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## Play pleases appreciative crowds

By SCOTT SCHWARTZ

Champion Reporter

The Liberty University Theatre presentation of Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" is one which captivates each viewer and delights even the most stoic audience member.

The cast and crew did a fabulous job in their first three performances of the 17th century French comedy.

Those planning to attend any of the remaining three performances on Thursday, Friday and

Saturday nights are promised a night of whimsical delight and fun-filled laughter.

Gabriel Vogel, playing the title role of Monsieur Argan the pitiful hypochondriac, does a wonderful job portraying the attention-loving old codger. Vogel's smooth delivery and strong control of the role set the tone for the entire production.

Vogel is very excited to be a part of the play's cast.

"After watching past performances

I knew I wanted to work with these people. It's great to work with them after watching them on stage just five months ago," Vogel said.

Another strong performance was turned in by Stephanie Hayes who plays the part of Toinette, the maid and nurse of Argan's house. Hayes' performance was spectacular as the strong-willed, outspoken house-keeper. It was hard to believe that she had never performed in an LU production before. Hayes' performance delighted each audience member to the point of laughter.

Kristi Edmonds, playing the part of Angelica, was charming and enchanting in the role of the submissive yet scheming daughter.

After the performance Edmonds said: "The audience made it fun. The hardest thing was to keep from laughing at Jeff (Riffle)."

Trying not to laugh at Jeff Riffle's

performance delighted each audience member to the point of laughter.

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Photo by Shelbi Kanechiro

"The Imaginary Invalid" will continue performances April 9, 10 and 11 in the Lloyd Theater. Pictured left to right are: Shawn Porter, Jeff Riffle, Gabriel Vogel and Nathan Alexander.

### REVIEW

## Littlejohn, two students attend conference at Duke

By DAWN K. LOONEY

News Editor

Robert Littlejohn, assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences, and two LU students attended the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Physiologists at Duke University in March. LU's Sheryl Scharp and Tatia Rowland-Cook, a 1991 alumna, presented the results of their individual photosynthesis research studies.

Rowland-Cook was awarded "outstanding undergraduate paper." During a research leave from Liberty University in 1991, Rowland-Cook attended Washington State University for a semester where she completed her research on photosynthesis.

Her photosynthesis research dealt with two species of a flower, Flavera, and a pair of hybrids. Littlejohn explained the object of Rowland-Cook's research was to monitor "the response of photosynthesis to a num-

ber of different environmental parameters, such as changes in temperature and changes in carbon dioxide concentrations."

Scharp's research was completed at LU's greenhouse. She studied two species of the Iris flower.

According to Littlejohn, who worked with Scharp on the research, one species was shade tolerant, one species grew best in sunlight, and the project included a hybrid between the two species.

Scharp was concerned with the responses of photosynthesis to light



Dr. Robert Littlejohn Assoc. dean of arts and sciences

The "poster session" of her findings, which she presented at the conference, is on display in the biology department.

"These conferences are the way that scientists are able to get their most recent findings out to others," he said. "That's the value of scientific meetings — it's brand new information."

Although the conferences are used as a source of information for the scientists and professors, they are also a source of competition for the attending students. The two LU students competed against graduate students in the oral

presentations, which are judged by a panel of three or four judges.

Littlejohn said: "They (Scharp's and Rowland-Cook's projects) were similar research studies. Although... Taita's was done at Washington State University which is a major land grant institution. She had access to much more equipment, so that study was, as far as the technology involved, more advanced than the one Sherry and I did here."

Rowland-Cook encourages LU students to get involved with similar conventions.

"The conventions are a good way of getting experience in speaking in front of people who know more than you and who expect you to synthesize everything that you've learned."

"You can't just say something is this way without being able to answer someone when they ask you, 'Why?', and they add, 'Well, I think this...'" It's almost like playing devil's advocate," she said.

In addition to the experience, LU students may have the opportunity to accept scholarships for graduate work by attending a conference.

"Often our Liberty students are offered assistantships, fellowships or scholarships to attend graduate school at other universities. One student was offered a \$10,000 scholarship to attend a certain university. Another student was offered \$15,000 a year to attend another university because so few undergraduates are doing real research," Littlejohn explained.

Rowland-Cook also stressed the opportunities for graduate school assistance. "It's not unusual for a professor from another university to come up to you and offer you a position that will be opening up at his university the next semester."

Littlejohn suggests that all LU students in any majors talk to a faculty member in their department about conferences or competition opportunities in their related fields.

## Caltigerone resigns after 12 years of teaching at LU

By REBEKAH HURST

Champion Reporter

John Caltigerone, professor in the health sciences department, will resign after the spring semester of 1992. He has been at LU for 12 years.

According to Caltigerone, his love for coaching high school football and his desire to do God's will have called him to Staunton River High School near Smith Mountain Lake.

His future plans involve building a solid athletic program at the school, where he will be coaching football as well as being a

study hard and prepare for the future. "How well they (students) prepare now will be seen in the future. Some work extremely hard while others get by, but that'll catch up to them later on," Caltigerone said.

Caltigerone wants to be remembered "as a friend; a lot of faculty don't really talk to their students. I've tried to be more of a friend than a teacher and show them that I'm interested not only in their schoolwork but in outside activities as well."

As far as long term goals, Caltigerone said, "I want to settle into my job and do the best that I can."

Caltigerone gave departing advice to LU students. He urged them to



John Caltigerone Professor of Health and Sciences

## Erikson fights Goodlatte for seat

By TIM PIERCE

Champion Reporter

Donna Vance Erikson, candidate for U.S. Congress in the 6th District of Virginia, is on the campaign trail and seeking a win May 16 over Bob Goodlatte, Republican candidate running for the same seat.

As a businesswoman for 20 years, Erikson said she understands the many facets of the business climate. She is committed to traditional family values, the sanctity of life, neighbors helping neighbors, and American work ethics.

Erikson's strong belief in citizen participation in the public office is a motivating factor for seeking election to the Virginia Senate.

"People are ready to make this a

government of the people, by the people, and for the people. In order to

do that, we must have leaders with a variety of backgrounds," she said. "We need more plumbers, teachers, carpenters, housewives, businesswomen and people from all walks of life."

Erikson is considered to be the candidate who is not the "status quo", but she says that being seen as a citizen-legislator is positive.

Standing firm on key issues that affect American people, especially those in the 6th District, and working to better the future of the

country are Erikson's goals in Congress.



Donna Erikson 6th District Candidate

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Erikson has strong opinions concerning the critical issue of abortion. She is pro-life and does not support federal tax dollars being spent on abortion in this country. She said that she is absolutely opposed to the Freedom of Choice Act, which she would fight "tooth and nail."

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"We must restore confidence in the economy," she said. "We must help businesses that are over-regulated and over-taxed and help the middle-class and lower-income people, who are forced to sell when times get hard."

She also believes that by freezing domestic federal spending at the 1991 levels will force Congress to live within a budgetary discipline. She is in favor of reducing the capital gains tax, reinstatement of investment tax credits for business, and support of the line-item veto for the president.

Erikson is a supporter of a strong national defense. She supports reducing the defense budget by no more than \$50 billion over the next five

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## LU Ad Club competes in regional contest

By DAWN K. LOONEY

News Editor

"You're more than a member. You're a friend," was the LU Ad Club's campaign slogan to promote Visa during a recent competition.

Five club members competed in the National Advertising Student Competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation April 3 in which they promoted Visa to a college market.

The competitions are divided into districts. LU competed in the third district which included college ad clubs from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The University of South Carolina placed first in the competition followed by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

Consisting of 11 members, the LU Ad Club just entered competition last

year. Jim Woolace, Ad Club president, said, "I'm really proud of everyone who worked on the campaign. We came a long way from last year and have a good base to start on for next year... Chris Vohland and Amanda Schweinsburg were the brains of the operation."

"The idea of the competition was to put together a comprehensive advertising campaign including the media and marketing strategies that would promote Visa to the college market," Vohland, Ad Club treasurer, explained.

The Ad Club suggested that Visa gear most of its advertising towards college freshmen "because they tend not to have a credit card as opposed to seniors." As a result, they created freshmen promotions.

"We had a 'Music Madness' where we would give away free tapes and CDs. Then we had our advertise-

ments for radio, television and newspapers," Vohland said.

The Ad Club began working on its campaign last August. According to Vohland, extensive research and surveying had to be completed to determine what college students like to do, what television programs are popular and what their attitudes and priorities are.

Winners of the national competition have opportunities for employment with major advertising firms. As a result, the intensity of the competition increases.

"It was a very intense competition... it's not taken lightly," Vohland said.

"It was a good competition to prepare us for what we're up against in the future. We had a session with the judges and that told us what they look for when they're hiring people. They gave us good tips on resumes and

hints on looking for jobs," she explained.

Plans for next year's competition include more detailed work and planning ahead. "We suggest working on the plans book more, which has a lot of numbers and statistics. We need to justify why we chose certain media and things like that. We also need to work on the presentation more than a week before the competition even though the presentation did go very well this year," Vohland said.

Vohland said that meeting Mary Ellen Wooley who heads American Advertising Federation Education Services was the highlight of the competition for her.

Ad Club members include: Anita Wells, co-vice president; Mark Sennitz; Trey Gilham; Jeff Tucker; Amanda Schweinsburg, co-vice president; Jen Hankins, secretary and Alyson Goodman, adviser.





**Jennifer Miller**  
Elementary Education Major  
and YouthQuest Member

# LU student experiences teaching in Chicago

By RUTH GUTIERREZ  
Champion Reporter

Jennifer Miller, an elementary education major born in Detroit, taught and learned from students in Chicago's inner-city public school system during YouthQuest's spring break missions trip.

Miller had the opportunity to teach at an elementary school with more than 2,000 children.

"This was the first time that I've ever really had to really teach in a public school," Miller said.

The experience of teaching a classroom of 30 children was overwhelming.

"It was very different and an eye-opening experience. The kids are totally different from the kids that I grew up with, and the problems that they deal with are also different," Miller explained.

The team of 62 students was divided into groups and attended several youth centers. Miller was assigned to Roberto Clemente High School with 3,000 students.

She worked with Inner City Impact, a para-church organization in the Humbolt Park area. The group was the first to gain permission to tutor high school students in principle of daily living.

"The students were very honest and open," Miller said.

One high school student was curious to know about his tutor. "One guy wanted to know how I was raised because I was raised so differently," she said.

Some of the questions raised in the conversation were about gang activities in Chicago. Miller mentioned that the fifth floor of the school is a

congregation area for students involved in gangs.

According to Miller, the stereotype of large public schools having problems, with violence is often times exaggerated.

"It was really difficult to watch the kids because they wanted so much attention and love and wanted someone to care about them so badly. But we didn't see anybody pull out a gun

or smoke a joint. They were very courteous," Miller said.

Miller has actively been involved with YouthQuest for four years. She feels that more students ought to be involved in a missions program.

"It's spending time with teenagers and kids. I've seen the difference that it makes. When people see you living for God, it opens up a whole new outlook on what God means."

# Education remains sub-standard

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Wire  
WASHINGTON—One year after President Bush called for a "true renaissance in American education," little has changed in America's classrooms, Education Secretary Lamar Alexander acknowledged recently.

Alexander blamed the lack of improvement on public apathy and Congress rejection of the administration's plan for "radical change."

Congressional leaders responded by saying Alexander is playing election-year politics and unfairly trying to redirect blame, more accurately laid on the administration.

"In fact, Congress is acting, and acting effectively on education reform," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee. "Secretary Alexander's problem is that Congress has done too well."

Both the Senate and the House have watered down or rejected the forty components of the administration's "America 2000" strategy.

They are: approving \$545 million for "break-the-mold" schools; establishing new national tests and standards in math, history and other subjects; allowing parents to use tax money for public or private schools of their choice; and giving new power to the education secretary to waive certain federal education regulations.

Kennedy has been a key opponent of the "choice" program, which would allow federal money to be spent on private schools, a practice its critics say would destroy already hurting public schools.

"We have rejected the administration's proposals because we found them inadequate, and we are about to send two major reform bills to the president with broad bipartisan support," the senator said.

A key component of one of those bills would give \$852 million to existing schools instead of the \$545 million for "break-the-mold" schools.

An education bill approved by the Senate rejects the "choice" program, but includes — in much limited form — the three other components of the administration's plan.

A pending House bill, however, rejects all of them. One House amendment goes as far as seeking a prohibition on national exams and standards. Congress approved \$100 million for the "America 2000" plan but has not yet determined how to spend it.

As the November election nears, Bush is expected to be pressed as to precisely what he has accomplished to deserve his self-imposed title of "education president." So far, many education officials say, there has been far more rhetoric than results.

C. Peter Magrath, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, said that "though nothing has changed very much" the administration has raised the level of discussion about education and its crucial importance.

"This is a political season, so we can expect blame lobbed back and forth," Magrath said.

Deputy Education Secretary David T. Kearns said that "at the school level itself, there probably has not been a lot of changes."

Alexander, appearing frustrated at the lack of concrete results one year after the "America 2000" unveiling, said a major "disappointment" has been the public's resistance to "revolutionary change." Many parents think: "What was good enough for me, is good enough for my children."

On the positive side, Alexander noted that 43 states have signed on to the six national education goals. The goals, devised by Bush and the nations' governors, include making American school children first in the world in math and science by the year 2000 and ensuring that all children arrive at school in a healthy condition so that they are ready to learn.

The goal of raising \$150 million to \$200 million in private money for the administration's cornerstone New American Schools also has fallen short, with only \$45 million collected to date. But Kearns said recently that "there isn't any question in my mind" the goal will be met.

Alexander said he was buoyed by the movement toward voluntary national examinations and standards, and said proof of the administration's commitment to schools is in its budget. Bush's budget proposal for a 10 percent increase for the Education Department is higher than the rise for any other federal agency.

"We have a clearer focus, a more radical agenda, and more people are taking education seriously," Alexander said of the year's progress.

But asked if students were learning any more this year as a result of America 2000, he said, "I don't think it's right for us to say that."

## Spring Calendar

### At The Movies!

New on campus price - all shows only \$.75  
Showings will be in David's Place on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Star Trek VI April 10 - April 11  
Father of the Bride April 17 - April 18

### On Campus!

#### Drama presentation:

April 9, 10, 11, the LU drama dept. will be presenting "The Imaginary Invalid." Play time will be 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. For more information, please contact fine arts at ext. 2085.

#### Concert Choir:

April 9, Chamber singers spring concert directed by Dr. Wayne Kompelien will be performed at Thomas Road Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m.

#### Trans World Radio:

Monday, April 13, Trans World Radio will be hosting a career information seminar for May grads. On Tuesday April 14, they will be interviewing interested seniors.

#### LU - LC Olympics:

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

### Job Opportunities!

#### Coming soon:

Thursday, April 9, The U.S. Marine Corps representative will be in DeMoss Atrium.

Thursday, April 9, FBI Career information session from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Sign up in the Career Center. Open to all students considering law enforcement careers.

Tuesday, April 14, Montgomery Ward is interviewing undergrads for sales positions (some beginning immediately, some beginning this summer) they will also be interviewing grads for management trainee positions.

#### 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.

# Reaching a World of Teenagers

FOURTH ANNUAL YOUTH EMPHASIS WEEK  
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## Speakers include:

Joe Hale  
Missionary • Christian Educator • Korea

Bob Miller  
Los Gatos Christian Church, Calif.

Randy Smith  
Youth Missions International

Mike Calhoun  
Director of Clubs • Word of Life

and 8 other  
Youth Ministry Leaders

Gary Hunt  
Author • Middle School Pastor

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Chapel  
Rev. Joe Hale  
7:30 pm L.U. Service  
YQ Ministries  
Youth Ministry Seminars

### THURSDAY

7:30 pm  
YQ  
Celebration  
Youth Ministry Seminars

### FRIDAY

10:00 am Ministry Chapel  
Rev. Mike Calhoun  
Afternoon  
YQ Team  
Auditions  
(sign up RH 124)  
Youth Ministry Seminars



Saturday, April 11  
YQ Rally at  
King's Dominion  
(LU student ticket - \$16.95)

For more information contact:  
The Center for Youth Ministry  
Religion Hall 124  
582-2179



## Engagements can lead to stressful planning

By AMANDA SCHWEINSBURG

Copy Editor

*The setting: Surfside Beach, S.C. It is Sunday night, around 7:30. The sky is overcast, but the gentle breeze is warm. The ocean is dark, following a night of rain.*

*The scene: Greg and Amanda, soon to be college seniors, are out walking on the beach. They have just returned from a quiet, candlelight dinner overlooking an ocean inlet.*

*She accuses him of acting romantic — he holds her hand and hugs her occasionally as they stroll along — but she suspects nothing. She walks slowly, bent at the waist, her face flushed from the ground.*

*"Will you hurry up? What are you doing?" he asks good-naturedly, but with the definite ring of patience wearing thin.*

*"I'm looking for a priceless treasure," she responds. "I don't have my glasses on, so I have to bend over."*

*They proceed slowly down the beach, and then:*

*"I found a priceless treasure."*

*She glances up to find him holding out an ordinary orange and brown*

*sea shell for inspection.*

*"That's not a treasure," she says, tossing it back onto the sand. "Keep looking."*

*The night breeze grows cooler, and a few rain drops start to fall, but they keep walking toward a pier far in the distance.*

*"I found another priceless treasure," he says.*

*Her gaze automatically returns to his outstretched hand. For an instant her heart stops. There, sits an open black velvet box. Inside rests a beautifully simple solitaire diamond ring.*

*"Put that away! Is that real?!" she exclaims, her hand rushing to rest on a flushed cheek.*

*Despite the decidedly non-romantic response he answers, "Yes, it's real. Will you marry me?"*

*And so, my life as an engaged woman began. The remainder of the evening I'll never forget consisted of my showing the ring to his 20+ relatives (with whom we were on vacation at the beach); calling my mom (who "had a feeling this would happen"); and alternating trips to the bathroom with handfuls of Roloids.*

The fact that it happened eight months ago is almost incomprehensible for me. Back then, the thought of being engaged for a year seemed like a lifetime. Now, with graduation only 4 1/2 weeks away and our wedding only 12 weeks after that, I understand how quickly time passes.

At times it seems like the stresses of planning a wedding, finding jobs, paying off loans and other anticipated bills have joined forces to hover over us like a gigantic storm cloud.

And even though we're "perfect for each other," we don't always see things eye-to-eye. Take for instance this article. He wanted me to start by telling about the romantic dinner we had overlooking an inlet of the ocean. I agreed, but only if I could add the part about how I insisted we stop at the mall for a toothbrush afterward. I won.

The months that Greg and I have been engaged have been filled with emotional ups and downs. But our love has grown stronger as we have learned to draw from God's strength.

And I can't wait until the day when I walk that aisle to start a brand new life...together.



Wedding gown pictured on left is being modeled by Amanda Schweinsburg. It is an Ivory satin gown by Sweetheart® Gowns, with a modified sabrina neckline, long fitted sleeves, and a chapel length train. The headpiece is a crown of pearls and crystals with a two-tier fingertip veil. The dress was furnished by Celebration Bridal and Formal, located on Wards Road, Lynchburg.

photo by Jeff Cota

## Step-by-step preparation will help ease wedding woes

By BRANDI BARNUM

Champion Reporter

"Yes," she answered when he finally mustered up the courage to pop the question. But slipping the ring onto her finger was only the beginning of the work that must be completed before the couple is ready for the trip down the aisle. Planning the wedding will take a lot of time, effort and most of all, organization.

Yet, after that first step, many couples do not know what to do next. With so many things to do and often only a short time to do them, the couple should develop a workable *schedule of events*.

In order to make it easier to be sure to allow at least nine months to organize, plan and prepare the wedding. Have a general idea of what you want and what you begin.

According to Nancy of Nancy's

Bridal and Formal Boutique in Lynchburg the bride should remember to have fun with the preparations.

"Bring a mother or friend along. Try on different styles of wedding dresses. Even the wild ones. Have as much fun with the preparations as you can," she said.

Although second opinions and the help of friends and family are beneficial, Nancy warns, "make sure you follow through with your own ideas. The biggest mistakes you can make are to listen to too many people and to not allow yourself enough time to do the things you want to do."

The following, based on an article in *Better Homes and Gardens*, is a sample wedding-planning schedule.

**Nine months before:**  
• Set the specific date for the wedding. Decide what kind of wedding to have and how big it will be. Decide

where the wedding will be held.

• If your budget allows, hire a wedding planner. This is expensive, but the help of a planner could be a life-saver.

• Both families should decide upon a guest list and choose the wedding party.

• Choose the wedding dress and accessories. This is a very important step, so be sure to shop around and never settle for second-best.

• Involve the bridesmaids in choosing the bridesmaid dresses, this is wise since they usually pay for the dresses.

• Begin to interview photographers, florists, musicians, caterers and cakemakers. Shop around for the best quality and price available.

**Six months before the wedding:**  
• Pick out wedding invitations and thank you cards. Be sure to order extras to allow for mistakes and

mementos.

• Decide upon the clothes for the groom, groomsmen, best man, ushers and the groom's father.

• Start planning the honeymoon. Send for brochures. Get information about honeymoon packages and discounts.

• Make a final decision on the photographer, florist, musician, caterer and cakemaker.

**Four months before:**

• Reserve a place for the rehearsal dinner.

• Make hotel reservations for out of town guests and participants. Ask about group and discount rates.

• Begin alterations on the wedding and bridesmaid dresses.

• Pick out the rings. Have them sized and engraved, if desired.

• Begin to address invitations and announcements.

• Beginning shopping for clothes for

the honeymoon and other things that may be needed.

• Make an appointment with a hair dresser for the day of the wedding and for the day of the pictures.

• Arrange with your photographer to have formal bride and groom pictures taken about six to eight weeks prior to the wedding.

**Two months before:**

• Acquire information about marriage licenses. Sometimes it is required to apply for one at least a month in advance.

• Mail the wedding invitations.

• Buy a journal in which to write down gifts received in order to send detailed thank you cards.

• Have formal pictures taken.

• Send out a bridal portrait and announcement to local newspapers.

**Two to four weeks before:**

• Set the date for the wedding re-

hearsal and rehearsal dinner and inform participants.

• Get the wedding license.  
• Finish all gown alterations.

• Give the caterer a good estimate of the number of guests.

• Begin packing for the honeymoon. One week before the wedding:

• Make final checks with the florist, caterer, photographer, cakemaker, etc.

• Get gifts for the wedding party members and others who have been especially helpful.

**The day before and of the wedding:**

• Pamper, relax and allow plenty of time to get ready.

A wedding is one of the most important events of two peoples' lives, so take the time to prepare for it. But never forget that this is also a happy time, so don't get so worked up in organizing the "perfect" wedding that the fun of the event is lost.

## Choice of diamond ring remains time-honored tradition

By NELSON CHAPMAN

Champion Reporter

The wedding of a man and woman is a special occasion that calls for a special gift that can be shared between a man and his wife for the rest of their lives together. Thus, passed down through centuries of tradition, the engagement ring and wedding band have come to be that special gift.

What does a person do when he or she wants to buy an engagement ring or a wedding band today?

"If you are going to buy an engagement ring with a diamond, there are three rules to follow. Rule one is that you never buy a diamond already mounted. The reason for that is because you can't see it (the color of a diamond)."

"You can only see the true color of a diamond when it is unmounted. The color of the diamond could be the difference of hundreds of dollars. No matter how small it is, the color is the beauty of a diamond," Ted Grochow-

ski of Teofil's Jewelers, located in Waterlick Plaza, said.

Patricia L. Robinette, a certified diamondologist at Ira's Diamond World, agreed.

"Color is the most important aspect of a diamond," Robinette said. "The color actually overpowers the cut, clarity and carat weight because if it has color, it will sparkle and grab attention."

"If there are inclusions (imperfections) in the diamond, this will automatically bring the color grade down. A good colored diamond is one that is colorless," she said.

Continuing his three principles for buying an engagement ring, Grochowski said: "Rule two is that you never tell the jeweler what size of diamond you want. You see, you might end up paying 20 percent extra for your ring because of that. Diamonds consist of 100 'points' like a dollar consists of 100 pennies. One 'point' is like one cent. A one-carat diamond equals 100

points."

However, Grochowski suggests ordering a specific size of diamond, which reduces the chance that the jeweler will manipulate the size to overcharge. His advice is that if a person asks for a particular size, tell how many "points" you are seeking instead of carats.

"Rule three," Grochowski said, "is that you insist that the jeweler talk to you in gemological rules or standards. You should go by the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) standards, which are more precise standards."

The experts, said this is what most college students fail to follow.

"I think students come into a jewelry store and don't realize the expense of diamonds," Robinette said.

Grochowski said, "On the average, an engagement ring is about \$1,500, a wedding band for a woman is about \$150 and a band for a man is about \$200 to \$250."

"When prices are all said and done, the key is that you have to pick a good jewelry store to buy your rings and allow the jeweler to earn your trust."

"They come in to buy the rings that their loved one really wants. Since they walk in with no other goal but to get that one ring, they spend more money than they can afford," she said.

By following the standards set forth

by the GIA, students will have standards to go by to determine the value of their diamonds in terms of cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

Currently, college students are buying engagement rings with a different twist. Though the traditional round solitaire diamond is still the style most frequently bought, but Robinette said, "The most popular engagement ring among college students right now is the marquise-cut diamond."

"A marquise-cut is the most expensive ring right now. It's the most popular because it's not traditional," Robinette said. "It gives a sense of more diamond because of the way its

cut. In other words, it appears larger. Also, the heart-shaped diamond is gaining in popularity," she added.

"The wedding band is more important than the engagement ring though. The band officially ties the knot. It symbolizes your love for one another. That is why the woman always wears the wedding band on first, closest to her, and then the engagement ring."

"The wedding band is usually a plain band of gold," Robinette said. "In all honesty, men like to wear something that's a bit plain, comfortable and practical. All the wife wants is to have a band that matches her husband's. Plus, the engagement ring and wedding band usually match."

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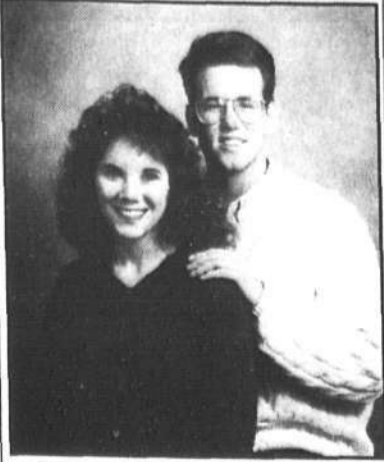
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### Long - Robyck



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dees, Clyde, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Christine, to Bret Alan Robyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robyck, Sandusky, Ohio.

The bride-elect was the valedictorian of her graduating class at Temple Christian Academy in Ohio. She will complete a bachelor's degree in psychology at LU in May. She is a member of Psi Chi, the university's psychology club.

Robyck is a graduate of Temple Christian Academy in Fremont, Ohio. He is a senior business management major at LU, graduating in May. He is a team leader for Youth-Quest.

An Aug. 14 wedding is planned in Fremont.

### Burgan - Harf



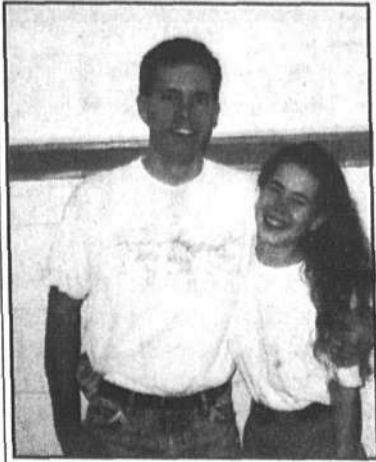
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Burgan Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Terry Nicholas Harf Jr.

The bride-elect is a junior elementary education major at LU. She currently serves as a R.A.

Harf is a lab technician and works in Altoona, Pa.

A May 1993 wedding is planned.

### Cockrum - Bottiger



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cockrum, Raymore, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Robert C. Bottiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bottiger, Shorewood, Minn.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tri-City Christian H.S. in Kansas City, Mo. She will complete a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising at LU in May.

Bottiger is a graduate of Minehaha Academy in Minneapolis. He is a senior business management major at LU, graduating in May.

An Aug. 15 wedding is planned in Lee's Summit, Mo.

### Gutierrez - Heim



Mr. and Mrs. David Gutierrez, Los Angeles, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to David A. Heim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heim, Harrisonburg, Va.

The bride-elect will complete a bachelor's degree in journalism at LU in May 1992.

Heim is currently the band director at Jefferson Forest High School.

A Dec. 26 wedding is planned in Los Angeles.

### Logue - Watkins



Mr. and Mrs. George R. Logue, Lynchburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanna Lea, to T.J. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Watkins Sr., Charleston, S.C.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Casa Grande Union H.S. in Casa Grande, Ariz. She will complete a bachelor's degree in developmental psychology at LU in May.

Watkins, a graduate of Northside Christian in Charleston, S.C., is a senior business major at LU, graduating in May 1993.

An August 1993 wedding is planned in Charleston.

### Davis - Zeh



Mr. and Mrs. Kayward Davis, Rustburg, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to John Wilson Zeh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zeh, Brookline, Mass.

The bride-elect will complete a bachelor's degree in journalism at LU in May.

Zeh is a 1992 graduate of LU with a bachelor's degree in government. He was involved in the university's Circle K Club and is a member of the Virginia Army National Guard.

A June 20 wedding is planned.

### Flinchum - Greene



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flinchum, Winston-Salem, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Catherine, to Christopher Rhodes Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greene, Pascoag, R.I.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of LU with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is currently employed by Sara Lee Net Products.

Greene is a graduate of Word of Life Bible Institute and Word of Life School of Youth Ministry. He is a senior marketing major at LU, graduating in May 1993.

A July 11 wedding is planned in Winston-Salem.

### Miller - Nelson



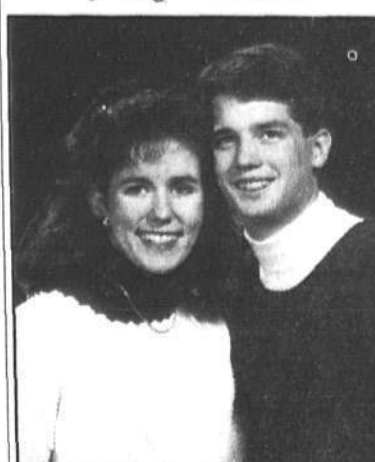
Mr. and Mrs. David Miller, Lynchburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Susan, to James Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, Madison, W.Va.

The bride-elect will complete a bachelor's degree in education at LU in December 1992. She currently serves as the director of Chi Alpha singers.

Nelson, an accounting major at LU, will graduate in May 1993.

A Dec. 12 wedding is planned.

### Fox - West



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox, Virginia Beach, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to Jeremy M. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan West, Plattsburg, Mo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Greenbrier Christian Academy in Chesapeake, Va. She will complete a bachelor's degree in nursing at LU in May 1995.

West is a graduate of Plattsburg H.S. in Plattsburg. He is a junior videoproduction major at LU, graduating in December 1993.

An Aug. 15 wedding is planned in Virginia Beach.

### Reinertsen - Maka



Mr. and Mrs. Olav E. Reinertsen, Apex, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elisabeth, to Matthew Maka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maka Jr., Flanders, N.J.

The bride-elect will complete a bachelor's degree in elementary education at LU. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, L-ACT and VSRA.

Maka is a senior biblical studies major at LU, graduating in May.

A June 20 wedding is planned in Chatham, N.J.

### Hohman - Wilson



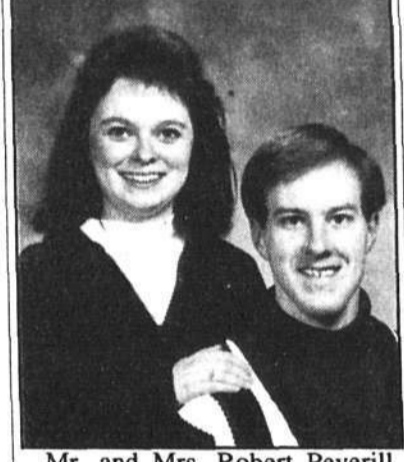
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hohman, Coral Springs, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ann, to George Cortland Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Wilson, Wellsboro, Pa.

The bride-elect will complete a bachelor's degree in human resource management at LU in May. She currently serves as a Computer Lab tutor and is a member of the SHRM.

Wilson is a September 1991 graduate of LU with a bachelor's degree in business management. He completed an internship in Academic Computing in the summer of 1991 and was a Computer Lab tutor in 1990-1991.

A Sept. 5 wedding is planned in Geneva, N.Y.

### Peverill - Peterson



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peverill, Glenwood, Nova Scotia, announce the engagement of their daughter Meredith to Scott Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, Wilmington, N.C.

The bride-elect will graduate from LU in May with a degree in nursing.

Peterson is a 1991 graduate of LU and is currently pursuing his Master's of Divinity.



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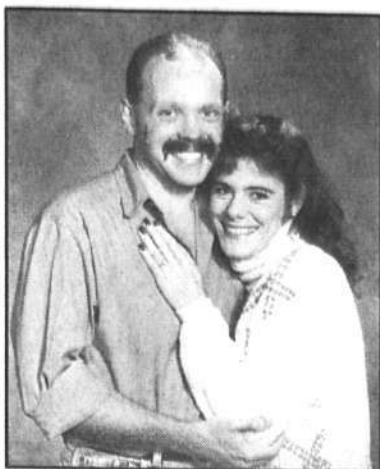
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kauffman, Greenwood, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonita Sue, to Randall Eugene Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Smith Sr., Mechanicsville, Va.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Pinebrook Junior College in Coopersburg, Pa., with an associate's degree in business administration and is a 1990 graduate of LU with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is employed by the College of General Studies at LU.

Smith attended Washington Bible College for one year and will transfer to LU this fall. He is employed at T.C. Enterprises of Pamplin, Va.

A May 2 wedding is planned in Lynchburg.

**Marks - Hudson**



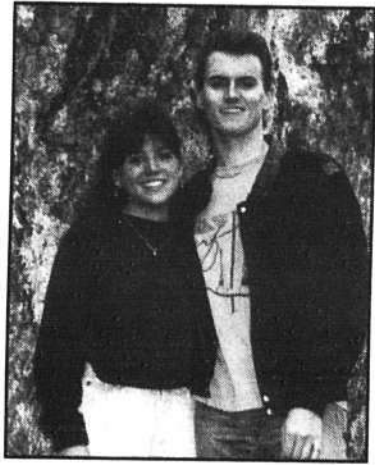
Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Marks, Madison Heights, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynn, to Mark Edward Hudson, son of the late Mr. Charles E. Hudson Jr. and Mrs. Marie G. Hudson, Lynchburg.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Amherst County High School. She will complete a bachelor's degree in journalism/advertising; at LU in May. She is currently pursuing an internship with Babcock & Wilcox in Lynchburg.

Hudson is a 1983 graduate of Heritage High School in Lynchburg. He is employed by Piedmont Label Company as a pre-press engineer.

A May 16 wedding is planned in Madison Heights.

**Fiorini - Schofer**



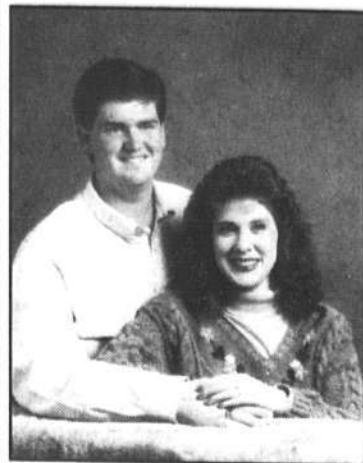
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fiorini, Boca Raton, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Anne, to James Schofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schofer, Forestville, Md.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Highlands Christian Academy. She will complete a bachelor's degree in psychology at LU in December 1993. She is a member of Psi Chi.

Schofer is a graduate of Clinton Christian School. He is a business major at LU, graduating in December 1992. He is a member of FMA.

A January 1993 wedding is planned in Florida.

**Schweinsburg - Armfield**



Mr. and Mrs. David K. Schweinsburg, Waymart, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Lee, to Gregory Stevenson Armfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Armfield, Westminster, Md.

The bride-elect was the valedictorian of the 1988 graduating class of Canaan Christian Academy in Lake Ariel, Pa. She will complete a bachelor's degree in journalism/advertising at LU in May. She currently serves as vice president of the LU advertising club and as copy editor for **The Champion**.

Armfield is a 1988 graduate of Carroll Christian School in Westminster. He is a senior computer science major at LU, graduating in May. He currently works as a tutor for the LU Computer Science Department.

An Aug. 1 wedding is planned in Lake Ariel.

**Schrack - van den Akker**



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schrack, Kittanning, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Merrilea Dana, to William van den Akker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelmus van den Akker, Braintree, Mass.

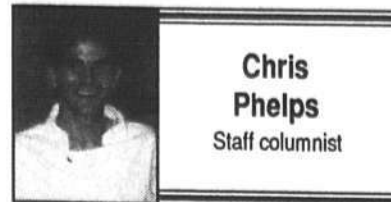
The bride-elect is a graduate of LU and of Lenope Vo-Tech. She spent two years in Kenya, Africa, as a missionary.

A cross-cultural studies major at LU, van den Akker will be graduating in December.

A Dec. 28 wedding is planned.

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**Chris Phelps**  
Staff columnist

"For better or worse, your wedding cake will be remembered," Colette Peters said in her book *Colette's Cakes* (Little, Brown \$25).

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Whether it is the baking, decorating or presenting the cake for a wedding, many people are intimidated by the whole process, and simply delegate the responsibility to a caterer.

However, behind the pearl-smooth icing, lattice lines and flowers is usually the basic spongecake made from eggs, sugar, flour and vanilla extract.

The spongecake is best used for multi-layered cakes with frosting between the layers and stacked 3 to 4 inches per tier. The icing can be used to first frost the cake and then to decorate it with flowers, lines and ribbons.

Though one may be far too busy with the many other aspects of plan-

ning the wedding, a close friend or relative may be able to make the cake. This would save the several hundred dollars that professional caterers charge.

In choosing your wedding cake, several important steps should be taken to insure that it is the "center of the reception."

The first is to gather pictures from books, magazines and local bakeries in order to determine what you wish the cake to look like.

It is also very important to know how many people will be attending the reception so that the cake will be large enough to serve a piece to everyone.

The principle colors of the wedding in which the bridesmaids, bridegroom, and flowers are coordinated should also be incorporated into the colors of the cake.

Finally, sketch out how the shape, layers, and tiers of the cake will look when finished. This will give the person making the cake a precise idea

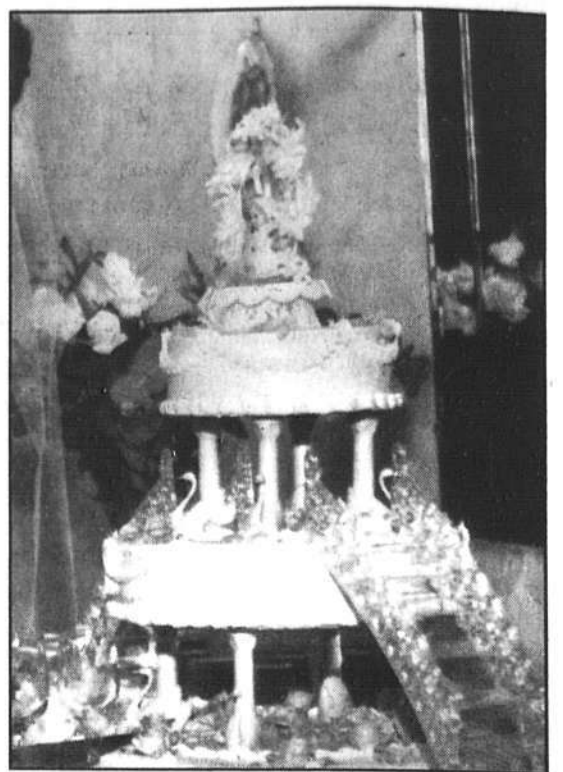


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of what you want instead of you waving your hands in the air and saying you want it "this high" and "this wide" with "this" decoration and "these" colors.

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Corrie Bentz and Lowell Neff spend a day looking for wedding rings in RiverRidge Mall.

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## Editorial

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

### Texts distort history

Recently, startling revelations concerning textbooks have shocked parents and students alike. Hundreds of history textbooks with thousands of fact errors have made their way into the classroom.

History is being altered; and even though they may be careless editorial errors, the mistakes are inexcusable. They are only one indication of the problems in America's educational system.

Didn't teachers, who decided to purchase the textbooks, recognize the errors? The educational system from publishers to the teachers must become accountable to more than the growing layers of bureaucracy.

Many states offer time periods that parents can inspect newly adopted textbooks. Parents must take responsibility to review the content of the books when and where they are made available before adoption.

If parents were able to choose schools, many of the current problems would be eliminated through parental rejection of schools with substandard education. Competition would force inadequate schools to improve themselves or get out the marketplace.

In addition to the choice of quality schools, parents would be able to enroll their children in a school that reinforced family beliefs. The public schools have taught a liberal agenda for more than a generation, so that now only school choice offers parents an alternative.

However, this liberal ideology has done more to harm our schools than fact errors in history books. Fact errors, such as dates, can be corrected, but attitudes and perceptions are much harder to correct.

A study that analyzed current and former textbooks revealed the carnage done to history textbooks.

Two groups of books were chosen, 14 history books that were written several decades ago and mostly retired from service, and another group of 45 recently written and widely used textbooks.

The results of the study revealed statistically that patriotic stories and references were virtually disappeared.

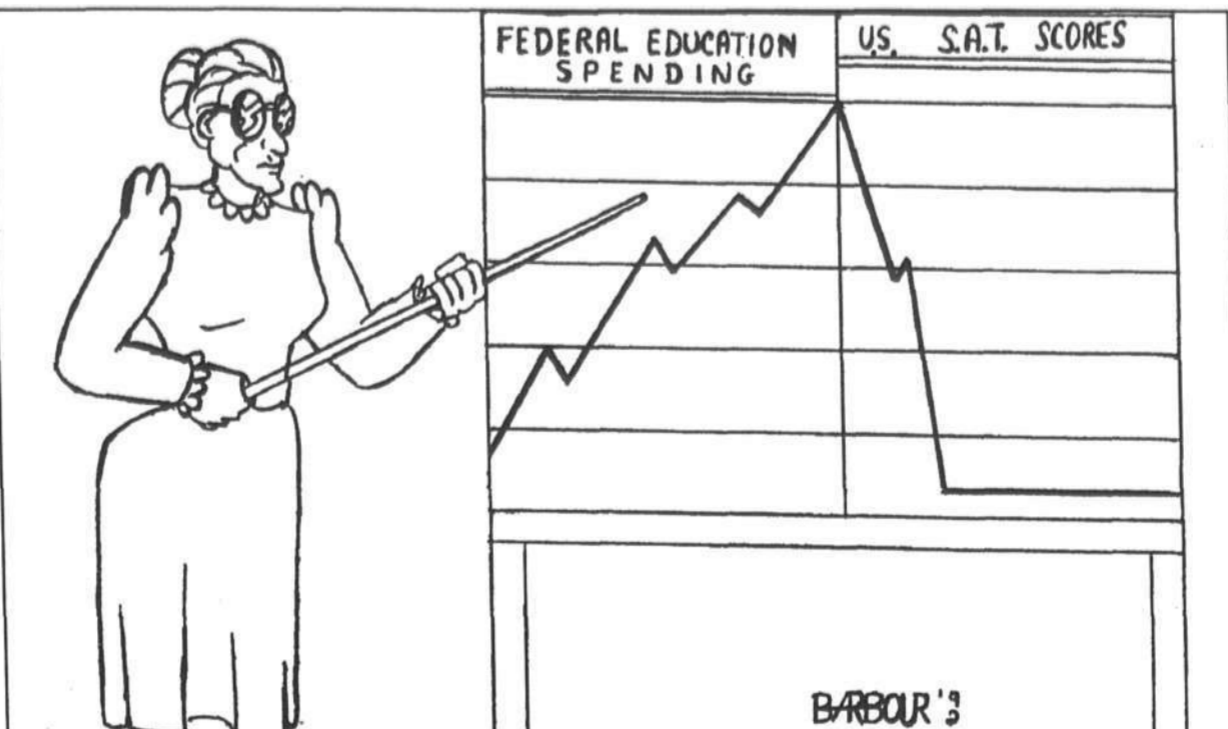
Patrick Henry's, "Give me Liberty or give me death!" was in 12 of the 14 older books, but only two of the newer books contained the reference.

"I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," Nathan Hale said before the gallows. The quote appeared in 11 of the 14 older books and one of the 45 newer books.

John Paul Jones, "I have not yet begun to fight" was in nine of the older and none of the newer.

Obviously, there has been an attack on the traditional patriotism and morality that built our nation. As authors delete such teaching and basic values from the classroom, they will also be deleted from our society.

It is no mystery why we have strayed so far from America's roots. If America desires to mature and prosper in a healthful manner, the foundation must again be extolled in our nation's textbooks and classrooms.



### Off The Record

## Students receive the short end of stick in SGA election

The 1992 Student Government Election has been called off!

Well, technically it hasn't, but it might as well have been cancelled. This year's election has only one contested seat, the vice president of student activities, while no student has stepped forward to challenge President Dave Dawson or Executive Vice President Beth Sweeney.

What happened to the secretary and treasurer's seats? SGA voted to remove these positions from the ballot recently because they do not directly represent the students.

Despite the lack of student participation, the SGA festivities continue. The usual trashing of DeMoss Hall with posters, banners, etc. has been limited, for the most part. Dawson must be commended for the manner in which his campaign has been organized. He has posted little campaign paraphernalia, which has shown his respect for the student body. It would have been a waste of money



and natural resources had he followed the example of his predecessors.

Dawson has done a commendable job. His administration has produced successful fund-raisers and entertainment for the student body, including the recent openings of the Coffee-House and sand pit volleyball courts.

However, student involvement in SGA is at an all-time low. I would not have thought that the involvement would be as low as it is with the successes Dawson has enjoyed, but the lack of candidates cannot be ignored.

In the four years that I have spent here at LU, the student involvement in elections has been dwindling; usually the secretary or treasurer positions would be unopposed. But

president and executive vice president?

Although SGA is not directly the cause of this spoof, it should have gone out of its way to make sure that the top two seats were contested.

What could it have done? Perhaps publicizing the deadline for filing one's candidacy at an earlier time.

Also a portion of an SGA chapel could be devoted toward explaining what it takes to be an SGA officer.

What about *The Champion*? We had committed ourselves months in advance to publicize the elections with several advertisements, as well as devote two pages to the candidacy prior to the elections. We also sponsor a presidential debate every year; however, it might be difficult for Dawson to debate himself.

No matter how it's cut, the students receive the short end of the stick.

**Words of Wisdom:** "It is time to either lead, follow or get out of the way." — George Bush

## Current educational system needs reform

By BRENT TRIMBLE

Special to The Champion

A tuition tax credit would allow parents sending their children to private schools to obtain tax refunds to apply toward tuition costs.

This idea has been around since the 1960s, but it was made popular by the Reagan administration in the 1980s.

An actual plan was put into legislation in 1985 (TEACH), but it was withdrawn because of congressional resistance.

Although it sounds good in theory and even works on a small scale (Minnesota), this plan should be opposed by parents and administrators of small, church-related Christian and other private schools, which it would affect negatively.

An obvious drawback to the tax refund plan would be the inevitable restructuring of the income tax system that would take place.

Not only would a voucher/certificate system have to be installed, but

verification and regulation agencies would be created to accommodate the vast number of small schools.

Students attending larger parochial and private institutions already obtain federal grants and aid and are probably indifferent to the prospect of more federal intervention of their school systems.

However, smaller church-related Christian schools that state a definite doctrine of faith and incorporate this into their teachings should be wary of this proposal. Administrators in Christian schools are well aware of the hazards in accepting federal or state funding. What if, in order to comply with new regulations, Christian schools would have to incorporate a values clarification and sex education curriculum?

Small, church-connected Christian schools wanting to utilize federal funds to augment their budgets would probably have to procure larger certi-

fied teaching staffs and state certified counseling facilities to comply with further regulations.

The present public school system offers the best cross-section of American society available. Children are exposed to a wide range of peers from equally vast social and economic backgrounds. Cloistered in institutions with exclusively upper level income (the proposed refunds would undoubtedly cater to the \$50,000-and-up yearly salary bracket), children would have fostered within them a distorted view of American society.

Contrary to NEA dogma, the way to achieve higher SAT scores is not to pump billions more into the system. A reformed system would be more efficient by allocating and controlling funds at the local and state levels.

Parents should take a more active role in the schools, allowing them to have more influence on the content and context of the education, not to

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## Choice must be basis for educational reform

By BEN LaFROMBOIS

Feature/Opinion Editor

Attempting to improve the American educational system by utilizing internal reforms displays as much sense as attempting to improve the Soviet Union by bringing to life Joseph Stalin as reformer.

Just as the Soviet Union exacerbated its own problems with wrong economic principles, so is the American educational system exacerbating inadequate education by attempting to reform the system internally.

The answers to improved education in American lie outside the system in the wills and desires of the parents.

Adopting free market principles will effectively circumvent the layers of bureaucracy that currently retard the system.

An example of the inefficiency that plagues our schools is a Brooklyn, N.Y. elementary school. Before

school choice was introduced only 32 cents of every dollar went directly to students in the classroom. The rest of the money went into bureaucracy and infrastructure.

Much of the complaint dealing with the current system is that wealthier communities spend more on education. It has been proven that the amount spent per student does not correlate into a better education.

Many private schools offer better schools at much lower cost than do public. Even public schools become efficient providers of services once schools are forced to compete.

The free market is best at weeding out the inefficient producer. Attempts at reforming education by increasing expenditures proved destructive as SAT scores dropped as financial aid increased during the 1980s.

The cure is not more money. The cure is doing away with the entrenched bureaucracy. The National Education

Association (NEA) spent \$2 million to defeat a Washington state measure offering parental choice and protect their harmful special interests.

A change in viewpoint is not necessary but essential to rein in costs and improve the quality of instruction.

Education must be viewed as a purchase of a service. Parents have their children's best interest in mind, not some ideological agenda.

The NEA has too much to lose and parents too much to gain to endorse parental choice. Taking the decisions out of the hands of layers of bureaucracy will begin effective change.

As the marketplace offers customers the best product for the lowest price, so will the educational system follow suit once it is forced from its monopolistic position which produces poor quality goods at high prices.

The price America is currently paying for educational ineptness is showing up in industry where busi-

### LU Forum

## Alternative rape penalties needed

Editor,

Although I agree with your premise, "Harsher rape penalties needed," I must disagree with your endorsement of castration as an alternative.

The fact is, rape is not a sexual act, it is a violent crime. To simply take away the chosen weapon and turn a man loose would be similar to taking away the gun from a murderer and setting him free.

It would certainly prevent him from repeating the offense, but we must take into consideration that the motive for rape is rarely, if ever, sexual gratification.

The motive is frequently a perverted need for power over another person, and this could and would continue to be a problem after castration.

I agree that stiffer penalties are needed, and I understand the tendency to react too strongly against the problems in our law enforcement system. There are better alternatives, however, such as capital punishment or some form of retribution.

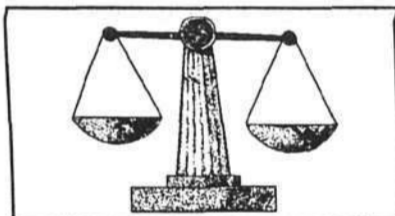
Russell S. Penner

Editor's Note: I apologize for not conveying my point adequately. The alleged rapist cited in the column would not be required to serve a prison term if castrated. I personally support castration and a mandatory prison term.—JC

### Read My Lips

"You guys at GM are the real winners because you have the best team in the world. You have the best engineers, the best suspension designers, the best computers — you guys can do what I can only dream about."

— Dr. Ferry Porsche of Porsche sports cars said to General Motors CEO Roger Stempel in Fortune magazine.



mention increased personal contact with their child. Parental involvement has already proven effective in improving performance in schools.

In a reformed public school system, creationism would be given equal representation and given as an alternative to evolution, also, abstinence would be the foundation of sex education programs. It would also be necessary to once again stress the basic studies of math, science and English instead of promoting the social sciences.

It is a travesty that our education systems has faltered to the point where we as a nation can no longer compete in math and science on the international level.

The idea of a refund does not outweigh the risk of further federal involvement in Christian schools. Parents should be unwilling to risk the undermining of godly teaching for the savings of a few dollars.



nesses complain about having to bring workers up to a high school level.

Several Indiana businesses have paid for inner-city youths to attend private schools citing the inadequacy of public education.

States such as Wisconsin are beginning to take the private sector seriously by introducing school choice initiatives of their own.

Parents were given \$2,500 grants (vouchers) so that they could send their children to private schools, giving the children opportunities not available through public education.

Recently, a federal court ruled the system was constitutional, striking down the suit filed by the entrenched educational bureaucracy.

American schools have come to the point where they have desegregation, transportation and integration; yet, they don't have education.

America must introduce free-market principles into the school system.



# COLORBLiND's future is not seen in black and white

By LAURI TEVEPAUGH

Champion Reporter

"A lot of people do not think rap is music. We put the music in the rap. We are a rap group with a different twist," Chris Blaney, a rapper in the group COLORBLiND, said.

COLORBLiND, lower case "i" used to deemphasize themselves and emphasize Christ, plays a smooth blend of hip-hop and rhythm and blues music. The group is comprised of Chris Blaney, a rapper; Nathan Barlowe, vocalist and keyboardist; and Rodriguez Shuler, a rapper. Their manager, Mike Wilson, is a graduate resident supervisor.

Although COLORBLiND has only been together since January, the group's musical background is extensive. Blaney has rapped and beatboxed for about five years utilizing his talents in pep rallies, youth groups and talent shows.

Barlowe has been performing solo concerts since he was age 14 and has sung with his family since he was

five. He has been in four alternative bands and has taught himself to play the keyboard, guitar and drums.

Shuler has been playing the drums since sixth grade and rapping and beatboxing for four years. A solo demo tape of his has been played on a Christian radio station.

Shuler and Blaney had been rapping together since the fall semester of 1991, performing in such places as the freshman lock-in and Lou Weider's Sunday school class. Barlowe met Shuler in Sunday school.

"We were in the same music class and one day I heard him (Shuler) rapping, so I approached him about possibly working together," Barlowe said. Shuler then informed Barlowe of his partner, Blaney.

The three came together and formed COLORBLiND. "We got together and we clicked," Blaney said.

The group practices three days a week and writes their own music and lyrics, juggling classes, homework, jobs, social life and girlfriends.

"What I find most difficult is having the time to write everything that we want to write. We have moved so fast since we got started, we feel like we are always behind," Blaney said.

COLORBLiND's lyrics are a combination of Scripture and real life experiences. They are aiming to reach adolescents of all ages but have found that even adults enjoy their music.

"We've been surprised by the amount of support we have received from the older generation. One of our songs, 'Role Models,' brought tears to my dad's eyes," Blaney said.

Music, and personal testimonies highlight the group's concerts. The gospel message and a silent invitation are given by their manager.

"It's our goal as a band to show people you can have fun and still be a Christian; when we are on stage, we try to show the kids what fun Christianity can be," Barlowe said.

In contrast to secular rap groups, Shuler states that COLORBLiND "has a positive message rather than a

distorted one, and that there is no doubt about what we are saying — Jesus is the only way. Accept him in your heart; you will be amazed."

"It is fulfilling to know that God is using us to make a difference in the lives of young people," Barlowe said, "And it seems obvious that He is using us by the number of doors that have been opened."

COLORBLiND has already finished recording their first album to be released in April and is presently working on a spring and summer tour. They have great expectations for their future while still maintaining a proper today-oriented perspective.

"All my life I've wanted to be a professional musician and I would like to see this (COLORBLiND) go to a professional level," Barlowe said.

"Our hope is when you think of Christian musicians on fire for the Lord, you think of COLORBLiND," Blaney said.



COLORBLiND (From L to R), Chris Blaney, Nathan Barlowe and Rodriguez Shuler, have recently recorded its own album.

## Invalid

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performance was not an easy task. Riffle, in the part of the somewhat dweebish Dr. Thomas Diaforus, entertained some audience members to the point of tears with his wistful side-long glances and "hidden" advances toward Angelica. Riffle's performance is easily one of the most entertaining and hilarious elements of the play.

Holly Willard (Argan's wife Beline) did a fine job as the conniving wife of the wealthy hypochondriac. Willard's scheming and manipulating of Argan made her character very entertaining to watch.

Her "partner in crime" Monsieur

Bonnefoy, the eccentric lawyer played with great ease by DeJohn Porch, was a perfect complement to her scheming character.

Nathan Alexander, Angelica's suitor Cleante, did a superb job of winning over the audience with his facial expressions. Alexander's clear delivery and expressive manner delighted the audience.

Shawn Porter, the stoic elder Dr. Diaforus, was very convincing in the role of the aristocratic socialite "wannabe". His pompous delivery and glaring countenance was a great complement to the performance of Riffle as his dim-witted son.

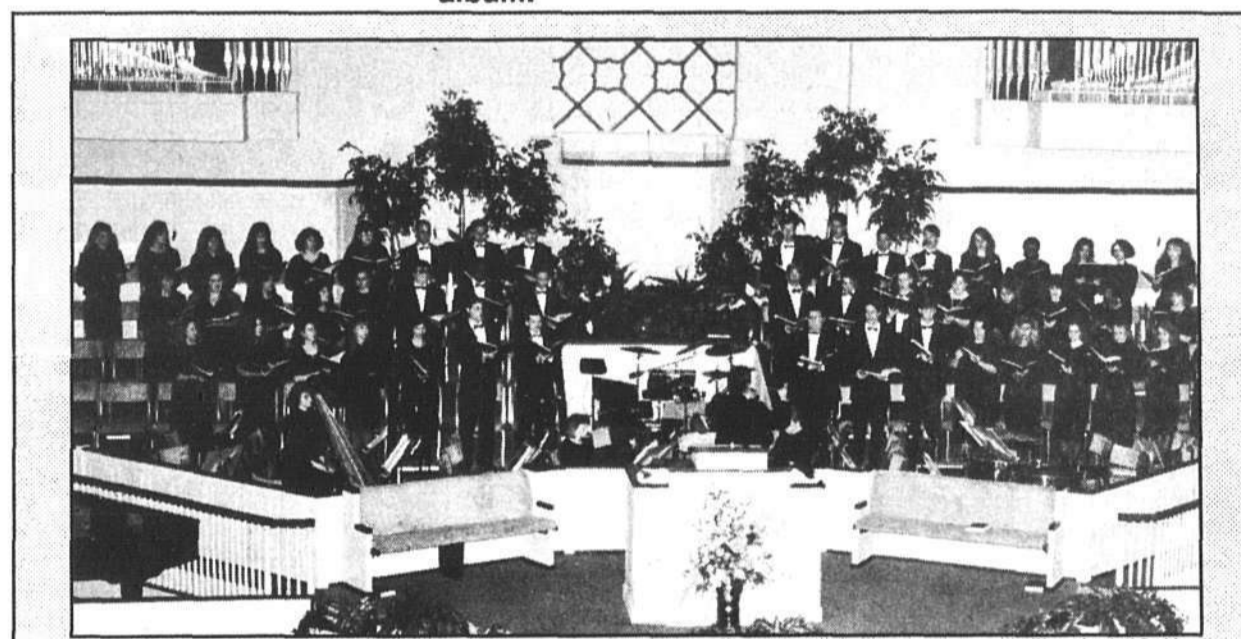
In the role of Argan's brother, Monsieur Beralde, Jeffery Cole provided

an excellent performance. Cole's calm, distinguished character proved to be the only completely sane character in the play, a sort of calm amidst the storm. Cole's Beralde was quick to point out the shortcomings of his brother, Argan.

"The work that Dr. Miller and the rest of the stage crew did certainly paid off," Brumwell said after the performance.

Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Office in the Fine Arts Hall. Prices are \$3.25 for students, \$4.25 for faculty and staff and \$5.25 for the general public.

Hats off to Dr. Roger Miller, director of the play, for another fine production on the LU stage.



Liberty University Concert Choir performed Requiem by John Rutter and Komm, Jesu, Komm by J.S. Bach at Thomas Road Baptist Church last Sunday.



## Hart of the Matter

### Laziness plagues students

Have you ever suffered from a major attack of laziness? It's an epidemic that seems to sweep across college campuses every spring.

Laziness is defined as "disinclination toward activity or exertion; being sluggish or slow." Basically, it's doing nothing in particular, but doing it very well.

In second grade, I experienced the addictive pattern of laziness. You see, I had a fever of 104 degrees and was confined to the walls of my bedroom. I protested at first, but soon savored my mother tending to my every whim.

Days later, when my temperature lowered, I reluctantly returned to school. Overwhelmed by the amount of make-up work that awaited me, I decided to escape from the harsh responsibilities of school and return to the comforts of home.

I devised a plan to be sent home via the school clinic. All I had to do was convince the school nurse, Mrs. Thompson, I was indeed sick. However, no "tummy ache" story would suffice — it would have to be good.

After some research in the library, I made my way to the clinic. I first explained how I was experiencing extreme nausea. . . no luck. I then



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explained my family's history of migraine headaches. . . she wouldn't budge.

In a desperate attempt, I tried to persuade her I suffered from menopause. . . I think that blew my cover.

As college students, we suffer from a similar ailment known as "spring fever." In a sense, we'd like to forget the responsibilities of school and retreat the comfort of our rooms, or some other pleasant environment.

Since this condition is so very contagious, it's crucial that you recognize the symptoms and hopefully avoid their disastrous effects.

You might be lazy if:

- You choose Frosted Flakes® rather than Fruit Loops®, simply because it's closer to the milk dispenser.
- You actually write letters, but never purchase stamps so that you can mail them.
- You eat a cold double cheese-

burger with french fries because the line at the microwave is too long.

- You never make your bed, since you're just going to mess it back up that night anyway.

- You wait in the drive-through at McDonald's even though there are 15 cars in front of you.

- Your idea of cleaning the sink for room check is splashing it with hot water.

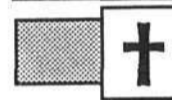
- You only do laundry during the second week with months beginning with the letter "J" or "M."

While some of the examples above seem unlikely, the underlying message is quite common. We do indeed choose the simplest of alternatives when it comes to our lifestyle.

It's not that we avoid any form of work, necessarily. After we're mentally depleted, we don't feel like becoming physically exhausted. However, an extreme amount of this simplicity is sometimes called laziness.

True, laziness may prevent you from becoming tired — but it may also prevent you from becoming successful.

I think I'll finish this article now. My burger's getting cold.



## Beside Still Waters

### God's apparent foolishness excels man's wisdom

"Ouch!" The man's face winced in pain. He struggled to lift himself up, but the strength to do so vanished in each attempt. He knew he should have watched where he had been walking more carefully; especially since his seven-year-old son was with him.

Yet, thinking he had heard a deer near them, he didn't pay attention to the small stump in front of him. In a flash, his gun went off, as he fell, and his right leg was cut into by his own bullet. He knew that the wound had to be treated soon or he would bleed to death.

His son, with tears rolling down his face, watched his father's helplessness. Naturally, the young boy looked around for help. Then, on the other side of the river he saw, the dirt trail that he and his father had used earlier. He knew that the way back to where they had crossed over the river would consume more time than his dad could afford.

He told his dad his plan quickly and ran for the river. His father shouted protests, but the boy was already knee-deep in the river and continued to



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cautiously advance into the water.

The water engulfed the lad until it was up to his chin. It didn't matter that he couldn't swim; he had to save his dad. He made it across and eventually found help on the dirt path. His father received medical attention and was saved.

This story of the young boy who couldn't swim and yet, still crossed a river to save his dad teaches us a biblical lesson. What seemed like pure foolishness to the boy's dad was actually wiser than anything that he could have thought of.

He would never have sent his son across the river by using his own wisdom. Also, the great weakness of the boy, crossing the river, was actually far stronger than anything that his dad could have done.

This story illustrates 1 Corinthians

1:25 perfectly. The verse reads, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Everything that our God does is more mighty than anything that man can do. The wisdom of man says that it is downright foolish for a holy and all-powerful God to come to dwell among men and die for them.

The wisdom of man considers, as shown in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, that the preaching or idea of Christ crucified is sheer stupidity. Yet, what seems to be the "foolishness" of God is far wiser than the wisest man.

Furthermore, when God was at his weakest (the cross), He was at His strongest. Even as Christ hung on the cross to pay for our sins, His strength was far stronger than any man. What other man could have willingly endured all that Christ endured?

As 1 Corinthians 1:25 shows us, we can take comfort in the knowledge that we serve a Savior, Who, even when He is "foolish" and at His weakest, is always far wiser and stronger than any man or being.

## Answers Please

### Why don't guys at Liberty ask girls out more?

By Danielle Peters



Mark Johnson  
Cumberland, Va.

"Because most guys don't have enough money to take girls out."



Larry Sharp  
Spotsylvania, Va.

"Guys come up with excuses like, 'I have a report to do' or 'I have a test to study for'."



Kimberly Mayfield  
Washington D.C.

"If a guy asks a girl out, he feels that he has to continue dating her. If he takes someone else out the next weekend everyone thinks he's slime."



Curtis V. Johnson  
St. Paul, Minn.

"I do not take more girls out, because I don't have the time most of the year."



Tina Towers  
Seaford, Del.

"Because most guys just don't have the nerve — maybe they feel intimidated by the girls."



David E. Carwile  
Lynchburg

"The girls here are too totally unreliable and extremely shallow."

## TOP TEN COUNTDOWN

By Anita Wells  
Ad Production Manager



### Top Ten people to ask for wedding advice

10. The Father of the Bride: He'll help you keep expenses down.
9. A Mafia Godfather: He's SURE to know a real good catering company!
8. Richard Gere: He'll help you with the "image" part of the ceremony.
7. Ronald Reagan: He's got a few tips on making it memorable for you and yours.
6. Prince Andrew: He'll tell you how to avoid making a royal mess out of the ceremony!
5. Salman Rushdie: Who knows? His advice could have a new twist!
4. Warren Beatty: He's got the process of elimination down to an art form!
3. Ted Kennedy: He's sure to know a good photographer.
2. Bill Clinton: He knows the TRUE meaning behind the maxim "Love is blind!"
1. Elizabeth Taylor: You'd think with her experience, she'd have plenty of advice to give!



**Sports Shorts**  
Mike Gathman

## New season offers hope for all teams

The 1992 baseball season is upon us and fans from 26 cities are becoming excited about their teams' chances to reach the World Series.

Every year around this time, the shortstop who hit .200 and hit three homers last season is projected in the minds of his fans to hit .300 and slug 20 homers. Then about the middle of May reality sets in that he really is the same old shortstop and will still only bat .200 and slam those three homers.

But seriously, as the new baseball season sets in, there are many extracurricular and interesting things happening that will keep the season from ending as soon as your team is out of the pennant race.

One highlight is the opening of the new Oriole Park at Camden Yards. For the first time, the Os will be playing in their new stadium. Oriole fans are hoping the combination of the new stadium and the return of slugger Glenn Davis will translate to a fine finish in the American League East.

However, on a low note, baseball never seems to be without a scandal. New York Mets players Dwight Gooden, Vince Coleman and Daryl Boston are now involved in an investigation involving a rape charge. A woman stepped forward after a year passed and accused these players of gang-raping her in Port St. Lucie, Fla., during spring training.

The players have denied the charges but have also refused to cooperate with authorities investigating the case. The Mets' David Cone is also involved in an investigation concerning sexual harassment of two women during the season last year. Pending the results of these two cases, the Mets could be in trouble this season.

On the playing field things will be just as interesting this season. Stories like the future of Bo Jackson are yet untold. Will Jackson return to form if he has an artificial hip or will his playing days be over? If so, baseball will be the loser because of the potential ability he displayed in his short baseball career thus far.

In Houston the Astros will travel on the road trip that nightmares are made of. Because of the Republican National Convention, the Astros will spend a month on the road playing 26 games in several cities. It's just too bad all the frequent flier miles don't earn Houston a free trip to the World Series.

In Los Angeles the Dodgers have finally reunited boyhood pals Darryl Strawberry and Eric Davis. For years the two have talked about playing on the same team. When Davis was with the Reds and Strawberry was with the Mets, who would have thought the Dodgers would be the team to reunite these players? It will be interesting to see if they produce All-Star numbers playing together.

Out in good old Seattle, the Mariners are still debating about the future of the team. Personally, I don't think it will bother the players half as much as the media who makes such a hype about it. However, keep an eye on happenings on the West Coast. The Mariners could be headed for Florida sunshine in St. Petersburg.

I could go on and on about all these mini-sagas in baseball, but the true aspect of the game is when the players actually take the field.

After last year's World Series with the last-to-first Twins and Braves battling it out, it will be hard to have a series that equals that excitement. But think of the potential for this year's last-to-first candidates. This season, we could have a Montreal Expos and Cleveland Indians thriller or a Houston Astros/California Angels Series. Don't laugh, because somebody probably laughed at the guy who said the Twins and Braves would match up last year.

Baseball is as unpredictable as the weather, so for now all your teams have the potential to be the 1992 World Champions of baseball!

# Baseball team remains at .500

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

Before being snowed out on Saturday, the Flames' baseball team lost to the College of William & Mary on Friday night by a score of 6-1.

The non-conference loss dropped the Flames back to the .500 mark at 13-13-1 for the season. William & Mary upped its record to 9-13.

On a chilly Friday at City Stadium, the Flames' offense could only muster one run against right-handed pitcher Mike Ragsdale.

The Flames scored the run in the second inning when LU shortstop Jeremy Tully singled home first-baseman Dan McGinnis, who had singled and advanced to third. At the time it was good for a 1-0 lead, but it didn't hold up long as William & Mary took the lead for good in the second inning.

Liberty catcher David Eeles led the Flames with two hits on the night.

W & M third-baseman Alex Creighton drove in three runs for the winning cause. The Tribe scored runs in the third, fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Right-handed pitcher Tim Collins started for the Flames and pitched seven innings while giving up all seven runs. Right-handed pitcher Chad Fox relieved Collins in the seventh and pitched the final two innings.

The win improved Ragsdale's record to 2-4 on the season, while dropping Collins' record to 3-2.

On Thursday afternoon, the Flames defeated Charleston Southern University by a score of 11-5 at Worthington Field.

The Flames poured on the offense in the fourth and sixth innings as they scored 10 of the runs in the two innings.

Tully led the Flames' assault as he went two for three with three RBIs and a double. Joe Bonadio was also two for four in the game.



file photo by Jeff Smith

LU pitcher Rich Humphrey covers first just in time for the out. The Flames record currently stands at 13-13-1 after a 6-1 loss to the College of William & Mary Friday night at City Stadium in Lynchburg.

Rich Humphrey pitched the complete game for his third win of the year against two losses.

The win improved Liberty to 13-12-1 while dropping the Buccaneers to 9-16 overall.

On Tuesday afternoon at Al Worthington Field, the Flames lost to Virginia Military Institute 7-6 in

extra innings.

John Payne's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th inning scored the winning run for the Keydets which ended the team's 11 game losing streak.

Each team collected 12 hits in the extra-inning game.

Chris Wick suffered the loss for the

Flames. The loss dropped Liberty to 12-12-1 on the season.

The Flames will be in action this week at Old Dominion University on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 7 p.m.

They will also be in action against William & Mary on the road Thursday, April 9, starting

at 3 p.m.

The Flames end the week with a three-game series against the University of Maryland Eastern-Shore Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

Friday's game starts at 3 p.m. and Saturday's doubleheader starts at 1 p.m.

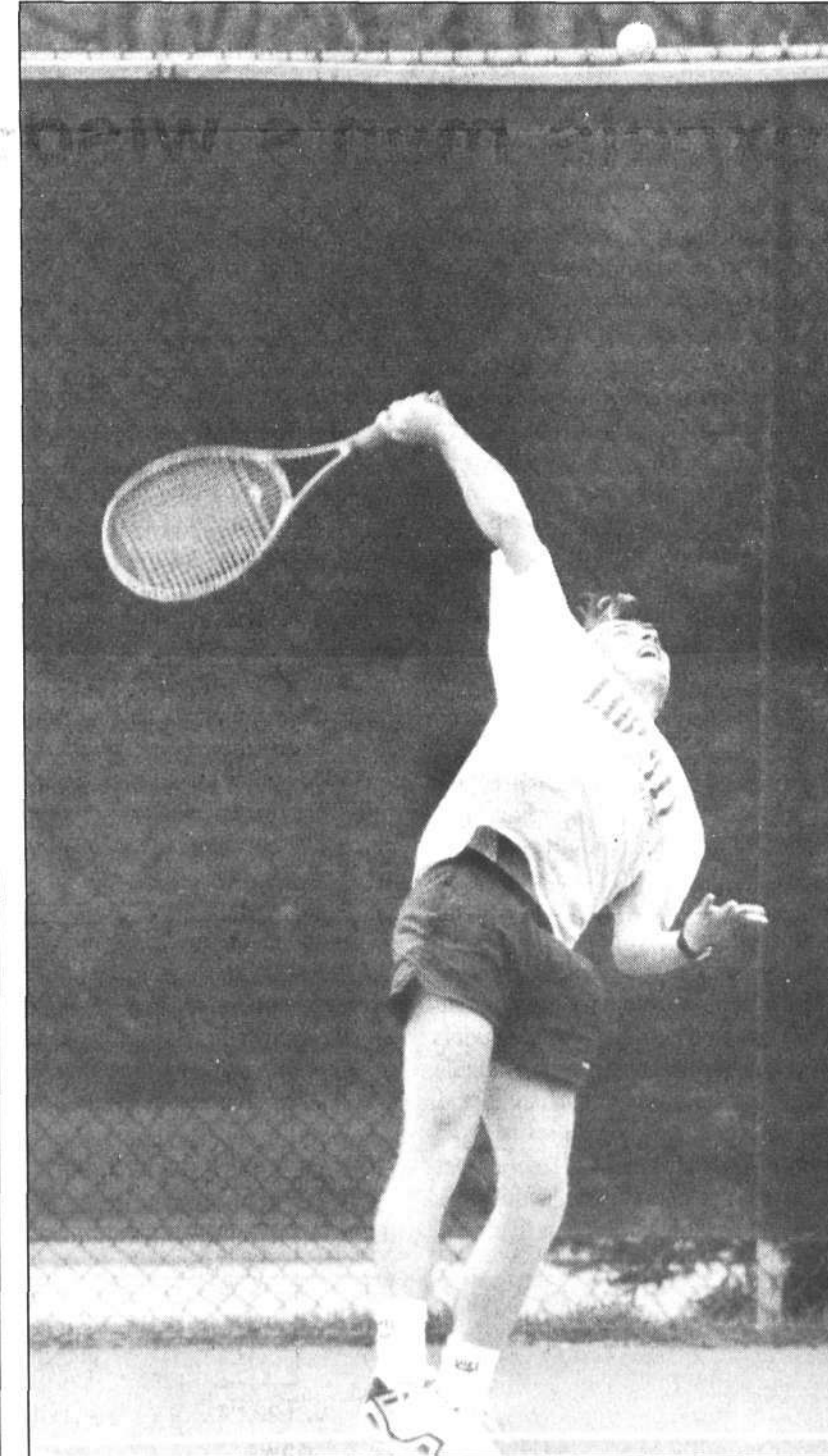


photo by Sharon Pack

LU's Matt Gribbin prepares to slam the ball in a match against Greensboro on Wednesday. The Flames lost 9-0.

## Greensboro, Radford defeat tennis team

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter

The Flames tennis team went into its match against Radford University with five wins in its last seven matches before being blanked 9-0 Friday afternoon in a Big South Conference match.

The loss was the second in a row for Coach Carl Diemer's squad after reeling off four victories in succession to reach the .500 mark. The Flames dropped to 6-8 on the season.

The Flames did not execute well in the singles competition against the Highlanders, dropping all six matches in straight sets.

In the first match of the day, Raphael Cardoso fell 6-1, 6-4. Cardoso was followed by Danny Fariss, who fought hard before losing his match 6-4, 6-4.

The Flames looked to Chris Johnson to cut into the lead, but his opponent proved to be too tough as Johnson fell 6-0, 6-2.

In the fourth singles match of the day the Flames fell behind 4-0. David Scoggin was handled by a 6-1, 6-0 count.

The Highlanders clinched the win in the fifth match. Matt Gribbin had the opportunity to keep the Flames alive but fell 6-2, 6-2.

In the final singles match of the afternoon, Darren Johnson lost 6-3, 6-1 to put the Flames in a 6-0 hole going into the doubles competition.

Farris and C. Johnson led off the doubles for the Flames by dropping

the first set 6-0. In the second set, they fell behind 2-1 before defaulting.

In the second doubles match, Cardoso and D. Johnson gave the Flames a breath of new life by claiming the first set victory of the day, 7-6. They continued to put up a fight in the following sets before dropping 7-5, 6-4.

In the final match of the day Radford completed the shutout when Scoggin and Gribbin were swept 6-1, 6-2.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Flames had their four-match winning streak snapped against North Carolina-Greensboro 9-0 at the Liberty tennis courts.

The first two matches of the day took three sets to decide the outcome involving Cardoso and Fariss.

Cardoso had a chance to stake Liberty to the early lead. After dropping the first set 7-5, he took a 6-4 decision before losing the critical third set 7-5 in a close battle.

Fariss also went the distance before falling in the second singles match. The Spartans jumped to a 2-0 lead when he fell 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

Greensboro went on to sweep the final four singles matches to clinch the victory with a 6-0 advantage entering the doubles matches.

C. Johnson attempted to get the Flames on the scoreboard, but his efforts were not enough as he was swept 6-4, 6-1 in his match.

In the fourth singles match, Scog-

gin was outmatched against his opponent. He was swept in the first set 6-0 before bowing out 6-1 in the second.

After dropping a 6-2 decision in the first set of the fifth match of the day, Gribbin fought back to make a match in the second set. However, his efforts fell short as he missed the chance to force a third set by dropping a 7-5 decision.

D. Johnson rounded out the disappointing singles matches for Liberty. He was set down in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

The Flames entered the doubles sets against the Spartans, with no intentions of packing it in despite the match being out of hand.

The first two doubles matches were cut short. The schools decided on playing one set to eight points.

In the first pairing, Fariss and C. Johnson fought the top Spartan pair hard before dropping an 8-4 decision.

Cardoso and D. Johnson attempted to gain a match victory for the Flames in the second doubles match. At the end of the match, they came up on the short end of an 8-5 decision.

In the final match of the day, Greensboro swept the match when Scoggin and Gribbin fell in a three-set match 6-4, 6-3.

The Flames will again be in action Saturday against the Eagles of Winthrop in a Big South Conference match on the road at 3 p.m. The next home match is on Monday against Old Dominion University at 1 p.m.

## Tracksters defeat Virginia, Maryland, A.S.U.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Competing in a scored meet at the University of Virginia and in rare spring weather, which included cold, rain, sleet and snow, Liberty's men came from behind to edge U.Va. Final team scores were LU-71, U.V.a. - 66, Univ. of Maryland - 43, Appalachian State - 15.

Liberty won nine of the 18 events, led by Gerald Mosley's victories in the 100m(10.97), 200m(22.14), and 400m(49.55). Mosley also anchored the winning 4x400m of Brent Squires (51.8), Ryan Werner (49.5) and Todd Pettyjohn (49.1) with a 48.7 split and

ran the second leg on the 4x100m relay of Keith Woody, Pettyjohn and Werner, who placed second in 42.83.

Pettyjohn also won the 400m hurdles (54.22) and was third in the 110m hurdles (15.56), while Werner finished second in the 400m hurdles (54.88), second in the pole vault (14'9) and third in the javelin (160'2).

Woody won the javelin (183'2) and took fourth in the long jump (21'11).

Steve Hokanson defeated a large group of good shot putters with a lifetime best throw, 52'7 1/2 and took third in the discus at 142'11.

Terry Burwell came from behind to

win the 3000m steeplechase in 9:15.3, while Damien Bates ran a strong 1500m to win in 3:56.01, his best time of the year.

Bill Kahn captured a very important second place in the next to the last event of the meet, the 5000m, clocking 15:03.15.

Brett Honeycutt (1:56.13) and Brent Squires (1:56.16) grabbed second and third in the 800m.

Jason Carroll was fourth in the 400m (53.09) and John Farmer squeaked a fourth in the 200m at 23.69.

Scoring five points for first, three for second two for third, and one for

fourth, the Flames went into the final event three points ahead of Virginia.

Liberty needed not to finish last in the 4x400m relay to win. Although Virginia mounted a challenge in the race, Liberty won the event and the meet.

The Lady Flames provided a challenge to Maryland but could not impact the strong and large Virginia squad. Final team scores were U.V.a. - 113, Maryland - 39, Liberty - 29.

Gina Turner continued her undefeated string in the 400m, winning in 55.86. She also was third in the 200m

(25.86), inches behind Fadhila Samuel, who was in second at 25.83. Janet Rorer won the discus (119'4), with Tina Moore third at 111'3. Urlene Dick (2:23.96) edged Esther Mills' PR (2:24.10) for third in the 800m. Patti Bottiglieri raced a strong 3000m to finish second in a lifetime best, 10:15.1.

LU closed the meet with Samuel (58.8), Leeann Hayslett (62.5), Christi Rininger (62.0) and Gina (56.4) taking second in the 4x400m at 3:59.85. Next week, the track teams compete at the Duke Invitational.





