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Kim Westover enjoys an active life in spite of battle with disease.

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Ladies softball team plays their last season.

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

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# Administration approves three new campus projects

By Dolph Bell

Despite the present financial crisis, the administration is pushing ahead with three major campus-development projects for next fall: a new fiber-optic phone system, a new records computer and possibly a new exit/entrance to the campus, according to administrative sources.

The administration hopes to build a new exit/entrance onto LU by next fall, but how soon it will be built hinges on how much money, if any, the state will contribute to the half-amillion-dollar project, according to Vice President of Institutional Research and Planning Carl Schreiber.

Schreiber described plans for four ramps, two exits and two entrances, accessing Liberty from both sides of State Highway 224. "Going east or west on 224, you could exit or enter the campus without having to get on Candler's Mountain Road," he said.

New roads from 224 would connect with Liberty's present road system somewhere between the Liberty bell and the circle side of the dorms, Schreiber said.

"A lot of decisions have yet to be made, but we're hoping it might be possible as early as next fall," Schreiber said. "I think that this could be done for less than half-amillion dollars."

The State Highway Department recently mailed to Liberty its preliminary drawings of the project, which the administration has been pursuing through meetings with city and state officials for more than a year, Schreiber said.

President Guillermin, interviewed about budget cuts last week, said he thought the road project had been approved and that he didn't see recent austerity measures as affecting it.

If the four-ramp road project falls through, Schreiber said, an alternate project would be providing automatic gates for the rail crossing at an exit behind the baseball field which Liberty rarely uses now.

Schreiber said the alternate project could cost \$80,000. "The railroad entrance/exit would be a help, but even that isn't the kind of major entrance/exit we need on this campus."

In choosing the sight near 224, Liberty is keeping its eye on the future. "It makes good sense to have those entrances and exits right in what will be the center of our campus in not too many years," Schreiber said.

One factor in making the decision for the project was the recent accidents at the entrance of Liberty and the daily congestion on Candler's Mountain Road which Schreiber called "an absolute mess."

Liberty wants to eventually build a major link from Route 29 under the railroad tracks to hook up with the exits planned for highway 224, Schreiber said. But the project remains in the future because of its estimated cost in excess of \$3 million.

# AT&T plans campus phone installation

Also set for installation next fall is a new AT&T system 85 "fiber-optic backbone," which will not onlyallow for a phone in every dorm room next year, but also for voice, data and video switching throughout campus, according to Schreiber.

The new system is part of the "grander plan" of the computerization of Liberty, Schreiber said. Video switching will be used for Liberty Broadcasting Network.

"We will literally be able one day to broadcast anything anywhere simultaneously because of this fiberoptic backbone. It will be fantasic," he said.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell said in chapel the phone system is expected to generate \$500,000 a year.

Liberty will make profits as students are billed for phone service. Guillermin doesn't yet know how billing will be handled.

Guillermin said the new system is especially cost-effective because Liberty doesn't have to put up any money up front.



RECORD—Debbie Johnson (left) and Mary Agee who work in the Office of Records recently completed the 20,000th Liberty student file.—Photo by Deborah Wood

## Bennett highlights week

By Elaine Lucadano

United States Secretary of Education William Bennett will address the student body Wednesday, April 23, highlighting LU's Education Emphasis Week April 21-25.

Bennett will also hold a 20-minute press conference and a question and answer session with faculty and selected education majors in the TE building following the chapel service.

Also, an exhibit of education projects, displays and games highlight the education fair Monday, April 21,

from 3:30-6 p.m.

Dr. Lila Bruckner, chairman of the Division of Learning Assistance, encourages the support of both faculty and students to enhance the event.

"This fair presents an opportunity to show the fine accomplishments of the student body and is a fine representation of our education department," she said.

Anthony Fortosis, a representative of Christian Schools International, is scheduled to wrap up Education Emphasis Week by speaking on Christian Education in chapel Friday, April 25.

## Play to open this weekend

By Michele Stout and Deborah Wood

"It's a classical farce. People should come prepared to laugh and be entertained," Roger Miller, a Liberty University drama instructor and the director of the play "Charley's Aunt," said.

The play takes place on a patio outside of two Oxford College students' rooms in 1890.

Charles and Jack, who are violently in love with the Misses Verdun and Spettigue, invite them for luncheon to meet Charley's wealthy aunt from Brazil ("where the nuts come from").

When the aunt cannot make the

luncheon, the men persuade young Lord Babberly to dress as the aunt and act as chaperone. The girls fawn the fake aunt, while Jack's dad and Miss Spettigue's guardian try to court her.

In the midst of this the real aunt shows up and goes along with the deceit. That's only the start of the hilarious complications.

"'Charley's Aunt' was fun to rehearse. It's neat to see how humor and fun results from mix-up. The students involved in the play are excited about it. It's difficult to do comedy due to the timing element, but we are ready," Miller said.

The stage craft and production classes were involved in creating the sets and props and in working at the box office. Sharon Wheeler, a drama instructor, designed the costumes.

Becky Peterson is assistant director of the play, and Paul Oetting is the stage manager.

The play will be showing April 17-19 and 24-26 at 8 p.m. in FA 102. The cost is \$2 for students and faculty. Tickets can be reserved at the Theater Box Office located in the Fine Arts building from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or they can be purchased at the door.



DISGUISE—Paula Abbott (Ella) and Jeff Moore (Lord Fancort) rehearse a scene from the play "Charley's Aunt," which will be showing April 17-19 and 24-26 in the Fine Arts Hall.—Photo by Scott Snider



# Commentary

#### Letters to the Editor

Dear editor:

This letter refers to the recent article in *The Liberty Champion* entitled, "Punk: Administration, students debate growing 'identity crisis' issue." I certainly hope that Mr. Hine included morally conservative-minded people when he said, "We welcome input from the students."

Taking that to be the case, I wish to express what I feel is a growing concern among many of the students here at Liberty.

Why does *The Liberty Champion* constantly pit the administration's view and the student's view against one another? Do we need the *Champion* rather than the administration guiding our school? Why do we see a politically conservative slant and not a morally conservative slant in our student(?) newspaper?

Please do not relegate me to the level of a legalist because I bring up these points. A good job has been done to quiet the morally conservative student by making him fear the title 'Mr. Legalist,' while the other side seems to be allowed to thrive.

After reading the article, I felt a sickening feeling to think that we even feel a need to debate such an issue.

Unfortunately, at least on subjects of this nature (i.e. rock music, dress, etc.), we have not escaped the menace of a liberal press. Slanted? You bet!

Obviously, the writer of the article tried to be sarcastic with the definition of 'punk' she gave. At least I hope so.

If on the other hand, as most would agree, the punk culture represents rock music, rebellion, drugs, illicit sex, etc., then it does not belong at a Christian college. Find me one student who dresses according to the punk culture that does not listen to rock music (secular, hard core), which our chancellor explicitly says is wrong (bravo), and I will show you an exception to the rule.

It is like going around wearing a football suit everywhere you go, and then trying to claim that you hate football. It just does not work that way.

Why not nip this problem in the bud before it gets out of hand? Subtly attacking the administration through the *Champion* only breeds rebellion among the students and we have too much of that already. Complaints dealing with subjects of this nature are not newsworthy and should be stopped.

After being at this school for four years, I can honestly say I think it is the greatest school. I will recommend it wherever I go. My love for this school is exactly why I wrote this letter. Please accept it as constructive criticism. We must all keep in mind that the little foxes spoil the vine.

Everette C. Hall

**Editor's Note:** The definition of punk used in the article was taken from Random House Dictionary of the English Language.

**Editor:** 

Thank you for printing the story on Students Against Abortion in the March 19 issue. I didn't know what to expect when I attended the meeting March 20, and the other 30 people in the room probably didn't either. But, it turned out to be so good.

Brenda Fastabend, chairman of the Virginia Society for Human Life, presented a stirring speech about the need for more people to become active in the pro-life movement.

What I didn't expect was the powerful video that was shown. It was an excellent film showing both sides of the issue, the pro-life and the pro-choice aspects. But, watching two live abortions and listening to interviews with victims of abortion clearly pointed out the sanctity of human life. The pro-choicers came out looking like money-hungry doctors.

I think the Lord will hold all of us accountable for what we did or didn't do to stop the murder of 4,000 innocent babies everyday.

Thank you for printing a story that showed not all students on this campus are apathetic, but that there are some like Anthony Carr, founder of Students Against Abortion, that are concerned enough to do something.

Trish Stirsman A Student Against Abortion

Do you have an opinion about what's happening at Liberty University? Address letters to Jennifer Steele, Box 21598.

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#### Beating spina bifida

## Student enjoys active life

By Marsha Wilde

Walking is not a necessity to living for Liberty University sophomore Kim Westover.

"About the only thing I cannot do is anything having to do with walking," she said with a smile.

Born in Houston in the mid-50s, she has spina bifida, a disease which effects the closure of the spine at birth and confines the victim to a wheelchair.

Doctors said she had a 50/50 chance of survival and could live only to the age of 18. But now she is busy proving them wrong.

The LU student is a member of the SGA activities council and can often be seen directing brother/sister dorm parties for Dorms 5 and 11.

At home in Atlanta Kim enjoys painting. Her favorite pieces are landscapes, and she has several works displayed at the Spring Arts Festival.

As an avid traveler she has visited every state except Alaska and has vacationed several times in Hawaii with her family.

It was on one of her trips to Lynchburg with her dad, Duke Westover, that she first met the Rev. Jerry Falwell. At that time Falwell wanted to build a church. Kim's dad, a construction company owner, later built Thomas Road Baptist Church.

This was the beginning of a longtime acquaintance with the Falwells that led Kim to Liberty University one year ago.

And now, as she continues her education, her life is changing.

"I have certainly become more independent since I came here," she said, "but not necessarily by choice but by necessity!"

However, home is still just a phone call away.

"Everytime I had rough times, I would pick up the phone and call dad. He is the best pep-talk giver in the world." she said.

That encouragement has always been important to Kim. "When I was growing up, my parents did not baby me. They disciplined me like any other child because they knew how easy it would be for me to take advantage of them," she explained.

Living far away from her close family has been difficult at times, but Kim has learned to look on the bright side.

"I bring my own seat to chapel while everybody else is desperately searching for one," she said.

In fact, Kim stated she gets frus-



Kim Westover

trated only when she is sitting in a hot car and cannot get out to the fresh air.

She hopes to make life at Liberty more convenient for other students confined to wheelchairs. Among her interests are getting the heavy doors on campus replaced with automatic ones and securing more handicapped parking spaces.

She also has one more plan. She laughed, "My dream is to live in Hawaii and own a Volkswagon convertible to drive around the islands. I could be a beach bum very easily."

## **Campus Quotes**

#### Should Liberty have freshmen dorms?



Melissa Garner (freshman)— "I think freshmen ought to be in dorms where they are exposed to more experience and under higher leadership."



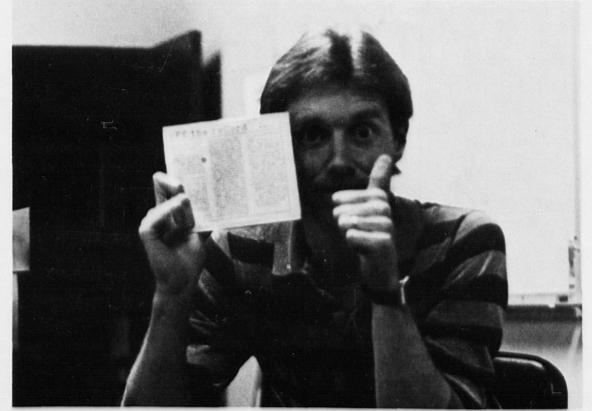
Cathy Williams (freshman)— "I think having freshmen dorms is a good idea because it helps us relate to each other and brings unity among the freshman class."



Mike Parker (sophomore)— "Freshmen should be placed with upperclassmen to establish a more mature Christian environment."



Eric Goodman (junior)—"I think it's a good idea because when upperclassmen and freshmen are put together the upperclassmen lose their privileges such as "lights out."



OFF THE ROCKER—Liberty Champion pseudo-intellectual columnist Steve Leer engages in a bit of self-glorification recently (he used the self-timer on his camera). Leer's 'Off the Record' column is on sabbatical this week (actually his contract is under negotiation). For all his insane fans (his mother, sister...) the column will be back next week.—Photo by Steve Leer (really)

## **Officials** plan limited enrollment

By M. Anthony Carr

Liberty University's enrollment will be limited next year in an effort to let the school stabilize from its dramatic growth the last two years, according to administrative officials.

The growth included \$14 million worth of construction.

In the April 7 chapel service, Chancellor Jerry Falwell said, "We are in a belt-tightening mode," stemming from the expansion which was so important for accreditation.

Tom Diggs, dean of Academic Services and LUSLLL, said that LU can be compared to a child protégé who must catch up with his peers. "When an organization has been going through dynamic change for a time, it loses its energy and becomes preoccupied with change.

"We've gone through much change (growth, change of programs, construction, etc.), and the people have not had time to react or become familiar with the changes,' Diggs explained.

Therefore, the administration has decided to limit 1986-87's enrollment to 5,500 students. Diggs said that would leave LU with the same amount of students that entered school last year.

"We'll probably be even with last year's enrollment or maybe down a few hundred. We're cutting the number of new students to fill the graduates' spots and absences caused by normal attrition," Diggs said.



PUREST PRAISE—Three-year-old Lauren Talley performed solos and with her family during the WRVL Club 88 concert Saturday evening. Photo by Tim Isaacson

### **President's Forum:**

### Guillermin sends message to all returning students

Please complete the registration information released Friday, April 11, as soon as possible. This is your first step in assisting the university to prepare your fall semester's class schedule. This information is needed by MAY 1.

Usually this column is used for a Question/Answer between the students and the President; however, today this column is to send an important message to the student body. Your attention to this message will be appreciated and is important to you.

A. Pierre Guillermin

## **Options**

#### Nursing program's fate still up in air

By Tony Virostko

Although no official decision has yet been reached, the resignation of Dr. Eleanor Treece, director of nursing, and the cutbacks in the university budget may bring an end to the Liberty University nursing program.

Dr. Glenn H. Sumrall, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said that the university has three options.

The first is to enlarge the bachelor of science in nursing, making it into a complete four-year generic program in which a freshman could come to Liberty and receive four years of nurses training.

However, because of the nursing program and the recent university cutbacks, Sumrall said that an increase wouldn't be likely. "Nursing is always more expensive than other programs because of the specialty areas.'

The nursing director agreed, saying it takes a lot of time and money to build a program because of the curriculum and smaller class sizes.

Sumrall also said that nursing requires a smaller student to faculty ratio than other courses because of the time required to teach the specialized courses. But besides the cost, "the pieces never fell into place," he

The second option open to the school is to do nothing at all with the nursing program, letting it die a natural death.

The final option is to continue the program as it is without making any changes. This means that potential BSN students must already be registered nurses before coming to Lib-

The nursing program was denied accreditation on Nov. 28, 1984, when it went before the National League of Nursing, an association which accredits participating pro-

Three other schools also went with Liberty in 1984, but all four were denied accreditation by the NLN.

Sumrall said that courses will be offered next year for students scheduled to graduate, but he explained that no additional students will be accepted into the nursing program.

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## Richardson to assume baseball post

By Steve Leer

After 13 years of coaching Liberty University baseball, Alabama-bred Al Worthington is passing the torch on to a yankee—an ex-New York Yankee, that is.

Worthington, also the LU Athletic Director, announced last Wednesday that former Yankee star second baseman Bobby Richardson will succeed him as only the second Flames baseball coach, effective July 1.

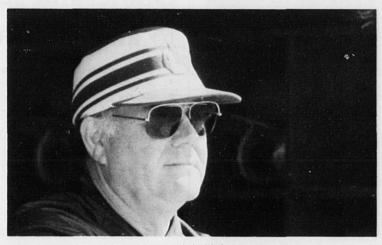
The LU skipper, who has guided Liberty to a 331-187-1 record, said he made the decision to step down as baseball coach to devote all his time to athletic directing.

"This job (as athletic director) is time-consuming," Worthington said, "I can't do this and baseball both."

"I feel the combination of both jobs doesn't allow me the time to be the type of baseball coach I need to be," he added. "An athletic director at a college has many problems and for some reason I like these problems."

Worthington said he started formulating his decision about a year ago. He pointed out that he went to Chancellor Jerry Falwell and President A. Pierre Guillermin last spring and discussed leaving the head baseball coaching post with them.

## **Flames Sports**



LAST SEASON—Al Worthington is in his last year as baseball coach.

Richardson, a long-time friend of Worthington and Falwell, is the current baseball coach and associate athletic director at Coastal Carolina College.

Richardson formerly coached the University of South Carolina baseball team, leading the Gamecocks in 1975 to a 51-6 record and a second-place finish in the College World Series.

Worthington believes Richardson's arrival at LU will only improve Flames baseball.

"He is a very knowledgeable baseball man and will do the job here he has done at South Carolina and Coastal Carolina. I look forward to working with him."

In 12 years as a New York Yankee, Richardson batted .266. He played in seven World Series (winning four), was part of nine pennant winners and played in seven All Star games. He also received five Gold Gloves.

Richardson holds World Series records for runs batted in in a series (12), runs batted in a single game (6) and hits in a series (13). He was the MVP of the 1960 World Series and finished second to teammate Mickey Mantle as the American League MVP in 1962.

Do you know something unusual or a unique quality about someone? If so, let us know.

## Golfers take pair

By Dave Dentel

Against every level and every form of competition, the LU golf team has experienced success in its first spring as a varsity sport at the NCAA Division 2 level.

In the first dual match of the season the team defeated Hampden-Sydney and Longwood College April 7.

Led by surprise freshman standout Daniel Owen, who shot a school record one-under-par 71, the entire LU squad shot a collective 300 for an additional school record.

The two wins placed the Flames match record at 2-0. Now, according to head coach Mike Hall, LU stands a "legitimate chance of going undefeated."

In tournament competition so far this spring, LU's success has fluctuated. At the Ferrum Invitational March 18, the Flames finished first out of eight teams. Bob Stortenbecker shot a 76, and Owen shot a 77, leading to a team score of 312 and a 12-stroke lead ahead of the nearest competitor.

At the Greensboro College District 3 Intercollegiate Tournament March 9-10 the Flames finished 10th out of 25 teams. However, at the Max Ward Intercollegiate Tournament March 24-25 LU topped only nine teams out of field of 24.

Despite the one disappointing performance, Hall stated he is pleased with his team's progress. Under the leadership of team captain Toby McKeehan, Hall feels team unity has grown. Hall is also proud of his team's academic accomplishments, namely, an average GPA of 3.0.

Although LU golf is only in its first year as an official NCAA Division 2 sport, Hall thinks that by 1988, in accordance with LU plans, golf will be ready for the jump to Division 1.

Hall stated, "We've already competed against 20 Division 1 schools and defeated approximately half of them."

#### Softball game set for 19th

The first LU Celebrity Softball Game is scheduled for April 19 at City Stadium.

SGA officers and LU supervisors will challenge school officials in the event, scheduled to precede the Lynchburg Mets/Hagerstown Suns

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Ed Dobson, Del Rey Loven, Don Norman, Dane Emerick and John Baker are among those scheduled to play for the administration team.

Jim Shannon, Brett Hartley, Mike

Broomell, Jim Whitt and Dean DuToit will be among those playing for SGA.

Action starts at 5:30 p.m. at City Stadium, and tickets can be purchased for \$1 in the Office of Student Activities.

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# Division 1 push nixes softball

By Marsha Wilde

This season will be the last for the Lady Flames softball team as the school pushes toward Division 1 status in 1988, according to Coach Mike Goad.

'Athletics wanted to go in (to Division 1) as a whole," he said.

He explained that few Southern Conference teams have softball programs. Within Virginia, only the University of Virginia and George Mason University have them.

Thus, for the team to continue, it would be forced to play on the club level, which is very competitive as well as costly due to travel expenses.

Furthermore, tougher recruiting and construction of a field would be necessary. "You are really cutting your own throat," Goad stated.

Athletic Director Al Worthington explained that the decision to discontinue the team was made before the season began and had no relation to recent budget cutbacks throughout the ministry. "Why keep paying for something you are going to cut any-



END IN SIGHT—When the softball team finishes this season, the crack of bat against ball will be silenced.

way?" he asked.

Goad learned of the decision Feb. 14 and said his first concern was telling the team.

"I like to shoot from the hip, and I told the players that we still have a commitment honor. They still have the responsibility as athletes to play the best at all times.

Goad stated that they have fulfilled

that goal, having competed against top teams such as the University of North Carolina.

The team's current record is 12-11. "We have risen to the occasion as far as the competition this year,"

Goad said with pride. Now he said the team's focus will be on finishing the season as winners. "Our ultimate goal is to win games and to honor the Lord in those games," he said.

'We want to distinguish ourselves in softball, but we are still a ministry," he commented. "The girls are committed, and it is through softball that they have an opportunity to wit-

#### Goad named ladies basketball coach

By Marsha Wilde

Mike Goad has been chosen from among 12 applicants, including three women, to succeed Linda Farver as coach of the Lady Flames basketball team.

'We are looking toward next year with a new attitude and a new philosophy," Goad said of his new appointment.

This "new" approach will include increased emphasis on defensive performance as well as stronger recruiting in preparation for the move to Division 1.

"The better the competition the better the athlete must be," he explained.

A 1975 graduate of Liberty University, Goad joined the coaching staff in 1978 and served three terms as assistant basketball coach before becoming an assistant baseball coach. He coached the women's softball team this

He will continue to teach while coaching the women's team.



SINGLES-Tim Albury returns the ball with a forehand.-Photo by

# Tennis team drops four

By Tim Woltmann

The Liberty tennis team, ending a very disappointing week, lost four meets from April 7-11.

It fell to Roanoke College 6-3 April 7, Averett College 9-0 April 8, Lynchburg College 8-1 Thursday and again to Roanoke 5-4 Friday.

The loss to Roanoke at home on Friday was decided by the last match. The meet was tied 4-4 when Tom Adams and Frank Englund overcame David DeMoss and David Collins 6-2, 7-5 in the number one doubles

The winners against Roanoke Friday were DeMoss at the number three singles spot, Collins at number five and Derek Webster at number

Also, the Jay Hibbard-Scott Graves tandem won at the number two doubles position.

Even with the losses Coach Carl Diemer was encouraged by a couple of things he saw during the week.

Graves has moved into the number one singles position, and although

he is not winning as he is used to, according to Diemer, he has been playing very well

Against Averett College Graves played the toughest match of his collegiate career, Diemer said. Graves faced Tapio Martti and gave him a scare before falling 6-4, 7-6. Diemer commented that this was probably the closest match that Martti has played all year.

Webster has emerged as a surprise for the team. He went into the lineup to replace a player who was late for the match against Roanoke April 7 and stayed in the lineup when he won. His personal record is now 2-2.

Diemer is also very happy with a physical improvement to the tennis courts. During spring break the wind screens that the team had been anticipating arrived and were installed.

The losses last week dropped the team's record to 2-6; however, Diemer continues to be encouraged about the overall season.

According to Diemer, the most difficult part of the schedule is over, and the team anticipates winning at least four of the last six meets.

The tennis team was scheduled to meet Ferrum College Monday. It faces Bridgewater College at 2 p.m. tomorrow and travels to Longwood College to face the Lancers Friday.

It closes out the season next week with three matches: Monday, Virginia Military Institute; Tuesday, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro; and Friday, Longwood College.





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