senior Pamela Havey began the evening's entertainment when she performed "I Say It's You," a song she wrote during the Spring 1988 semester.

The song was to encourage people not to forget those who have become part of their lives or have influenced them at one time or another. Damaris Justamante performed back-up vocals.

Jerry Wages and Jamie Brown followed Havey with a skit that took an amusing look at the quirks of Liberty life from the perspective of a student having a conversation with a business man during an airplane trip.

Dr. Falwell then took the spotlight as he addressed the seniors.

His short exhortation encouraged the graduating seniors to hold to their principles in the world they

will soon be facing and never to be ashamed to call LU their alma mater.

After Falwell's speech, five members of Liberty's drama department took the stage and performed a short play which followed the progression of five students from freshmen orientation to graduation day.

The group focused upon the good, bad and ugly portions of the unique Liberty experience. The dramatization was well-received by the audience.

Finally, at approximately 10 p.m., Tim Sheppard took the stage for the final entertainment segment of the evening. The singer used the opportunity not only to perform but also to personally address the audience.

"We forget that we have an enemy who is out to steal, to kill and to destroy," Sheppard said. "But God is committed to seeing us succeed [in spiritual terms]."

Shortly before Sheppard finished his concert he admonished the seniors regarding the world's idea of success. "The ability to hear God's voice and then receive the grace to apply it is the key to your success, not productivity," he said.



Gospel-singer Tim Sheppard entertains the audience at the annual Senior Semi-Formal Banquet, held on Friday night, April 20, at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lynchburg. photo by Fran Gorr

LU debate team ranks second in nation

By BRETT B. HARVEY
Champion Reporter

Liberty University is ranked as one of the top two teams in the nation in debate, based on the number of points debaters have earned this season.

The top ten teams are as follows: (1) George Mason University, (2) Liberty University, (3) Dartmouth College, (4) Harvard University, (5) Boston College, (6) University of Iowa, (7) United States Naval Academy, (8) Emory University, (9) Redlands University, (10) University of Texas.

"I am ecstatic about the rankings. The team really surpassed my expectations," debate coach Brett O'Donnell said. "The credit really goes to the team for their hard work. Everyone on the team had a large part in the success."

This year O'Donnell allowed his team to set its own goal: to make the top five in the nation, and O'Donnell said he would have been happy with fifth. Fortunately some team members progressed faster than expected. When David Kester and Mike Hall advanced from Junior Varsity to the Varsity level, they worked hard and really strengthened the varsity teams.

Already looking to next year, O'Donnell's goal is to remain in the top five nationally. He is confident about next year because most of the team will return. "Because of our returning team members and new recruits, I expect next year's team to be stronger than this year," he said.

Tom Walker and Sherry Smith will advance from junior varsity to strengthen the varsity team next season. In addition, O'Donnell is in the process of recruiting several top debaters to come to LU next year.

Liberty provides a place for history

By BEN LAFROMBOIS
Champion Reporter

The first district National History Day was hosted by Liberty University on Saturday, April 21.

National History Day is a national high school student competition in historical research. Students competing Saturday had already passed through a series of school, local and state competition.

"Two hundred students will compete for the privilege of advancing to the state finals," Dr. Cline Hall, chairman of the history department, stated before the competition.

Competitors in grades six through 12 were from E.C. Glass High School, Heritage High School, Staunton River High School, Linkhorne Middle School and Seven Hills School.

"This is an important event for Liberty University," Hall said. "Us-

ually the event is held at the community college, but we requested for it to be held at Liberty, and we were given the responsibility."

The National History Day program encourages young people to explore historical subjects related to an annual theme.

"Science and Technology in History" is the 1990 theme. The contest is the result of a series of educational activities designed to help students learn more about history.

The students are divided into age divisions. The divisions are subdivided into seven categories: historical paper, individual and group performances, individual and group table-top projects and individual and group media presentations.

The judges for the competition were LU historians and educators and other experienced professionals.

The judges from LU were from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and Government and the School of Education.

Carroll receives confirmation from student senate

By DOUGLAS R. DEMPSEY
Campus News Editor

The student senate confirmed Chris Carroll as treasurer of the Student Government Association, Thursday, April 19.

President-elect Paul Davis said the situation was not handled properly last week but added that because it was a new situation no one was sure how to deal with it. The by-laws of the SGA Constitution do not address this situation, but Davis has asked for a bill which will provide a solution.

"We were wrong (in not giving the senate a voice), and your vote does count," Davis said to the senate. "While we were technically right (in appointing the treasurer without senate approval) we did not wish to violate the spirit of the law."

A vote was taken, which could have ousted Carroll from the position, but the senate overwhelmingly approved the nomination.

A bill to set up a fund for bringing nationally known speakers to campus was debated. Sponsored by senators Scott DeBoer and Anthony Perrone, this bill would add a small charge to every student's bill, depending on the

number of hours the student takes. Students taking fewer than 12 credit hours per semester would be charged \$5 while students taking 12 or more credit hours would be charged \$10. These charges would be yearly and not per-semester. The money raised would be put into the fund.

The bill was held up while debate raged over an amendment concerning whether or not students of LUSLL (Liberty University School of Lifelong Learning) should be charged.

Because LUSLL students are not on campus, nor are they considered town students, it was argued that they are not Liberty students and would not benefit from a debate series.

"If they're non-Liberty students than they should receive non-Liberty degrees," senator David Gibbs said, arguing for assessing the fee to LUSLL students as well.

"I don't think we should charge students who live thousands of miles away," countered senator Lyman Russell.

DeBoer and Perrone opposed the amendment but a compromise, allowing students taking fewer than 12 credit hours to pay only \$5, was reached and the bill passed the senate.

President-elect Paul Davis sponsored a bill which would establish a computer lab in the library, next to the periodical room.

According to Davis, the school plans to update its IBM computer lab which consists of 20 computers. The current plan is to sell the computers when replacements are purchased.

Davis's bill would have the school use the computers to establish a lab for all students to use. The bill passed the senate by unanimous consent.

Sensors DeBoer and Livesay co-sponsored a bill calling for a street light to be installed at the intersection of Candler's Mountain Road and Liberty University Drive. Such a light would require no installation fee and have a service charge of only \$12.35 a month, according to Mike Taylor, an employee in the marketing department of the Appalachian Power Company. This bill was also passed by unanimous consent.

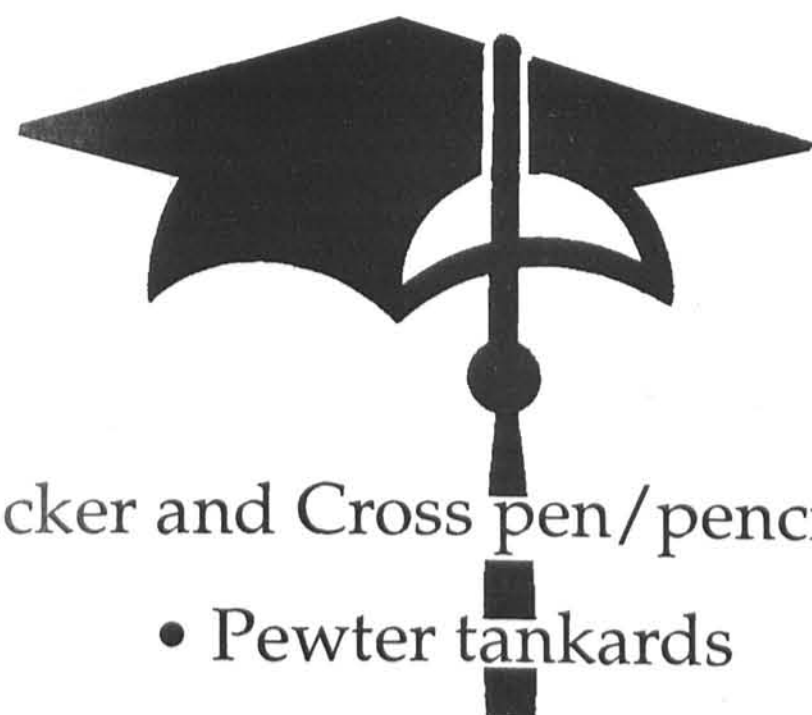
Other bills passed by the senate included a bill allowing freshman to park anywhere in the P-1 parking lot (Egypt) on weekends and a bill allowing male students to have beards, provided they are fully grown before the student comes to school.

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World

Lithuanian leader vows country's survival

Lithuania can "holdout 100 years without gas and oil," the breakaway Soviet republic's president said last week. Vytautas Ladsbergis said there are contingency plans for a seafit of fuel from sympathetic nations. However, the Soviets, who slashed Lithuania's natural gas supply and cut off its oil, are now making it harder for Lithuania to withdraw from hard currency reserves to buy oil.

Islamic Jihad releases American hostage

The Islamic Jihad Shiite group holding three American hostages, released Richard Polhill Sunday, two days after it threatened not to release any one of the three.

Polhill, 55 and an educator in Beirut, Lebanon, was taken captive on January 17, 1987. On that day, two other Americans, John Turner and Allen Steen were taken captive.

East Germany calls for united economy

New East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere supports German unification but demands a currency unity with West Germany that would shield his people from impoverishment.

He wants to lay the groundwork for German unity by the summer, he told East Germany's first freely elected Parliament.

Nicaragua seeks peace in transition

A peaceful transition of power in Nicaragua is possible if Contra rebels and the Sandinista government live up to a deal struck Thursday.

Violeta Chamorra, president-elect of the Central American nation is to be sworn in next Wednesday.

day.

The cease-fire last week calls for the demobilization of the Sandinistas and the disarming of the Contras.

OPEC to discuss lower oil prices

The rise to \$1.10 for a barrel in oil prices Thursday came after a steep sell-off, caused by the high output level. OPEC's monitoring committee will meet May 2 to discuss ways to cut production and buoy oil prices.

The full OPEC conference, scheduled for May 25 in Geneva has been postponed for a month. The announcement of the May 2 meeting follows a series of discussions on low oil prices.

Nation

Study finds teen smoking linked to teen drug use

Teen-agers who smoke cigarettes are more likely to use cocaine and marijuana than ones who drink alcohol theorizes a Columbia University drug expert, who blames "a chemical trigger in the brain."

Overall, 27 percent of senior high students who smoke use marijuana at least weekly compared to six percent who drink. The study will be released this week.

Hurricane season could be rough for East Coast

The coming hurricane season could be rough for the United States if a new theory holds true.

The theory holds that the return of normal rainfall patterns to West Africa should produce more U.S.-bound storms in the form of hurricanes.

The study cites a "surprisingly strong" link between West African rainfall patterns and the number of hurricanes that hit the East Coast of the United States.

Unhappy environmentalists:

Bush called compromiser

By JOHN YAUKEY

USA TODAY Wire Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush rarely misses a chance to pose as an outdoorsman attuned to the environment, whether he's fishing the thunderous surf of Florida or hunting the scrub flats of Texas.

And while he has found that good sport can often be good politics, environmentalists and business leaders are not impressed with this man who Tuesday convened a belated world conference here on global warming.

Conservationists say they are confused and worried about a gap between the president's promises and his policies.

"It's nice that he says he's the environment president," Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, said, a former senator from Wisconsin. "But the jury is still out."

The opposite is true of the business community — from coal to chemicals. It worries that the soon-to-be-passed clean air bill Bush is brokering with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine will erode profits with expensive pollution controls.

"I don't think the legislation as it stands takes into account at all the human misery that will come with the job losses it promises," National Coal Association spokesman John Grasser said.

Bush's report card shows average to poor grades on most of the key environmental issues, according to a U.S. News and World Report poll of conservationists and business leaders published in March.

Conservationists feel Bush betrayed his promise of "no net loss" of the nation's 93 million acres of wetlands, which teem with wildlife, filter water pollution and prevent flooding. In February, Bush presented his final agreement on wetlands, which granted significant exceptions at the request of Alaska's congressmen, who argued that the original plan would choke development.

Business leaders are talking widespread unemployment as Bush pushes through the nation's first restrictions on acid rain, which is caused largely by factories burning fossil fuels. They claim expensive pollution controls will close businesses and coal mines.

Environmentalists have accused the president of poor leadership. His promised global warming summit this week comes months late and will miss

key nations. The meeting includes policy makers and scientists from many countries, but lacks representation from China — a quarter of humanity and a major coal-burning nation.

Automakers are concerned that tailpipe emissions controls Bush advocates will drive up the cost of a car by hundreds of dollars, slowing sales.

Conservationists are perplexed at his appointments. They were encouraged when he named William Reilly, former president of the World Wildlife Fund, to run the Environmental Protection Agency. But his appointment of former New Mexico Rep. Manuel Lujan Jr. to head the Interior Department worried them. Regarded as a fiscal conservative and a friend of business, Lujan once co-sponsored legislation that would have allowed oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Indeed, Bush's record shows him walking a razor's edge of compromise.

"I think Bush feels he can continue with the agonizing balance of tradeoffs between business and environmentalists," Michael McClosky of the Sierra Club, said.

Tedious though it may be, experts outside the fray are calling it good politics. They say Bush clearly recognizes that the environment is largely a series of regional issues that cut across established political currents.

While compromise doesn't come easily in squabbles over the environment, where it is easier to denounce the opposition as zealots or corrupt, American politics grinds to a halt without it, and Bush realizes this.

Mitchell, the chief legislative architect of the clean air bill the Senate passed earlier this month, acknowledged there would be no clean air bill this century without the compromise Bush engineered.

James Thurber, director of American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, credits Bush with painstaking negotiations, issue by issue, that kept the bill alive.

"The real players in this knew nothing would come without compromise, and Bush has done this very well," he said. "He's played the middle nicely."

With environmentalists gathering political momentum and business interests closely watching the president they helped elect, Bush's deft handling of the clean air bill will set the pace for his environmental agenda, experts predict.

Clearly mindful of his campaign promises as well as what happens to Americans when good will costs money and jobs, Bush will likely continue at his own careful pace.

Court case presents controversy of child testimony and defendants

By TONY MAURO

USA TODAY Wire Service

WASHINGTON — The modern battle against child abuse collided with centuries-old constitutional doctrine Wednesday in arguments before the Supreme Court.

If questioning from the justices is any indication, the Constitution might win out.

Attorney generals from Idaho and Maryland argued before the nation's highest court that children testifying who were abused must be shielded

from having to testify in the presence of the person charged with the abuse — though the Constitution guarantees defendants the right to confront their accusers.

The constitutional provision stems from the longstanding legal doctrine that asserts that the credibility of witnesses is best determined when they are forced to stand before the defendant when they make their assertions.

The cases argued Wednesday are being closely watched by children's rights advocates and more than a dozen states that have developed procedures to shield children from direct testimony.

In the Maryland case before the court, four youthful witnesses against day-care center owner Sandra Craig were allowed to testify in a room separate from the courtroom. Their testimony was viewed in the courtroom by the defendant, judge and jury over closed-circuit television.

In the Idaho case, a pediatrician reported the testimony of a 2-year-old girl at the child abuse trial of the girl's mother, Laura Lee Wright.

Courts in both states threw out the convictions on the grounds they vio-

lated the confrontation requirement.

"Absent these procedures, we will have no witnesses available. We will have no evidence. We will have no case," Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Jr. said. He said social workers testified in the Craig case that the children would suffer severe trauma and would be unable to testify if they had to face Craig.

The lower court "made it almost impossible" to prosecute child abuse cases, Idaho Attorney General James Jones, argued.

But several justices, liberal and conservative, said the severity of possible punishment of the defendants needed to be balanced against the trauma to children and needs of prosecutors.

"On the basis of the judgment of no more than one social worker, she could be sent to jail for 30 years?" an incredulous Justice Antonin Scalia asked. Justice Thurgood Marshall added sarcastically: "You talk about the trauma for the child. Fifteen years

in jail is also a bit of a trauma."

Justice Sandra O'Connor wondered aloud if exempting children from having to testify before their alleged abusers would set a precedent for other types of witnesses. "I suppose it's possible a rape victim or a victim of a Mafia-type crime would be so terrified, the same argument could be made."

Curran responded that the law has "always tended to support children and treat them differently."

Baltimore lawyer William Murphy, representing Craig, assailed the prosecution of his client without allowing her to confront her accusers. With direct confrontation, "there could be a recantation," Murphy said. "The child could come into the court and jump in (Craig's) lap or say, 'Mrs. Craig, I know you didn't do this.'"

Rolf Kehne, representing the Idaho defendant Wright, said videotaping children's testimony — even outside the presence of the defendant — would be a more acceptable procedure.

Whoops!

Coroner misidentifies remains

USA TODAY Wire Service

SOUTH BUTLER, N.Y. — The county coroner admitted he misidentified the charred remains of a large pet rabbit as the body of a 1-year-old boy burned in a fire.

"I just want the guy out," Paul Rotondo, the infant's grandfather, said. "Knowing that John (the baby) lay there for five weeks because nobody did their job — that's the source of my anger."

The fire broke out in a mobile home Feb. 28 in this town east of Rochester, N.Y., killing the baby and his mother, Vickie Evans, 18. Her boyfriend and the baby's father, Gary Rotondo, 20, escaped.

When Rotondo returned to his burned-out home last week for the first time since the fire, he found the boy's body among the twisted metal debris and ashes. He believed the boy had been cremated with the mother.

Coroner Dr. C. Dupha Reeves, 80, said he did not go to the fire scene nor did he perform an autopsy or attempt to identify the remains by using medical or dental records or fingerprints.

No matter what technique he could have used, he said, it was impossible to make an accurate identification.

"There was no way," Reeves said, who's been in the elected post 26 years. "There was nothing left of them."

The child's grandfather is calling for Reeves to lose his job.

"I don't know what they can do to me. I'm an elected official," he said. "They'd have a difficult time getting rid of me. I wouldn't mind giving up the job, but no one else wants it."

Reeves said he declared the mother and child dead in a telephone conversation with state police after hearing a description of the fire scene.

State police Investigator Richard

Daly, who was in charge of the scene, said the remains of Vicki Evans were "recognizable" but there were questions about the identity of the other remains.

"It was the body of something," Reeves, a retired surgeon, said. "Because I was told a mother and child died in the fire, I assumed it was the body of the child. I misidentified it."

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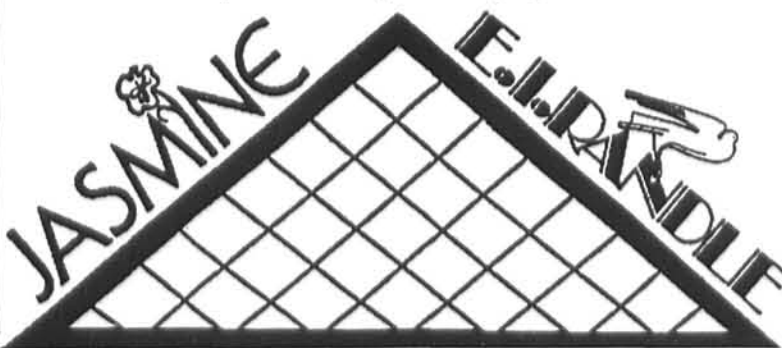
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Flames Feedback

Whew! I made it. What a year it's been

This is it. The last column as sports editor. The season finale. The sad farewell. What an unbelievable, unforgettable year it has been. As I thank God for finally relieving me of all the chaos for at least three months, at the same time, I wish I had the chance to do it over again.

In August I began the school year not having a clue of what to do or why I was in the position I was in. In the first official **Champion** meeting, the only thing I could do was to say, "Does anyone want to write sports for me?" Three guys (Jeff Cota, Marvin Hamlett and Dave Dentel) I had never seen in my life responded, and we've been a team ever since.

As a person, I'm not a typical stress monster, but I was truly scared when the year started; I had never known true responsibility until the **Champion** sports page became a vital part of my life.

So here I am: big ideas and dreams, no experience, questionable desire. First assignment: former Cleveland Browns coach Sam Rutigliano and the Liberty football team. Imagine what it was like to go in Rutigliano's office for the first time and try to conduct a professional interview with one of the coolest, smoothest cats in the country. Rutigliano is a lot like Dr. Falwell: both have the ability to sell a fire alarm to a deaf guy.

When the opener against Edinboro arrived, I had a seat in the press box with several writers and broadcasters from the city and state. During the Flames 51-26 Liberty win, I was slapping high fives with the yearbook sports editor Paul Jimenez and cheering in the press box like your average Liberty fan.

Later in the week, Liberty Sports Information Director Mitch Goodman informed me that NCAA rules prohibit members of the press from cheering in the press boxes and another rowdy display like that would earn me a spot in the LU cheering section. I never cheered in the press box again, but it was one of the hardest restrictions I had to endure.

In October the highlight of my year as sports editor came on a hot summer-like night in Ypsilanti, Mich., when, with 11 seconds left in the game, Flames' tight end Eric Green somehow snared a deflected pass for a touchdown that stunned previously undefeated Division I Eastern Michigan 25-24.

Wearing my gray Liberty University sweatshirt proudly, I sprinted down 60 rows of steps in Rynearson Stadium just to hear the team sing "Victory in Jesus." I was a Liberty student, and for the first time I was genuinely proud of it. It's amazing what a football game can do for you.

In the locker room after the game, I sat down with Green to ask him about the TD catch, and the first thing he said to me was, "Are you the guy who said we were gonna lose?" I wanted to deny it, but I deserved a taste of humility. Predictions are dangerous, I learned. The show, however, continued.

Later on that night, I got a chance to talk to **Sports Illustrated** writer Leigh Montville about Liberty and its undefeated football team. Montville was not only impressed with the team, he was in awe of Liberty University itself. Montville seemed like a very quiet, soft-spoken man, and it gave me assurance that you don't have to be a loud-mouth, opinionated stat machine to make it to the big time in sports writing.

Winter came, and I met a coach named Jeff Meyer who quickly gave me the impression that his program was in search of some positive publicity, and I was the man for the job.

In a season marked by injuries and tough last-minute defeats, Meyer maintained his class and was helpful throughout. And lo and

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So Close!

UNC-Greensboro triumphs, tennis team falls one short of record-breaker

By MARVIN HAMLETT
Sports Editor

Liberty tennis team's 12-game winning streak ended in its final match last Friday when they lost at home to the University of North Carolina-Greensboro 5-4. The 12-game winning streak, however, tied a school record for the most consecutive wins for any athletic team.

"At this point they're the best we have," Chancellor Jerry Falwell said of this year's tennis team which finished the season 17-5.

Liberty, which played four games in five days last week, appeared to be headed for its 13th straight win after winning two of three doubles matches. Liberty was trying to avenge an 8-1 loss to UNC-G from last fall. Freshmen Eddie Bongart and Andre Patton got LU on the right track by winning 6-4, 7-5.

"We did a lot of hustling, and the winning streak kept us motivated," Patton said. The combination of Kris Gouin and Dave Scoggin also won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Gouin ended the match with a backward overhead smash from behind the baseline. Scoggin credited their win on the intensity of both the crowd and their team play. He also said he prayed throughout the match.

Sixth year coach Carl Diemer said, "Eddie and Andre played as good as they've ever played, and Kris and Dave played the best doubles match of their lives." Only the team of Dan Balasic and Scott Binion lost 2-6, 2-6 as LU took a

2-1 lead going into the singles matches.

Balasic, seeded fifth, then lost 1-6, 3-6. His loss was followed by a 0-6, 2-6 defeat of No. 2 seed Patton. Patton finished the season 18-4, and UNC-G suddenly had a 3-2 lead.

Binion, who is the team's sixth seed and only senior, then tied the match when he won 7-5, 6-2. "I just asserted myself offensively," Binion said. "Usually I play a defensive game, but I decided that this was the last match of my collegiate career, and I was going to play my game."

Bongart, the No. 1 seed, then won 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, in a dramatic come-from-behind win. Bongart used a perfect topspin lob winner in the third set to go ahead 5-3. "After that (topspin lob), I was confident I would win," Bongart said. The win, which raised Bongart's final record to 21-1, put LU up 4-3 with two matches remaining.

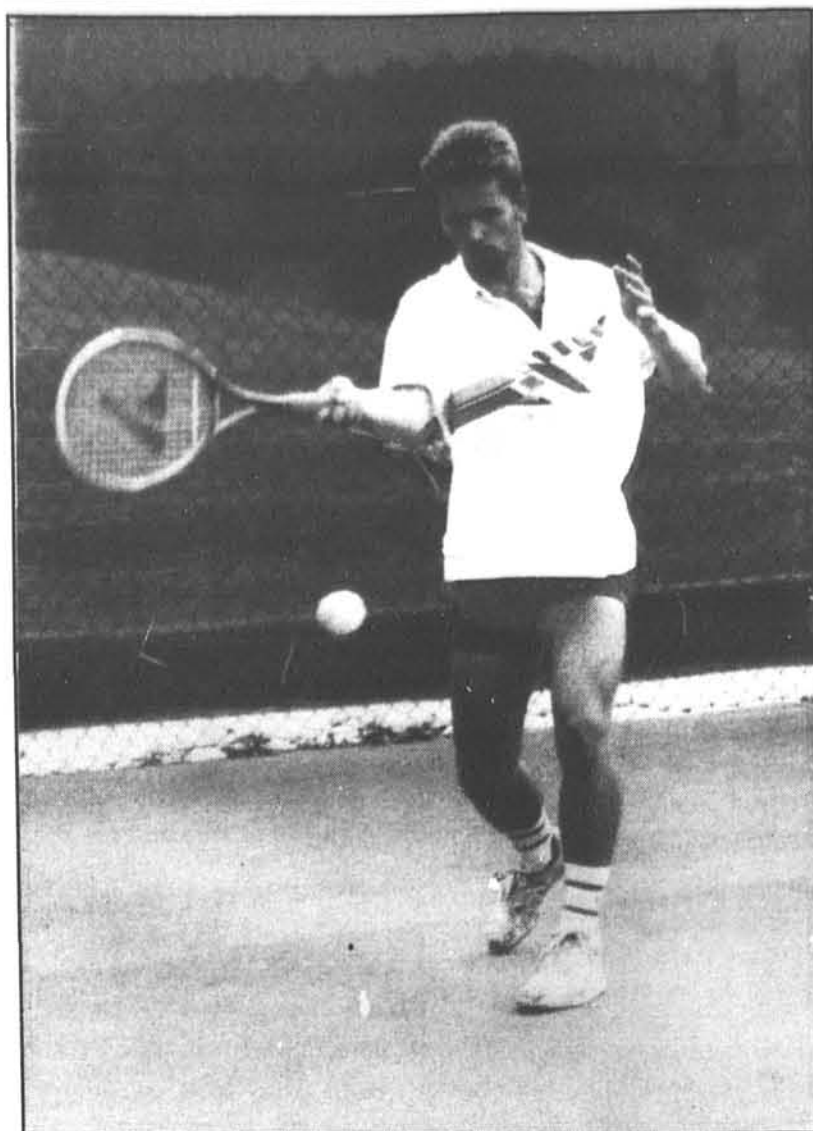
But the dream fell short as Gouin and Scoggin both lost the final two matches. Gouin, the third seed, lost 2-6, 0-6, while fourth seeded Scoggin lost 1-6, 4-6.

"That's a fine a match as I've ever seen," Diemer said despite the 5-4 defeat. "I'm not disappointed with anyone."

With 12 straight wins, Liberty tied a mark set by the 1985 men's soccer team which went 14-2-3.

Patton said, "Tying the record was great, especially

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Freshman Andre Patton displays the perfect forehand in his singles match against UNC-Greensboro. Patton lost the match but finished the season 18-4. The Flames went on to lose the match to UNC-G 5-4, snapping a record-tying 12-game winning streak.

photo by Fran Gorr

LU falls to 18-15:

JMU bats revive, wallop Flames 9-4

By JEFFREY A. COTA
Asst. Sports Editor

The James Madison University baseball team avenged its earlier loss to Liberty and Lance Price, pounding out 11 hits enroute to a 9-4 victory over the Flames at Mauck Stadium in Harrisonburg Saturday afternoon.

The Dukes roughed Price (6-3) up in the fifth inning, tagging the senior for four runs. Price experienced control problems in his last three innings of work, giving up six of his eight walks in those innings.

After walking Kevin Sisk and Whit Babcock, Brian Morabito singled in Sisk from second base to push the JMU lead to 5-2. Rob Mummau doubled to send Babcock and Morabito home, and Price to the showers.

Tim Collins relieved Price; and after allowing Dwight Rowe to line a 1-2 double, he struckout Pat Kelley to retire the side.

In the top of the second the Flames claimed their mark on the scoreboard when Chris Robbins walked and John McClintock singled. Doug Brady tied the score at two with a two run single off JMU starter Hugh Broomall (4-1).

Then in the LU half of the sixth inning, McClintock and Phil Kulp pulled off a double steal to move up to third and second respectively. Sheldon Bream hit a sacrifice fly to left to score McClintock and pulled the Flames (18-14) closer; 8-3. Centerfielder Todd Samples hit a grounder to second, forcing Brady out and scoring Kulp to round out the Flames' scoring.

Back in the bottom half of the third inning, Rowe singled and scored when Sisk delivered an RBI single after Price threw Mummau out on a called third strike. Price gave up a walk to junior Jeff Petrucilli and hit Babcock to load the bases with two outs. Morabito slapped a grounder to first baseman Todd Swisher, who took it in unassisted to keep the

Flames from further damage in the inning.

Sisk added a homer off Collins in the bottom half of the sixth to round out the Dukes' (19-16) scoring.

On Thursday the Flames scored all of its six runs in the third inning, behind a McClintock grand slam and a complete game performance from the Flames' ace Frank Speck to give Liberty a 6-5 victory over Old Dominion at Bud Metheny Stadium in Norfolk.

Brady started things rolling for the Flames in the top half of the third when he singled and moved to second and third on errors by the pitcher and shortstop. Mike Krieder walked and

moved on to second on a passed ball that also scored Brady to tie the score at one.

Cary McKay lined the first pitch for a single, sending Jamey Mason to second after he walked to load the bases for Robbins.

Kreider scored when Robbins took first on a walk. McClintock cleared the bases when he hit his third home run of the year to extend the Flames' lead 6-1.

Speck (7-3) raised his team high strikeout margin up to 72 after retiring six Monarchs on the day. Old Dominion's record fell to 28-11 on the season.

On Tuesday the Flames won a



Flames rightfielder Phil Kulp lays into a pitch during a game at Worthington Field. Kulp is currently batting .296 for the 18-15 Flames.

photo by Jeff Cota

high scoring game 12-8 over VMI at Worthington Field behind the bats of Samples, Mason and Robbins.

Samples (2-for-4) drove in three runs while Mason and Robbins each had three hits to lead Liberty.

Paul Johnson picked up his first victory against three losses on the season in two and two-thirds innings of work. Johnson struck out one, walked one and gave up two runs.

Hole in one!

Ace climaxes weekend

By DAVE DENTEL
Champion Reporter

A hole-in-one highlighted a strong performance by golf team captain Todd Casabella as he led the Flames to respectable finishes against tough competition in consecutive weekend tournaments.

Casabella aced the 12th hole at the Iron Duke Classic, held in Durham, N.C., April 13-15, earning him the honor of being the tourney's second round low-scorer with a stroke tally of 70, two below par. The round led to an eventual 54-hole total of 230 for Casabella, the LU team low score for the tournament.

The performance placed Casabella as the Flames consistent low scorer because during the previous week he shot a 54-hole total of 238 strokes at the L.D. Smalls Invitational Tournament, hosted by Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. Following closely behind Casabella at the L.D. Smalls tourney was LU freshman Kelly Chamberlain, shooting a three-round total of 239.

As a team, however, the Flames fared less than impressively at the two tournaments. At L.D. Smalls, LU placed 12th out of 14 teams, which included tournament champions Virginia Tech. At the Iron Duke Classic where the competition included six nationally ranked golf teams, the Flames finished 22nd out of a field of 24.

"Overall, we didn't do too badly," Flames head coach Mike Hall said.

"We lost to (the University of) Iowa by one stroke and (the University of) Iowa by seven strokes. I'm not disappointed since I played three freshmen at Duke."

However, he added, one especially frustrating fact was that Flames top performer, Chris Turner, was forced to return home after becoming ill during the practice rounds.

Had Turner been able to compete, Hall said, "we would've beaten eight teams. That really hurt us."

Hall, though, recognized Casabella's achievement at the Duke tourney. The sophomore's hole-in-one was the first ever since Hall signed on as head golf coach at LU.

Casabella, commenting on the feat, simply stated, "It was fun." His ace of the 137-yard, par-three, 12th hole immediately put him at four below par.

"It was exciting; I got pumped up," Casabella said. However, he added, it would have been better if the hole-in-one had come at the 18th hole.

Occurring when it did, "it threw me off," he explained. Consequently, he bogied two of the remaining six holes to account for his score of 70 on the day. Casabella refused to be disappointed because the score was still his personal best.

Hall announced the signing of golfer Dale Tyre of Tallahassee, Tenn., as an incoming freshman for the fall of 1990. "I expect him to make an immediate impact next year," Hall said.

Jeremiah shines in Blue-White game

By MARVIN HAMLETT
Sports Editor

Offense dominated last Saturday's Blue-White scrimmage game as five touchdowns were scored in Liberty's annual spring football game.

The game consisted of LU's offense against its defense with each drive starting on the 35-yard-line. Attempts of punts or extra point conversions were not allowed.

The game, which featured 79 plays of offense, quickly became an aerial show with all five touchdowns coming on passes, despite a rainy day at Willard May Stadium.

David Jeremiah had three of the

five TD passes, including two to Scott Queen and one to David Beezer, before finishing with 288 yards on 15-26 passing. "After I settled down I was pleased with the way I played, but I should never be satisfied," Jeremiah said.

Beezer, a sophomore transfer from Pacific Lutheran University, began the assault with a 65-yard touchdown reception from Jeremiah.

"It was a post over the middle, but I worked my man to the inside and turned back to the flat," the 6-2, 190-pound wide receiver said. "It was a great read by the quarterback. As soon as I turned, the ball was on the way."

Jeremiah then connected with Queen on TD passes of 65 and 28 yards. Queen led all receivers with team high 128 yards on four receptions. "On the 65-yarder, Scott ran an end route, but he cut back out," Jeremiah said. "I read it, and not many people are going to catch Scott from behind."

Another transfer, 6-2, 210 pound sophomore tightend T.J. McCreight, got into the act, capping a 12-play, 65-yard drive with a 15-yard TD reception from sophomore quarterback Travis Wilemon. "It was supposed to be a flag, but I converted it into an out pattern. Travis read it all the way," the Pitt transfer said.

McCreight also finished with a team high six receptions for 81 yards.

Wilemon then found Mark Thomas from 32 yards out for the Flames fifth and final touchdown.

Starting quarterback Robbie Justino played sparingly, completing five of 11 passes for 45 yards. But the Flames still accounted for a total of 492 yards, 442 through the air.

Wayne Monroe had 13 tackles, while Shelton Lewis had 11 plus an interception.

Sports information director Mitch Goodman said that \$450 was raised during the charity scrimmage. The money was donated to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.

Offense scores 30 points

SCORING SUMMARY

Beezer 65 pass from Jeremiah
Queen 65 pass from Jeremiah
Queen 28 pass from Jeremiah
McCreight 15 pass from Wilemon
Thomas 32 from Wilemon

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cherry 8-38, Vinson 3-25, Shelton 7-21, Mintz 5-6, Armour 1-4, Kinard 3-1.

PASSING—Jeremiah 15-27-1 for 288, Wilemon 9-12-0 for 109, Justino 5-11-0 for 45

RECEIVING—Queen 4-128, Beezer 5-93, Thomas 1-32, Mintz 3-28, Shelton 2-28, Colangelo 3-24, Armour 1-9, Nelson 1-7, Kinard 2-0.

Blame it on the rain! Rain plagues track team ... again

By TIM SEARS
Champion Reporter

Brent Squires, an 800 meter runner, had the following reaction after being drenched in the downpour at the JMU Invitational, Saturday: "God said in the end times it would start to rain constantly. Well then the track team better start building an ark."

The Flames have had only one meet all year in which it did not rain. Although the scenario was the same last Saturday at the JMU Invitational as it has been all season long, certain individuals battled with the rain and came out winners.

The winners were Johnny Prettyman, Jeff McCarter, Ray McClanahan, Chad Englekes, Steve Hurst and Scott Pooch.

"Prettyman had an excellent day. Prettyman is talented in many things, music and track," teammate Ray McClanahan said. Prettyman's athletic prowess was on full display as

he finished second in the 400 meters (a quarter of a mile) in 48.1, placing second overall against competition that included Connecticut, William and Mary and VMI.

The other talent McClanahan referred to was Prettyman's singing ability. Next year Prettyman might have to decide between an athletic or music scholarship.

Not only does Prettyman have dual talents, his track performance was doubly good. Prettyman also ran the 200 meters in 22 seconds flat. He was as surprised as anyone of his accomplishments. "No, I didn't expect to run so good," he said. "Especially since I jammed my knee in practice last week. I just have to say, 'Well, thank you, God.'"

For Jeff McCarter the meet was a peak. McCarter set a personal record in the pole vault by clearing 14 feet 6 inches. His career best was enough to give him first place overall in the pole vault.

"McClanahan had an excellent double in the 800 and the 1500," fellow running mate Damien Bates said. The ever-reliable senior proved his durability by placing fourth in the 1500 meter (just under 1 mile) with a time of 3:55.3. His 800-meter time of 1:54 was also very respectable.

Teammate Brent Squires said, "His 800-meter is a good time, but it is even better considering he ran that after finishing so high in the 1500."

Another standout performance came from freshman Chad Englekes. Teammate Damien Bates was very impressed with Chad's last lap kick, showing his determination and skill. Bates said, "Englekes performance was one of the meet's best. Englekes finished the 1500 in 4:03.2."

The Flames' only first place finish in the running events belonged to Steve Hurst, who won the 3000 meter steeple chase in 9:55.7 seconds.

Scott Pooch had the best 800 time among the four teammates who competed in the half-mile race. Pooch

finished in 1:53.6.

Many others fared well during the drenching. In the sprints Todd Pettyjohn finished the 110 meter hurdles in 15.8 seconds, and Gerald Mosley finished fourth overall in the 100 meter dash.

In the middle distances Robert Udugba, recruited from Nigeria, finished right behind Prettyman in the 400, placing third with a 48.7 second time. Paul Hackworth (49 flat) and Brett Lawler (49.4) broke the 50 second barrier.

Other times in the 800 were Brett Honeycutt 1:55.4 and Brent Squires 1:57.8.

In the 1500, placing behind McClanahan, were Damien Bates (4:01.2), Kirk Holloway (4:02.8) and Doug Wickert (4:10).

In the 3000 meter distance events, Mike Shupe finished with a 8:44.9, and Stuart Gay was clocked at 9:45.

Hopefully the bad weather trend will change this weekend at the competitive Penn Relays.



John Kurtz led the LU men's club volleyball team to a three games to one victory over Lynchburg College on Thursday in Liberty Gym.
photo by Jeff Cota

Tennis

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during my freshman year."

Bongart replied, "Next year our goal will be to break the record."

Liberty tied the 12-game winning streak Thursday in Farmville with its second 9-0 shutout over Longwood this season.

Bongart won 6-0, 6-0, and Patton won also won 6-0, 6-0. Gouin won 6-3, 6-2, and Scoggin won 6-1, 6-0. Balasic won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and Binion won 6-1, 6-3.

Sophomore Bobby Carlsen also won an exhibition match for the Flames 6-0, 6-0. In doubles competition Bongart and Patton combined for a 6-1, 6-1 win, and the team of Gouin and Scoggin won 6-4, 6-0. Balasic and Binion also teamed up for a 7-5, 6-1 win.

Last Tuesday the Flames hosted Mary Washington and came away with a 6-3 win. Once again, Bongart and Patton led the assault. Bongart won 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 over MWC's Phil Karasik.

After the match Karasik commented on Bongart's near-flawless record. "Even if Bongart was playing the top No. 1 seeds in college, he'd still have a winning record," Karasik said.

Patton won 6-4, 6-1; Gouin won 7-6, 6-1, and Scoggin won 6-1, 6-3. Balasic lost 4-6, 4-6, and Binion lost 6-1, 4-6, 0-6. The two, however, then teamed up in doubles for a 6-2, 6-2 win. Bongart and Patton won 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, while Gouin and Scoggin won 7-6, 7-5.

The Flames began the week Monday with a 9-0 over Roanoke. The singles matches were as follows: Bongart, 6-3, 6-2; Patton, 6-4, 6-3; Gouin, 6-1, 6-1; Scoggin, 6-3, 6-1; Balasic, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; and Binion, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

The doubles competitions resulted in the following: Bongart and Patton, 7-5, 6-3. Gouin and Scoggin, 7-5, 6-0; Balasic and Binion, 8-0 in a pro set.



Green becomes seventh LU football player to be drafted

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2. Richard Shelton (1989) Defensive back Denver Broncos
3. Kelvin Edwards (1986) Wide receiver New Orleans Saints
4. Fred Banks (1985) Wide receiver Cleveland Browns
5. Jeff Brown (1983) Defensive back Washington Federals (USFL)
6. Mike Forslund (1983) Quarterback Washington Federals (USFL)
7. Steve Kearnes (1980) Tightend British Columbia Lions (CFL)

Women "slosh" past competition

By SUZANNE DUNCAN
Champion Reporter

Seconds before the start of the women's 5000 meter run, a gray wave of driving rain ambushed the stadium, sending athletes, officials and spectators running for cover.

"The people cleared the track faster than they had run their races," 5000 meter runner Theresa Duncan said. "I looked down and I looked up and they were gone."

However, despite the weather, the gun went off, and the runners splashed and sloshed through the 3.1 mile race. Lady Flames, Theresa Duncan and Jennifer Reeder, competed in the 5K, later joking about the conditions. "I felt like I was in the 5000 meter freestyle," Reeder said.

"We swam through the 5000," Duncan, who finished second at 19:36 said. "We needed something to make it more fun, some variety."

Reeder, who placed fourth at 20:25 had problems of her own. "The rain was so hard, it cut you,"

she said. "I couldn't see the whole first mile because my contacts were falling out."

"I bet they (Duncan and Reeder) know what Noah felt like," teammate Urlene Dick said.

Caroline Andrew saw the downpour from a different perspective as manager. "Try writing on a wet piece of paper with a wet lead pencil," she said, adding, "I've never seen anyone hydroplane while they're running."

The 5000 meter was one of the final events of the day, and the only one plagued by rain. However, pre-precipitation performances were some of the best of the season.

In the 1500 meter, Dick ran a 4:50, eight seconds faster than her previous personal record (PR). "I just went out with them (the other runners) and hung with them as long as I could," she said.

Dick later ran the 800 meter, crossing the finish line in 2:25. "Urlene came back very well in the 800," coach Ron Hopkins said.

Patu Bottiglieri posted a PR of

10:36 in the 3000 meter run, placing fourth. "Patti ran very well," Hopkins said.

Shelley Worthy ran her first collegiate 400 meter, finishing with a time of 59.62. "It's a tremendous situation," Hopkins said. "She's come a long way in a short period of time."

Susan Fauber's throw of 31'8 1/4" was a PR in the shot put, and Alyson Ayers hurled the javelin 119'3" with conditions Hopkins called, "sloppy as the dickens."

In the 400 meter low hurdles, Leeann Haylett placed fourth with a time of 66.10. "She's starting to come along," Hopkins said.

Overall, Hopkins described the meet this way: "We had some bright spots."

This Thursday the 4 X 400 and 4 X 800 meter relays will race at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, the most competitive relay carnival on the east coast.

One week later, the team will reunite for the last time at the Mason-Dixon Conference Meet in Emmitsburg, Md.

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It was the battle of egos, a match fitting a group of egotistical, opinionated print journalists versus a group of loud-mouthed, brash disc jockeys and television hopefuls. Yes, it was the annual battle on the softball diamond between the **Liberty Champion** and WLBURadio/TV at Peaksview Park last Saturday.

The playing field was wet but playable when the contest began. Heavy rain showers during the game, however, turned the playing field into a muddy pig pen.

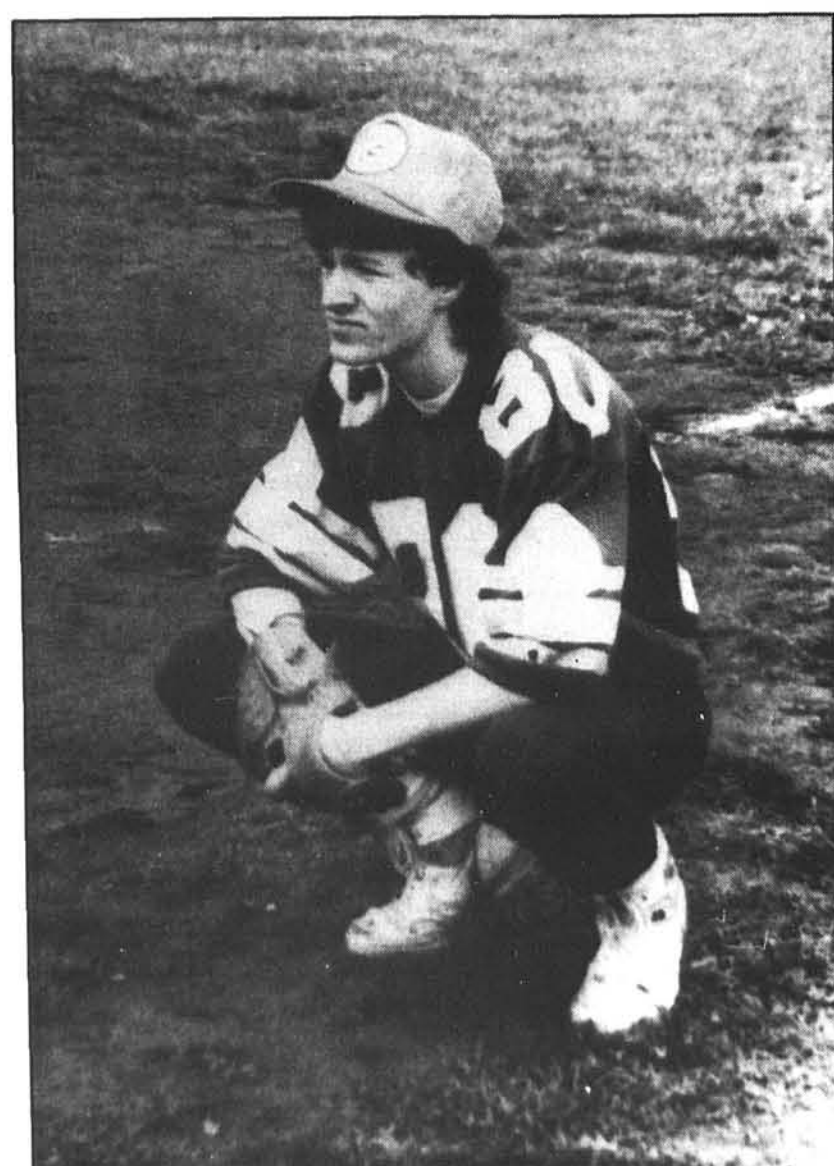
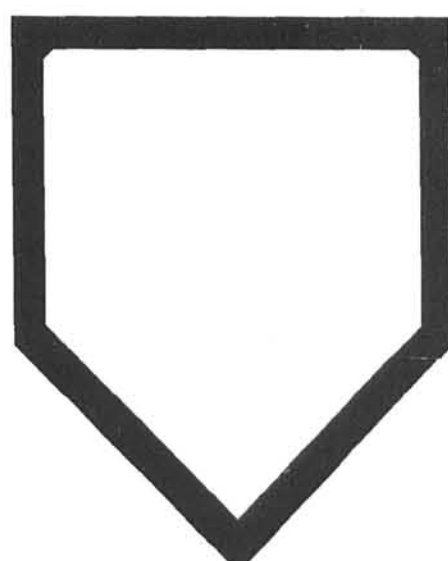
WLBUR scored eight runs in the top of the third inning to take a 11-3 lead and then held off a ferocious **Champion** rally for a 13-12 win. But who cares about the outcome, right?



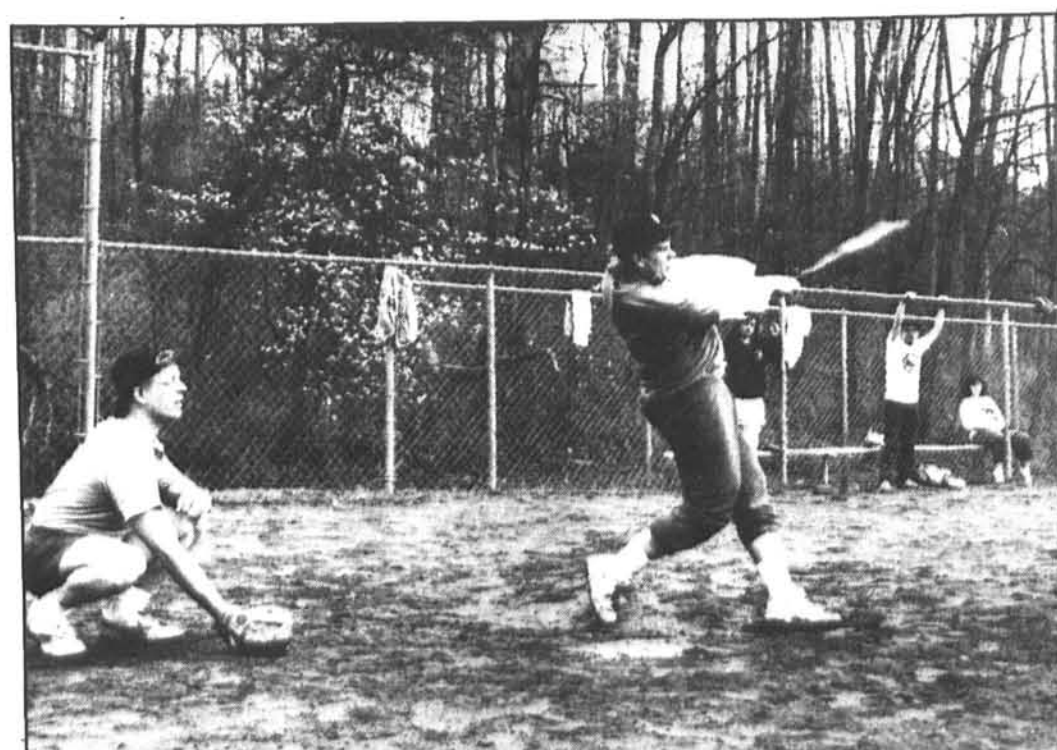
New Champion Editor, Kevin Bloye pitches in a Champion vs. WLBUR game.



WLBUR's Mike Strycker



Champion's Jeff Cota coaches on first.



WLBUR catcher, Chris Falwell and Champion's Kevin Bloye.

Final Score:	
Champion	12
WLBUR	13