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Major League Baseball opened its season yesterday and with it comes the annual predictions from The Champion staff. See Page 11 for the AL preview. The NL preview can be found on Page 12.

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 remain-REVIEW

ing 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

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 housekeeper. It was hard to

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

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Littlejohn, two students attend conference at Duke

"These confer-

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 alumnus, 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 com-

ber of different environmental parameters, such as changes in temperature and changes in carbon dioxide concentrations." Scharp's re-

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

According to Littlejohn, who worked with



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 front of people who know more than

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 of getting experience in speaking in assistance. "It's not unusual for a professor from another university to

"The Imaginary Invalid" will continue performances April 9,10 and 11 in the Lloyd Theater.

Play pleases appreciative crowds I knew I wanted to work with these people. It's great to work with them after watching them on stage just five



Pictured left to right are: Shawn Porter, Jeff Riffle, Gabriel Vogel and Nathan Alexander.

Tracksters defeated Maryland, Virginia and Appalachain State. See Page 9 for story.

pleted 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-

Scharp on the re- Dr. Robert Littlejohn

search, one spe- Assoc. dean of arts and sciences conferences are cies was shade tol-

erant, one species grew best in sun- information for the scientists and light, and the project included a hybrid between the two species.

Scharp was concerned with the responses of photosynthesis to light.

used as a source of professors, they are also a source of competition for the attending students. The two LU students competed

against graduate students in the oral

you and who expect you to synthesize Although the 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.

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 John Caltigerone

well as being a

Christian example for the students. Caltigerone feels that he has accomplished a number of things during his term at Liberty University.

"I've tried to serve students to the best of my ability. I've been conscientious and have worked hard," he said.

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



coaching football as Professor of Health and Sciences

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 school work but in outside activities as well."

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, and for the people. In order to

do that, we must have leaders with a variety of backgrounds," she said. to be the candidate who

Donna Erikson

government of the people, by the country are Erikson's goals in Congress.

> Erikson has strong opinions concerning the critical issue of abortion. She is prolife 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."

Erikson has several issues that affect American people, ways of dealing with another critical issue facing the the country- the

"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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"People are ready to make this a and working to better the future of the economy. Ad Club contest in regional LU competes

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

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 Senitz; Trey Gilham; Jeff Tucker; Amanda Schweinsburg, co-vice president; Jen Hankins, secretary and Allyson Goodman, adviser.

is not the "status quo", but she says that being seen as a citizen-legislator is positive.

especially those in the 6th District,

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"We need more plumbers, teachers, carpenters, housewives, businesswomen and people from all walks of life." Erikson is considered

news ProServ president advises sports majors By JEFFREY A. COTA may recognize the Chaparrals more his direction." Briner said

Editor

Bob Briner, president of ProServ Television, was featured as a guest speaker for sports management majors at LU on April 1. Briner held three discussions concerning ProServ, sport agents and sport facilities.

ProServ Television is a division of the company ProServ, which represents such athletes as Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing and James Worthy of the National Basketball Association.

Although Briner's name is not as easily recognizable as others, he has been instrumental in the athletic world for years and holds a very impressive resumé.

Briner broke into the professional sport ranks with the National Football League's Miami Dolphins. During his tenure with the Dolphins, he was named the American Football League Promotions Director of the Year.

From football Briner tried his hand at professional tennis, and became the first executive director of World Championship Tennis (WCT), which he established with Dave Dixson (founder of the United States Football League) and Lamar Hunt.

While with the WCT, Briner signed such tennis stars as Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith.

"When we started out with Arthur and Stan, it was more of a handshake kind of deal," Briner reflected on the differences in negotiating contracts. "Now there are a lot of lawyers and so on involved."

Briner took a brief break from tennis and served as the general manager of the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association. Some

by its current name, the San Antonio Spurs.

In 1975 Briner returned to professional tennis as the executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). One year later he was elected chairman of the governing body of the worldwide Grand Prix

circuit, the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

Briner described ProS-Televierv sion, the second largest sports management company in the world, as a "basic sports market and managing

company in **Bob Briner** sports TV." **ProServ Television President**

The largest management company is the Interna-

tional Management Group. According to Briner, ProServ has three main services for professional athletes: provide athletes with "certain degrees" of financial insurance,

wills, and payment of monthly bills; scheduling athletic events and corporate consulting. However, the first service that

Briner cited has resulted in bad press for ProServ after one of its high profile clients has allegedly been linked to gambling.

"Unfortunately our name has popped up in the news when we paid some of Michael Jordan's bills with

"As it turns out the bills were for friendly golf betting losses. But when they are in the \$50,000 range, you begin to wonder how friendly they are.'

ProServ has been highly successful in all of the services that are offered to its clients and the company is well

> sought after for its assistance in the sporting world.

"(We are in demand from corporations) because we have been around so long and we have been reasonably successful providing help with relation to sports," he explained. "Companies

realize that sports are a big part of Ameri-

can society. They know they should be involved, but they don't know how. They don't know the realities of the dollars and they hire us as consultants.

"There is a company in San Francisco that has \$250 million to spend in advertising, and they have zero idea on what to spend it on. We are going to give them a few hints," Briner added with a smile.

Among the duties that ProServ performs are the negotiating of contracts between professional teams and athletes. Among the problems that Briner cited was not with the teams, but with the inexperience of the ath-

"One of the worst things that can happen is an athlete who is going to be a star out of college. He thinks that his home-town lawyer will be able to represent him well. This situation almost never works out to the advantage of the player," Briner said.

"They don't know the market. They don't know how to utilize the salary cap for the best interest of the athletes. We offer instant rapport and respect (with organizations)."

Despite being the second largest management company in the world and having offices worldwide including Paris and Tokyo, Briner contends

"We only have 200 employees worldwide. We are just a bunch of guys trying to figure out what to do next," Briner explained.

"We are always scrambling to keep up with the international market. The changes in Eastern Europe affected us negatively at first, but now it has turned around."

Briner has garnered much acclaim as president of ProServ Television. He has won one Emmy with Ashe and Bryan Polivka for a 1987 production entitled, "A Hard Road to Glory." He has also been nominated for two others for "The Year in Sports." Briner also won an ACE (Award for Cable Excellence) for "Sports Probe," which has also drawn acclaim from TV Guide as "the most intelligent sports show on television."

March 31 marked the opening for "Dravecky-A Story of Courage and Grace," a movie that Briner wrote and produced.

Currently ProServ Television assists such organizations as the National Basketball Association (outside of the United States), the International Baseball Association, the United States Tennis Association, the Tour de France and the Boston Marathon in negotiating television rights.

Scholarship aids graduate studies

By CHARLES E. MALLORY Champion Reporter

LU graduate students enrolled in the master of arts program for professional counseling could be eligible for a \$1,000 share of a \$10,000 scholarship, donated to the university by a Christian counseling program in Texas.

The scholarship money has been donated by Rapha, Inc., of Houston. Robert McGee, founder and president of Rapha, has pledged to donate \$10,000 annually to LU's professional counseling graduate program. The money will be divided into five

\$1,000 scholarships per semester. "It's our goal to train these students to become professional counselors who are not only distinctively Christian but clinically professional.

"Last year was the first time the scholarship was offered, which means five students are already benefitting from the scholarships," Tim Clinton, chairman of LU's department of counseling, said.

Clinton also said that Liberty has 60 graduate students currently in the professional counseling program.

"We are hoping to have close to 100 students next semester," he said.

All graduate students working for the master of arts degree in professional counseling are eligible to apply.

"We had a special form designed for the students to fill out which will give the review board the information they need to determine the five recipients," Clinton explained.

Other determining factors will in-

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clude financial need, commitment to the counseling program and academic excellence.

After receiving the award, each student will be assigned a faculty adviser to work with over the semester to accomplish several individual projects.

According to Clinton, the students will not only receive classroom instruction, but also valuable experience through the advising program.

To apply for the scholarship or for more information, contact David Miller, graduate professor of counseling, in Dorm 18, or call ext. 7712.

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"I will not support further cuts which would cut into the muscle of America's defense programs," she said.

Erikson supports a complete overhaul of the federal welfare system. "By doing this, the family as a unit will be restored," she said.

She believes that if a person is physically capable of working, they should do something for the community when they receive a welfare check.

-Erikson

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Concerning education in the U.S., Erikson said that \$5,200 is spent annually for each public school student, and we are not getting our money's worth.

Erikson believes that decentralizing our educational system and giving local communities more control is the key to graduating literate, competent people.

Erikson also supports the president's health care reform policy.

The four main areas of reform are as follows:

· Giving health care insurance credits to low-income individuals and families and health insurance tax deductions to middle-income individuals and families.

· Improving the efficiency of our system by developing health insurance networks.

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

LU student experiences teaching in Chicago **By RUTH GUTIERREZ** "It was very different and an eye-Champion Reporter opening experience. The kids are to-

vided into groups and attended sev-

eral youth centers. Miller was as-

signed to Roberto Clemente High

She worked with Inner City Im-

pact, a para-church organization in

the Humbolt Park area. The group

was the first to gain permission to

School with 3,000 students.

Miller explained.

of daily living.

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open," Miller said. tally different from the kids that I One high school student was curigrew up with, and the problems that ous to know about his tutor. "One guy they deal with are also different," wanted to know how I was raised because I was raised so differently," The team of 62 students was dishe said.

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

"The students were very honest and congregation area for students in- or smoke a joint. They were very volved 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 Some of the questions raised in 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

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

tutor high school students in principle **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 electionyear 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."

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public school," Miller said.

Jennifer Miller, an elementary

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troit, taught and learned from students

in Chicago's inner-city public school

system during YouthQuest's spring

Miller had the opportunity to teach

"This was the first time that I've

ever really had to really teach in a

The experience of teaching a class-

room of 30 children was overwhelm-

at an elementary school with more

Showings will be in David's Place on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Star Trek VI Father of the Bride April 10 - April 11 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.

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.

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.

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-people teams. Entry fee is \$10 per team.

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.

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,

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wedding bells

Tuesday, April 7, 1992

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 inches 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 simply 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 handsful of Rolaids.

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.

hoto by Jeff Cota

preparation will help ease wedding woes Step-by-step

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 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 begins.

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 wed- • Pick out wedding invitations and

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 lifesaver.

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:

ding. Decide what kind of wedding to thank you cards. Be sure to order

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.

the honeymoon and other things that hearsal and rehearsal dinner and inmay 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:

form 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

s have and how big it will be. Decide extras to allow for mistakes and • Beginning shopping for clothes for • Set the date for the wedding re- the tun of the event 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 diamontologist 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 (imperfects) 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.

pense 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

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"I think students come into a jew- by the GIA, students will have stanelry store and don't realize the ex- dards 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 is 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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<u>engagements</u>

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Logue,

Lynchburg, announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Jeanna Lea,

to T.J. Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Terry Watkins Sr., Charleston, S.C.

Casa Grande Union H.S. in Casa

Grande, Ariz. She will complete a

bachelor's degree in developmental

Watkins, a graduate of Northside

Christian in Charleston, S.C., is a

senior business major at LU, gradu-

An August 1993 wedding is

Davis - Zeh

Ann, to John Wilson Zeh, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Steve Zeh, Brookline,

The bride-elect will complete a

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.

bachelor's degree in journalism at

Mass.

LU in May.

psychology at LU in May.

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planned in Charleston.

The bride-elect is a graduate of

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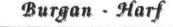
Long - Robyck

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.



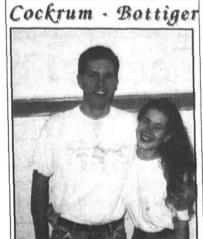


Mr. and Mrs. Roger Burgan Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Jean, to Terry Nicholas Harf Jr.

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

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

A May 1993 wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cockrum, Raymore, Mo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendi, 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 achelor's degree in journalism at LU in May 1992. Heim is currently the band direc-

tor at Jefferson Forest High School. A Dec. 26 wedding is planned in Los Angeles.

Logue - Watkins

Flinchum - Greene

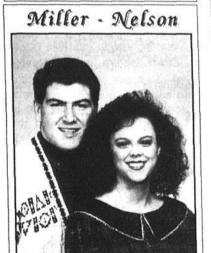


Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flinchum, Winston-Salem, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Catherine, to Christopher Rhodes Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greene, Pascoag, R.I.

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.



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



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 video production major at LU, graduating in December 1993.

An Aug. 15 wedding is planned in Virginia Beach.

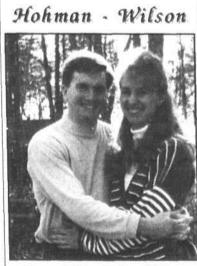
Reinertsen - Maka



Mr. and Mrs. Olav E. Reinertsen, Apex, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elsabeth, 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.



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.





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.









Kauffman - Smith



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.

Rodgers - Green



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

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.

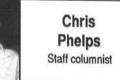
The bride-elect was the valedictorian of the 1988 graduating class of Canaan Christian Academy in Lake Ariel, Pa. She will complete a bachelor's degree in journalism/advertising at LU in May. She currently serves as vice president of the LU advertising club and as copy editor for The Champion.

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.



Cake is the center of wedding reception and of memories



"For better or worse, your wedding

cake will be remembered," Colette

Peters said in her book Colette's

As a professional cake designer,

she makes about 200 cakes a year for

clients. She recognizes the fact that

"there is a real mystery surrounding

wedding cakes, though it is really not

Whether it is the baking, decorat-

ing or presenting the cake for a wed-

ding, many people are intimidated by

the whole process, and simply dele-

However, behind the pearl-smooth

icing, lattice lines and flowers is usu-

ally the basic spongecake made from

eggs, sugar, flour and vanilla extract.

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

Though one may be far too busy

with the many other aspects of plan-

The spongecake is best used for

gate the responsibility to a caterer.

Cakes (Little, Brown \$25).

deserved."

ribbons.

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

ning the wedding, a close

Herb and Spice

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



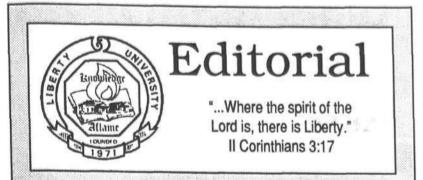
of what you want instead of you waving your hands in the air and saying you want it "this high" and "this wide" with "this" decoration and "these" colors.

If you follow these guidelines you'll be able to have a beautiful cake and eat it too!



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<u>opinion</u>



Texts distort history

R ecently, 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. Partents 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.

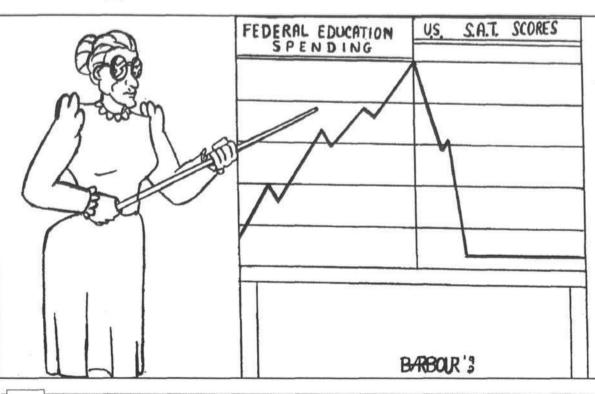
A study that analyzed current and former textbooks revealed the carnage done to history textbooks.

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 have 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.



Off The Record

Students receive the short end of stick in SGA election

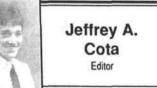
The 1992 Student Government Election has been called off!

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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 positions would be unopposed. But way." - George Bush



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

Dawson has done a commendable iob. 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

Current educational system needs reform 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.

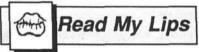
The fact is, rape is not a sexual act, it is a violent crime. To simply take away the chosen weapon and turn a man loose would be similar to taking away the gun from a murderer and setting him free.

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.

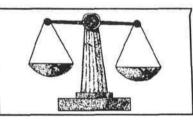
I agree that stiffer penalties are needed, and I understand the tendency to react too strongly against the problems in our law enforcement system. There are better alternatives, however, such as capital punishment or some form of retribution.

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 madatory prison term.-JC



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



'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.

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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-

Choice must be basis

for educational reform

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

president and executive vice presi-

.Although SGA is not directly the

cause of this spoof, it should have

gone out of its way to make sure that

What could it have done? Perhaps

Also a portion of an SGA chapel

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 spon-

sor a presidential debate every year;

however, it might be difficult for

receive the short end of the stick.

Words of Wisdom: "It is time to

either lead, follow or get out of the

No matter how it's cut, the students

Dawson to debate himself.

could be devoted toward explaining what it takes to be an SGA officer.

publicizing the deadline for filing

one's candidacy at an earlier time.

the top two seats were contested.

dent?

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-andup 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.

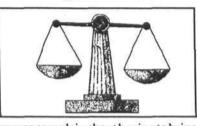
Parents should take a more active role in the schools, allowing them to have more influence on the content and context of the education, not to

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.



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

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

school choice was introduced only 32 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 a high prices.

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

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.

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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 Rodriquez 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.

Bonnefoy, the eccentric lawyer

played with great ease by DeJohnn

Porch, was a perfect complement to

Nathan Alexander, Angelica's

suitor Cleante, did a superb job of

winning over the audience with his

her scheming character.

"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.



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

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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 sidelong 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

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

"wanna-be". 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

Hart of the Matter

aziness plagues students.

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.

Beside Still Waters

Jesu, Komm by J.S. Bach at Thomas Road Baptist Church last Sunday.

God's apparent foolishness excels man's wisdom

Liberty University Concert Choir performed Requiem by John Rutter and Komm,

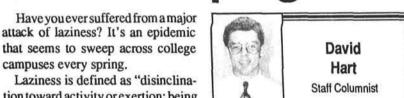
"Ouch!" The man's face winced in pain. He struggled to lift himself up, but the strength to do so vanished in each attempt. He knew he should have watched where he had been walking more carefully; especially since his seven-year-old son was with him.

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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.

campuses every spring. Laziness is defined as "disinclination toward activity or exertion; being



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

sluggishorslow." 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

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-

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.

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.

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.

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 It's not that we avoid any form of 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 True, laziness may prevent you 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 kneedeep in the river and continued to

> > By Danielle Peters

Chapman Staff Columnist

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.

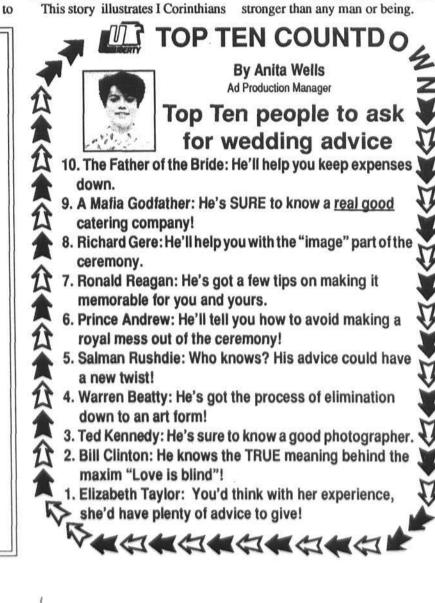
This story of the young boy who couldn't swim and yet, still crossed a river to save his dad teaches us a biblical lesson. What seemed like pure foolishness to the boy's dad was actually wiser than anything that he could have thought of.

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.

The wisdom of man considers, as shown in I 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 I 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



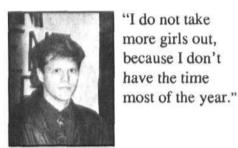
Why don't guys at Liberty ask girls out more? "Because most 'Guys come up



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

Answers Please

Mark Johnson Cumberland, Va.



Curtis V. Johnson St. Paul. Minn.

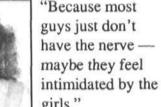
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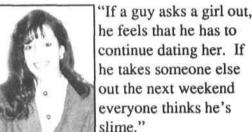
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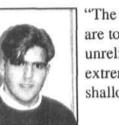
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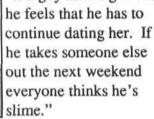


girls." **Tina Towers**

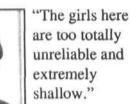


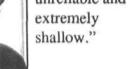


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Baseball team remains at .500

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

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.

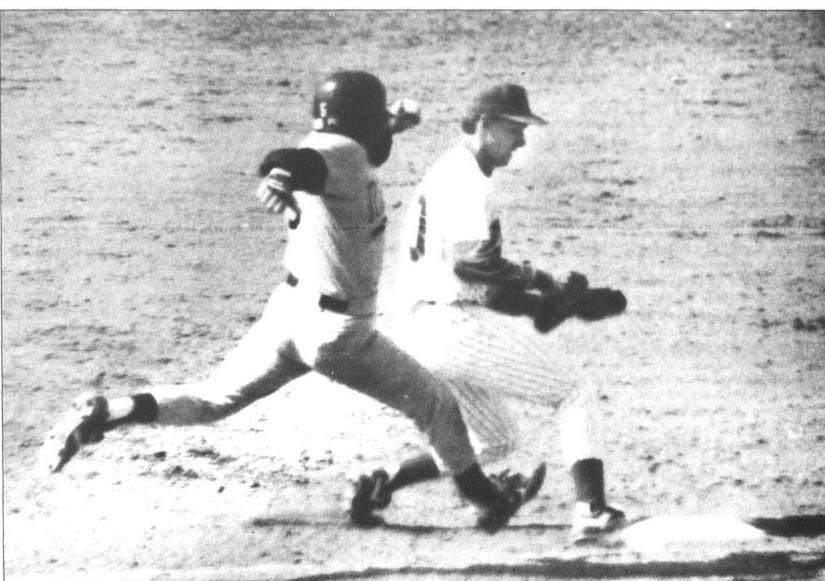
Right-handed pitcher Tim Collins started for the Flames and pitched seven innings while giving up all seven runs. Right-handed pitcher Chad Fox relieved Collins in the seventh and pitched the final two innings.

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.



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 which ended the team's 11 game

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

Flames. The loss dropped Liberty to at 3 p.m. 12-12-1 on the season.

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

They will also be in action against William & Mary on the Chris Wick suffered the loss for the road Thursday, April 9, starting

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.

Greensboro, Radford defeat tennis team the first set 6-0. In the second set, gin was outmatched against his oppo-**By BRIAN SPERLING**



losing streak.

the winning run for the Keydets this week at Old Dominion

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.

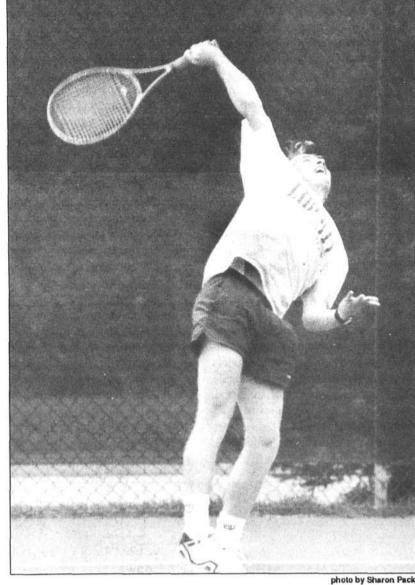
In Los Angeles the Dodgers have finally reunited boyhood pals Darryl Strawberry and Eric Davis. For years the two have talked about playing on the same team. When Davis was with the Reds and Strawberry was with the Mets, who would have thought the Dodgers would be the team to reunite these players? It 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!



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

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 hardbefore 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

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-

nent. 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 threeset 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 UVa. Final team scores were LU-71, UV.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

relay of Keith Woody, Pettyjohn and Werner, who placed second in 42.83.

Pettyjohn also won the 400m time of the year. hurdles (54.22) and was third in the 110m hurdles (15.56), while Werner tant second place in the next to the last finished second in the 400m hurdles event of the meet, the 5000m, clock-(54.88), second in the pole vault (14'9) ing 15:03.15. and third in the javelin (160'2).

took fourth in the long jump (21'11). Steve Hokanson defeated a large lifetime best throw, 52' 7 1/2 and took third in the discus at 142'11.

ran the second leg on the 4x100m win the 3000m steeplechase in 9:15.3, while Damien Bates ran a strong 1500m to win in 3:56.01, his best

Bill Kahn captured a very impor-

Brett Honeycutt (1:56.13) and Brent Woody won the javelin (183'2) and Squires (1.56.16) grabbed second and third in the 800m.

Jason Carroll was fourth in the 400m group of good shot putters with a (53.09) and John Farmer squeaked a fourth in the 200m at 23.69.

Scoring five points for first, three Terry Burwell came from behind to for second two for third, and one for

fourth, the Flames went into the final (25.86), inches behind Fadhila 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.Va. - 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

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.

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LU cycling team founders graduate

Four seniors bid farewell to program they built **By PAMELA WALCK** Champion Reporter

It is a new horizon for the LU cycling team, as it says farewell to four graduating seniors, who have been the solid foundation in the team's short four- year existence.

Begun in the fall of 1988, the cycling team became the vision of two freshmen, Jon Wirsing and Kevin Brittingham.

What began as a vision has developed into the reality of a nine-member cycling team.

"We only had four riders, but we became a collegiate cycling team that year and joined the American Coast Conference," Brittingham said.

"We race competitively against teams like Navy, Army, George Mason, James Madison, Virginia Tech., UVa., N.C. State and Penn State University, he said."

Team captain Jon Wirsing placed second in the ACC for the year and

was offered to go to the collegiate nationals in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he placed 37 overall.

In the fall of 1989, the team added two riders, left the ACC and raced in the United States Cycling Federation which was more competitive.

"In order to enter the U.S.C.F., each rider needs to be licensed," Brittingham explained. "With this license, each rider is given a ranking in category V, IV, III, II or I. The majority of the team was given a IV rank."

Through the U.S.C.F., the team was able to race for money and prizes which had never been done before by an LU program.

Wirsing placed the highest on the team at a category II level and raced in the Mid-West for Athletes in Action last summer.

The cycling team reached its best season during the 1990-91 school year, racing competitively in the category IV level.

The team expanded that season by adding two more racers and placing in the top 10 of each meet, in spite of its heavy race load of 20 races a semester.

This 1991-92 season, the team picked up a full-time mountain bike rider, Chad Hall, after adding mountain bike racing to its busy season.



Pictured (left to right) back row: Marius Chira, Mihael Ginghina, Scotty Curlee, Mark Allenback, Chad Hall, Scott Metzgar and Urs Edwards (team manager). Front: Jon Wirsing and Kevin Brittingham. This is the 1992 LU cycling team.

The team grew closer as a unit while it developed the individual training schedule.

"Our training schedule increased with an average milage for each member of about 200 miles per week," Brittingham said.

With the graduation of Wirsing, Brittingham, Mihael Ginghina and Scott Metzgar, the remaining riders will be left with the task of keeping the dream alive.

"We know what we have accomplished these past four years, they've given us."

Every athlete could be looked up to

under these strict guidelines. If the

children saw a guy like Dwight

Gooden or Otis Nixon expelled from

baseball after his first time using drugs,

then kids would clearly see that this

was not a permissable way of life and

that these players are not the kind of

guys to follow. They might think

twice before trying the drugs if they

didn't see their role models falling

With the impact that they can have

on young lives, it is stupid not to have

athletes as role models. Kids will do

as they see their favorite players do.

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and we have come a long way even though it took a lot of time and effort," Brittingham commented. "We would really like to thank our local bike sponsor, Bikes Unlimited, for all the support

1992 Olympic trials give U.S. hopefuls a shot

Tuesday, April 7, 1992

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Wire A steady stream of U.S. Olympic trials continue in the coming weeks.

Yachting trials in 470, Finn and Europe, which began yesterday in Newport Beach, Calif., wrap up April 15.

Rifle trials will be held April 14 to 24 in Chino, Calif., and among the six 1988 Olympians trying to earn a berth is Web Wright III of Annapolis.

The men's marathon will be run April 14 in Columbus, Ohio. Janis Klecker, Francie Larrieu-Smith and Cathy O'Brien finished 1-2-3 in January's women's marathon trial in Houston.

Also, the United States will try to earn seven more Olympic wrestling qualifying spots by weight in the Pan Am Championships.

For the first time in history, nations are required to qualify athletes for the Olympics through procedures set up by the international wrestling federation.

Only 180 athletes in each style, Greco-Roman and freestyle, will be permitted to compete in Barcelona.

Sports Notebook

Softball

LU Intramural Sports will sponsor the second annual Liberty Softball Tournament April 10 and 11.

Associate Director Sam Skelton expects a good turnout this year, similar to that of last years tournament.

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

There will be city teams as well as intramural teams competteams that win first, second and third places will be awarded trophies.

The Flames are awaiting the comeback of their top golfer Chris Turner (Sr., Oakton, Va.) for this week's Big South Conference Cahmpionships. Turner has been suffering with back spasms.

Blind Speaker

On Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., Bill Erwin will be speaking on campus about his adventures hiking the Appalachian trail.

Erwin is the only blind man to every accomplish the feat of hiking the Appalachian trail with the help of his dog. The dog that leads him will also be on campus with him that night.

He is the author of Blind Couring in the tournament. The age and will discuss his life being blind. This is sponsored by the Players Club. For more information call Dr. Horton in the Physical Education Department at 2330. ESPN

Should pro athletes be considered role models?

The Great Sports Debate

By MIKE GATHMAN

Sports Editor

Today's athletes are one of the biggest attractions to young children and adults alike. They should take their responsibilities as role models seriously and lead lives that are good examples for others to follow.

I do not believe that it is wrong to look up to somebody and to pattern yourself after that person. I also believe that today's athletes should be held responsible for leading lives that are good for kids to pattern themselves after.

Guys who could be looked up to in today's sports world are people like Dale Murphy of the Philadelphia Phillies or Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics. These guys are not only good at what they do, but they also lead lives off the field that would make any father proud. Growing up, I always followed the Philadelphia Phillies' Mike Schmidt. I admired his character as well as his ability to play baseball. He was a man who could be looked up to both on and off the field. He never did anything to harm baseball nor to tarnish his moral character. Today's athletes should also consider part of their million-dollar jobs leading decent lives. With the salaries that today's athletes receive, it is not too much to require them to stay drug free and lead decent lives. They owe it to themselves and they owe it to the fans. Professional sports officials should ban athletes for first-time drug and alcohol abuse, such as drunk driving. If athletes knew they were under these strict rules, they might adhere to them better and in the process set good examples for young children to fol-

By SHANA HUFF

Champion Reporter Children, for decades, have put many professional athletes on an immortal pedestal. Perhaps, it started in the days of Babe Ruth, who according to the March 16th issue of Sports Illustrated, was paid \$50,000 (equivalent to \$390,405 today). Children view athletes as the epitome of good health and career success.

With the increase in communication, the media has aided in making these figures larger than life. Shirts, shorts, caps and other sportswear that sport the face or logo of popular athletes mean sales in the thousands,

Angeles Lakers one of the finest basketball teams in the country. If applying the words to his life off the court, this could be questioned.

Magic Johnson is not alone among professional athletes who have fallen from the pinnacle of success. Take for instance, Mike Tyson, former heavyweight champion, who has recently been convicted of rape. Tyson has been sentenced to six years in prison, an appeal pending. If he exhibits good behavior, he could be released in three years.

In the March 16th article of Sports Illustrated, writer Tim Kurkjian focused on the life of Chicago Cubs

In addition to team prizes, the top two teams will receive individual prizes.

At the end of the tournament, an MVP will also be awarded a prize. The tournament will consist of 30 teams playing on five fields.

Skelton encourages Liberty University students to become involved in the activities.

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

To register for a team or for more information concerning any intramural activities and events, please call the intramural trailor at ext. 2389, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Golf placement

The Liberty University men's golf team placed llth out of 16 teams this past weekend at the L.D. Small Invitational Tournament in Buies Creek, North Carolina. The University of North Carolina won the tournament with a combined score of 916. The top finishers for Liberty were Dale Tyre (So., Tallahasse, Fla.) scoring 78-77-81--236 and Todd Casabella (Sr., Grafton, Ohio) with a score of 78-80-80--238.

Golf: On the road April 24-26, at the UVa. Cavalier Classic at the Birdwood Golf Course in Charlottesville, Va.

Tennis: On the road Saturday, April 11, against Winthrop College starting at 3 p.m. At home on Monday, April 13, against Ferrum College starting at 3 p.m.

Baseball: On the road Wednesday, April 8, against Old Dominion starting at 7 p.m. On the road Thursday, April 9, against the College of William & Mary starting at 3 p.m. At home on Friday, April 10, against Maryland Eastern Shore starting at 3 p.m. At home for a doubleheader on

For sports fans, ESPN has now been added to the DeMoss Hall lounge. The station can be watched at the television set next to the book store.

Sports Reporters

The Champion is looking for people interested in writing sports for the 1992-93 school year.

Help is needed covering campus sports as well as off-campus and professional sports.

If you have an interest in sports and would like to write about them, call Mike at extension 3403 or 2471. A sample of your work would be greatly appreciated.

Field Hockey

The Liberty University field Hockey team is seeking new members for its club.

The team is co-ed and needs players immediately for competition.

If you are interested in playing, call Kim at ext. 3397.

Lynchburg Red Sox

The Lynchburg Red Sox will be starting their exciting new season soon. For information on season and single game tickets, call the Lynchburg Red Sox Baseball Club at 528-1144.

- Sports Schedule

Saturday, April 11, against Maryland Eastern Shore starting at 1 p.m. Lacrosse: At home on Saturday, April 11, against John Hopkins University starting at 2 p.m. At home on Sunday, April 12, against UNC-Greensboro starting at 2 p.m. Men and women's track: On the road Friday, April 10 through Saturday, April 11, at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C.

Home track meet: On Saturday, April 18, plan to attend the only home track and field event of the semester. Liberty will be hosting the Big South Invitational all day starting at 10 a.m.

Kids need somebody to look up to as a hero while growing up. It is a part of life that always will be, the question is just whether or not we have good role models or bad role models.

It would be stupid not to allow athletes to be looked upon for this service. There is a big difference between a little kid hearing their sixth grade teacher say, "Don't take drugs" and hearing Mike Schmidt say, "Don't take drugs." Kids will listen to the popular sports figure over the teacher every time.

If we take away sports figures from kids then what do they have left? Rock stars? This would really lead our kids astray. Rock figures are 10 times more drug infested and immoral than sports personalities.

The bottom line is that kids will always have role models and will always need to have role models. Athletes are the best option available, and nothing is better than having kids involved in good clean sporting activities. If children in America patterned after "clean" athletes, this world would be a better place to live!

often millions in sport shops around the country.

Children who put favorite athletes on a pedestal are setting themselves up for a potential fall. When an athlete makes a mistake, it is confusing to the child as to what is actually right and wrong. With the breakdown of the family unit in today's society, children often do not have a positive figure in the home and they commonly substitute this with someone who is popular in the eyes of the public. For young boys, especially, this is usually a sports figure.

Perhaps, the media is most at fault for the increase in athletic heroism. When an athlete does something good is it rarely publicized. Former NBA superstar Magic Johnson was once quoted as saying that if he were to die today, he would have had the greatest life.

This comment came after he tested positive for the HIV virus. If taking the quote in reference to his on court career, the words would be hard to dispute. Johnson came to the NBA in the late seventies, making the Los

second baseman, Ryne Sandberg. He is currently at the peak of monetary success, after signing a four-year \$28.4 million contract.

Aside from the article in Sports Illustrated, who can argue that although Sandberg is more of a positive figure than certain professional athletes, the amount of press time he receives equals the same as Tyson and Johnson.

Can "athletic heroism," so to speak, be more damaging today than it has been in the past?

I believe the answer is yes.

Although Tyson and Johnson are only two of the thousands of American athletes, they have recently received, by far, the most publicity.

So what are athletes such as Johnson and Tyson teaching children who see them as heros?

In a child's eyes, is it acceptable to engage in premarital sex as long as you don't contract a disease?

Will America ever get back to the point where mom and dad are seen as heroes instead of someone on the front of a cereal box?



<u>major league baseball</u> Tuesday, April 7, 1992 The Champion, Page 11 Red Sox will win AL East in close race

By JEFFREY A. COTA

Editor **1) BOSTON RED SOX** 2) TORONTO BLUE JAYS **3) MILWAUKEE BREWERS 4) BALTIMORE ORIOLES 5) DETROIT TIGERS** 6) NEW YORK YANKEES 7) CLEVELAND INDIANS

Once upon a time there was a mighty division in Major League Baseball that beat up all of the smaller divisions. One day those smaller favor.

The American League East was perhaps the most competitive division in baseball through most on the 1980s. It was a tossup every season on which team would survive and play for the pennant. Five of the seven teams represented the AL in the World Series during the decade and in order to win this division, the team must win 90-plus games (100 to secure the crown).

My how times change.

The AL East is now one of the weakest divisions in baseball; however, within the next five years that should all change. Leading the division for much of the last six years, Boston and Toronto will once again square off to see which team is the strongest paper tiger.

1) RED SOX

Every even year since 1986 the Bosox have prevailed over the Blue Jays for the right to represent the AL East in the American League Championship Series (ALCS). All signs seem to be pointing in the right direction once again.

The Bosox finally have a solid right-left combination since Bruce Hurst moved on to San Diego. Boston signed free-agent Frank Viola, who has been given a clean bill of health since having problems with his pitching hand and elbow.

Roger Clemens comes off of another spectacular season (18-10, 2.62 ERA, 241 SO) to earn his third Cy Young Award (he needs only one to tie the Major League mark for most in a career). After

3.29) will provide a solid number three pitcher.

The fourth and fifth spots are wide open. Closer Jeff Reardon notched 40 saves, but his age is a question and so is his back. If Jeff Gray (2-3, 2.34) can come back from the mild stroke. that ended his season, he is the primecandidate to replace Reardon in the future.

Point blank ---- this team can score runs. With hitters like Wade Boggs divisions grew up and returned the (.332), Carlos Quintana (.295), Jody Reed (.283) and Mike Greenwell (.300) it is inevitable.

Don't forget Mo Vaughn (.260, 4, 32 in 74 games) and Phil Plantier (331, 11, 35 in 53 games), not to mention Jack Clark (28 HR, 87 RBI). Ellis Burks is having an excellent spring training, expect him to recover from the injuries that have hampered him for two seasons.

2) BLUE JAYS The signing of Jack Morris gives Toronto the deepest rotation in the majors, but Morris is past his prime and is an injury away from ending his career. Juan Guzman proved to be a pleasant surprise for manager Cito Gaston when the rookie won 10 games and posted a 2.99 ERA.

Jimmy Key returns for another season after winning 16 games en route to a 3.05 ERA. Todd Stottlemyre (15-8, 3.78) and David Wells (15-10, 3.72) round out the impressive rotation.

Dave Stieb and Pat Hentgen will battle for a spot on the rotation as well. Tom Henke will perform closing duties after saving 32 games last season and chalking up a 2.32 ERA.

Leading the offensive attack will be outfielder Joe Carter (.273, 33, 108) and free-agent-signee Dave Winfield (.262, 28, 86). Meanwhile Roberto Alomar (.295), Kelly Gruber (.252, 20, 65), Devon White (.282, 17, 60) and Candy Maldonado (.250, 12, 48) will provide the extra punch in the lineup. Watch out for Rookie of the Year candidate Derek Bell (vounger brother of Chicago White Sox outfielder George Bell). He

Frankie V., Joe Hesketh (12-4, has speed, power and can hit for average (.346, 13, 93 for Syracuse in Triple-A ball) and will patrol right field.

It all boils down to whether Toronto or Boston can survive with the least injuries in order to win the division. Buckle up, it's going to be a wild one. **3) BREWERS**

The Brew Crew will return four solid pitchers in the rotation with Bill Wegman (15-7, 2.84), Chris Bosio (14-10, 3.25), Jamie Navarro (15-12, 3.92) and injury-prone Teddy Higuera (3-2, 4.46 in seven games). Rookie manager Phil Garner is hoping Higuera can return to the form that once held him with the league's best. After an impressive rookie campaign Doug Henry (2-1, 1.00, 15) looks to take over the mop up duties out of the bull pen.

For this team to contend it must carry the momentum it had at the end of the season into the new year. Under former manager Tom Trebelhorn, Milwaukee won 40 of its last 59 games.

The team must also motivate twotime AL MVP Robin Yount to produce better numbers than last year's .266 BA, 10 HR and 77 RBI.

Paul Molitor is like the Energizer Rabbit, he keeps going and going and going. He racked up a .325 average with 17 dingers and 75 RBI. Attempting to pick up more infield help, the Brewers are gambling on former Royal Kevin Seitzer who was picked up off waivers.

Catcher B.J. Surhoff (.285), Jim Ganter (.283) and Bill Spiers (.283) will attempt to bolster a rather lackluster hitting attack. Look out for rookies Dave Nilsson, Tim McIntosh, Mickey Brantley, Jim Olander and Jim Tatum.

4) ORIOLES

Johnny Oates' ballclub is young and stocked with talent. Cal Ripkin Jr. changed his stance last season and is expected to produce much of the same numbers he did last season. A full season of Glenn Davis would help any team.

Also contributing to the power punch will be Sam Horn (23 HR),

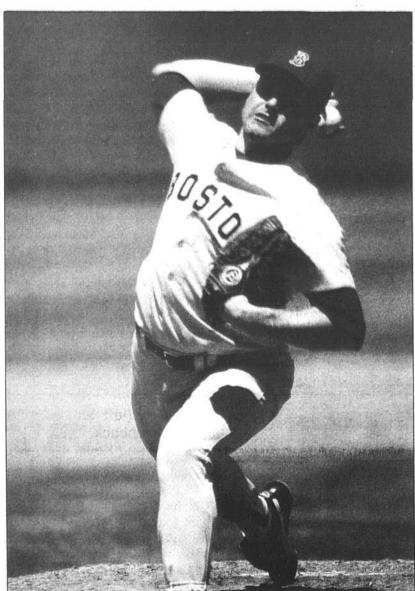


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Roger Clemens will lead Boston's surge to the American League East title. Clemens has developed into one of baseball's best pitchers over the last few years.

Randy Milligan (16), Mike Devereaux (19), Leo Gomez (16) and Chito Martinez (20 in 60 games in Triple-A and 13 in 67 for Baltimore).

The pitching will improve now that the Orioles have a healthy Ben McDonald. Support will come in the form of Bob Milacki, Mike Mussina and rookie Arthur Rhodes. Management has gone with experience to attempt to put life back into the rotation, but how much life can there be left in Rick Sutcliffe and Storm Davis?

Mike Flanagan (2-7, 2.38) was impressive in his come back, while more

good things are expected from closer Gregg Olson. Perhaps with a little more run support this team can move higher, but don't count on it.

5) TIGERS

How this team finished tied for second place last season may never be quite figured out, but don't expect much of the same. Pitching is the biggest weakness, with most of the rotation hovering around the 4.00 mark. Bill Gullickson still managed to win 20 games. Mike Henneman (10-2, 2.88, 21) is pretty much the only sure thing on the pitching staff. This team will give up a lot of runs,

but it can also score a lot of runs. The most prolific run producer is Cecil Fielder with 44 homers and 133 ribbies. With the score tight, he is perhaps the most dangerous hitter in the Majors.

Mickey Tettleton (31 HR, 89 RBI), Travis Fryman (21, 91), Tony Phillips (17, 72), Lou Whitaker (23, 78) and Rob Deer (25, 64) hold the power sticks. Expect Phillips to hit more long balls, especially after his intense workouts that helped him smash 17 last season.

6) YANKEES

The pitching needs help, especially after Steve Howe and Pascual Perez will not make many appearances on the field after drug charges have reentered their careers.

Scott Sanderson will need some serious help in the rotation as he and Greg Caderet are the only viable candidates to break into double digits in the win column. The bullpen is solid with Steve Farr and John Habyan sharing closer duties, while Lee Gutterman anchors the set up crew.

Take away Matt Nokes (.268, 24, 77), Don Mattingly (.288), Mel Hall (.285, 19, 80) and Roberto Kelly (.267, 20, 69) and the Yanks are left with nothing. Kevin Mass needs to find the strike zone in a hurry after striking out 128 times last season.

Buck Showalter is hoping the acquisition of Mike Gallego will replace the consistent bat of Steve Sax (.304, 10, 56), who shipped off to Chicago. The Yanks are suffering from post-George syndrome, and there is no telling when it will end. 7) INDIANS

This team has a habit of getting rid of its best players (i.e. Joe Carter, Tom Candiotti, Greg Swindell, etc.) and now the hope of a World Championship lies with promising young talent like Albert Belle, Sandy Alomar, Carlos Baerga, Alex Cole and Kenny Lofton.

The starting five pitchers are nonexistent and the bull pen doesn't hold much more optimism.

Manager Mike Hargrove might want to take stock in TYLENOL, it's going to be one long season.

By SHANNON HARRINGTON Champion Reporter **1) CHICAGO WHITE SOX** 2) OAKLAND ATHLETICS 3) MINNESOTA TWINS 4) SEATTLE MARINERS **5) TEXAS RANGERS** 6) KANSAS CITY ROYALS 7) CALIFORNIA ANGELS

The American League West could arguably be one of the toughest divisions in baseball this season. With stars like Frank Thomas, Jose Canseco, Rickey Henderson, Ken Griffey Jr. and Nolan Ryan, it will certainly be one of the most exciting.

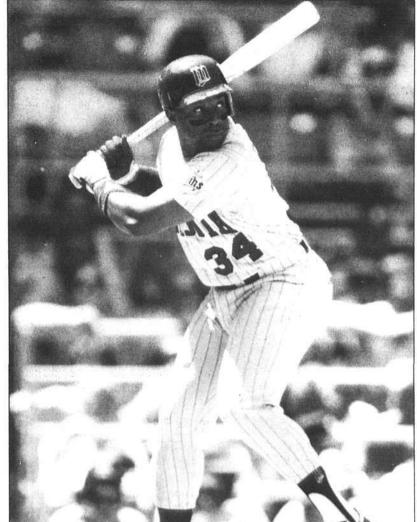
Last year, every team in the division finished with a .500 record or better season. Besides divisionchamps Minnesota having an eightgame advantage over the second place White Sox, the following five teams' records were separated by only one game a piece.

If things go well, you can expect the same again this season.

1) WHITE SOX The key to this team is offense. With a possible batting lineup of Tim Raines(.286), Steve Sax(.304), Robin Ventura (.284), Thomas (.318), George Bell (.285), Dan Pasqua (.259), Carlton Fisk (.241) and Lance Johnson (.274), one could see why.

Last season, the White Sox finished only sixth in the American League in total batting average and fifth in total runs, but with the acquisition of secondbaseman Steve Sax from the Yankees and outfielder George Bell from the Cubs and one more year of experience under third year, firstbaseman Frank Thomas' belt, look for the scoreboard at Comiskey Park to be loaded with runs this year.

What Chicago must worry about, however, is its pitching. This is the one area that is keeping the White Sox from a World Series. Although the team's pitching staff finished fifth last season in the American League with a 3.79 overall earned run average, there is still much room for improvement.



ors Marketing Corp.

Kirby Puckett will lead the Twins' attempt to regain their position as the World Champions of baseball.

Sox pitching staff was Jack McDowell. In 1991 McDowell was fourth in the American League in strikeouts with 191, ninth in total victories with his 17-10 record and first in complete games with 15 and second in innings pitched at 253.2.

Second-year pitcher Wilson Alvarez, 3-2, and third year pitcher Alex Fernandez, 9-13, are the two bright spots in the Sox's pitching. Alvarez gave a preview of his talent by posting a no-hitter in his Major League debut last season.

In the bullpen, the White Sox will be relying on relief ace Bobby Thigpen to bail them out when the starting rotation is struggling.

Another area that could give Chi-

The biggest standout on the White cago a problem is the management. Their new manager Gene Lamont and second-year general manager Ron Schueler, must step up and lead the young White Sox team.

2) ATHLETICS

The aging Athletics may be on their last leg. Last season, they found themselves in fourth place, 11 games behind division-champion Minnesota. However, there is still a bit of pride left in Oaktown. Jose Canseco is still hitting home runs, Rickey Henderson continues to steal bases and Dave Stewart is still striking out batters. Even more motivating is that after this season, five of Oakland's key players including Harold Baines, Dennis Eckersley, Rick Honeycutt, Gene Nelson and Stewart will be eli-

gible for free agency. So if Manager Tony La Russa intends to make one last run with his team, this had better be the year.

There is no question of whether or not the As have enough talent to contend for a division title. The question is whether or not they will be healthy enough to win it.

Since the start of last season, Oakland has been plagued with injuries. Walt Weiss' torn ankle ligaments, Mike Gallego's snowmobile accident and Carney Lansford's reconstructive knee surgery all hurt Oakland last year. This season there are question marks above the heads of outfielder Dave Henderson and righthanded pitcher Bob Welch's health.

The area in which Oakland needs the most motivation is the pitching. The As will be relying on Stewart to lead to starting rotation. Also, they will need production from Welch and the 1991 team leader Mike Moore who was 17-8. Eckersley will lead the bullpen, and the team could also find some help in youngster Todd Van Poppel.

3) TWINS

Who could have guessed that the Twins would turn from the worst team, in the American League West in 1990 to the best in 1991? And what was the key to this awesome turnaround?

To start with, the signing of Jack Morris, Chili Davis and Mike Pagliarulo gave Minnesota strong veteran support. Next, youngsters such as Chuck Knoblauch, Scott Erickson, Kevin Tapani and Scott Leius were playing like veterans. And finally, a virtually injury-free season didn't hurt the Twins, either.

But the next question is: Can the Twins do it again?

And the answer: Probably not. For one thing, Morris, who had the second best record on the team, is no longer in a Twins uniform. That leaves the leadership role up to Erickson and Tapani.

Another reason is that Davis, Pagliarulo, Shane Mack, Rick Aguilera, and Carl Willis will find it difficult to match the career years they achieved

last season.

But that does not mean that the Twins will fall back to the basement of the West. Minnesota will have to rely more on its consistent players such as Kirby Puckett, Kent Hrbek, Randy Bush and Brian Harper. The team will also need big seasons from youngsters like Erickson, Tapani, Knoblauch and Leius.

4) MARINERS

Seattle is a team that just needs a boost to get them going. The talent seems to be there, but as far as the experience needed to put them on top, they could use a little more.

In the off-season, Seattle acquired outfielder Kevin Mitchell from the San Francisco Giants for relief pitchers Mike Jackson, Bill Swift and Dave Burba. Some say this was a great move by the Mariners because the presence of Mitchell could give the offense a boost.

But what also needs to be considered is that Jackson, Swift and Burba combined for 32 of Seattle's 48 saves. This means that Mike Schooler will have to work double-time in the bullpen to make up for those saves.

Overall, if the pitching staff can stay consistent and the Mariners can get what they need out of Mitchell, along with Griffey, Edgar Martinez and Henry Cotto, then look for the Mariners to stick close with the division leaders.

5) RANGERS

The Rangers' batting line-up last season was about as amazing as the White Sox lineup will be this season. American League Batting Champ Julio Franco was about as hot as he will ever get.

Rafael Palmeiro continued to teach the Cubs a lesson for letting him go. And Ruben Sierra added to the lineup a .307 batting average.

But, just as many other teams in the American League West, they need pitching. Not even Nolan Ryan or Jose Guzman, the only starters with winning records, could save them. And the same will go this season unless Manager Bobby Valentine can find the right combination in pitching to lead this very talented team. 6) ROYALS

Kansas City spent its off-season shopping for a new team. First, they started at first base by signing free agent Wally Joyner. Next, they added a second baseman in Gregg Jefferies and two outfielders in Keith Miller and Kevin McReynolds.

These players came to Kansas City in a trade with the Mets for pitcher Bret Saberhagen and infielder Bill Pecota. Then they acquired outfielder Cris Gwynn from Los Angeles for firstbaseman Todd Benzinger. To finish the shopping list, they acquired catcher Bob Melvin from Baltimore for reliever Storm Davis.

But don't bet that this new crop of players will be able to put their talent together in one season. This team needs leadership. Especially since last season's leader, Danny Tartabull, is now in Yankee pinstripes and long-time leader George Brett is running on empty.

7) ANGELS

Unlike Chicago, Oakland and Texas, the Angels' strong point is in their pitching. In fact, their pitching is the only thing that kept the team above .500 last season. Starting pitchers Jim Abbott, Mark Langston and Chuck Finley combined for 67 percent of California's wins.

The bad news is that the team batting average of .255 was ninth in the American League and hit a measly 115 HRs which was 13th in the league. More bad news is that they lost their only player with batting average better than .300 when Wally Joyner left for free-agency. The team's leading home run hitter, Dave Winfield, was lost to free agency as well.

However, California did unload a couple of their pitchers including Kyle Abbott and Mike Fetters to acquire a few hitters such as Von Hayes, Hubie Brooks and Alvin Davis.

Not one of these hitters hit above .240 last season.

But when the Angels do bring some offense to Anaheim to complement their pitching staff, (hopefully before the next century) look out!

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Mets shop way to title in Eastern Division

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The National League East is a division that lacks a truly dominant team as it heads into the 1992 season. However, by season's end the Mets or Cardinals should step forward and take control of the East,

1) METS

For the first time since the Mets fielding expertise. lost the core of their 1986 champion-Eastern Division.

The biggest and best addition that the Mets added since last year's team is not Bobby Bonilla, Eddie Murray or Bret Saberhagen. It is the Mets' new manager Jeff Torborg. Torborg, who comes to the Mets from the American League's Chicago White Sox, is the best addition the team has made in years.

Recently, Angels general manager and former St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog was having conversation with former Mets manager Davey Johnson about why Johnson has not received a job since he was fired from the Mets. Herzog's answer was that for seven years Johnson managed the best talent in baseball and only won the World Series once.

This is why the Mets are the team to beat in 1992 in the East. Torborg is a manager who guided an inferior squad of White Sox and developed them into a contender in baseball's toughest division, the American League West.

Pitching-wise, the Mets will again be strong if Dwight Gooden is fully recovered from shoulder surgery, and if he is cleared of rape charges from a year ago. Behind Gooden will be newly acquired Bret Saberhagen from the Kansas City Royals.

If Saberhagan and Gooden return Smith will be back for his "year dedi-

division will be history. The Mets also have David Cone and Sid Fernandez to solidify the starting rotation. The bullpen will be anchored by John Franco and Tim Burke as the sis finally putting the pieces together.

set-up man. The only thing the Mets will be lacking this year is a solid defense. That is one reason Kevin Elster willbe playing shortstop. He has the best glove on the team even though he bats his weight. Johnson will have to learn how to play centerfield fast or the Mets will lose a few due to the lack of 2) CARDINALS

ship team, it appears that they will. The Cardinals are a team that once again be ready to contend in the stunned everyone in baseball from The Cardinals are a team that since the mid-eighties. The starting the commissioner down to the Cardinal fans. They were expected to lose all summer long after the losses of key free-agents. But, the Cardinals took the low road to recovery with continue to develop as a hard-throwyoung and unproven players. It ing righthander. worked, and it has given the Cards high hopes for the 1992 season.

> Newly acquired Andres Galarraga from the Expos should prosper in the new setting. He will also provide another solid fielder for the Cards at first base

> The Cardinals will again have a solid pitching staff with Bob Tewksbury, Omar Olivares and Bryn Smith returning from last year's squad. The return of injury-plagued Joe Magrane will be a key to the success of the Cardinals this season. If he returns to form, the Cardinals will definitely be a force in the East.

The Cardinals' strength will be the bullpen. Todd Worrell is returning from an injury year to join big Lee Smith. Smith saved a National-League-record 47 games last year, and he should be just as strong again this year. If teams don't beat the Cards early, it's over once manager Joe Torre reaches to the bullpen.

The Cardinals offense will be sparked by young players Felix Jose and Ray Lankford, who combined for 64 stolen bases last season. Ozzie

to Cy Young form, the rest of the cated to the fans" before he possibly heads to Japan next year because of contract squabbles.

3) PHILLIES

The Phillies are a young team that Last year was supposed to be the year the Phillies made their move on the division, but car-wreck injuries to outfielder Lenny Dykstra and catcher Darren Dualton ended the Phillies' hopes early last season. In games when Dykstra played, the Phillies were 36-27 last year. Without Dykstra in the lineup, the Phillies were a different team as they were 42-57.

The pitching has come a long way rotation should be the Phils' strength this season, if all pitchers stay healthy. Terry Mulholland will be the team's ace since he won 16 games for the Phils last year. Jose DeJesus will

Tommy Greene is still developing into a strong young pitcher on the Phillies staff after last year's 13-7 record including a no-hitter. Newly acquired Kyle Abbott should be on the Phillies' starting staff to start the season and in time will be able to help the Phils win.

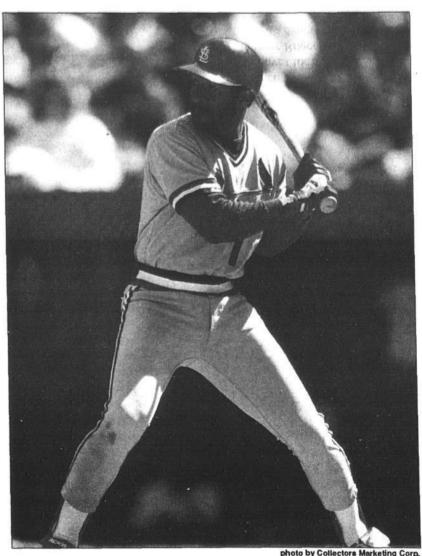
Dykstra will lead off a lineup of young but talented players. Dave Hollins will be the Phillies' thirdbaseman of the future. He displayed a powerful form from both sides of the plate last season in limited playing time.

Daulton, when healthy all season, is capable of hitting 20 homers. Dale Murphy and John Kruk will chip in a large part of the Phils' offense.

4) PIRATES

The Pirates are going to be a mystery team in the East this season. It will be interesting to see how they fare without Bonilla and John Smiley. One big force the Pirates still have

in their offensive arsenal is Barry Bonds. When Bonds is in a batting groove, he can carry the team for weeks by himself. Bonds is signed to a one-year contract, and he should



Ozzie Smith will rejoin the Cardinals for at least one more year as they battle the revamped Mets for the pennant.

have a monster year to impress all the money-rich owners for free-agency when the season ends.

The Pirates' pitching staff will still have its strong points, but the loss of 20-game winner Smiley will hurt the staff in the short run. Denny Neagle, who came from the Minnesota Twins, is a top prospect, and he could soon be filling in the gap left in the rotation. Doug Drabek will have to return to

his form of two years ago and once again become the Pirates' ace. Drabek picked up a 3.07 earned run

average but still lost 14 games last year. Zane Smith is back and should again pitch well for the Bucs. Randy Tomlin will also help the Pirates this

from the Indians, but they sacrificed

Jack Armstrong and Scott Scudder to

Tim Belcher is another valuable

addition from the Dodgers in the Davis

deal. Jose Rijo will need to be injury-

free if the Reds are to win the divi-

sion. Rob Dibble will be relied upon

to repeat numbers similar to last sea-

The pitching staff is as good, or

better than the Dodger hurlers are, but

a revitalized Strawberry and com-

pany should force the Reds to settle

3) BRAVES

the past where teams that were peren-

nial losers rose up to grab success.

The Braves will prove to be no fluke

as they will be in the thick of the battle

Manager Bobby Cox will depend

on his pitching staff to equal last

seasons heights. Cy Young Award

winner Tom Glavine will be looked

upon for another 20-win season. He

John Smoltz. Another key will be the

Offensively, Atlanta will look for

the return of speedster Otis Nixon, 72

stolen bases, from a drug suspension

to solidify their lead off spot. Na-

tional League Most Valuable Player

Terry Pendleton, Ron Gant and a

healthy Dave Justice will once again

You have to wonder just how fright-

ening the Braves' lineup would have

been had they obtained Barry Bonds

from the Pirates. There had been

rumored deals for weeks that involved

Lonnie Smith and reliever Mark

Wohlers. It may have been the key to

As it stands, the Braves have the

pitching to challenge for the title if

consistent. However, asking Pendle-

ton to hit .319 once again may be a bit

too much to ask. Moreover, Justice is

There are questions with the pitch-

ing staff. Will Glavine string to-

gether another Cy Young perform-

ance? Will Smoltz start off slowly

like he did last season? Charlie

Leibrandt will need to recover from

not as powerful as Strawberry.

give opposing pitchers fits.

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return of Pete Smith from injuries."

to claim the division title.

There have been many instances in

with second place come October.

son, 31 saves in 36 opportunities.

year with his durability over the season. With more run support, Tomlin could win 15 games for the Pirates.

5) CUBS Wrigley Field's bleacher bums will be facing the same dilemma this season as last: good hitting and no pitching. The Cubs have slightly better pitching this year than last, but for the most part the pitching staff is bad. The addition of Mike Morgan from the Los Angeles Dodgers will improve the staff, but not enough to

make a move on the division. Even though Morgan won 14 games last season, his career numbers are still dismal at 67-104 with a 4.13 ERA. Danny Jackson proved to be a mil- would have no hope.

lion dollar bust last year and he will be so again this season. Greg Maddux won 15 games for the Cubs, but he lost too many to be considered a staff ace (which either he or Morgan will be considered this year).

On the offensive side of the ball, the Cubs will again score many runs and provide excitement in that manner for the fans. The team is now the proud owner of baseball's first-and most-overpaid \$7 million man in Ryne Sandberg. He will produce at the plate and play a solid defense, but for \$7 million?

The loss of George Bell to the White Sox will put a dent in the Cub's home run totals, but if any team has the production to spare, it is the Cubs.

Gary Scott will again try to claim the third base job. After high expectations for Scott last season, look for him to relax more and play better without the pressure of "future star" labeled on him.

6) EXPOS

After the Cardinals' performance last season, its not safe any longer to pick a team that looks terrible on paper to finish in last place. The Expos are in the same boat the Cards were last year.

The ceiling literally came crashing down on Montreal last season in Olympic Stadium, and it was only a symbol of what was in store for the Expos the next few years.

The pitching will not be much better than last season. Dennis Martinez, the ace of the staff, would win 20 games with most any other ball club in baseball. He finished with 14 wins and 11 losses, due largely to lack of run support from a lethargic offense.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Expos will hope that Delino DeShields and Marquis Grissom recover from sophomore slumps to produce more. After asking to be traded, Tim Wallach must also produce for the Expos to set sights on fifth place. Outfielders Ivan Calderon and Larry Walker carried Montreal's offense, which otherwise

receive him.

By BRIAN SPERLING

Champion Reporter 1) LOS ANGELES DODGERS 2) CINCINNATI REDS **3) ATLANTA BRAVES** 4) SAN DIEGO PADRES **5) SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** 6) HOUSTON ASTROS

There will be a great deal of drama unfolding in the National League West this summer, as any one of three teams can claim the title. There is a good feeling deep in the South that the Braves will rekindle the magic that took them within a game of capturing the World Series last October.

However, the Dodgers and Reds made major acquisitions over the winter. The Reds beefed up on pitching while the Dodgers added a few strong bats to solidify their lineup.

Since 1988, a western division club has represented the National League in the World Series each season. In 1992 look for the trend to continue. 1) DODGERS

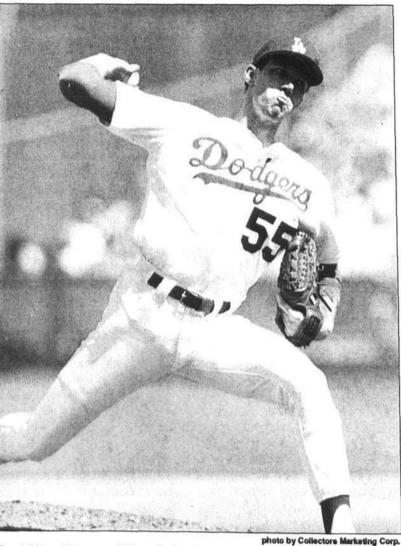
Los Angeles had the pitching to win the division last year. The Dodgers led the majors with a 3.06 earned run average. They also allowed the least runs and homers behind the comeback of Orel Hershiser from reconstructive shoulder surgery.

Backing Hershiser up once again will be Bob Ojeda and Ramon Martinez, who is looking to recover from a second-half slump last year. The Dodgers lost Mike Morgan, 2.78 ERA, to the Cubs but found a suitable replacement in Tom Candiotti, 2.65 ERA. Candiotti is coming off his stint with the Blue Jays and their pennant run. The key for the success of Candiotti rests in the hope that he can adjust to National League hitters.

Manager Tommy Lasorda will also look to Roger McDowell to be a leader in the bullpen. There is good balance in the pen with the likes of John Candelaria, Steve Wilson, Kevin Gross and Tim Crews.

The main reason for the collapse in Tinseltown last summer was the silencing of the bats. This enabled the Braves to race back from nine and a half games back at midseason to stun the Dodgers at the end of the season.

The Dodgers acquired Eric Davis from the Reds to join boyhood buddy Darryl Strawberry, who is coming



Orel Hershiser will lead the Los Angeles Dodgers' chase for the 1992 National League West pennant.

off a disappointing first season by his standards with 28 homers and 99 RBI's. Along with centerfielder Brett Butler, Lasorda has himself an All-Star outfield going into opening day.

The infield is another story. With Eddie Murray defecting to the Mets, Lasorda had to bring Kal Daniels in from the outfield to play first. Los Angeles was never strong around the horn. There is hope that the arrival of Todd Benzinger will improve matters along with the maturing of sweet swinger Dave Hansen at third base.

When the smoke clears, the Dodgers will return to the playoffs for the first time since 1988. The Reds have the pitching to stay with them, but in the end Strawberry will head toward a 40-homer season to propel the Dodgers over the top.

2) REDS

Unlike the Dodgers, the Reds have a formidable infield. Barry Larkin

will be looking to bat .300 for the fourth-consecutive season. He cranked out a career-high 20 homers in 123 games last year.

When you consider that Hal Morris, sweet-hitting switch-hitter Bill Doran and Chris Sabo cover the bases, Manager Lou Piniella has arguably the best infield in the league.

One weak spot is at the catchers' position. Joe Oliver will attempt to utilize his promising power despite rotator cuff problems. He is backed up by Jeff Reed, but don't be surprised if blue-chip prospect Dan Wilson is rushed up from the minors.

The Reds did acquire Bip Roberts from the Padres to present a legitimate lead-off hitter. However, he does not have the power and speed of Davis. Roberts will join Glenn Braggs and Billy Hatcher in an outfield that will not quite make the amount of noise that the Dodgers will.

Their pitching staff was solidified an awful World Series. with the addition of Greg Swindell

With the Dodgers and Reds expected to get out of the gates fast, the Braves cannot afford any slow starts from key players. Atlanta is going to be around for awhile, but there will be no chance for a comeback if they fall behind too quickly.

4) PADRES

The Padres have a solid starting pitching staff behind Andy Benes. Bruce Hurst and Greg Harris. Manager Greg Riddoch will also have a healthy Ed Whitson for another run. question after the Padres traded prospect Ricky Bones to the Brewers for The Astros got a pleasant surprise shortstop Gary Sheffield. Randy Myers was added in the bullpen to

replace Craig Lefferts. The Padres were pleased with the results from Fred McGriff and Tony Fernandez, who were acquired from the Blue Jays for Joe Carter prior to last season. McGriff made waves with 31 homers and 106 RBIs.

As usual, Tony Gwynn produced marvelous numbers to go with another Gold Glove Award. He missed is complemented by Steve Avery and the battle title by two points at .317. He is joined in the field by Darrin Jackson, who impressed Padre faithfuls by hitting 21 homers in 122 games.

After those four the Padres are thin on hitting. With Riddoch looking to the likes of Sheffield, Tim Teufel and Jim Presley for support, it will be a struggle at the plate for San Diego.

The Padres have strong starting and closing pitchers, but the lack of offense will not send them far in the highly competitive West.

5) GIANTS

The Giants may have the strongest defensive team in the West. First baseman Will "The Thrill" Clark and third baseman Matt Williams earned Gold Gloves for their performances.

Manager Roger Craig has the potential for a dangerous lineup despite the departure of Kevin Mitchell to the Mariners. Clark, .301 avg. and 116 RBI, and Williams combined to slug 63 homers last year. Thompson chipped in with 19 to present another long-ball threat.

Unfortunately for Craig, his pitching staff has too many question marks for the Giants to consider contending in the next couple of seasons.

Trevor Wilson is solid to lead off the rotation, but the questions mount after that. Veteran Bud Black was pounded for 16 losses. John Burkett slumped after a fast start to finish 12-11.

With the arrival of reliever Bill Swift from the Mariners in the Mitchell deal, Craig is gambling that Dave Righetti can be an effective starter. He has been a reliever since 1983. 6) ASTROS

The Astros suffered 97 losses during the 1991 campaign, but they can Thefifth spot in the rotation is now in only go up behind a group of talented young stars.

> in first baseman Jeff Bagwell who captured Rookie of the Year honors for hitting 294 with 15 homers and 82 RBIs. In addition, Craig Biggio was shifted from catcher to second base. He produced a lofty .295 average that manager Art Howe hopes he can duplicate in 1992.

In addition Houston has cause for hope with the emergence of outfielder Steve Finley as a productive lead-off man. He hit .285 with 34 stolen bases and 81 runs scored.

On the pitching side the acquisition of Pete Harnisch from the Orioles for Glenn Davis proved to be a gem. Harnisch surged to six wins in his last seven starts to finish at 12-9.

In order for Houston to make significant gains toward the Giants, they will have to ease up on the errors. Their porous defense committed 161 errors last season. As a result, the team lost 44 games by two runs or less. That coincides with closer Al Osuna blowing nine save opportunities along with an average of five walks surrendered an appearance.

After Harnisch and promising hopeful Darryl Kile, the Astros have rebuilding to do on a staff that consists of over-the-hill veterans and prospects.

If the hopes of the 'Stros were not dim enough, consider the fact that they must endure a "death march" that will see them play 28 games in 30 days this summer because of the Republican National Convention in July. Is that not reason alone to give this group of struggling youngsters the cellar? There is nowhere to go but up for the Astros.