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The Champion

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photo by Carlos Silva

Paul O'Donnell's battered aircraft sits in LU's town student parking lot by the new cafeteria after making an emergency crash landing during Spring break.

Plane crashes on LU campus

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor

Brady Bunnell and his baseball coach never thought fielding ground balls could be dangerous; however, it proved just that as a student pilot made an emergency crash landing, hitting Bunnell's parked car in the town student parking lot on the LU campus March 12. There were no injuries.

According to Sgt. M.E. Harris of the Virginia State Police, William O'Donnell, 49, of Virginia Beach was making a cross-country run to earn full pilot certification when his aircraft ran out of gas en route to the Lynchburg Regional Airport.

O'Donnell floated over Al Worthington Baseball Field as Bunnell, a sophomore at Lynchburg Christian Academy, and Ronny McGuire, his coach, practiced.

"He (McGuire) told me to get out of the way. It came about 10 to 15 feet away from me," Bunnell explained.

"I was shocked. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It's like seeing snow in the desert or something."

O'Donnell glided under a power line, approximately 20 feet above the ground, and clipped two trees before hitting Bunnell's 1986 Oldsmobile, causing \$1,400 in damages.

"He went over the top of the trees and clipped about a foot off of one and a pretty good amount off another," Bunnell described. "It (the car) did a 180 (after impact) and he landed 20 yards from there."

O'Donnell's original plan, according to Harris, was to fly from Virginia Beach to the Rocky Mountain airport, in order to perform a touch-and-go landing, and then travel to Farmville to refuel the aircraft and return to Virginia Beach.

"He became lost in the Lynchburg area and was running out of fuel," Harris reported. "He hit the top of the vehicle and came to rest, approximately 50 yards from the cafeteria."

School Board is pressured to raise salaries

By GRACIE COWELL

City News Editor

"What is the future of Lynchburg's children worth to you?" Lynchburg Education Association representative Al Spencer asked the Lynchburg School Board members during their bi-monthly meeting March 17.

Members of the board listened to a 20-minute presentation given by Spencer, along with LEA colleague Lanny Lambdin, in which pressure was put on the board to push for a raise in teacher salaries and health benefits for the upcoming year.

"The quality of education depends on the quality of personnel," Spencer

said. Currently, Lynchburg school teachers are paid on salary levels that increase only every year and a half. According to Spencer and Lambdin, this system is not adequate to obtain high quality teachers and meet educational standards.

The team asked members of the board to consider a plan that would reduce class size, lessen teacher load and help heal a "fractured curriculum."

The model for the new plan consists of 10 salary steps raising salaries at a more even and consistent rate. The top step would be reachable within 10 years in comparison to the 28 years

it takes presently to reach the highest rung.

"Everyone agrees that the education our children receive is the most important issue in Lynchburg," Lambdin said. "They deserve to get what is best, not what is left."

William Long, chairman of the board, issued his support to teachers promising to "provide maximum increases this year with the resources available."

The board also approved the redistricting plan set to affect more than 100 children attending Linkhome, Bedford Hills and Paul Munroe elementary schools before the 1992-93

session begins in August.

Several considerations in which exceptions will be rendered will be in the cases of rising 5th graders, who will have the option to remain in the school of their choice to finish the year.

Parents will also have an opportunity to petition the board for zoning reassignment caused by day care needs and health situations.

The teacher-to-student ratio will be at the ideal 23.5 students per teacher at all elementary schools in Lynchburg when the redistricting procedures are finished.

The numbers of students in particu-

lar schools has fluctuated so rapidly that school officials have had trouble planning for next year.

"The economy is what is giving us so much trouble predicting who will be in what classes next year," superintendent Dr. James T. McCormick said.

The redistricting plan will be implemented in two parts so that changes can be dealt with on a more personal basis.

The Lynchburg School board meets every first and third Tuesday of the month in the administration building. The public is invited to attend any of the sessions.

Goodlatte makes campaign stop on campus

By ABRAM PAFFORD

Champion Reporter

Bob Goodlatte, Republican candidate for Senate in the Sixth District, addressed a group of LU students and faculty during a March 19 campaign stop at the university.

Goodlatte answered questions on a variety of issues ranging from the economy to education to the death penalty.

Goodlatte stated that he believed that the economy is the number one issue on most voter's minds in this election year. He explained that the economic situation in the United States could be improved in several ways.

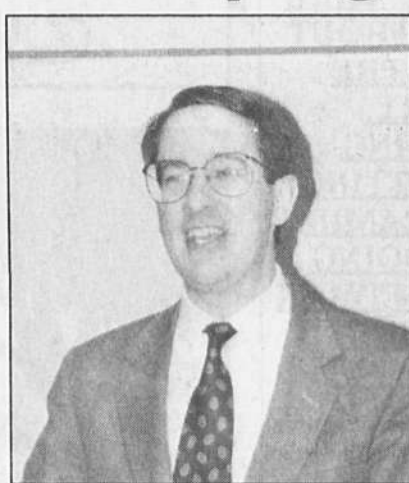
"We need to create the kinds of incentives that will encourage people to invest, to start new businesses and to expand their businesses," Goodlatte said.

Goodlatte cited his support of a

capital gains tax cut as one example of a pro-growth initiative that would create new jobs.

Goodlatte also spoke about the importance of education.

"We need to be sure that everyone in this country is properly prepared to deal with the changing economy in a global marketplace," he said. Goodlatte also said that he was in favor of offering tuition tax credits to parents who choose private schools, as long as such programs would be conducted at



Bob Goodlatte
Republican Senate candidate

the state and local levels.

"I'm very much in favor of decentralized government wherever possible," Goodlatte said.

When an audience member asked a question about capital punishment, Goodlatte said that he supported it.

"I am in favor of the death penalty. We need to let people know that if they take a life, they will face that ultimate penalty themselves," Goodlatte said.

In addressing the abortion issue, Goodlatte emphasized that he held a

pro-life view. "I am opposed to abortion except for in the cases of rape, incest, and danger to the life of the mother," Goodlatte said.

"I am especially opposed to federal funding of abortions, and I am in favor of most parental notification bills."

One audience member asked if he was in favor of term limitations, and Goodlatte responded that he favored them unless certain reforms could be made which would give challengers a better chance against incumbents.

According to Goodlatte, the current system has too many incumbency protection measures, including the privilege of free campaign mailings for Congressmen and that political action committee are allowed to have too much influence.

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Spring break missions trips keep the Son shining

By REBEKAH HURST

Champion Reporter

Editor's Note: Other ministry teams will be featured in next week's issue of The Champion.

Spring break, for most people, was a time to get away from college life, to get a tan and to visit family. However, many LU students participated in ministry trips to Clearwater Beach, Fla., Eastern Europe and Jamaica.

Fifty-nine LU students participated in a ministry group at Clearwater Beach. The students ministered on the beaches by using a college opinion survey. The survey was a confrontational method of bringing the gospel to the unsaved.

Over one thousand people were surveyed, and one hundred people made decisions for Christ.

Team member Tamilla Quiring witnessed to 25 people, one of whom made the decision to follow Christ.

"One thing that stands out is how easily you could begin a conversation



photo courtesy of YouthQuest

The CBA team gets people to compete in tug of war and uses it as a tool to draw a crowd to share the gospel.

through the survey. It starts out general at first, then it gets more personal. At the end it asks if they believe in a personal God, and, if not, would they like to know one. Then we would

introduce the tract," Quiring said.

George Canon, involved with the Center for Youth Ministry, also helped the ministry team. Canon said that the most exciting part of the trip was

meeting a man who had been saved through last year's ministry team, and was actively involved in a church.

"We had a great time," Quiring said. "They had the best people on the team. We really enjoyed each other's company, as well as spending time with the Lord."

Eight LU pastoral majors assisted by Lew Weider, Christian Community Service director, also visited the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks. They spoke with businessmen and the pastors from the church.

They also worked with facilities managers and building contractors. This gave the pastoral majors the opportunity to prepare for the day they will pastor a church or deal with organization within the church.

In addition to the Clearwater Beach ministry team, 20 LU students, pastors and laymen traveled to Eastern Europe.

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Wanted: The best and brightest

Preparing for the real world

By GRACIE COWELL

City News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the final story of a three-part series dealing with college graduates who are entering the job market.

Wouldn't it be nice to know what the interviewer wants before the grilling begins?

Well, "first impressions are lasting ones" may be an old adage, but it still has a bit of truth left in it when it comes down to meeting the student's potential employer. To be or not to be employed is ultimately their call.

The interview process is one that begins the minute one opens the company's front door, and success can depend on what seem to be trivial issues.

Personal appearance, punctuality and etiquette are some of the obvious areas being scrutinized.

"The most common gaffes I see are candidates who come dressed inappropriately — like women in pants or men in sports coats and slacks," Donna Craven, assistant director of college staffing at The Travelers Companies in Hartford, Conn., said.

A helpful way to avoid embarrassing clothing choices is to do some research on the company. Stake out the front door at lunch break and watch to see what seems to be appropriate dress.

However, the most important part of the hiring process is arriving on time for the interview. Being early is safe, but the student should be on time no matter if he has to appear in court next week for speeding and running a series of red lights. The

interviewer is extending a courtesy by agreeing to see the job seeker. He or she most likely has many other things they would rather be doing.

Although most graduating seniors prepare for their interviews by going out to buy a spiffy new suit and typing up resumes, those with the greatest edge have been working on their skills most of their lives — since they started saying "please" and "thank you."

According to Henry Brouwer, manager of corporate employment and college relations for Xerox International of Rochester, N.Y.: "A candidate with impressive social skills is one who will be remembered. And when measured against another candidate with equal qualifications on paper, it's the one with the best manners who will win."

Presenting oneself as a professional during the actual interview is the goal of the mission.

"Employers are looking for a sense of poise and confidence, that does not translate into arrogance," the fall 1991 issue of Career Futures reported.

When the employer grants the interview, look at it as an opportunity to get a foot hold in the door of the company. Many characteristics may be better expressed in a face-to-face conversation than on a sheet of paper. Remember, just as an interview can be a boost in the chance to be hired, it may also blow the student right back out the door.

Preparing for the big job search may seem to be overwhelming at

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USAir jet crashes, more than 20 dead

By ERIC MALNIC
and JOHN J. GOLDMAN

Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Wire

NEW YORK — A USAir commuter jet attempting to take off from La Guardia Airport in a heavy snowstorm cartwheeled down the runway, burst into flames and tumbled into Flushing Bay Sunday night. Police said at least 20 people were killed and dozens more were injured, many of them seriously.

Officials said the pilot of Flight 405, bound for Cleveland with 47 passengers and a crew of four, apparently sensed there was some kind of trouble as the plane accelerated down the runway and he tried to abort the takeoff.

Witnesses said the Fokker F-28-4000 twin-engine jet lifted off Runway 3 briefly, then settled back to earth, catching fire as it tumbled off the end of the runway. The front of the fuselage settled on its side in the shallow water of the bay.

Harbor patrol personnel with inflatable rafts and rescue teams with diving gear began pulling survivors from the water a few minutes after the crash, which occurred at 9:37 p.m. EST.

Several passengers and members of the crew were believed trapped in the wreckage, most of which came to rest above the surface of the water. Fire fighters cut through the tangled debris with power saws to reach some of those pinned in the aircraft.

Paramedics said many of those pulled from the plane had suffered serious burns. The dead were placed in body bags, stacked along the runway. Those still alive lay beside them on stretchers and gurneys. A Roman

Catholic priest from a nearby church walked amid the dead and dying, giving last rites.

Bill Kress, a spokesman for USAir in Arlington, Va., said the victims included "a mix of vacation travelers and business passengers."

Because of the continuing snowstorm, emergency helicopters had trouble reaching the scene, and fire and emergency vehicles were snarled in a massive traffic jam that developed quickly around the airport.

Officials said 21 of the less seriously injured survivors walked about a mile from the crash site to the Delta Airlines terminal, where some of them were given emergency treatment.

What might have caused the pilot to abort the takeoff was not immediately known. Early reports did not indicate whether the heavy snow was a factor in the crash.

Patrick Silver, who lives near the airport, told television reporters that he saw the plane rise a few feet, then drop back into the runway and flip over several times before tumbling in flames into the water.

"I heard a loud bang," he said. "I saw the flames and the whole airplane twisting and turning. It catapulted three or four times before it went into the water. ... It was a huge fireball."

Officials said flight 405 had originated in Jacksonville, Fla. The flight had been delayed two hours before it attempted take off on the final leg of the journey to Cleveland.

La Guardia was shut down immediately after the crash and inbound flights were diverted to other airports in the New York area.

Spring band tour promotes unity

By DAWN K. LOONEY

News Editor

The 45-member LU Concert Band toured during spring break, performing at several churches and public and Christian high schools from March 7 through March 15.

The tour was led by Raymond Locy, the Concert Band director, and the tour coordinator, Stephen Kerr, who is also the Marching Band director.

The band conducted its 10th annual tour in Statesville, N.C.; Charlotte, N.C.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Atlanta; Daytona, Fla.; and Tampa, Fla.

"The band has been as far north as Canada, as far south as Miami and as far west as Chicago and New Orleans. The band goes as far as you can go and still drive back in time for classes," Kerr said.

Although the band members spent most of their spring break performing, they also took time to visit Disney World, the Kennedy Space Center and the Biltmore Estate in Charlotte.

Kerr said: "It's a time to get away from everything that's bothering you and the pressures of college life. It's also an opportunity to spend quality time with members of the band. There's a bonding that takes place. Also, we've found that during the tour there is a surge of spiritual growth among the members."

The Concert Band's goal for the tour was to "perform musically excellent in a fashion that would be a good testimony," Kerr explained. "The individual student members of the Concert Band grew spiritually through the experience."

"The tour was very successful. I felt that the band members performed consistently well in every performance," Locy said.

The Concert Band is an audition group. The members must be able to perform music with a high level of difficulty.

Those who are selected pay an activity fee for the course, which includes the tour. In addition, the course tuition fee is waived.

"An individual who is interested in the band will not realize more costs compared to a regular course fee," Kerr explained.

Concert Band auditions follow the Marching Band season which ends in late November or early December. The Concert Band is particularly looking for clarinet players.

"The string section of the band determines how large the rest of the band will be. We invite any individuals, especially clarinet players, who are not currently in the band to get involved," Kerr said.

Anyone interested in auditioning for the Concert Band should see Locy in FA 102.

"Ninety-nine percent of the Concert Band consists of Marching Band members," Kerr said.

The Marching Band is not an audition group. Anyone who is interested in the band can register for the Marching Band as a regular course.

Kerr plans to "build up numbers in the Marching Band for next year. For more information about the Marching Band, see Kerr in FA 127 before the end of the semester.

City plans for women's correctional facility

By TIM PIERCE

Champion Reporter

Members of the Virginia Senate Finance Committee have proposed plans to build a 600-bed women's correctional facility in Lynchburg, a project that could provide more than 300 jobs in the community.

Negotiators from both the Senate and House Committees formulated a compromise budget that would allocate \$50,000 to study Lynchburg and \$50,000 to study Fluvanna County as possible sites and to determine the cost and manpower needed to build the facility.

"There are a lot of 'ifs' and there are no plans right now to build the correctional facility in Lynchburg, but with the \$50,000 in the budget the council is willing to listen," Lynchburg Vice-Mayor Patricia Lovern said.

The City Council passed a resolution supporting the proposal, stating that it would be a good economic move.

Lovern said that there are many positive aspects of having a correctional facility in Lynchburg, including starting salaries of \$30,000 for employees.

She also said that the project would provide opportunities for companies specializing in food service and counseling.

Some residents in Lynchburg objected to having the correctional facility in the area and have made their objections known to the council.

Lovern defended the proposed facility. "People are reacting to what they've seen all their lives in movies and on television. Women are different from men in that they rarely break out of jail. The council would not

approve something that would endanger the lives of the residents."

In addition, several private companies approached the General Assembly with

proposals that would allocate state funds for a privately run women's correctional facility in Virginia. The Assembly then hired a consultant to review the proposals and weigh the pros and cons of a private-run versus state-run facility.

After reviewing the findings, the Assembly rejected the proposals citing that the state could operate a cor-

rectional facility better and cheaper than a private company.

Lovern said that the positive aspect of a privately run facility is that it would take care of all the expenses including electricity, heating and medical expenses for the inmates. A privately-run facility would also have to pay taxes and the state would not.

Presently, the General Assembly is awaiting a report from the study group to determine the aspects of building the facility in either Lynchburg or Fluvanna County. The report will be given in early December.

—Spring break

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During this ministry trip, over 33,000 New Testaments, Gospels of Mark and gospel tracts were distributed. Twenty-five evangelistic meetings were held and an estimated 226 professions of faith were made.

Wes Tuttle, LIGHT Ministries director, said that a 50-year-old man came forward with an interpreter. The man told of his fighting in the Vietnam War against Americans, and asked Tuttle to forgive him.

"I forgave him and asked him to

forgive Americans too. I told him, 'We are brothers now. The past is over, and you are forgiven.' We forgave as Christians and then we embraced," Tuttle said.

A final group, led by Dane Emerick, dean of men, took a group of 10 students to Jamaica. The team ministered through puppets, drama, preaching and testimonies. The Jamaicans encouraged the team to sing and, as a result, that also became a part of the ministry.

The team also ministered to an entire fishing village, who were so excited that they threw a feast for them.

They also ministered to public schools where they were greatly welcomed and received. A number of students were led to the Lord, according to Emerick.

After bringing the gospel to the schools, the team helped rebuild many of the desks and blackboards in need of repair. They also played games with the children and witnessed out-

side of the service. Over 100 students accepted the Lord.

During the ministry trip, the owner of a bar closed his bar and gave his lights and electricity to the group to use in the service that evening.

"Because the places were so primitive, it was a great blessing for this man to let us use his lights. The whole town showed up in the town square, and there were decisions made everywhere," Emerick said.

As the group left that night, many Jamaicans cried and begged them to stay because of the powerful impact they had made in the name of Jesus.

—Goodlatte

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In discussing the best way to limit federal spending and reduce the national debt, Goodlatte said that he feels it is important to give the president the power of the line-item veto, which would allow the president to eliminate wasteful spending without having to veto entire bills. According to Goodlatte, the majority of Republicans in Congress favor the line-item veto, while most of the Demo-

crats in Congress oppose it.

"The Democrats who control Congress dislike it because they are afraid that it will take away their ability to enact pork barrel legislation," Goodlatte said.

When asked about the question of gun control, Goodlatte said that he supported the right to bear arms and that he would oppose most gun control legislation.

An audience member later asked Goodlatte why he wanted to become a part of Congress.

"I have been interested in politics for all my life, and I see that there are changes that need to be made," he said. "I am not under the illusion that these changes can be made quickly, but I know that we have to send people to fight for them and to try and do some good."

—Job market

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times, LU graduate Marc Carlson said that in response to the 75 resumes he sent out, approximately 10 percent were acknowledged.

"You have to take the initiative," he said. "You can't sit and wait for them to come beg you to work for them, because it won't happen."

Compiling lists of companies in which the student is interested is a logical place to start. Norman Sanders, managing director of the executive search firm the Norman Sanders Association, said the student should think about the person who will be wading through the endless stacks of resumes that companies receive regularly.

"Research to whom you're sending your resume and tailor it to suit," he added.

What kind of position can a new graduate expect to find? Career Futures reported that there is a way to break into the particularly tough fields that require experience.

It may not seem glamorous or fulfill the dream to become an instant millionaire, but there is a way to show the employer that the student is truly serious. The student should suggest that he will work for nothing! More and more placement centers are encouraging students to take this approach instead of enduring the torment of repeated rejections.

Most employers are not looking to take advantage of young people by actually letting them work for no pay, but on the other hand, they cannot risk

hiring someone with no experience. By offering to give them time, the student will be telling the employer that he or she is aggressive and not afraid of the challenge.

The odds are against the student who believes he or she will be recruited for a dream career. It just might be that one will have to begin

on the bottom rung in a field not previously considered.

This three-part series has dealt with ways in which students can feel more prepared about taking the step out into the working world. As graduation approaches, seniors should also start asking for directions to the LU Career Center!

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Spring Calendar

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Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade April 3 - April 4
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On Campus!

SGA Chapel Speakers:
March 30 Johnny Hunt
•Pastor in Woodstock, Ga.

Sports Management:
Thursday, March 26,
Kathleen Hessert, a sports media consultant to sports stars and founder of Communications Concepts, Inc., will be speaking to students on dealing with the sports media. For more information for the time and the location, contact Dr. Dale Gibson in the LU sports management department at ext. 2330.

Truth in Concert:

Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 in the Multi-Purpose Center. TRUTH is a musical entourage of 22 people from across the U.S. Admission is free.

LU - LC Olympics:

April 11, some of the most outrageous games you've ever played in your life. Limited number of slots available for fivepeople teams. Entry fee is \$10 per team.

Special Activities!

Poetry Contest:

The National Library of Poetry has announced it will be awarding \$12,000 in prizes to over 250 winning contestants. Entry deadline is March 31. For more information contact Caroline Sullivan (410) 356-2000

YMCA shoe sale:

April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1500 pairs of shoes will be sold at \$2.00 a pair. All sizes and styles are available. The sale will be located at the YMCA, 626 Church St. Proceeds will benefit the Family Violence Prevention Program. For more information contact the YMCA at 847-7751.

Graduating Seniors:

Check the list of May and September graduates posted outside the Registrar's Office. If there are any errors, or your name is omitted, contact Lee Andes in the Registrar's Office, immediately (ext. 2741).

Cable TV in dorms in planning

By RUTH GUTIERREZ

Champion Reporter

Liberty Satellite Service engineers are in the planning stages of providing cable television stations on campus, which will eventually be wired to recreational rooms in the dormitories.

Cable viewing will be comprised of network stations at certain programming times, and the cable stations will not include premium movie channels.

In order to control the programming, Liberty Satellite Services engineers will install the wiring rather than rely on an outside cable company.

Ralph Martinis, vice-president of engineering, coordinates the wiring that channels programs such as CNN and ESPN to the television monitors in DeMoss Hall.

"Cable on campus will provide entertainment for those students who cannot afford to go off campus nightly or on weekends," Martinis explained.

In addition to the presently aired news channels, Martinis plans to provide more sports channels. He said that the American Movie Classic channel, which shows many of the older movies from the 1940s, 50s and 60s, is also among the programs in the planning stages.

"Besides providing entertainment for students, it's going to be available

for language lab teachers who are interested in pulling things off of a Canadian satellite in French," Martinis said.

Several Christian teaching programs and informational channels will also be provided for the teachers to use as instructional tools.

Martinis, along with his co-worker Larry Whately, have started wire installation in the dorms on the north side of campus to enable students to view cable programs from their recreational facilities.

"In the recreational areas, there are TVs now which will be tied into the system. The wiring procedures take time and work," Martinis explained.

The initial planning procedures have taken six months, and Martinez expects the installation to take two years.

According to Martinis, Liberty Satellite Services plans to start wiring during the summer.

"If you can enjoy a movie or a sports event or some Christian programming in the comfort of your own dorm, it's to your advantage," Martinis said.

Some students are in favor of cable being provided for their leisure time.

"You have to be responsible to pull yourself away from the TV. As long as it's not compromising anybody's standards, I'm in favor of it," Tracy Parker said.

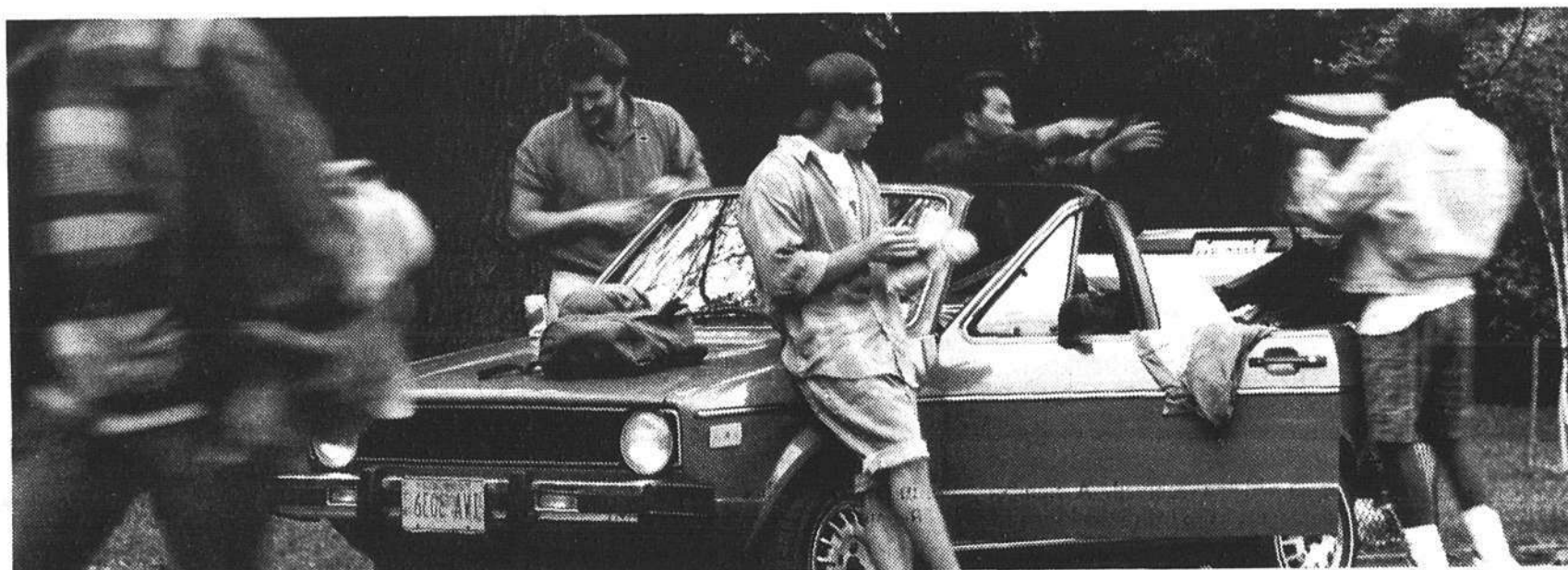
"I think it needs to be broadened to the effect that students can learn from it," David E. Carville II said. "The local channels don't offer much," he added.

The new cable entertainment will be provided at no cost to the students, according to Martinis.

The requisition is currently being evaluated by Chancellor Jerry Fallwell and Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin. Decisions will be made concerning the selection of channels and other programming procedures. Once the cable channels are approved, Liberty Satellite Services will begin wiring.

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Editorial

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

Lack of competition results in farce

Another round of SGA "elections" is around the corner. This year will be unique because only one office is up for grabs; the rest are uncontested. The offices of president and executive vice president will be held by incumbents Dave Dawson and Beth Sweeney, respectively. Bill Hampton and Shawn Wright will square off for the vice-president of activities position.

The student body is being offered as much choice in this election as Joseph Stalin allowed free speech. The analogy is not totally correct because two contenders, who handed in their applications several hours late, were disallowed from the contest. Neither SGA nor the incumbents are to blame but rather the possible candidates themselves for missing the deadline. The students are the true losers.

The lack of candidates does not speak well for SGA, unless one thinks the current administration performed at an unbeatable level. But an exclusionary tendency has developed with the current administration. Within the last year, Dawson and his staff have supported two senate bills that limit the amount of student input and give SGA an elitist image.

The first, which was rejected by the senate, created requirements for students interested in running for an office. It basically indicated that any SGA candidate without "SGA experience" is unqualified to run. Shouldn't the students be able to decide who is most capable to hold office, not the current office holders, who would like to see their kind perpetuated?

Another bill that recently passed senate was one that entirely eliminated student input the selection of secretary and treasurer. If this doesn't sound like exclusionary government, what does?

This year, David Dawson will walk into a second term without a forum that considers his performance. Remember, to win without risk is to triumph without glory. How can one triumph when there is nothing over which to triumph?

This year, the elections for president and vice-president can only be called a farce. We hope the uncontested candidates at least spare the students the ludicrous display of election paraphernalia. Going through all the hype when there is nothing at stake will only indicate that SGA is exactly that — hype.

In a recent editorial *The Champion* suggested that all SGA offices be appointed by the dean of student affairs since the current president would rather choose the secretary and treasurer than allow the students to choose. Well, with this year's elections, all that remains is to make the suggestion an official policy.

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Off The Record

Teams misrepresented in tourney

As I was perusing (a favorite verb of mine) the NCAA Tournament edition in the March 16 issue of *USA Today*, a slight pet peeve was again resurrected: the titles of the regional tournaments.

The NCAA hosts four regional tournaments (East, Southeast, West and Midwest) representing the four most populated collegiate sections. However, the majority of institutions are misrepresented by the region. For example, Georgetown University, located outside of Washington, D.C., was named the sixth seed in the West Regional. Makes you kind of wonder how the upper echelon of the NCAA fared in geography.

The misplacement is not isolated to Georgetown, in fact 31 institutions are placed in erroneous locations. That's not too bad, until you figure there are 64 teams participating and realize that the tournament committee is batting .484.

Perhaps I'm griping over something entirely trivial, on the other hand one of the two Southeast Regional tournaments is held in Cincinnati.

The only legitimate reason for assigning the likes of Georgetown, Florida State and Louisiana State to the West Region is to prevent the



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elimination of the power house schools at the hands of other power house schools and for the sake of competition.

Could it be that the Midwestern and Eastern (Southeastern included) schools are the dominant forces in college basketball?

Only three Western schools are represented in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll. The field of 64? Nine. Count 'em, the remaining 55 teams are in the Midwest or east of Texas. A total of 28 institutions are found on the East Coast (the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East).

Taking it a step closer, has the governing body of collegiate athletics forgotten about the fans?

How would you react if the Flames made their first appearance in the "Big Dance," and you were unable to attend the game because the location

happened to be Boise, Idaho?

Sure, there is always CBS, but somehow the intensity isn't quite captured on television as it is in person. Ask anyone who attended the Big South Tournament.

Collegiate athletics are a major consumer draw. Sure Greensboro, N.C., is going to draw a large number of fans with the likes of Texas, Missouri and Seton Hall. However, if Duke (located in Durham, N.C.) is taken out of that bracket, the home state will not pay as close attention.

So, rather than title the regionals by the location, perhaps naming them after great NCAA coaches wouldn't be such a bad idea. I'm sure UCLA wouldn't mind re-naming the West Region after former coach John Wooden.

Incidentally, my Final Four picks at the start of the tournament were Duke (easy one), Indiana, Kansas (One wrong. The Jayhawks were upset by UTEP.) and the University of North Carolina.

Words of Wisdom: "Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope."

— Bill Cosby

Washington ignores economic realities

By DALE JOHNSTON

Special to The Champion

Washington, D.C., has once again proven that it is the favored abode of self-serving rulers and has given us the perfect example of preferred political maneuvering over beneficial long-term economic policy. This perfect example is the executive and legislative antics concerning jobless benefits.

President Bush once again signed a bill he was presented with extending jobless benefits. This is the second time in the last few months that he has given in on this issue. He had previously vetoed several such measures, citing the need for debt financing and the strong possibility of economic recovery as his reasons. Furthermore, under political pressure he stated that such benefits are "a good thing."

How can a man, who claims to be conservative, advocate such a socialistic, Democratic-party idea? It is well known that jobless benefits actually increase unemployment.

Remember that this program pays people for *not* working. What could be more economically counter-productive? Bush is hindering recovery by allowing people to continue to depend on the government rather than on themselves.

A strong economy is a result of strong, self-relying individuals who, as a whole, form a healthy economy. Our country did not become strong by allowing individuals to depend on

government.

Most economists would agree that taxing an activity will discourage and decrease it, and by subsidizing an activity you will encourage and increase it. Our government uses these principles of taxation and distribution to affect our activities.

Two obvious examples of these concepts are the adjustment of depreciation laws and the capital gains tax and their effect upon the economy. Distribution policies, such as unemployment benefits, have the same type of effect upon the economy as do taxation policies. The government promotes unemployment by subsidizing it.

Bush seems more concerned with gaining favor among voters than with initiating true economic recovery. Congress is even more guilty. If our leaders were truly concerned with the long-term economic well-being of Americans, they would pass laws encouraging investment, not laws making it easier or profitable to be jobless in America. People are most benefited by jobs enabling them to help themselves. Blindly extending jobless benefits ignores the real problem of economic sluggishness and makes a bad problem worse.

This difference in opinion between conservatives and liberals concerning the unemployed is the result of opposing philosophies about wealth. Liberals assume that there is only a certain amount of wealth, and that it is

governments responsibility to properly distribute wealth, disregarding the earner. After all, if the amount of wealth is stagnant, the wealthy must have acquired their wealth by somehow taking advantage of lower income individuals.

Conservatives, however, embrace the correct approach. We believe wealth is created, and is constantly fluctuating. In order to have a wealthy nation, we must have wealthy individuals, which are allowed to benefit from their productivity and creativity. The productive output is limited only by our imaginations and lack of hard work. The extension of benefits does nothing but spread the hardship of the recession to those who, for whatever reason, would otherwise lead the recovery.

A true alternative would be to cut taxes and let people start keeping more of their own money. Government should stop stealing so much of our paychecks. In addition, a corporate and capital gains tax cut would definitely fire up the economy causing investment and providing jobs.

Of course, to cut these rates would necessitate a spending cut. I know we couldn't expect Congress to cut their salaries and pensions for they are doing such a tremendous job. Likewise the NEA and Planned Parenthood would not exist without our tax dollars. Oh well, Congress and Bush seem satisfied to put a band-aid on a bullet wound until the elections pass.

LU Forum

Black history misrepresented

Editor:

Black History Month has been misinterpreted for many years especially here at LU. Black History Month is the part of American history that has been left out of the history books. I have been taught the achievements of almost every nationality except black history.

I have a few words for Duanne Barbour, who feels black history doesn't make the grade (Feb. 25 issue). Black history is not a time to focus on black people and/or cultures; it's to educate on a part of life that is overlooked.

The color of a person should not have anything to do with his or her achievements, but it does. Many black youths are losing their identity because they're growing up without any knowledge of their history except for slavery and the civil rights movement. There is much more to our history, historical and biblical, if we just open our minds to it.

So, before you say black history fails to make the grade, make sure you're not skipping the classes. Don't just sit down and be taught — go out and learn about yourself for yourself. If the interest is not there, then don't blame the teachers.

Another issue I would like to deal with is the myth that black history is a distorted tool to promote unity and equality. Black History Month is to educate, showing that it has a part in our history books.

The fight for equality was fought and won a long time ago. My ancestors gave their blood that I would have the opportunities that I have now. To say it promotes unity is ridiculous.

The main problem is that people, black and white, are stuck on the word "black." Anytime "black" is used as an adjective, it's considered to be bad or to be separating itself from the world. The connotations will never be shaken.

All my life I had to learn white history, white culture and the white way of thinking. But nobody has to learn about me or my history. My founding fathers are just as important as your founding fathers concerning American history. Black history is optional and is only a month long. White history is at least 12 years plus college, so why complain about Black History Month?

Donald Smith

Do not support pro-abortion candidates

Editor:

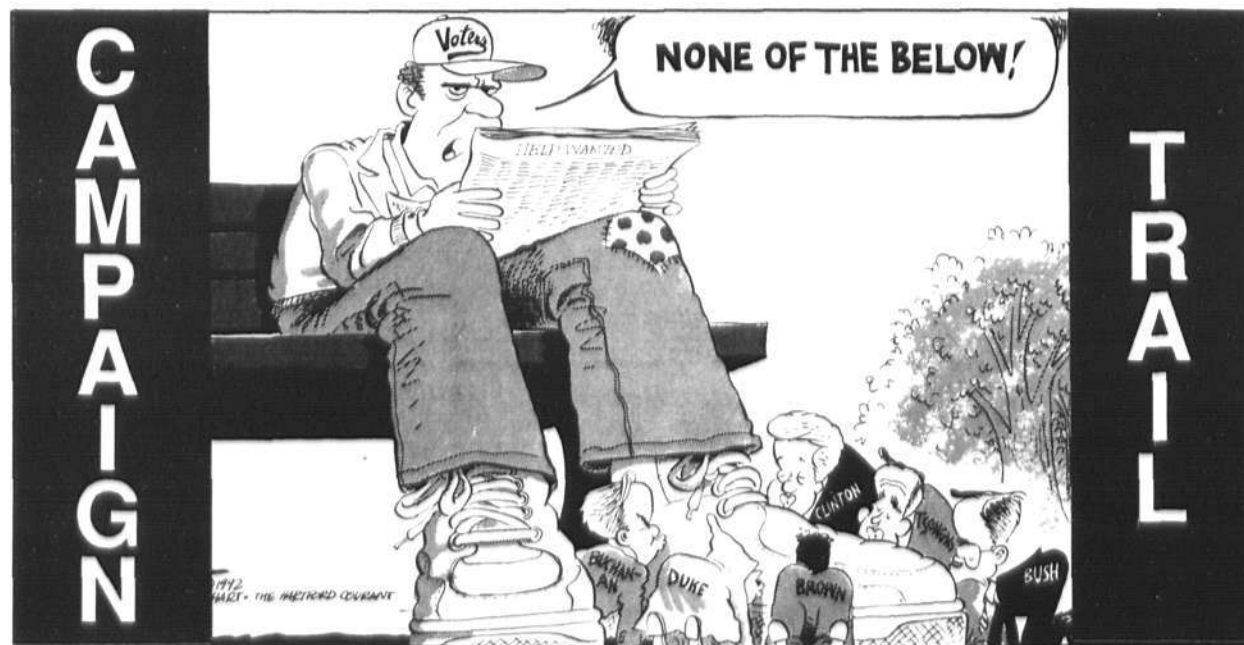
All the Democratic presidential candidates are pro-abortion, including Catholic Jerry Brown. Speaking as a Roman Catholic who participates in the holy sacrifice of the mass each day and prays the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary daily, it is my discernment that no Catholic may vote for a man who will facilitate abortions by appropriation and legislation if elected. A Catholic is morally bound to abstain from supporting those who accept the murder of fetal human beings.

If a Catholic votes for a pro-abortion presidential candidate, this individual commits a sin as he or she becomes a voluntary participant in a process which ultimately leads to murder. The sin of murder is serious matter and, therefore, a mortal sin. Those who die unrepentant with mortal sins on their souls to hell instructs the Catholic Church.

Catholic Canon Law asserts that the woman who aborts her child and those who perform the abortion are automatically excommunicated. It would appear that this excommunication applies to the willful pro-abortion voter also. Academic theologians and American bishops have not wanted to make this assertion. The episcopates are maintaining a strange silence about the moral implications of voting for a pro-abortion candidate.

If a Catholic does not wish to vote for the Republican candidate, he may refrain from voting. There are no circumstances in which a Catholic may vote for a pro-abortion candidate. Confession is required for absolution of this sin, a mortal sin.

Joseph E. Valley
Connecticut



Book sales lead to success for LU student

By BRANDI BARNUM

Champion Reporter

Summer vacations, internships and making money are areas that concern college students. However, Joanne Nogowski, a senior nursing major from Philadelphia, has successfully found a way to deal with each.

Nogowski is currently working for the Varsity Internship Program, a division of Thomas Nelson Publishers. Spending her summers working for Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nogowski has not only established new sales standards for women, but has also prepared herself for the challenges that lie ahead.

"The money is really secondary. The success principles that you will learn will last a lifetime. The program teaches students success principles that can't be taught in a class-

room. It teaches independence and discipline," Nogowski said.

She feels that her experience with this internship is something that will stay with her forever.

"Although sales has nothing to do with nursing, I feel more confident now dealing with people. I have also gained a lot of independence."

Nogowski explained that Thomas Nelson, a nationwide company, markets Bibles, educational and health books. The company publishes one out of every three Bibles.

The program in which Nogowski

takes part of is a 14-week summer internship. The interns relocate to various parts of the United States, renting from private residents, usually in a church family. Once they have obtained housing, they begin selling products door-to-door.

The interns are paid on a commission based on total sales volume. However, these students are the highest-paid college students in the country, according to

Nogowski. She currently holds the record for the highest female production in the history of the program. Nogowski

said that this will be her fourth summer with the program, and that one summer she brought home (after expenses) \$9,500.

However, aside from the money and experience, Nogowski believes that this internship has also had a great impact upon her walk with the Lord. The internship, for her, is a type of ministry.

"Through this experience, I have grown so much closer to God. I have learned to depend on Him and my success is solely attributed to Him. I couldn't have done it without God," Nogowski said.

While working in this program, Nogowski said that she and other college students are sitting down with average American families.

"We are like counselors in a sense, to these people. We witness when we

can, and really learn a lot from looking at the lives of these people, and from spending time with them," she said.

Although the U.S. economy is at a low point, the book sales are higher than ever, according to Nogowski. She believes that when people face recession, they go back to Bibles and education. She cited the familiar saying that "When times are good, people play. When times are bad, people pray."

Upon her graduation this spring, Nogowski plans to go to work for Thomas Nelson full time for a few years, and then go to work as a nurse and incorporate this business into her nursing career.

Nogowski was referred to this program by Dave Graziotti, another LU student. She is among many Liberty

students involved in this program.

This internship program offers up to three college credits and is available to any major.

Nogowski is currently recruiting students for this summer. However, she is not simply recruiting for her own gain. She said she doesn't get paid to recruit, but she simply wants to offer other struggling students the opportunity to make money and be involved in the program.

In order to get involved, interested students must go through a selection process. Sixty positions are available for this summer, and the company is looking for hardworking students with good attitudes.

Interested students should contact the program's organizational manager for Liberty, Brad Wilson, at 846-0151.

Lakewood Baptist Church emphasises the family unit

By JESSICA WHITAKER and BRANDI BARNUM

An emphasis on family is the key to a successful church, local pastor Dr. David Hoagland believes.

As the pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church on Sunburst Road, Hoagland stresses the importance of incorporating families into church activities.

"Because of the high-pressure, high-stress society we live in, the family is being pulled apart. A sense of community in faith, in missions, in love — family can be tied into all of that," Hoagland said.

How does he go about carrying out his family-oriented philosophy? How does he let the families in his church know that they are important?

"We have a lot of activities on

Sunday nights. A year ago we started the Lakewood Baptist Church School of Discipleship," he said.

The program covers topics such as How To Witness, Home: Key to Christian Values and Equipping Teachers to Teach. Each of these major studies has several parallel minor studies.

In addition, the Sunday night program at Lakewood includes something for every member of the family. The children and youth each have separate activities on Sunday nights. Hoagland feels that Sunday night is a good time to reach families.

"Because of the lifestyle of families — for example, both parents working — it is hard to get people out during the week," he said. Through

various programs, he hopes to destroy the stereotype of the non-existent Sunday night service and focus on the "total family concept," with an emphasis on contemporary choruses with picture slides and words.

Hoagland said that Lakewood's emphasis on family carries over into its youth program as well.

"We have just started a new program called the 24-hour counselor. Tapes are available on various subjects of interest to teens," he said.

The church has experienced rapid growth since Hoagland began his pastorate in 1988. Enrollment now is at 650, with about 450 attending worship services. In nine weeks, they added 30 members with 15 of those by baptism. Since this past October,

there has been an increase of better than 20 percent in Sunday school.

The music department of Lakewood Baptist Church has also recently exploded. Under the leadership of minister of music Mel Anderson, adult and youth handbells have been added, and a youth choir has been started.

Hoagland and his members are presently seeking God's will in the matter of expansion. They are planning to construct a Family Life Center, which would provide recreational and educational space. All the Sunday school rooms are filled to capacity.

"Growth is always positive, but it gives us challenges to seek God's wisdom and to try to adapt some programming to meet those needs,"

he said.

Lakewood is a conservative Southern Baptist Church. However, "We're not involved in the debate, or battle or whatever you want to call it that's going on in the Southern Baptist Convention," Hoagland explained. The doctrinal statement in the church's constitution is taken from The Baptist Faith and Message, which is the statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"My statement on Southern Baptists is very simple," he said. "I know we are not perfect — far from it; but I know the Lord has blessed our efforts in missions and evangelism, and, for that reason, I'm very happy here," Hoagland said.

He added that his church has been

blessed with many talented leaders.

Hoagland also emphasized the importance of the church reaching out to the community. "We work with missions, in giving and in practice. We work with the Battered Women's Shelter and various other community organizations," he said.

Hoagland is the second pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, which was constituted on July 15, 1981. Before coming to Lakewood, Hoagland, his wife Millie and their two children, Scott and Jessica, ministered in Vansant, Va.

"I want Lakewood Baptist Church to be the place where a family can find Christian growth, with a spiritual, educational and recreational focus," Hoagland said.



Hart of the Matter

There's more to courtesy than mere kindness

Have you ever heard the saying, "a little courtesy goes a long way?" Well, sometimes a little courtesy goes the wrong way, too.

Courtesy is defined as "kind and thoughtful behavior toward another; politeness or gracious attention." However, sincerity and timing are crucial factors also.

In sixth grade, I enjoyed watching "The People's Court" for its entertainment value. I vividly remember one particular case in which an elderly woman charged her husband with extreme mental cruelty.

"Your wife claims that you haven't spoken a word to her for over 10 years," Judge Wapner said to the husband. "What do you have to say for yourself?"

The gentleman quietly responded, "Well your honor, I just didn't want to interrupt her." Even I could see his "courteous" expression fell a bit short of true sincerity.

In 10th grade, I attended a church party where the atmosphere was, how shall I say, less than electrifying. In an effort to entertain the guests, the hostess began to play the piano.

Anxious to please everyone, she nervously asked one boy, "Do you enjoy good music?"

Politely, the boy answered, "Why



David Hart
Staff Columnist

yes, I do, but keep going. . . I like whatever you're playing too." I believe I would've saved that comment for a more appropriate time.

As college students, we too express "courteous" gestures to one another that supposedly convey kindness. However, even words commonly perceived as warm and friendly can be phrased and expressed in an insensitive manner.

Therefore, it's imperative that you realize the effects, both positive and negative, of the very words you use with fellow students. In order to illustrate the danger of "courteous" comments, I've compiled the following:

Be careful not to say. . .

• "Oh, excuse me. I didn't mean to bump into you. Perhaps if you were a few feet taller I would've seen you."

• "There's no reason to be ashamed of that grade. After all, it's the highest 'F' in the class."

• "Sure, I'd love to go to the movies with you. The guy I like didn't ask me out anyway."

• "I mean it — your Chevette is kind of cute. It reminds me of a pregnant roller skate."

• "Have you ever considered modeling? I hear that there's big money in hand-modeling these days."

• "Please, allow me to carry that tray for you. Wait a second. . . let me count those plates again."

• "Wow, I wish I could get my hair to do that. Then I wouldn't need to carry this big umbrella."

Obviously, the previous examples are remarks that you would hopefully never say. Besides, the intent of courtesy is to encourage and uplift, right? And what could possibly go wrong? Plenty.

It's important that you not be so addicted to complimenting that your words become shallow and insincere. And even the best of motives can yield the worst of outcomes unless you express yourself in a sensitive manner.

So by all means, please continue complimenting one another, but don't forget the true purpose of such courtesy.

I'd better finish this article now. "The People's Court" starts in a few minutes and I don't want to miss Judge Wapner. . . he's the wisest man in the world, you know.



Beside Still Waters

'The touch of the Master's Hand'

There are certain poems that can just say it better than simple words. A perfect example is the following poem by Myra Brooks Welch, "The Touch Of The Master's Hand":

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer

Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"
"A dollar, a dollar"; then, "Two!

Only two?
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;

Going for three — "But no,
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man

Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,

And tightening the loose strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,

Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"



Nelson Chapman
Staff Columnist

And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?"

Two thousand! And who'll make it three?
Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice,

And going, and gone," said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,

"We do not quite understand
What changed its worth." Swift came the reply:

"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,

Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;
A game — and he travels on.

He is "going" once, and "going" twice,
He's "going" and almost "gone."

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd

Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought

By the touch of the Master's hand.

A touch can do so much. When a person's hand reaches out and touches someone else's shoulder, it can relay warmth, compassion, friendship, security and love. When a little boy comes home from a rough day at school, all he really wants is to feel the touch of his mom's arms giving him a hug.

In the same manner, God reaches out and touches our lives. Throughout, Jesus' ministry on earth, He used His hands to heal, to deliver and transform people's lives.

In I Samuel 10:26, the Scripture reveals, "And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

Today, it is that same touch that reaches down and changes our lives. Christ reaching out to us when we were lost and without hope, we now have redemption from our sins, deliverance from death, fellowship with God, blessings that overflow and the promise that we shall see God.

We are blessed by our God. There is nothing quite like, as Myra Brooks Welch's masterpiece puts it, "the touch of the Master's hand."



TOP TEN COUNTDOWN

By Ross Perkins
Special to The Champion

Top Ten reasons not to land your plane in an LU parking lot



10. The Wilco is on the other side of Route 29.
9. It's what campus security ticketing dreams are made of.
8. The landing fees at Lynchburg Municipal are cheaper.
7. Campus maintenance has more efficient ways to trim the shrubbery.
6. Who wants to be the only exciting news at LU for a decade?
5. It's not the best way to impress your licensing board.
4. The new cafeteria complex isn't even FDA approved, let alone FAA.
3. You can avoid embarrassing yourself further with a comment like, "I thought I was in Farmville."
2. Somehow, landing a Cessna in Red Square seems more adventuresome.
1. You might not pick the week our cars are gone for spring break!

Answers Please

By Danielle Peters

Why don't people get more involved in SGA?



Hannah Boreland
Lynchburg

"We don't hear a lot about it. If the activities were announced frequently, it would arouse more attention."



Chris Johnson
Miami

"It is difficult to influence new ideas. Therefore, it seems to be a waste of time."



Matt Bacola
Butler, Pa.

"Personally, I have neither the time nor the interest to be involved in SGA."



Rick Grantham
Tucson, Ariz.

"Most people think you have to be popular to be a part of SGA, and they think it's useless."



Shannon Sedberry
Mililani, Hawaii

"People don't get involved because they don't think what they have to say is going to make a difference."



Gerald Mosley
Concord, Va.

"People do not get more involved because the student body feels SGA does not do enough for them."



**Sports
Shorts**
Brian Sperling

Basketball madness has arrived

After 48 games in four days during the past weekend, the NCAA tournament field has been narrowed from 64 teams dreaming to claim the national championship to the final "sweet" 16 teams in the nation.

This year, the selection committee offered four new faces the chance to participate in the "big dance" in hopes of reaching the final four in Minneapolis. Those schools were Campbell, Eastern Illinois, Delaware and Tulane.

It used to seem that 20 wins ensured a ticket to the tournament. But this season, even 25 victories did not ensure a trip. The most notable schools not invited were Wisconsin-Green Bay (25-4), Ball State (24-8), Tennessee-Chattanooga (23-7) and Manhattan (23-8).

Ball State argued that it came within two points of knocking off Nevada-Las Vegas in the 1990 tournament. The team also presented the fact that its conference, the Mid-American, is the top up-and-coming league on the Division I level. Case in point: Eastern Michigan made it to the sweet 16 last year.

Overall, 29 teams with 20 or more wins were left out (yes, one was Liberty).

The tournament has come to be known as "March madness" for the many last-second buzzer-beaters who have left hoops fans on the edge of their seats biting off their nails. Out of 63 games during the 1990 tournament, an incredible 24 games were decided by three points or less or went into overtime.

That is what has made the annual "road to the final four" one of the most popular sporting championships in the country along with the Super Bowl. It is tougher than the NBA Finals or the World Series. A team can have four lives in those events. In the NCAA tournament, one loss and your team goes home. There are no best of sevens.

Any team that gets hot for a string of games can have the chance to win the tournament. In 1985 unranked Villanova, coached by fiery Rollie Massimino, danced away into the night with one of the most improbable upsets in recent memory by knocking off the heavily favored Georgetown Hoyas and Patrick Ewing in the championship 66-64.

The tournament has also brought out the best from individual players. In 1988 Danny Manning put on a masterful performance to lead the Kansas Jayhawks past Oklahoma in the final by the score of 83-79.

And who can forget Glen Rice netting those last-second clutch free throws in overtime to edge Seton Hall 80-79 in 1989?

Hoops fans can't forget Lorenzo Charles dunking Dereck Whittenburg's desperation 3-pointer from about half court with no time left as North Carolina State beat Houston in 1983. The 54-52 upset over the top-ranked Cougars left Coach Jim Valvano running hysterically in search of someone to hug.

In 1987 Indiana's Keith Smart took over in the final minutes to net 12 of his 15 points, including the game winner from 15 feet with five seconds left, as the Hoosiers nipped Rony Seikaly and Syracuse 74-73.

Perhaps the team that has given traditional basketball powers the most fits over the past few years has been the Princeton Tigers. Coach Pete Carril's unorthodox style of attack has left teams escaping by the skins of their teeth. Over the past three tournaments, the Tigers lost to Georgetown, Arkansas, and Villanova by a combined seven points.

This year, Duke will try to do what UNLV couldn't accomplish last year: repeat as national champs. No team has accomplished that feat since UCLA from 1967-73.

However, the Blue Devils must not take anybody lightly. They themselves defeated the unbeaten Running Rebels last year. The 79-77 victory denied the Rebels the chance to become the first team since Bobby Knight's 1976 Hoosiers to coast to the national title with an unblemished record.

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

The Liberty Flames baseball team swept a non-conference doubleheader from Coppin State, 9-4 and 9-0, on Saturday for its fourth consecutive victory and the eighth win in its last 11 games.

During the Flames' four-game winning streak, they have exploded on offense for 42 runs, while the pitching has only given up 10 runs.

LU right fielder Danny Brahn paced the Flames' offense in the Coppin State doubleheader by collecting four hits and seven runs batted in both games. He just missed hitting for the cycle in the first game, as he singled, doubled and tripled but did not homer. However, he homered in the second game to help the Flames to victory.

Coppin State arrived an hour after the game was supposed to start and, as a result, did not have much time to warm-up. It showed in the first inning as the Flames offense jumped on the Eagles' starter Harvest Boyd for seven runs in the first inning. The Coppin State defense did not help Boyd much either as they committed three errors in that first inning and also had a passed ball.

After LU left fielder Charlie Kim led off the game with a single and designated hitter Joe Bonadio reached on an error, Brahn tripled to left field knocking in his first two runs of the day.

The Flames' first seven batters reached base safely and all scored before Boyd retired the last three batters of the inning.

Boyd settled down after the rocky first inning and retired the next 13 batters before Brahn doubled in the



photo by Sharon Pack

LU right fielder Danny Brahn led the Flames' offensive assault against Coppin State as he singled, doubled, tripled and homered during the Flames' two-game sweep, 9-4 and 9-0.

fifth inning.

It was not until the sixth inning that the Flames scored again off of Boyd. Harmsen singled with one out and was knocked home on a double by pinch-hitter Karl Shoemaker to extend the Flames' lead to 8-3. Brahn knocked in Kim, who had been hit by a pitch, for the final run with a single off the left field fence.

LU pitcher Keith West received his first start of the year for the Flames and gave up three runs in four innings en route to his first win of the year.

West began the game by striking out four batters in the first two innings before running into some two

out trouble in the third inning.

After giving up two singles with two outs, Eagles designated hitter Kenneth Fowlie doubled to drive home both runners. But West retired the side with no further damage.

Chris Wick came in for the Flames in the fifth inning with the bases loaded and one out and retired the side allowing only one of the runners to score on a suicide squeeze. Wick gave up one run in the seventh making the final score 9-4 and improving the Flames' record to 7-9-1.

In the second game of the day, the LU offense once again jumped on the Eagles' starter in the first inning.

Coppin State pitcher Timothy Bond ran into trouble by walking three LU batters and giving up two doubles in the first inning. With two outs, Bond walked Brahn and Flames designated hitter Beau Martin. First baseman Sheldon Bream then knocked home both runners with a double to right.

Catcher David Eeles followed with another double knocking in Bream to give the Flames a 3-0 first-inning lead.

In the second inning the Flames offense continued its assault by sending 10 men to the plate and scoring five more runs.

Shortstop Jeremy Tully led off

with a triple and was knocked home on a single by second baseman Bill Clark. After Kim reached base on an error and center fielder Mike Kreider doubled home Clark, Brahn smashed a three-run homer over the left-field fence for his seventh home run of the season.

The Eagles brought in Gary Teeter to relieve Bond and he retired the Flames with no further damage.

The Flames tagged on their final run of the game in the third inning when Brahn hit a sacrifice fly to score Kim, who had been hit by a pitch for his second time that day.

Tim Collins pitched the five inning shutout for the Flames giving up only three hits while striking out five batters. The win improved his record to 2-1 for the season in his second start of the year. The win improved the Flames to 8-9-1 on the season. LU's Big South record is 2-4-1.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Flames lost to Virginia Commonwealth 16-1. Kris Morton lost his third game of the year for LU pitching 1 2/3 innings. LU scored one run on three hits, while VCU scored 16 runs on 24 hits.

On Thursday afternoon, LU defeated the University of Virginia 6-5 on the road. Flames' hurler Rich Humphrey pitched the complete game for his second victory of the season against one defeat. The LU offense tagged UVA. for 11 hits in the game.

On Friday afternoon, the Flames pounded North Carolina A&T 18-1 before a home crowd of 135. Rodney Ashby picked up his second victory of the season for LU pitching seven innings in the game. The Flames' offense tallied up 18 runs on 23 hits for its biggest offensive outbreak of the season.

Tennis tops Roanoke

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter

The Flames' tennis team came back from a 4-3 deficit with two doubles matches and edged Roanoke College 5-4 Saturday afternoon in Roanoke.

The victory was the third in five matches for Coach Carl Diemer's squad to raise its record to 3-6.

Matt Gribbin and Ovie Toderic clinched the comeback win over the Lancers by edging George Dodds and Ned Foster 7-5, 6-7, 6-4. Raphael Cardoso and Darren Johnson tied the contest by sweeping Jack Bollini and Brian Morgan 6-2, 6-1.

The match went back and forth with Liberty taking the first two matches. Cardoso started well by sweeping Tom Kopf 6-4, 6-2. Danny Fariss extended the early LU advantage by handling Bollini 6-3, 6-1.

The Lancers rallied behind Gardner and Morgan to win their singles matches to even the score at two apiece before Johnson pulled the Flames ahead once again. He defeated Dodds in a close match 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Roanoke came back to take the last singles match and the first doubles before the Flames rallied for the victory.

The Flames traveled to Harrisonburg last Wednesday afternoon to battle James Madison before falling to the Dukes by a 4-1 score.

The Flames started well as Cardoso swept Sean White 6-4, 6-1 for the 1-

0 lead.

However, the lead was short-lived as the Dukes won four matches in a row to clinch the win.

Jamie Samuel started JMU by defeating Scoggin 6-2, 6-2. Brian Phoebe followed with a win over Gribbin 6-1, 6-2. Matt Harman put the Flames in a 3-1 hole when he defeated D. Johnson 6-1, 6-2.

The combination of Chris Johnson and Fariss had the chance to keep LU alive. Lanson Harper and Paul Schaffner clinched the match for the Dukes after the LU duo pulled out a 6-4, 6-2 win.

The Flames traveled down to Orlando over spring break to participate in a tournament at the Orlando Lakes Country Club.

The Flames fell to Haverford College 7-2 on March 9, after winning the first two matches behind Cardoso and Fariss. C. Johnson played despite being sick, and he put up a strong effort before falling in the third match of the meet.

Liberty faced Northwood Institute later that afternoon. The fatigue factor showed as the Flames were swept 9-0.

"Darren played well, and then cramped up," Diemer said in relation to Johnson, who battled back despite the pain during his match.

The Flames battled St. Ambrose University the following day. Liberty won two of the first three matches

behind Cardoso and C. Johnson before St. Ambrose won four straight before holding on for a 5-4 win.

The Flames pummeled Southeastern College later that day for their first win of the year 9-0. Liberty proved to be too much for SC to handle, as it only needed two sets to win every match.

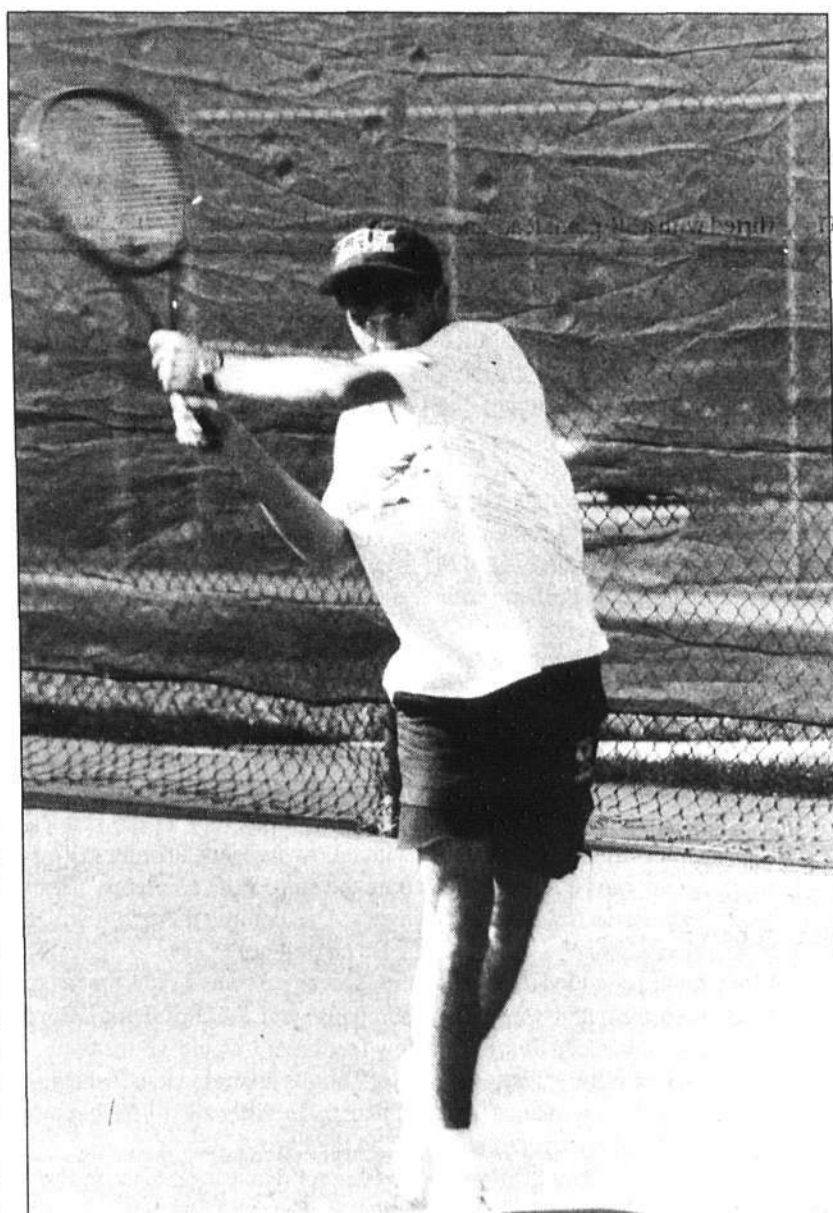
Perhaps the toughest assignment for LU was on the last day of its stay in Orlando against St. John's University. The Redmen came into the match as the defending Big East champions.

Cardoso led off for LU with a win over Keith Murtha 6-4, 6-1. In the second match, Fariss won the first set 6-0 over Roger Meeks before dropping the last two sets 6-1, 6-2. St. John's then reeled off eight wins.

The highlight of the tournament came in the final match for LU when they came back from a 3-2 deficit to defeat Miami Dade C.C. 5-4.

Cardoso and Fariss staked Liberty out to a 2-0 lead before Dade reeled off three straight sweeps for the 3-2 lead. D. Johnson tied the match going into the doubles competition by defeating Dan Petrescu 6-4, 7-6 in a close match.

The Flames clinched the win by taking the first two doubles matches. Fariss and C. Johnson edged Todd Zimmerman and Tony Castella 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 before Cardoso and D. Johnson won the second doubles match.



file photo

LU's Chris Johnson helped the Flames' tennis squad defeat Roanoke College 5-4 Saturday afternoon in Roanoke for the team's third win in its last five tries. The win improved the team's record to 3-6 overall this season.

Hockey club ends year 5th in nation

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter

The Flames hockey club ventured north to Chicago during spring break to compete in the national tournament against the stiffest competition it has faced all year and walked away with a record of 0-1-2 and a tie for fifth in the eight-team field.

The tournament left Liberty with an overall record of 18-4-3 for the season and a strangle hold on its number five ranking in the Tier 2 ratings.

Despite coming away from the windy city without a win, Coach Gary Habermas was more than pleased with the effort that his team put forth.

"I was pleased because the best eight teams in the country were there," Habermas said. "As a group, the teams were better than any we have faced this season. The caliber of play was great, and we played hard. We

felt going in that we had a chance to win the tournament."

The Flames, who were the fifth seed going in, received the toughest assignment in the first round as they had to face Kentucky, the top seed and top-ranked team in the country entering the tournament. They fought hard and earned a 3-3 tie with the Wildcats.

Randy Wilkie scored the first of his six goals in three games for the Flames to lead the way to the deadlock. Both teams had numerous scoring chances. For the game, the Flames edged the Wildcats in shots 39-37 margin. Goaltender Bill Holiday was strong in goal to help preserve the tie.

Liberty had to face a solid squad from DePaul in the second round. The Blue Demons proved to have a little too much for Liberty to handle as they overpowered the Flames by the score of 7-2.

Brian Bauer and Wilkie accounted for the Liberty scoring. DePaul controlled the tempo of the game, outshooting LU by a 36-26 margin.

The final game of the tournament for the Flames to determine how they would place was a battle against the University of Southern California which ended in a 7-7 tie.

Liberty trailed 7-5 until the Flames scored two goals in the final 20 seconds, despite being shorthanded for the final 10 minutes of the contest. The penalty came as a result of a scuffle that broke out between the clubs.

Brent Martilla took a pass from Dave Bauer and found the net to close the gap to 7-6. Wilkie scored his fourth goal of the game, with seven seconds to play to ice the tie and send the 150 LU fans in attendance into a frenzy.

Both clubs were tired after battling

through the early rounds and it showed as there was virtually no defense. An incredible 93 shots were attempted by both teams with USC registering 51 of them.

Mike Torrance and Dave Graziotti added goals in the slugfest to help power the Flames to the tie.

The play of Wilkie was a factor in the comeback against the Trojans. His four-goal outburst gave him six of Liberty's 12 goals in the three games that the team played.

Despite playing in the roughest bracket, Habermas felt that the Flames held their own.

"The hockey level was super," he said. "The two positive points out of the tournament was that we only lost one of three, and that we tied the number one team in the country."

The top-ranked Wildcats (2-1-1) advanced to the championship game before falling to Toledo (4-0). DePaul

(3-1) claimed third place, followed by Iowa State. The Cyclones finished with a 1-2-1 mark.

The Flames tied the University of Illinois for fifth. The Fighting Illini posted a 1-2 record. USC and Johnson & Whales rounded out the standings, with both teams sporting 0-2-1 marks.

The Flames have enjoyed their most successful season ever. Besides the fact that they accomplished a first in getting invited to the nationals, they also won the Eastern Division of the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association for the first time. They capped that accomplishment off by winning the SCHA tournament by knocking off George Mason in the championship.

"The team would like to thank the fans and Dr. Jerry Falwell for all the support that they have given us this season," Habermas said on behalf of the club.

Coleman graduates as pillar of LU program

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

While the LU men's basketball team has grown from a Division II program to a competitive Division I program, the mainstay through the rocky first four years has been graduating senior Mike Coleman.

"Mike was the pillar of our basketball program. He is a 4.0 student, and he has a great Christian reputation on campus," head coach Jeff Meyer said.

Coleman is the only player left from the original team in LU's first Division 1 season in 1988-89.

"It's been a big transition because there is nobody left from my recruiting class except for me. The biggest change with the team has been the changes in the personnel. Matt Hildebrand and Julius Nwosu have been great additions to the team," Coleman said.

Through the tough times of last year's 5-23 team, Coleman used the adversity to motivate him to succeed this season.

He said: "Nobody picked us to win, and they had no reason to pick us. For me it made me want to prove something to people, to prove that we could play basketball competitively at Division 1."

Coleman credits much of the success of this year's team with the fact that LU joined the Big South Conference. For the first time this group of players have had a big motivation to

win games. He said the chance to play in the post-season and make the field of 64 teams means a world of difference to the team. Also the chance to establish rivalries with teams that you play often in the conference provided motivation for the team.

"I also give Coach Meyer a lot of credit for the team's success. We worked just as hard this year and we are doing the same things as last year but the experience is the thing we needed to pick up from last season," Coleman said.

With this year being both the team's most successful and his last, Coleman's fondest memories of the LU basketball program have come from this season. He still ponders about what could have been in the Virginia Tech game weeks after its end. It was his most memorable game, as well as the one he would most like to forget.

"It was my last home game, and there were a lot of folks out here that night. There was a lot of hype about the game and it made it exciting," he said.

However, Coleman would like to forget the blocked shot against him near the end of the game.

"I still spend a lot of time thinking about that game. It was incredible! I keep wondering what could have been."

Friends have been another of Coleman's best memories at LU.

"The people I have met here will be the biggest thing I will miss about Liberty. I have made many good friends, not only on the basketball team but everywhere on campus, and I will miss them all. My close friends have been my biggest influence while here at LU," he said.

His family and in particular his dad has been the biggest influence on his life outside of LU. His father was the coach of his high school team, and he spent many extra hours working to help develop his sons basketball skills.

His aunt helped to instill the Christian morals that characterize Coleman today. She always compared Christianity to being a light in the world. That is why he chose Psalm 27:1 as his life verse. The beginning speaks of Christ being the light and salvation.

However, it was his mother who influenced him to attend Liberty, although the first time she mentioned the idea it was quickly dismissed from his mind.

"She told me about LU when I began high school, and I told her forget it because I had heard about all the rules there," Coleman said. "The thing that convinced me to come to Liberty was after my 11th grade year when I visited the campus and saw how friendly everybody was here. Many people said 'hi' to me in the hallways, and they didn't even know

me. That really impressed me!"

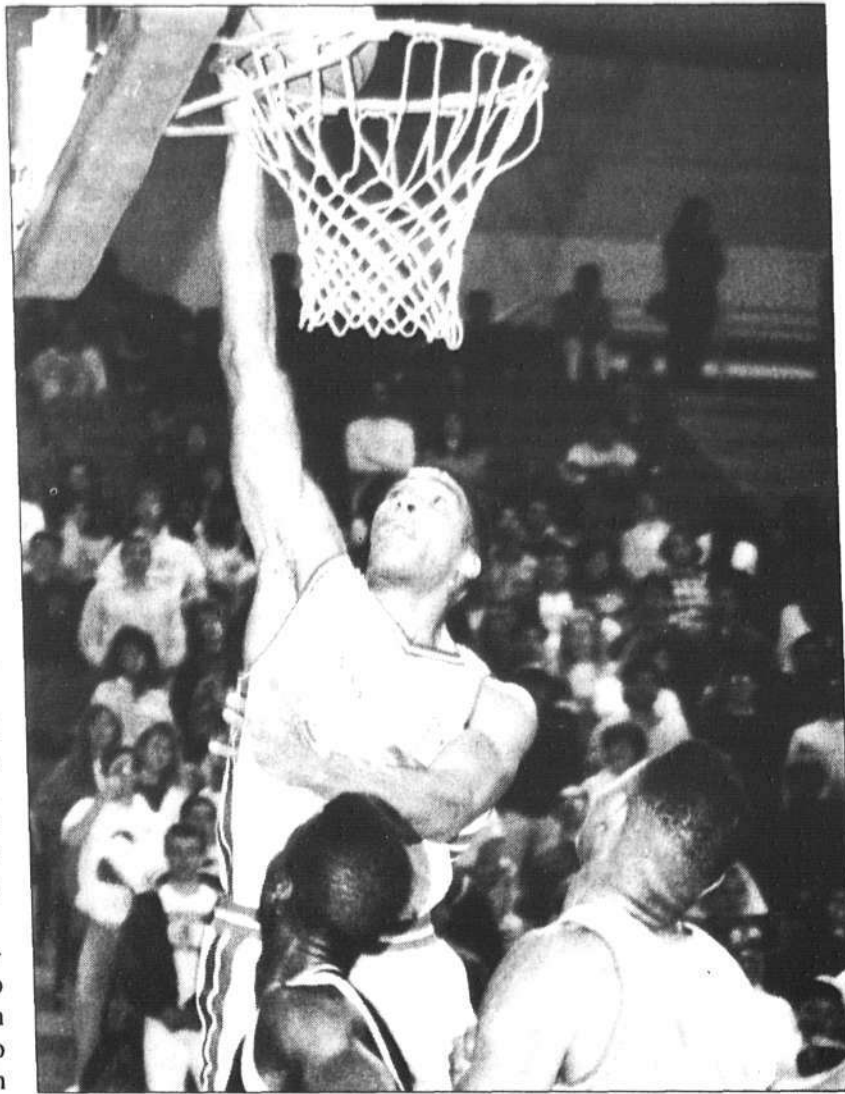
Liberty was impressed by Coleman before Coleman was impressed by Liberty. The coaches saw him play at the end of his 10th grade year and were impressed with his style and abilities. That was when they first began to recruit him. He eventually signed during his 12th grade year.

"I never really thought about playing basketball in college until I got to high school. Before that I had played since the sixth grade but never very seriously," Coleman said.

Since deciding to come to play for the Flames, Coleman not only played for Liberty but became the team captain and finished his career with 1,039 points. He was the 13th player in LU basketball history to reach the 1,000-point mark.

"Being the team leader was a great experience for me. It made me more out-going and more vocal with people. I give credit to the guys on this team for making my job easier because they are easy to work with and are all hard workers."

After graduation the sports management major plans to continue to remain with basketball somehow in his life. For now Coleman is trying to obtain an internship in marketing with either the Atlanta Hawks or the Milwaukee Bucks. Someday down the line he would like to try coaching his own team.



Mike Coleman graduates as the only player who has been at LU since its first year at the Division 1 level. Head Coach Jeff Meyer labels Coleman as the "pillar" of the program.

Campbell falls to Duke as Big South entry

By GENE WOJCIECHOWSKI

The Los Angeles Times

The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Wire

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The moment overwhelmed Coach Billy Lee, much like number-one ranked Duke Blue Devils would eventually and inevitably overwhelm his Campbell University team, 82-56, in Thursday evening's NCAA East Regional game.

But before the rout began, before Duke flirted with a 30-point lead and before Blue Devil Coach Mike Krzyzewski kindly cleared his bench in the final five minutes, Lee found himself reaching for a handkerchief.

Standing on the Greensboro Coliseum court during the Camels' pregame, Lee realized just how far

removed he was from his many years as a prep coach at New Bern or East Montgomery high schools in North Carolina, or as a rookie college coach at NAIA member Pembroke State University.

"When I walked on the floor tonight, I had tears in my eyes," Lee said. "I just hope people didn't see them."

Lee brushed away the tears in time to shake hands with Krzyzewski moments before tipoff. It was then that the Duke coach said, "Congratulations on being here."

Lee nearly popped a button on his double-breasted suit.

"I'm just a little shaver trying to make it with the big boys," Lee said. "For him to say that meant a lot."

Of course, politeness only goes so far. Duke (29-2) has a second shot at a national championship to try to win, which is why the Blue Devils took little mercy on Campbell, which was seeded 16th and according to one oddsmaker, considered trillion-to-one shots to win in its first NCAA tournament appearance.

Predictably enough, Campbell was no match for Duke. The Blue Devils are taller, deeper and more athletic than the Camels, who qualified for the NCAA tournament by winning the little-regarded Big South Conference tournament. If Duke was impressed, it didn't show it.

Blue Devil swingman Thomas Hill had 14 points by half time, only two less than Campbell. The stunned

Camels shot only 18 percent from the field (six for 32) and committed 14 turnovers. No wonder Duke led by 20 points.

"Did they have seven guys out there?" Lee asked later.

Even before the game began, it was obvious which team was ranked number 1 and which was given trillion-to-one odds of winning. No matter how hard they tried, the Camels couldn't help but steal glances at Duke players jogging onto the court for pregame warmups.

Laettner earned the most looks. At 6-foot-11, the All-America center is five inches taller than any Camel starter. Laettner, who has a bit of nasty streak in him, ignored their stares.

If nothing else, the Camels enjoyed the moment. During their warmups they smiled and pointed nervously at the crowd as it rose to its feet to greet the underdogs. And when the Campbell mascot, a costumed camel that put Duke's Blue Devil to shame, arrived on the court, several players ran over to give high fives.

Things were different when the teams assembled for the opening tipoff.

"I was definitely nervous," said Campbell forward Mark Mocnik. "We came running out and everyone in the crowd started standing we were thinking, 'Uh, oh, here comes Duke.'"

Duke came. It saw. It conquered. But believe it or not, the Blue Devil's were challenged on occasion, espe-

cially during the second half, when the Camels quit acting like awe-struck newcomers.

After being down, 44-18, with 17:42 to play, Campbell cut the Duke lead to 44-26. Later, after the Blue Devils had built a 56-31 advantage, the Camels whittled away to 62-45 with 8:34 to play.

"They made some shots that we just started laughing (at), they were far out," Duke's Brian Davis said.

But don't mistake laughter for disrespect. When the game was finished he was the first player to hug Mocnik, who finished with 29 points (21 in the second half) and 10 rebounds.

"We're a good group of guys," Davis said. "We understand that it's your first time here."

LU Lacrosse player Keith Zelgler watches as Louie Hreber picks up the ball, while Darrell Johnson prepares to defend against a JMU attacker. The Flames lost the Saturday afternoon match-up to James Madison by a score of 18-8.



photo by Teddy Keaton

Sports Notebook

Softball

LU Intramural Sports will sponsor the second annual Liberty Softball Tournament April 3 to 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 awarded a prize. The tournament will consist of 30 teams playing on five fields.

Skelton encourages LU students to become 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 for a team or for additional information on the tournament, go to the LU intramural trailer or call ext. 2389.

Sports Speaker

On Thursday, March 26, Kathleen Hessert of Sports Media will be speaking on campus. For information on time and place call Dr. Dale Gibson in the LU sports management department at ext. 2330. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hessert is a sports media assistant for sports stars and other celebrities who deal with the media. Some of her clients include Notre Dame and Clemson football players, as well as Rocket Ishmael.

Hessert has spent more than a decade asking tough questions to the coaches and players of the game, and now she coaches those who face the media's firing line.

She knows the workings of both print and broadcast journalism. Hessert, a former television anchor, has interviewed United States presidents, world dignitaries and the leaders of business and industry.

In 1984 she founded Communications Concepts, Inc., a training, speaking and consulting firm. Her Sports Media Challenge program was introduced in 1989.

The first client was the national champion Notre Dame football team. Clemson University, Olympic athletes, professional auto racers and appearances on ESPN soon followed.

In 1991, the NFL hired Hessert as

its media consultant to write and co-produce with NFL films, the league's official media training audiotape: "Winning The Media Game: A Guide For NFL Players." The tape features Hessert and Pat Summerall.

Hessert is a member of the National Speakers Association, American Society for Training and Development and the Radio and Television News Directors Association.

Sports Schedule

Golf: On the road April 6-7, at the Big South Championships at Colonial Charters Golf Club in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Tennis: At home on Thursday, March 26, against Gardner Webb College starting at 3 p.m. At home on Saturday, March 28, against Mary Washington College starting at 1 p.m.

Baseball: At home on Tuesday, March 24, against Virginia Military Institute starting at 3 p.m. At home on Wednesday, March 25, against Old Dominion University starting at 3 p.m. At home on Friday, March 27, against Longwood College starting at 3 p.m. At home on Saturday, March 28, against Richmond University start-

ing at 1 p.m. At home on Monday, March 30, against Marshall University starting at 2 p.m.

Lacrosse: At home on Saturday, March 28, against the University of Virginia starting at 1 p.m.

Volleyball: At home on Saturday, March 28, against Loyola, Appalachian State and Clemson starting at 10 a.m.

Men's track: On the road Friday, March 27, through Saturday March 28, at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C.

Women's track: On the road Friday, March 27, through Saturday, March 28, at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C.

LU golf places 15th without top golfer

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Liberty University golf team competed at the Kingsmill/William & Mary Golf Tournament and the Sheraton-Emerald Intercollegiate during the past week and finished 15th in both tournaments.

The team competed without the services of top golfer senior Chris Turner, who was suffering from back spasms.

"I was very disappointed that Turner couldn't play due to injury. It is a big shock to the team when you lose your number-one player. We should be ready to play again when we face Campbell. Todd Casabella led the team for the total of both tournaments. He showed a lot of improvement from the fall season," Coach Mike Hall said.

Liberty finished 15 out of 21 teams at the Kingsmill Tournament scoring 326-325-651. Methodist won the tournament with a total score of 301-298-599. Dan Vona of Penn State was the top individualist, scoring 73-72-45. Senior Dale Tyre was the top finisher for Liberty, shooting a total of 81-80-161 and junior Chris Easley shot 86-80-166.

Liberty finished 15 out of 17 teams at the Sheraton-Emerald Intercollegiate Tournament. The winner of the tournament was Steve Ber-gamesca of Old Dominion University, with the total score 218.

Casabella was the top finisher with a score of 236 including a final round one over par 73, followed by Tyre 242, sophomore Tom Anthony 242 and Easley 252.

The next tournament will be held at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., on March 29 to 31.

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Burch led LU athletics through changes

By SHANA HUFF

Champion Reporter

At the helm of Liberty University's athletic department sits Athletic Director Chuck Burch, who has, since accepting the position, guided Liberty's surge into the Big South Conference.

"One verse that has become important to me since taking this job is Philippians 4:12. It's important because it motivates us to improve but also shows that we need to be content in where the Lord leads us," he said.

"I like working here," he said. "I know I'm where the Lord wants me to be. I appreciate the chance He has given me to work in athletic administration at a Division 1 university."

Burch originally came to what was then Liberty Baptist College in 1982. At the time he was finishing a master's degree in athletic administration from Eastern Kentucky University. He read about an opening for an assistant sports information director and decided to apply for the job.

He had played collegiate football at Gardner-Webb College against Liberty and was familiar with where Liberty was and what it stood for.

After accepting the job, Burch went on to become Liberty's sports information director, associate athletic

director and then accepted his current role as athletic director.

"My father-in-law once told me that if we have the opportunity to assume additional responsibilities we should take them and have the willingness to learn from them," he said. "I've tried to apply this advice in the various jobs I've had. It gave me an appreciation for each different area of athletics."

While working as associate athletic director, Burch worked under former athletic directors Al Worthington and Bobby Richardson. Burch said that experience helped prepare him for his current position.

"By working with Al Worthington I learned how to treat people fairly and to not compromise on my convictions. He fit that mold and stayed true to those principles. He and Bobby Richardson are Godly men and have their priorities in order. They are very open minded, and I never saw them lose their composure."

"When I took the job after Bobby Richardson left, I felt it was important for me to earn the respect of my peers and fellow employees. I thought it was also important for me to assume my position and really get involved in the job and the duties that came with it," Burch said.

Burch said that he cannot say enough good things about his assistant athletic directors J. B. Coincon, Mike Hall and Kim Graham.

"Their willingness to work and do what I ask has made life easier for the student-athletes," Burch said.

Graham, Coincon and Mitch Goodman work behind the scenes, Burch said, doing what people normally assume "just gets done." Their contributions have brought Liberty to the place it is today, he added.

Burch tries to attend as many of the different athletic events as possible. He said he believes it is important to show support for the coaches and student-athletes.

"We are very fortunate to have the coaches that we have here at Liberty," he said. "They and the rest of the staff are here to honor the Lord and serve Him."

One of Burch's toughest duties is coming at nights to the different athletic events. He has started bringing his children, Travis who is four, and Danielle, who is two, to the games. When possible, he tries to bring his family on weekend trips. His wife Franki was a former health and physical education teacher at Liberty. She has a doctorate in health education promotions.



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LU Athletic Director Chuck Burch has guided the Flames' athletic department from a non-conference school to the Big South Conference.

Brahn leads baseball team's surge

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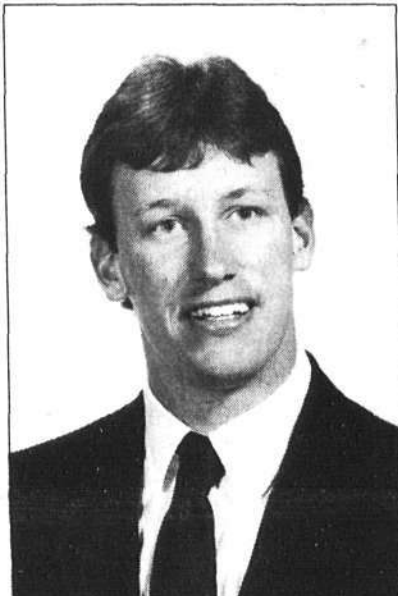
As a former football player, senior Danny Brahn has proven that with his position as the right fielder of the Flames baseball team, he is more than a one-sport athlete.

"I was recruited more in football than baseball, but I didn't go to college right after high school. It wasn't until Bobby Richardson got in contact with me, that I considered Liberty," Brahn explained.

Originally, Brahn was recruited by Liberty for his superior skills as a softball player.

"The guys on the team tease me about that a lot," Brahn said. "I played a lot of softball in the summer. Somehow I met (former) Coach Richardson's son, who was a pastor in the town in New Jersey where I was playing. He asked me if I was interested in playing baseball for Liberty, and when I told him I was, he got me in contact with coach. That's how I came here," Brahn said.

Though Brahn was recruited by colleges more for football than baseball, baseball has always been his favorite sport of the two.



Danny Brahn
LU right fielder

"I've played baseball for 15 years, ever since Little League. You know every little kid likes baseball, but I succeeded in it at a young age, and I just stuck with it," he said.

Brahn was a three-year letterman as a shortstop for the high school in his hometown of Whiting, N.J. He finished his career with a .331 batting average and set school records for

hits, RBI, triples and stolen bases. As a junior, he was selected All-County and Second Team All-State. In his senior year, he was voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament, displaying a .638 batting average.

By the end of Brahn's rookie year with the Flames in 1989, he had earned a .282 batting average, three home runs and 11 RBI. Now, in his final year after playing 17 out of the 18 games so far this season, his stats are even better with a .286 batting average, seven home runs, and 26 RBI.

Because Brahn did not enter college immediately after high school, he found it to be a difficult decision to leave his carpentry job and come to Liberty.

"I talked to Coach Richardson about coming here and prayed about it a lot. I had to make a lot of life changes," he said.

Brahn feels that his life would be much different now had he not come to LU and played ball.

"I've met a lot of interesting people here at Liberty. Especially Christian people. It (baseball) has just opened a lot of doors, it's provided another

education," he said.

Together, Brahn and his teammates have the same goal as many of the other athletic teams on campus, "to win the Big South, win the conference, and win as many games as possible."

With the team's 8-9-1 record so far, some would say this is no longer possible, but not Brahn.

"We didn't get the season off to a good start, but we still have a chance to win the conference," he said.

Brahn believes that the major difference between this year's team and last year's 31-win team is that the team is young.

"Experience is the most important asset for a baseball team to have. We have a lot of the crucial positions filled with players who have never played this level before," he explained.

"We're going to get better as we go. It's a lot of young guys playing at college level for the first time."

Though Brahn entered the Liberty baseball program under the coaching of Bobby Richardson, he has adjusted well to the techniques of Coach Johnny Hunton over the last two seasons.

"He (Hunton) is a great inspiration. He is the kind of coach who sticks to what's right. He never straddles the line between right and wrong. That brings respect from the players. He is a very spiritual man and I respect him for that," Brahn said.

During his time here, Brahn has been involved with the Prayer Warriors and the Players Club. He also coaches softball teams in the summer.

Brahn will be graduating with a degree in physical education. He would like to be a physical education teacher and a baseball coach at a school in the future.

"I would like to help my baseball team as best I could to win their games," Brahn said.

When asked what he would never forget of his time with the Flames, after a long period of thought, Brahn finally replied: "When I first came here, there was this guy named Pete Lucadano. I will never forget him. He didn't have the most God-given talent, but he never gave up, and every time I see him, he inspires me with his work ethic and his faith. That is the thing I will never forget."

Show your support for the LU athletic program with your attendance at the events.

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Correction

In the March 17, 1992 edition of *The Champion* it incorrectly listed the 1992 Men's Big South All-Tournament Team as the All-Conference Team on Page 4.

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Former Liberty football player finds success in pro sports, art

By SHANNON HARRINGTON

Champion Reporter

Every individual is blessed with a God-given talent, but sometimes He blesses an individual with more than one. That is the case with LU senior Donald Smith, who has been blessed with both athletic and artistic talent.

Smith's athletic abilities have taken him all the way to the National Football League, where he spent the 1991-92 season with the Dallas Cowboys.

With his artistic talents, Smith completed a minor in art and has nearly completed a graphics major.

Smith began his football career when he was eight years old.

"My brother started playing (football) a year before me. When I saw him getting all the attention, I decided to play the following year," Smith said.

Smith played for George Washington High School in Danville, Va., before coming to Liberty in 1986. Actually, LU was a "last resort" for Smith, who saw bigger opportunities elsewhere.

"I had a lot of offers from larger universities, but on the last signing day they all backed out. Then Liberty came along and I signed with them on the next day," he said.

While at Liberty, Smith won many honors as a defensive back. In 1989 he was named to the "Sports Net-

work" Second-Team All-NCAA. That same year, he competed in the Martin Luther All-American Classic.

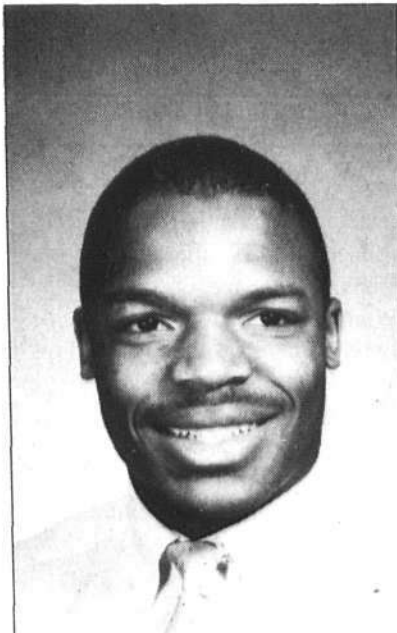
In 1990, after playing four seasons with the Flames, Smith was drafted into the NFL by the Minnesota Vikings. He was cut from Minnesota the same year, but was then acquired by the Dallas Cowboys in 1991. There he served as a back-up defensive back in the 1991-92 season.

After finishing the season with Dallas, Smith decided to return to Liberty where he is presently working on completing a bachelor's degree in graphics. He plans to graduate this spring.

As for his professional football career, Smith is far from being finished. He has considered an offer from the Winnipeg Bluebombers of the Canadian Football League. Smith was also given the option to return to the Cowboy's franchise.

"Dallas offered me a contract to return with them, but they wanted for me to play in the World League. But (Winnipeg) guaranteed that I would start if I signed with them," he explained.

Even with his busy and stressful schedule, Smith has managed to maintain a close walk with God. He said that one particular passage of the Bible, Proverbs 3:5 and 6, has been the key to his success. It says: "Trust



Donald Smith
Former LU football player

in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

"That verse has brought me a long way," Smith said.

Another major part of his life has been the influence of the people around him. He credits his older brother as being his biggest help when he was younger.

"(My brother) was the first one to share Christ with me. Also, whatever I was doing, he would help me keep a

level head," Smith explained.

Smith's mother and grandmother were also big influences.

"They flooded me with Christian principles and attributes," Smith said.

Even when Smith went to Dallas to play for the Cowboys, he found Christian influences. On the team Smith met fellow Christians like Russell Maryland, Bill Bates, Ray Horton and Alexander Wright. But most of all, he established a close friendship with Wright.

Smith said: "Alexander was the most outspoken Christian on the team. We would throw Scriptures at each other when we were down."

Presently, Smith said that his friends are the biggest influence around him.

"(My friends) have not only helped me grow as a Christian, but also as a man. I cannot express all that they have done for me. I love them," he said.

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