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Just Us

Just Us defeated the Redshirts to win the WLBU Tip-off Classic. Story on page 6.

Selah meeting

Selah will hold mandatory meeting on April 28 at 3:20 pm in the dorm 20 yearbook office.

Chicken feed

S. Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-Fil-A came to LU last week. Story on page 4.

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Allen, Harper painting wrong picture of LU after expulsion

Seniors dismissed for obscenities, not Falwell parody

By **BRUCE A. STANTON**
Editor

Contrary to popular belief, Mike Allen and Chris Harper of WLBU-AM radio were not dismissed from Liberty University for an on-the-air spoof of Dr. Jerry Falwell's mandatory tithing and TRBC church attendance policies.

The two broadcasting students were, in actuality, dismissed for two segments of a March 28 and 30 radio program that contained many racial and religious slurs and several obscene and sexual overtones.

"The parody on Dr. Falwell was not even an issue," Vice President of Student Affairs Vernon Brewer said. "Dr. Falwell has publicly laughed at the tithing issue. The main issue in my opinion is the obscenity. There have been a lot of distortions in this situation."

Since most students at LU have not heard the show, their conclusions have been drawn from hearsay and from what the national media has to say about it.

"Mike and Chris have twisted this and made a lot of statements that are not true," Brewer said. "They said

that they had perfect disciplinary records. I have checked their records, and I guarantee you that's not the case.

"Another distortion is that they said 'all we are in it for is the money.' If we were in this for the money, we'd have kept them in school."

The radio program, "Late Night," aired in its entirety on Tuesday, March 28. On March 30, a Thursday, the

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Vernon Brewer
V.P. of Student Affairs

program was taken off the air at the discretion of Dan Hochhalter, acting manager of the station at that time.

"Jody (Ohlhauser) told me 'listen to this.' I did, and I said 'get it off,'" Hochhalter said.

Before the segment was pulled, an RA taped a portion of it and turned it in to the deans. The next day, WLBU-

radio was shut down.

"Dr. (Dennis) Fields and I made the decision together," Brewer said. "We listened to the tape together, and we were appalled at what we heard."

"Our main concern about the radio station is that we did not know the extent of the damage. We had to have time to assess the extent of the problem."

"It (the shut-down) was a temporary move for the weekend only. This is the first time any thing like this has ever happened. We didn't want to punish WLBU. We just wanted to have some time to assess the situation."

After disciplinary action was taken against Allen and Harper for their actions, they went on a tirade of sorts in the local and national media.

In the USA Today, they were quoted as saying "the administration is acting in a very unchristian-like manner."

But Brewer feels that the two are not telling the whole story to the press.

"I don't recall the press saying that CBS was unchristian for firing Jimmy the Greek. I think that Mike and Chris are trying to get a boom on their careers by sensationalizing this thing."

"I find it ironic that they never mentioned any of that (the obscenities in the program) to the press," Brewer said. "Channel 9 in Washington, D.C., did a television taping, and I played the questionable part of the tape. After hearing this, the reporter called the editor and made the statement, 'I'm not even sure if WE could air this.'"

This is not the only case of the media not being informed of the whole story though.

"I find it shocking that the national and local press have represented this irresponsibly by drawing conclusions without hearing the tape," Brewer said. "When I ask them 'have you heard the entire tape?' the answer is 'no.'"

Allen and Harper would have been able to graduate this fall, and still can graduate from LU if they choose to do so.

"I would welcome them back if they desire to put this behind them," Brewer said. "I hold no malice in my heart toward Mike or Chris."

"But they have painted a bad picture of LU. You can never convince me that their actions were accidental or naive."



photo by Norbert Henrich

Steve Camp serenades Jr/Sr banquet after delay in Charlottesville

By **MICHAEL POST**
Champion Reporter

Steve Camp took the Radisson Hotel ballroom by storm. Surrounded by a sea of extravagant dresses and tuxedos, Camp boarded the cruise ship "S.S. Liberty," which was the theme of the banquet, and sang his heart out.

The banquet schedule went awry when it was discovered that Camp's plane had been canceled in Charlottesville. The concert portion of the night, which was planned to start at 8 p.m., did not begin until 11 p.m.

As a result, the movie "Overboard," which was originally scheduled to be shown after the concert, was instead shown at 9 p.m.

A slide presentation called "Oceans of Memories" was shown at the banquet and captured life at Liberty from a variety of perspectives. One slide depicted a few half-clothed LU men as they were sunbathing in the fenced-in sunning area.

Kurt Voggenreiter and John Jones then did a comedy skit which was masqueraded as a future newscast, reporting events as they may happen 20 years from now.

One segment of the skit explained how enrollment at Liberty jumped from 20,000 to 50,000 during the 1999/2000 school year, fulfilling Falwell's dream of having a 50,000-student campus by the year 2,000. The reason, they decided, was that the school issued 30,000 full-ride scholarships.

Once he began, Camp sang the upbeat song "Lazy Jane." He denied he was dancing on the stage, calling his antics "Christian aerobics."

He explained that it took 12 hours to get to Lynchburg because of flight

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Student government

Perrone wants changes for SGA, class elections; proposes direct election of senators, other reforms

By **CURT OLSON**
Editorial Editor

If Sen. Anthony Perrone has his way in the next month, the class officers, the SGA Senate and the SGA general elections will have different looks in the 1989-90 school year.

Perrone is involved with four bills that, if enacted, would affect all of these areas.

The first bill, sponsored by newly-elected SGA Executive Vice President Paul Davis and Perrone, calls for the direct election of dorm and townsenators.

It originated as one of Davis's and Perrone's campaign promises in the SGA election.

The bill calls for the election of 10 senators from each class, five men and five women.

During the class elections chapel in the fall, the candidates will give two-minute speeches before the men vote for the male candidates and the women vote for the female candidates.

The 10 who receive the most votes will be senators for their class.

Furthermore, there will be six town student senators who will be appointed by Davis. They will represent the senior and junior classes.

Also, as many as 25 senators will be appointed by the SGA Executive Committee to give transfer students a chance to be involved in the Student Government Association.

Perrone submitted a second bill called the Perrone Amendment on February 13. This bill would create a major face-lift for the SGA general election process.

The Perrone Amendment would regulate the number of campaign signs permitted to be hung from the ceiling. For example, DeMoss Hall will have limitations on the number of signs a candidate can place for his or her campaign.

Furthermore, the amendment cites that reckless behavior would mean automatic elimination from the election.

"If an insurance company came in here and saw what people do to put signs up in the gym, we could possibly get into serious trouble," Perrone said.

For example, he said some students working for campaigns walk along the ceiling rafters in the gym to put up

signs prior to the SGA chapel.

"The fall from a ceiling rafter in the gym to the floor is roughly 75 feet. If someone fell from that height, he or she would be seriously hurt, if he did not die," Perrone said. He submitted a third resolution on April 13 calling for an ad hoc committee on voter apathy.

The recent SGA election produced 43.4 percent voter turnout for the general election and a 37.5 percent turnout for the ensuing presidential run-off vote.

"The voter turnout in the recent SGA election must be looked into," Perrone said. "The apathy of the students to vote for their SGA officers is appalling for a Christian university."

Perrone suggested that maybe SGA should have the polls open for two days instead of just one day for 12 hours.

The senator's final resolution calls for class officers to receive scholarships.

The bill says that each class president will receive a \$300 scholarship per semester, and class vice presidents will receive a \$275 scholarship each semester.

In addition, class presidents and vice presidents would host high school juniors and seniors during College For A Weekend.

Their responsibilities would be showing the visiting students around and helping them get to activities.

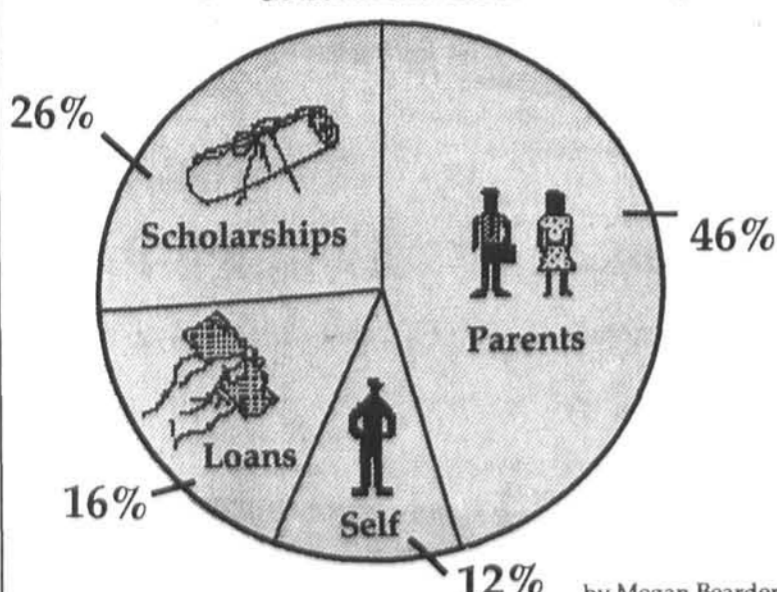
Finally, under Perrone's amendment, class officers would be accountable to the SGA president.



SGA Senator Anthony Perrone wants sweeping changes in the SGA senate and the SGA general elections. photo by Norbert Henrich

What finances your college education the most?

50 students said:



opinion

Some LU drivers looking to make pedestrians nonexistent

The caustic stench of exhaust fumes fills my nostrils with a burning odor as thousands of mechanically driven chunks of gleaming metal roar past my bewildered form.

Each one emanates a deafening sound making any form of rational thought impossible.

Am I composing a profound literary piece on New York City?

No, I'm just trying to get across the stupid street to go to my algebra class.

What's the deal with some of these drivers?

Obviously they've never heard of, much less learned, the meaning of the word "pedestrian."

Therefore, I thought I'd bring this archaic term out of hibernation and try to insure a little safety for all of us who must journey across the dreaded path of death in our daily routines.

First of all, let me give a simple definition to aid in our study of this endangered species.

My good friend Webster simply defines a "pedestrian" as a "walker."

Consequently, each time we walk on the sidewalk, walk across the street or walk out in the midst of speeding

traffic we're considered a pedestrian and by law should be treated with respect and given Christmas gifts by motorists.

Apparently, some individuals don't agree with this idea, but hold to the notion that these "walkers" are fair game.

They get a gleam in their eyes when the sign on the corner flashes that beautiful term "walk."

In their minds, crosswalks were invented to line walkers up before the hit.

Listen to a typical conversation between two of these crazed pedestrian hunters.

"Hey Joe, you finished making that there atomic bomb yet?"

"Yeh, almost Vernon, I just need to go to the cafeteria and get a few more of them French fried, Bavarian, okra creme cookies to make it explode real good."

"Well come on, and I'll run you down there. The 11:20 class is about

to let out and they'll be lots of them slow critters (never learned pedestrians) trying to cross the road."

"Weeee dogies, Vern! Can I drive today? The last one you grazed made it to his next class. That there algebra teacher wasn't to happy when you drove your jeep into her class room."

Sad isn't it? But it actually does happen. I've personally come within a bumper sticker of death several times at the hands of these mad men and, on mall bargain day, women.

They swerve, weave, and eat spicy Mexican doughnuts in their quest for that prize pedestrian trophy to mount on their kitchen wall for all to admire and hang mugs on.

So, in closing, if you're one of these pedestrian hunters, please limit your killing of these innocent creatures to those you plan on using.

On the other hand, if you are one of these victimized, innocent "walkers," do yourself a favor and buy a car.

Jeff Simmons is a staff writer for The Liberty Champion.

Jeff Simmons

Student forum

Bush has been very unconservative

Dear Editor,

George Bush campaigned for President as a conservative, but he has not governed like one just three months into his presidency.

A president can't fulfill every campaign promise, but he shouldn't try to do the very opposite from which he campaigned.

President Bush's unilateral surrender on a wide range of issues must bother us. Three examples of this surrender, are his new support for gun control (the campaign promise of no gun control fell only two months into office), his attack of tuition tax credits and the appointment of a pro-abortion Secretary of Health and Human Services (Dr. Louis Sullivan has had numerous reports published about his support for the choice of a woman to have an abortion).

No one should be surprised that Bush has governed in a rather unconservative fashion. Many observers of all political ideologies predicted this Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde political game which President Bush is currently running.

The real fault here lies with the leaders of the conservative movement as

they failed to put their undaunted support behind one man during the presidential primaries.

Some leaders supported Bush with their "he is going to win anyway" mentality. Other leaders supported the even more liberal Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) with the logic, "Bush must be stopped because he's not a conservative."

Still others supported no one because of minute differences they had with the conservative candidates.

Another group of leaders put personal ambition and petty jealousy ahead of the principles they claim to believe in.

If these leaders had acted responsibly like other conservative leaders did, we would presently have a conservative president with a cabinet of conservatives. As a result, we have just the opposite.

Kevin Allen

LU students must take a stand on abortion issue

Dear Editor,

I appreciate very much your comments regarding the reversal of Roe v. Wade. It is worth pointing out though that the controversy regarding abortion has no defined limitations. There are no clear majority opinions that tell

us where America stands morally, except to say that we are at odds on the issue.

Only 34 percent of Americans want a Constitutional Amendment to ban abortions. Over 60 percent find second and third trimester abortions morally repugnant.

Some baby-killer advocates marched in Washington, D.C. recently crying, "Not the church, not the state, women must decide our fate!" They explain that we can't legislate morality.

I believe these polls, not to mention the reasoning, to be twisted and erroneous.

Both sides of the controversy claim the other has a menacing machine that unceasingly promotes an abusive bias. The baby-killers operate the major publications and networks. The pro-lifers take advantage of firm control in tens of thousands of pulpits across the land.

The battle continues and we are losing one child at a time, 4,400 children every day.

Where are the "Young Champions" we hear so much about? We are stuck in the quagmire like everyone else. Most of the students at LU refuse to care and act for the pro-life cause.

That must come to a stop!
Martin Fisher

Both sexes deserve partial blame with dating problem

A funny thing happened on the way to modernizing Christian dating rituals, men and women became afraid of each other. Many Liberty men and women have psyched themselves out when it comes to dating and are living dateless lives because of it.

The phenomenon called dating is radically different from the method of obtaining a mate in the past. Down through Bible times, families simply got together for some reason or other and delivered their son or daughter to

the other family on the appointed day. Parents know best, they figured. However, in our "enlightened" times we have decided that the children should decide.

Though we are expected to date, we often don't. This is not to say that there is no dating going on here at

Liberty, it's just saying there is not enough. The long and often muffled cry has risen from the mouths of Liberty women who claim that the men go out with their male friends and leave the females to stuff their feminine charm into the closet along with their impressive dating clothes, both, of which, continue to collect dust.

The problem of low dating activity here on the mountain could possibly be because of the very fact that the

school is a Christian school. As impossible as this may seem, this theory should be given a fair trial.

Nothing showcases God's creative and aesthetic genius better than the female. Though many guys may not admit it, they are frequently awed by the counterparts God created for them. They are also chagrined by the formidable task of trying to understand the female creature and then ultimately win her admiration.

If a guy does not occasionally feel inferior to the woman then he is not fully tuned into the airwaves of reality. With the slightest lift of her head, the tiniest twitch in her smile, the most infinitesimal wink of her eyelid, she can weaken even the most unwilling man. She can also, however, wreak devastation on a man's self-esteem with the slightest protrusion of a cold shoulder. Women definitely have a potent stockpile of weapons. The male's defensive system is never quite adequate enough to withstand a full attack.

All of this relates to the Liberty dilemma very well because the typical Christian woman is not fully aware of the feminine charm instilled within her, nor should she be blamed for it.

Most of the women here have been brought up in proper Christian homes where much of this female charm was innocently suppressed. This is fine except that it makes the guy's job much harder.

Do not mistakenly interpret this as saying that guys here like flirtatious women. This is not the case and in fact is probably far from it. Most guys are turned off with overly flirty women; however, they do need some idea that a female is interested before they can be expected to sacrifice their self-esteem on the altar of male-egotism.

Rejection is no fun for a guy because all of his guy-friends know he's asking a girl out and it's hard to face the guys empty handed. More importantly because the way he is, his only per-

sonality, is turned down. He begins to feel he is not worthy of anybody.

Perhaps if restrained Christian women would just ever so slightly ease up on some of the suppressed female charm more guys would warm up to the idea of a more calculated risk. Yes, this means flirt just a little.

The women should not be burdened with all the blame for the dating dilemma though. The men need to wise up also. If a guy needs to realize anything about females, it's that they carefully look at how a guy handles little kids. Nothing tugs on a female's heart-strings more than a guy having a little wrestling match with a 5 to 10 year-old boy or complementing a little girl on the dress she is wearing.

"Big Brother" may be a Christian service worth checking out.

Michael Post is a staff writer for The Liberty Champion.

Campaign '89, a case involving many lessons for one candidate

I haven't written my regular column for a few weeks. As many of you

Anthony Perrone

who know me, you may already know, I had some other things on my mind. Iran for SGA Vice President and lost.

But I really didn't lose. I learned a lot. The Lord taught me some valuable lessons I needed to learn and I wouldn't have learned had things turned out differently.

Initially, I met many people during my campaign, many of whom I had never seen before. Many of the people I have met are now good friends.

I am thankful for that. I can also think of about two or three other friends I have grown much closer to. It's always good to have someone close to lean on once in a while.

There were also post-election lessons. One of the lessons the Lord taught me included patience. I learned to listen to what others have to say, even if I don't agree or don't want to listen. I must admit there were times when I wanted to scream at people involved in my committee, but patience helped me to bite my tongue.

Also, I have learned how to be a graceful loser. In any contest, there is one winner and one loser. That's too bad, but that's life!

In losing gracefully, my friendship with my friend Paul Davis has been cemented.

I must admit, it seemed discouraging at times to see some of my friends helping Paul.

Now that it is over, Paul and I will work together to assure that SGA and the senate have another great year.

I hope everyone involved in the recent campaigns will put differences behind them and get involved in student government. (James 1:2-4)

Anthony Perrone is a staff columnist for The Liberty Champion.

Thank you!
As the Editorial Page Editor of The Liberty Champion this semester, I would personally like to thank everyone who has contributed to our Guest Columnist columns this semester. We have appreciated all of the varying opinions on issues relating to the LU student body, national issues and foreign policy issues.
I hope it has been an addition to the paper everyone has looked forward to reading. Suggestions for next year can be brought to DH 109 or 110.

Curt W. Olson
Editorial Editor

United States now knows who is responsible for Flight 103 tragedy

I will probably never forget what I was doing on December 21, 1988.

While at home for Christmas break enjoying my family and friends, I turned on the late night news.

What I heard was absolutely shocking for me to comprehend.

The Pan Am Boeing 747 flight 103 had crashed over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing all 259 people aboard the jumbo jet along with 11 casualties on the ground.

Even more shocking were the news reports several days later, that there were bomb fragments discovered, they were lodged in some of the luggage and were responsible for the deadly explosion.

Yet not so surprising was the report recently released that proved the bombing was conceived during a meeting last year between, you guessed it, Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi, a Palestinian group, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

United States intelligence officers tracked the meeting time to approxi-

mately one year ago in Libya, where the persons attending discussed the coordination of their plans against the U.S.

Apparently, Libyan officials provided logistical support for the bombing, which was then planned and carried out by the Palestinian group.

This particular flight had 38 Syracuse University students aboard, not to mention American tourists coming home for the Christmas holidays.

Let me reiterate that they were Americans.

In April of 1986, the U.S. bombed a section of Libya in retaliation for the death of one American serviceman in a West German discotheque in December of 1985.

The 1986 the Reagan response proved quick and effective once U.S. intelligence officials pinpointed responsibility for the death of the United States serviceman.

Debra Purcell

What is stopping our newly-elected President from using the same strategy as Ronald Reagan?

We now have proof that the anti-American lunatic Gadhafi was a strategic force behind this horrible, yet premeditated act.

Obviously, he did not take the 1986 U.S. response quite as seriously as we intended him to take it. Only three short years later, he has taken an active part in the deaths of more United States citizens.

I voted for Bush, and I expect him to take quick and effective steps toward the different groups involved in this crash. That is the only way to deal with these mindless terrorists!

The next move is up to him. I think the loved ones of the victims want to see justice served. If we just sit back and let this slide, I can assure you it will happen again.

Is it worth more lives?

Debra Purcell is a staff columnist for The Liberty Champion.

Christians must not have a negative self-image

Why do people have a negative self-image?

Negative images are destructive. Leaving a poor self-image unchecked can have much the same effect as leaving a physical infection unchecked. Just as an infection will grow, spreading its poison to other areas of the body, so will the infection of a poor self-image. The poison can eventually spread to

every area of your life: your studies, your relationships, and even your spiritual life.

When negative thoughts enter your thinking process, replace them with positive thoughts such as:

1. Because I am created in the image of God, I am of infinite worth to Him.
2. God loves me so much, He sacri-

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ficed His only Son just for me.

3. Because I have access to Him with prayer, I can do anything which is part of His plan.

4. I am a unique individual.

5. I can overcome these doubts about myself.

A. Pierre Guillermin is the President of Liberty University.



"...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

—II Corinthians 3:17

Editorial

University holds even graduating seniors to high conduct codes

Every year around this time, a mass exodus occurs within the LU student body. This mass exodus results in expulsions and can be linked to simple poor judgment.

This year we have a rather interesting scenario as many graduating seniors have been given the boot.

The classic case this year regards seniors, Mike Allen and Chris Harper, who were given their walking papers after some "late night" fun on the airwaves of the campus radio station WLBU.

On the evening of March 28, Allen and Harper went on the air as usual promptly at 11:30 p.m. The two hosts of the show "Late Night" started the show with a parody of the Rev. Jerry Falwell regarding the recent tithing plan for all employees of Old Time Gospel Hour. Harper and Allen ensued to do a skit which involved a man who was divorced and got his "fun", as they called it, by bestiality.

The radio station, because of the actions of Allen and Harper, could not air a single program for three days and during that time, WLBU reported to the deans for review of the content of that particular show and the overall programming of the campus radio station.

On Friday, April 14, this story not only went public in The Lynchburg News and Daily Advance, but it went national as the story was printed in The Washington Post. Then, the following Monday, a small blurb appeared in the USA Today.

Every one of these secular print publications has been brainwashed to think that if any student pokes fun at Dr. Falwell, he is on the high road out of Lynchburg, Va.

In fact, Falwell did not know about it until the students went to him and apologized for their actions.

We feel compelled to mention the remarks of Dr. Falwell during the recent Junior and Senior class chapel on April 14.

Falwell said, in effect, that he could handle the parody which poked fun at the tithing plan; but when any student of Liberty University produces something that vulgar and pornographic, it will not be tolerated and the student(s) will be expelled.

The Liberty Champion would like to applaud the administration for the action taken.

May it be a lesson that even graduating seniors are subject to the rules and are expected to obey them!

Ravine has given LU students good and bad memories

No funeral service will be held and, it is a shame. A dear old friend's days are numbered; however, the memories it gave us can't be counted. This old friend is the ravine.

The lazy meandering brook and the hundreds of skinny trees graced this last Liberty frontier. It was an untamed land that somehow managed to scare away developers intent on spreading Liberty Eastward. No more though, it has come to realize that the school's future is more important than its own existence and is willing to die without a fight.

It was a place where the atmosphere entered, it seemed, a different dimension. The air would become thick and the temperature much colder than anywhere else. Each step that descended into its great depths caused the Liberty sojourner to shiver a little more.

It was also a setting that was almost certainly torn out of a page of "Pilgrims Progress" where many "Christians" carried their burdens of books and notebooks away from their classes to drop them off in their rooms.

The ravine's impending death has left some students mourning and some rejoicing. Whether good or bad things are said about the ravine it must be admitted that it added to the uniqueness of the Liberty Campus.

It provided a mini-wonderland where couples could officially end their courting period and exchange engagement vows. It cried though, with shed leaves, when a couple leaned over the wooden bridge and muffled heartbreak type sobs. Perhaps the couples believed that the brook would carry their tears far away to another world. Anyway, tears

cannot be taken very seriously when they are floating down some drainage pipe.

It made good company for loners who wanted to find solace in God's creation. It was hard to feel lonely when the babbling brook insisted on babbling and when assorted bugs went out of their way to nibble on a tasty snack of salty skin.

A sad time it was when, last spring, the ravine suffered some pain at the hands of chainsaw wielding men who invaded its happiness and thinned out its tree population. The reason, said one of the chainsaw men, was that couples were found in the ravine not wearing their Josh Macdowell shirts — figuratively speaking that is.

Even though the trees and bushes seemed to be scattered throughout the ravine with no resemblance of order it was hard to imagine a manicured landscape surpassing the beauty of this display of nature left alone to its own wild imagination.

Cruel and inhuman gym instructors will now have to find other torture tests for their non-marines to sweat out. The 135 steps that littered the ravine proved to be very tempting to a few P.E. instructors. The ravine resented being used as an instrument to administer those many agonizing cramps, of course.

As sad as it is the realization that the ravine must be sacrificed for progress is admitted. A field house will be good for attracting new students and quality athletes. It wasn't fair on the ravine to expect it to attract students from all over the world to come to Liberty. The new field house will do a much better job at this.

Ravine, may you rest in peace.

Michael Post is a staff writer for The Liberty Champion.



Pete Rose has been a lesson in lost priorities

Pete Rose!
He has been known as Mr. Cincinnati and an even Mr. Baseball.
He has broken more records than there are records.

Pete Rose got more out of the limited talent he possessed than any other major league baseball player in history and, he has not officially retired as a player, yet.

Every Cincinnati Reds fan remembers the glory days of "The Big Red Machine." Pete "Charlie Hustle" Rose would make that head first slide into third base and Joe Morgan would drive him in.

One month ago, the reports of Rose's gambling habits went public.

The commissioner's office said they were looking into "serious allegations" against Pete Rose and, since then the IRS has become interested in Pete Rose for possible tax evasion.

Sports Illustrated received initial reports that Pete Rose was involved in betting on major league baseball games and possibly even games in which the Reds were playing.

Pete Rose, if proven guilty of betting on major league games, could find a quick trip to the racetrack for one year, but if he bet on a game involving the Cincinnati Reds, Pete will be banned for life.

Guest Columnist

Minimum wage hike will have bad side effects on U.S. economy

Currently, members of the House and Senate are discussing the idea of raising the minimum wage. Many feel that this piece of legislation would help people at the lower end of the wage scale. But in reality, it would cause more harm than good to the American work force.

The first problem caused by raising the minimum wage would be increased unemployment. Employers will be unwilling to pay wages higher than the worth that a potential employee would provide. According to a The First National City Bank of New York Monthly Letter, "Minimum wage laws reduce job opportunities for beginners, for people without developed skills and for seekers of temporary or spare time employment." Employers would not lay anyone off due to the higher minimum wage, but they would be reluctant to hire any additional workers.

Secondly, raising the minimum wage will drive up overall wages. Employees at higher pay scales will demand higher wages because they feel that their worth in the labor force should be increased in proportion with the increase of workers at the minimum the minimum wage level. A ripple effect will occur at all pay levels.

A third problem that will arise is higher inflation. With an increase in costs due to higher wages, consumers prices will be driven upward. Businesses will be forced to pass the increased costs to the consumer. The increased prices will take away any increase to the minimum wage workers because it will cause their purchasing power to stagnate or decrease.

A minimum wage should not be necessary for skilled laborers. According to economist Rudolf Trenton, "If a person can qualify for a job that pays the legal rate, he should be able to find one and not have to waste his time in an occupation that pays less." Employers would be willing to pay a fair wage if the worker was able to produce that much output.

Supply and demand should determine the wage level. If we want to be truly considered a free market society, we should eliminate the minimum wage level and let the market decide what the fair wage level should be.

President Bush needs to take a stronger stand against raising the minimum wage. He has threatened to veto the current proposal that is going through the House and Senate. Instead, he favors a graduated increase over several years and a special training wage for new employees. With the consumer price index moving upward in recent months, the government does not need to fuel inflation once again.

David Smith is a senior Business major from Miami, Fla.

Curt Olson

SI has since reported that two of Rose's associates, Ron Peters and Tommy Gioiosa, have had extremely close ties to gambling.

Peters recently pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion and distribution of cocaine and Gioiosa has been indicted for tax evasion and conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

These are a couple of fine acquaintances, if you're an ex-con.

It wouldn't surprise me at all to hear Pete bet on Reds games. In the past four years the Reds have ended up in second place each year. If he likes gambling, what is stopping him from betting on his own team, just to make a quick buck.

In fact, numerous sources have told SI that Pete bet as much as \$8,000 to \$16,000 a day on baseball games.

His daughter went on to tell GQ magazine that Pete Rose was "the world's worst father."

Rose's reaction to that statement pinned his problem. Rose said, "I'm not the world's worst father. I bought my daughter a Mercedes Benz just last week."

What a way to win the affection of your own daughter, Pete!

Anyone close to Pete Rose will tell you that his first love is baseball. He eats, drinks and sleeps baseball.

Pete Rose went wrong right there! He put his job, baseball, ahead of his responsibility as a husband and as a father.

Pete Rose lost a sense of his priorities and turned to gambling.

Even his son Petey Jr. has told reporters that his relationship with his father was "distant." Petey Jr. has also told reporters that he would be considered a sissy by his father if he kissed his father.

I wouldn't be surprised if the hug Pete gave his son when he broke the all-time hits record was the closest Pete had ever been to his son.

The only group of people who I know that are rallying around Pete Rose right now are Cincinnati Reds fans in the city of Cincinnati.

I was listening to the Bill Cunningham show on WLW AM 700 one night two weeks ago.

A Reds fan called Bill Cunningham and said there had been only talk in support of Pete Rose in the city of Cincinnati and there needed to be action, like tying a red ribbon on the radio antenna of cars.

I am a Reds fan. I've been one for 13 years and I will always be a Reds fan. Pete Rose has some serious explaining

to do and it is time for him to bow out of the game gracefully before his reputation suffers more than it already has.

Pete Rose has been great for the Reds and for the city of Cincinnati, but he is a far cry from God and he does make mistakes along with the rest of us, that's pretty obvious by now.

I think the only person in Cincinnati who thinks Rose should be treated like any other major leaguer is Johnny Bench. In fact, Bench started to get suspicious two years ago when he saw people in Rose's office who Bench knew were bookies.

Bench stated two weeks ago that if Rose is found guilty of any charges, he should not even be considered for the Hall of Fame.

Even the Reds fans I have spoken to around LU think this is bad for the team's morale and he should be fired before a formal announcement is made of his guilt.

Pete Rose must learn the hard way that, despite what he has done for the game of baseball, he will be treated just like anyone else who has been associated with the game of baseball.

Curt Olson is the Editorial Editor of The Liberty Champion.

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Chick-Fil-A founder shares keys to success, story of business

By REYNARD VALDEZ
Religion Editor

Chick-Fil-A Founder and active Chairman S. Truett Cathy told students in chapel on April 19 the key to being a success is having a "proper relationship with Jesus Christ."

In addition, he said students should "be careful whom you associate with, concentrate on winning and profit by other people's bad mistakes."

As head of one of the nation's largest restaurant chains, Cathy breaks retailing rules of business instead of compromising his faith.

While other similar businesses are open on Sunday to maximize sales, Cathy does not allow Chick-Fil-A's 381 mall stores and 11 free-standing restaurants to open on Sunday.

He was born in Georgia and moved to Atlanta at the age of four with his family in 1925.

At 12, He became a Christian. While growing up, he sold Cokes for a five-cent profit and later began selling fruit drinks as well.

His family ran a boarding house which provided a bed and two meals for customers. In 1946, He and his brother Ben opened the Dwarf House, a small diner that had just 10 stools and four tables.

The first Chick-Fil-A opened in 1967 at Greenbriar Mall in Atlanta, Ga.,

servicing boneless chicken breast entries, along with freshly squeezed lemonade, cole slaw and pie.

Since then Chick-Fil-A has become a national food chain with nearly 400 outlets. Approximately 12,000 young people are employed among its restaurants.

As the business progressed, Cathy expanded very cautiously until 1974, when he pledged everything he owned to open 14 units in one year.

In 1982 Chick-Fil-A had borrowed \$7.5 million to finance its new Atlanta headquarters just as other fast food competition moved into the chicken craze. The company experienced a decline in sales for the first time. Cathy called for a temporary retreat and, after evaluations, the company went back to work.

"We came away with a purpose to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-Fil-A," Cathy said.

Though Cathy's faith is a vital part of Chick-Fil-A's growth, the company does not require employees to be Christians.

"We require our people to work by Biblical principles. These principles work whether they're Christian or non-Christian," he explains. "These are truths that apply everyday, not just as a way to get to heaven but as a way to get through next week."

Chick-Fil-A has proven that closing on Sunday doesn't hurt business, al-

though some malls are hesitant to give Cathy space.

"We have proven over and over that we generate as much business in six days as others do in seven," Cathy says.

Because of Cathy's genuine interest in young people, he devotes some of his profits to youth programs. Since its inception, Chick-Fil-A has been in the business of developing young people with youth-oriented programs that encourage success.

With an emphasis on attracting and recruiting young people, Chick-Fil-A has created the fast food industry's largest scholarship program. In 1988 Cathy distributed 751,000 college scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Since 1973 he has distributed more than \$5 million in scholarship aid to needy and worthy students.

In addition, Cathy established the WinShape Foundation in 1984 to promote the growth and education of young people. An outgrowth of this foundation is Camp WinShare, which was also opened in 1984 to provide recreation for children ages seven through 16.

Cathy believes every Christian has a responsibility to carry out the Great Commission. His method, he says, is through business. His motive is to serve Christ.

Success with Chick-Fil-A has provided Cathy with countless opportunities to share his faith and address issues like sexual immorality, drug and alcohol abuse and morality.

Christian service: Tutoring center needs help for 1989-90 academic year

By LAURA GREGG
Special to the Champion

Because of a low level of response during the Christian Service Fair, the LU Tutoring Center is in need of several student tutors for the 1989-90 academic year.

Sonna Seipp, supervisor of the Tutoring/Testing Center, said English and accounting are the two areas in which the center is specifically in need.

"While we are especially short in these areas, we are also seeking more tutors for biology, business, computers, math, physics and psychology," she said.

Most of the student tutors are juniors or seniors who devote three to four hours each week for Christian Ser-

vice, although several students are tutoring on a volunteer basis this semester.

Tutors must have either A's or B's in the subject he is going to tutor, have the ability to work with people and be able to provide a faculty recommendation.

"If they are willing to come and see me, I will contact the respective departments to obtain faculty approval for them," Seipp said.

If more students do not show an interest, the shortage of tutors could have a negative effect on the center.

"It places a hardship on those who want to come in for tutoring because we're unable to schedule them," Seipp said. "We like to be able to serve the students in the best way possible by having enough tutors so they don't have to schedule two weeks ahead of

time to get one."

Seipp emphasized that the program benefits the tutor as well as the student who is looking for help. "It's an excellent teaching experience. It's a way for them to increase their communication skills."

Joel Noell, a graduating senior who has tutored for four semesters, said tutoring has helped him by refreshing his memory on the courses he took early in his education.

Leslie Dixon, currently a math tutor, said she would encourage others to take tutoring as a Christian Service assignment. "It would reinforce their knowledge, improve their skills. You get to help others understand something."

Noell said tutoring has been a good experience for him. "As a tutor, you have the opportunity to help the stu-

dent grasp the fundamentals of the subject matter. It's exciting to see them learn.

"If you have a talent in an area, it's

your responsibility to share it and use that talent to benefit others," Noell said.

Seipp has asked that anyone inter-

ested in tutoring should contact her in TE 128 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Graduating senior

Hubbard heading for graduate school after term as vice president in SGA

By CURT OLSON
Editorial Editor

SGA Executive Vice President Amy Hubbard will be leaving office upon graduation following one of the most successful years SGA has experienced.

Most students know about the successes of the SGA this year: David's Place becoming a reality, the recent fundraiser for the library and parking and the great rapport SGA has established with the administration.

But what about the Senate? What has taken place in the SGA Senate this year?

"The communication with the administration this year has been excellent for SGA. The Senate has had a lot of fire," Hubbard said. "That has been the case because of the various viewpoints that exist in the Senate. That fire has translated into better legislation for the student body.

"One of the most disappointing things," she said, "has been the followup of resolutions. The resolutions sit on someone's desk for months, and we don't know where the legislation is. This has been one

of the most lively Senates ever regarding debate over resolutions. I just hate to see the hard work of this Senate go to waste.

"Paul Davis will do an excellent job," she said. "He is acutely aware of the difficulties in the Senate, and he will be able to handle them. I hope I have

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Amy Hubbard
SGA Executive Vice President

instilled a sense of professionalism and responsibility in the Senate. That was one of my goals, and I hope it continues."

Sen. Anthony Perrone said, "I feel

most of the senators look forward to the Senate meetings, and Amy has made them very exciting. Her enthusiasm and presence make up for her technical knowledge of Senate procedure. Working with Amy this year has been great."

Hubbard, although leaving the Senate, is looking forward to three years of graduate study at the University of Virginia Law School.

Looking back on her years at LU, she said, "In the last two years, LU has made great strides in meeting the needs of students. This is one of the reasons I believe the campus pastor position was created. It has brought a sensitivity to students, not as people, but as individuals. When I was a freshman in 1985, our class was larger than any other class. They have to work on controlling the enrollment numbers. What happened in 1985 can't happen again."

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delays and cancellations. He also told the crowd that it was hard to leave home because his wife of 20 months had their first baby the day before.

"Nothing is more wonderful than having a baby," Camp said.

He also shared his concern about the complacency that characterizes the modern church. Using Revelation 3:15-16, which says that God will spit those who are lukewarm out of his mouth, Camp declared that most of today's Christians belong to the "church of the spiritual spitwads."

The audience reacted to his music in a way that was characterized by their dress, very dignified.

Camp ended the night with "Holy, Holy, Holy." He attempted to leave the audience with memories of good fellowship and laughter but also with a reminder that the world needs to hear about the Lord.

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Euro '89

Students share gospel in Moscow's Red Square

By REYNARD VALDEZ
Religion Editor

A team of 45 students and staff ventured behind the Iron Curtain over spring break to share the gospel and minister to missionaries as part of the Euro. 89' campaign.

The campaign covered Hungary, Russia, Romania, Austria, Germany and France.

The group was led by LIGHT ministries Director Vernon Brewer.

Campaign coordinator Donna Faircloth said, "The group sang songs, gave testimonies, and witnessed one-on-one."

Only a small group of staff members were able to minister in Romania and, after leaving the country, they met another party in Hungary and continued from there on to Russia.

Four days and three nights challenged each staff and student to share their faith in Jesus Christ in Moscow's Red Square.

Bibles were handed out and the team had the privilege to share Christ in public.

One student said the people were very receptive to the gospel and rejoiced when they received their own copy of God's word.

The group was able to carry in 700 Bibles and many other books in Russian and was able to meet with several Russian evangelists from different parts of the country. The evangelists had come to Moscow for a meeting and hadn't expected to receive Bibles.

The group also went to the only official Baptist Church in Moscow and was able to minister as well as experience the excitement of being a Christian in a communist country.

In Austria the group visited a refugee camp. It was there that sponsors helped people who had fled eastern European countries and waited to obtain residency or citizenship in the west.

"Our young people got to minister to the children," Faircloth said. "There

are also five students who are considering going back to Austria to work in that camp in the near future."

In the Western European campaign through Germany, Austria and France, the group ministered to missionaries who are former LU students now on the mission field.

Families visited included Steve and Beth Coffey, Bob and Debbie Lugar, Rodney Kid, Keith and Karen Moulton.

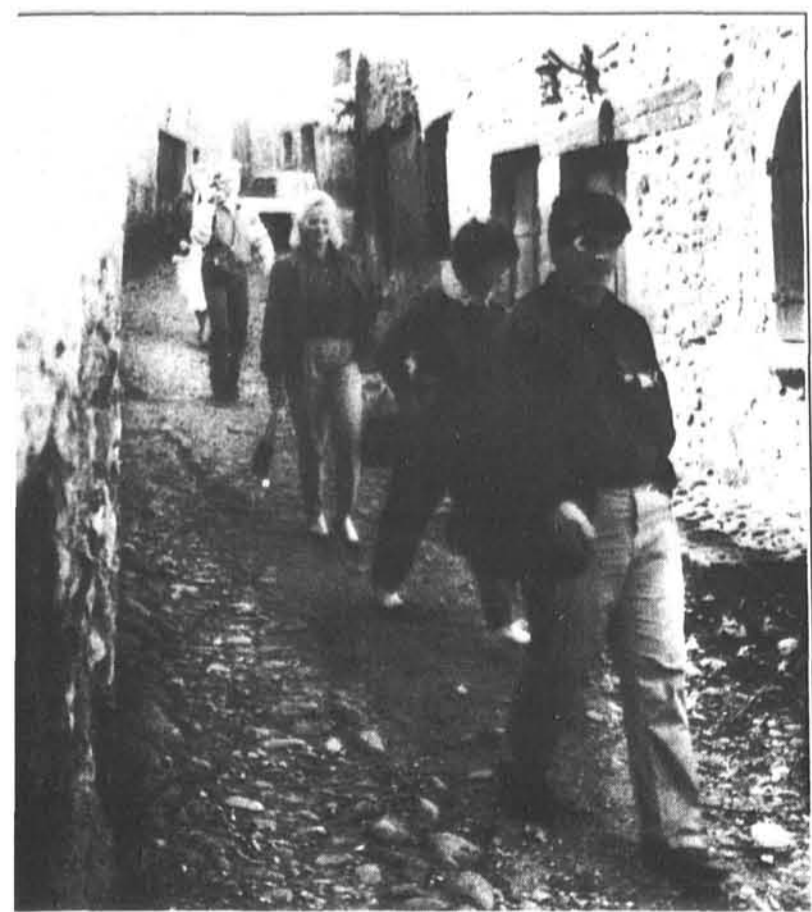
Most of these missionaries served

on SMITE or LIGHT teams while they were students at LU.

Dr. Larry Haag, Director of Missions at LU, also led a team to the British Isles, where they were met with his brother Dr. David Haag, in Scotland.

Among missionaries visited were Glen and Janet Pizor, in England.

The group travelled by train while in England and was privileged to stay at Oxford a few days.



BACK IN TIME-Steve Coffey, Niyako Kavaguchi, Melissa Metts, David Parmer and Ruth Cook enjoy a stroll through a Medieval town in France during the Euro'89 campaign.
photo by Norbert Hennrich courtesy of Selah

Youth Emphasis Week

Hunt gives guidelines for youth workers

By REYNARD VALDEZ
Religion Editor

Gary Hunt, an ordained minister and graduate of Liberty Baptist College, spoke in the Youth 201 classes during Youth Emphasis week from April 4 to 8.

Hunt along with his wife Angela have written two books: "Surviving the Teenage Years: A Guide for Parents and Youth Workers" and "Mom and Dad Don't Live Together Anymore."

Angela has also written an award winning children's book entitled "If I Had Long, Long, Hair."

Hunt has worked with youth since 1975, pastoring middle-school students in several churches including Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg.

Hunt is middle-school pastor at Indian Rocks First Baptist Church in Largo, Fla. and has been involved in the ministry there for one-and-a-half years.

In one class discussion, Hunt told students that in order to work with youths one must become their friend. However, a youth leader must also let them see authority which is sometimes hard to do.

Another aspect of youth work would require to keep youth busy, do activi-

ties that they like to do and encourage family activities.

When correcting someone, the youth worker must give biblical principles instead of the "I said so" answer. "If you give youth that type of answer, they'll laugh you out the door," Hunt said.

Hunt stressed the importance of attending activities. "Youths love to see you at their activities, ball games, etc. It shows you care about them," Hunt said.

About the youth programs at LU, Hunt has commented that the school has made a lot of improvement.

Hunt says that when working in this area, a youth leader must stress con-

sistency and self-image.

The role-models today have Hollywood and rock to compete with and most of these people are just a wreck.

"Kids need to see good role-models in their families; they need to see people who stand up for Christ and for what is right," Hunt said.

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Liberty pounds N.C. State, 15-5

By MARK SHULL

Champion Reporter

The Liberty Flames got a very big win last Monday when they pounded the visiting Wolfpack of North Carolina State 15-5 at Worthington Field. The win gave LU head coach Bobby Richardson his first 20-win season since coming to Liberty.

Starter Toby Toburen picked up the win, pitching six and two thirds innings and giving up five runs on eight hits. Toburen started the game by walking the first two batters he faced, but he got out of the jam by striking out the next three batters to end the inning.

"Toby pitched well today. He started off a little rough, but he came around," Richardson said. "Toby is the kind of pitcher who can walk two in an inning and get away with it because he strikes people out so well."

The Flames started their half of the first inning with a bang. Cary McKay homered to put LU ahead 1-0. Liberty added three more runs in the second

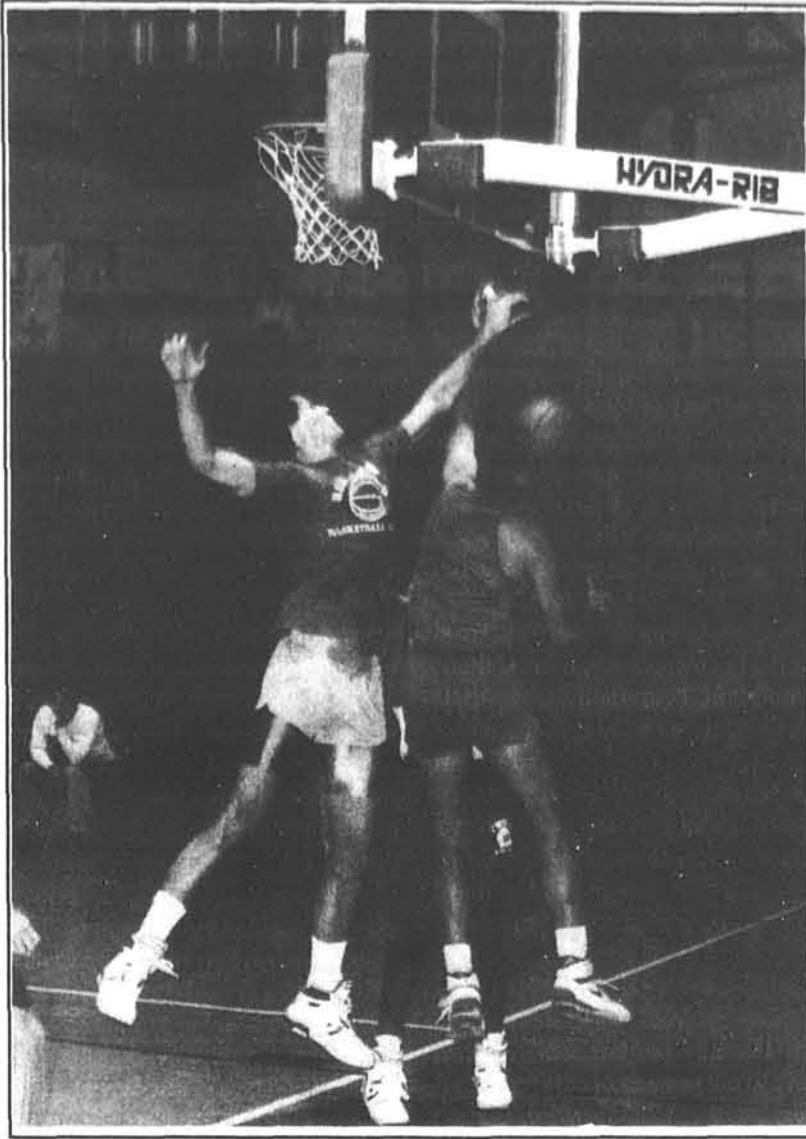
inning when Todd Swisher reached on an error and Doug Reynolds hit a two run homer followed by another homerun by McKay.

The Flames scored twice more in the third on an RBI single by Todd Swisher and an RBI double by Reynolds. In the top of the fifth, N.C. State got on the board with a two run homerun by first-baseman Steve Shepard.

LU broke the game open in the bottom of the sixth, scoring seven runs on four hits, highlighted by RBI singles by McKay, Danny Brahn, Todd Swisher and Phil Kulp.

The Wolfpack added three runs in the seventh on a homerun by Brian Bark and a two-run double by Donnie Adams. Liberty scored twice in the eighth before shutting down the Wolfpack in the ninth to end the game.

The Flames now stand at 24-19 after wins over Davidson and North Carolina Wesleyan. The Flames' final home game is May 6 against Richmond at City Stadium.



The Red Shirts and Just Us battled it out for the WLBU Tip-off Classic. photo by Norbert Henrich

Just Us takes WLBU Tip-off Classic crown

Pepper leads team over Red Shirts

By JEFFREY SIMMONS

Sports Reporter

The old LU gym resembled a classic John Wayne movie last Thursday as Just Us shot down the Red Shirts 93-80 in a fast-paced, physical basketball game to win the WLBU Tipoff Classic.

The Just Us victory was the culmination of a double-elimination tournament sponsored by the campus radio station.

The first year tournament was highly acclaimed by the participants and drew a lot of attention in its two-week session.

"This is by far the best basketball tournament we've ever had at Liberty," said Alan Boelter of Run and Gun.

Just Us came into the championship game with one loss while the Red

Shirts held an undefeated mark. Just Us won the first game 74-68 but had to play a second in order to secure the required second win.

Jason Pepper paved the way for Just Us in the second game by pounding home a game high 36 points. Jeff Simmons added 21 points and Dan Perry netted 18 in the winning effort. Cliff Webber led the Red Shirts with 36 points. Tim Young and Mike Minett both had 12 for the losers.

Both participants in the championship will receive T-shirts, with the winners also receiving trophies in a special presentation at the SGA chapel May 1.

The members of the championship team include: Anthony Copeland, Richie Duvall, Guy Owen, Jeff Simmons, Shane Turley, Dan Perry, Rich Lambert, Jason Pepper and Craig Conser.

Men's track team takes seven events, wins state championship

The Liberty University men's track team took first place in the Virginia State Championships last week. Among the muck and the mire and in spite of slower times, LU outperformed the competition, finishing with 172 points. Second place Virginia Tech scored 143.

The Flames managed seven first place finishes. Scott Queen led the team with wins in the 100 meter (10.9) and 200 meter (22.1), as well as an anchor for the first place

4 X 100 team (L.G. Parrish, Keith Vinson, Paul Hackworth, Scott Queen).

Freshman L. G. Parrish won the long-jump with a leap of 22'-2". Parrish has placed in every meet in either the long-jump or the triple-jump.

Other firsts included: Shad Bolen in the javelin (195'-5"), Brent Squires in the 800 meter (1:56.7) and the 4 X 400 meter relay (Joe Easterhouse, Brent Squires, Danny Nixon,

Johnny Prettyman).

The 4 x 400 relay win was especially impressive, according to head coach Brant Tolsma, because it was the "B" team which participated. "A" team members Scott Queen and Gerald Swann had already competed in at least two races. Henry Elliot and Brett Lawler were just coming off injuries.

The Flames also scored eight second place finishes and

three thirds.

"It turned into a battle between us and Virginia Tech," head coach Brant Tolsma said. He added that the bad weather made it very difficult. He attributes LU's victory to the fact that the Flames were just "tougher than everybody else."

The Flames next meet is the Penn Relays in Philadelphia on April 25-29.

Two wrestlers represent LU at Nationals

By JIMMY JACKSON

Sports Reporter

While hundreds of Liberty students were relaxing on balmy beaches, two wrestlers were busy in Oklahoma City, Okl., competing in the NCAA Div. I National Championships.

The National Championships came on the heels of an outstanding Eastern Regional tournament where the Flames finished seventh in a 19 team field. Warren Stewart and Loren Baum, Liberty's two national qualifiers, finished first and third respectively. Shawn Morley and freshman Jeff Greiner each placed fifth.

At the nationals Baum, a 118 lb. senior, won two matches and lost two, nearly earning All-American honors. He finished with 116 career wins making him the second-winningest Liberty wrestler ever.

Stewart, an intense ex-Marine, did not place at 150. The defending Division II National Champion was undefeated in a tough dual meet schedule this year, however, and returns with an army of others next year.

"It was a good opening in Division One," said an elated Don Shuler.

Shuler is anticipating next year's season when big guns Kip Fennelly, Rodney Fisher and Ron Frank are reactivated.



Pat Nelson (21) evades a tackler in Saturday's controlled scrimmage. photo by Norbert Henrich

White wins in controlled scrimmage

By KEITH MILLER

Sports Editor

The Liberty University football team ran a controlled 49 play scrimmage last Saturday with the white team winning 12-0.

The scrimmage was set up with the white team as the offense and the blue team as the defense. The white team would have to get a first down in four plays or start over at its own 35-yard line.

Tailback Keith Vinson scored both of the touchdowns, one on a two-

yard pass from Paul Johnson and the other on a one-yard dash up the middle. "This is the same format we've been using all spring," said Johnson. "It really felt good out there today."

"We played a very basic defense today, very bland," said Coach Sam Rutigliano. "Our main goal was to get a look at the players in a game-type situation."

The main reason for not playing a full contact scrimmage was to avoid any unnecessary injuries to the players.

"We want to save our players until

this fall and there's no reason to go full contact now," said Rutigliano.

Johnson was 15-27 through the air for 133 yards and a touchdown while fullback Clarence Shelton led all ground gainers with 23 yards on five carries. Vinson caught six passes for 40 yards and a touchdown.

On the defensive side, linebacker Johnny Woods led with eight tackles while safety Eric Carroll and linebacker Johnny White added six tackles apiece.

"The most important thing is that nobody got hurt," said Rutigliano.

LU golfers finish sixth at Campbell

Owen sets LU 54-hole record, captures first place with 217

By CHRIS BOGGS

Champion Reporter

The Liberty University golf team shot 306 - 306 - 316 for a 3-round total of 928 to finish sixth in the Lonnie D. Small/Campbell University Invitational last week at the Keith Hills Country Club in Buies Creek, N.C.

The finish was the team's best ever in the 54-hole invitational. Along with this accomplishment, the team also had its best scoring average at the invitational.

Daniel Owen shot 74 - 69 - 74 for a 217 total to capture first place individual honors.

With this victory, Owen also set a new Liberty University 54-hole record.

Coach Mike Hall said, "(This was) the best field Daniel played against. He beat Jon Hurst of Old Dominion by one stroke.

The rest of the team finished as follows: Troy Dixon, 231; Lane Patrick, 238; Todd Casabella, 242; Mark Hollingsworth, 246.

The golf team will now be off until the Virginia Cavalier Classic at Birdwood Golf Course in Charlottesville May 11-14 to end its season.

Dixon rises to second spot

By CHRIS BOGGS

Sports Reporter

Troy Dixon has come from struggling his freshman year, to making the fifth man on the golf team to his current status as the team's number two man.

Although he has worked his way up, he says "I'm not doing as well as I'd like to be doing."

Dixon, a 22-year-old business management major from Roanoke, Va., has plans for his golfing talents after he graduates. He has secured a job as the athletic director and golf coach at Roanoke Valley Christian High School. Along with coaching golf, he will also coach soccer and basketball. He also plans to be the PE teacher.

Troy, who drives from Roanoke every day for classes and practice, says he has played golf regularly "since I was about 15."

Miller says goodbye; wishes coaches, players well

By KEITH MILLER

Sports Editor

Well folks this is it. This is my swan song as sports editor of the Liberty Champion.

No, don't shed any tears for me yet, I'll be back next year but only as a guest writer for the Champion. Throughout these last nine months or so, I've meet some real nice people and had some real interesting times.

I'd just like to thank all the players and coaches who have made this year so memorable for me.

From coaches like Sue Kelly, Mike Goad, Morgan Hout, Sam Rutigliano, Jeff Meyer, Ron Hopkins, Bobby Richardson and the rest of the coaches, you guys really treated my staff and me like champions. You always had time to talk about your sport and never made us feel like we were wasting

your time.

It's been a pleasure working with you guys and I wish all of you the best of luck in the future.

The baseball team looks like they have turned the corner this year and good things seem to be just over the horizon.

The starting pitching has come through for the Flames since coming back from California. Lance Price, the pre-season ace, has started to turn his year around lately.

Price has pitched against some tough teams but now is finding his groove and he is responding with some great games. In fact, his first two wins were both shutouts.

The real surprise has been the Frank Speck. Before last weekend, he was still 7-0 on the year and has been ranked in Baseball America as one of the top pitchers in the country.

The hitting has been coming through with more runs this year and two big

reasons have been Chris Robbins and Jamey Mason.

Robbins has pushed a future pro draft pick in Tony Beasley to short-stop with his hitting.

Mason has enabled the Flames to move hitter deluxe Cary McCary back to his more comfortable role as lead of hitter. Mason has provided constant power and average from the number three spot in the order.

Let's also give some praise to some of the other LU spring sport teams.

The golf team has improved this year behind the play of senior Dan Owen who won a meet earlier this year.

The tennis team of Coach Carl Diemer has steadily improved throughout the spring.

After getting off to a dreadful 1-6 start, they have rebounded to a 6-7 mark before last weekend. Weather has dealt Diemer's club a hard blow this spring but they are now making

this a respectable year.

Let's give a big hand to the men's and women's track teams who have really been performing well lately.

Coach Ron Hopkins' women's team has won its last two meets and look to finish the season strong by doing well at the Penn Relays.

Coach Brent Tolsma's men's team could be well represented at Nationals this year with Henry Elliot, Gerald Swann and Scott Queen all having a chance to go.

The NBA playoffs get started this weekend and finally it looks like we will have some competitive series from start to finish.

No longer will the big two of Boston and L.A. dominate the whole way through.

The beasts of the East this year are Detroit, Cleveland and Atlanta. I look for these three to meet in the conference semi-finals along with New York.

The Hawks look like a team on a mission the last month and with Moses running the court like never before, they could be real tough. Losing Kevin Willis for the playoffs may come back to haunt them.

However, the Cavs have everybody healthy and probably the best interior defense in the league. The Pistons only have the best record in the league so they'll be tough as well.

In the West, look for Utah and Phoenix to challenge the Lakers for the right to play the survivor of the East.

The Cinderella story of the year has to be the Suns. Two years ago, this team looked like it would challenge the Clippers for years to come as the worst of the Pacific.

Now, they look like they just might be the team to be reckoned with in the playoffs.

Tom Chambers was a godsent for this franchise and Kevin Johnson and Armon Gilliam have really developed

into All-Pros.

Still don't over look Houston and Akeem "The Dream". Anybody with the best center in the league has to be watched especially if Otis Thorpe plays like he did with the lowly Kings. The Rockets need help in the backcourt but Sleepy Floyd can ignite at anytime.

So who will be in the Finals? If I could pick the teams, I think a Cleveland Phoenix series would be super. The highest scoring team in the league against one of the best defensively. Plus, everyone would get to see some of the best young talent in the league like Mark Price, Ron Harper, Johnson and Gilliam.

Who will get in the Finals? Probably the Lakers and Pistons. This time though, I'll take the Pistons in seven.

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