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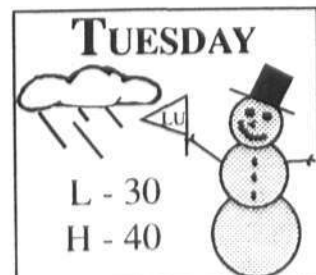
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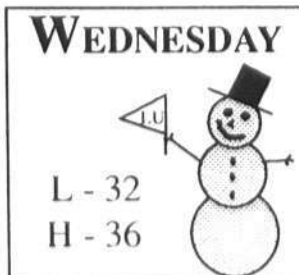
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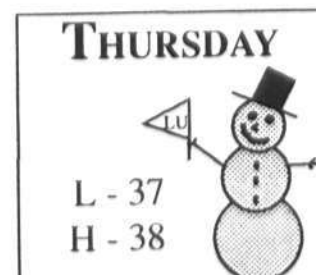
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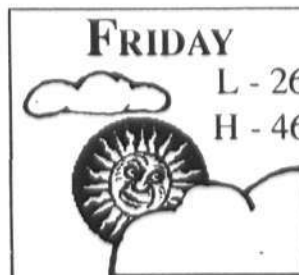
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North addresses TRBC members

By PAMELA E. WALCK
Editor

Republican candidate for the United States Senate Oliver North addressed thousands of LU students and church members of Thomas Road Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 27, during the 11 a.m. service.

According to Dr. Jerry Falwell, North is the first in a series of guest speakers, all of whom are running for senate.

"We (TRBC) are doing this so that people can decide who to vote for. We are neither endorsing nor promoting any candidates," Falwell stated.

North began his address, by stating that he had no intention of preaching or asking people to endorse him as a candidate.

"I'm not going to talk about politics, but rather (I want to) leave a message of encouragement," North stated.

"Each of us needs to be a centurion. It has nothing to do

with politics, it DOES have everything to do with us being here (in church)," North added.

Referring to Matthew 8:5-13, North related how early in his life, he was impacted by a "centurion" in the Marines, who through various circumstance, led him to the Lord.

"All that I had done (in the past) meant nothing. The only thing that counted, was that while He was on the cross, I was on his mind," North stated, quoting a popular gospel song.

According to North, as a young man, he was "self-made" and full of pride. It was only through a reoccurring back injury, that his pride was broken enough for him to realize his need for the Lord.

"No matter how hard you try, you're going to screw things up. If it wasn't for being saved in 1978, I don't know how I could have handled things later down the road

(Contra hearings)," he said.

North ended his message, with a story of how the Lord helped him get through the Iran-Contra hearings.

According to North, on the first day of his hearings, a little lady managed to hand a small white card to him.

Brandon Sullivan, North's attorney for the hearing, immediately took the piece of paper from him and placed it in front of the microphone each day. When questioned what was on the card, Sullivan simply stated, "The answers."

"What that card stated was, 'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint,'" he stated.

Following the address, North took time to answer questions and sign autographs in the LCA gymnasium.

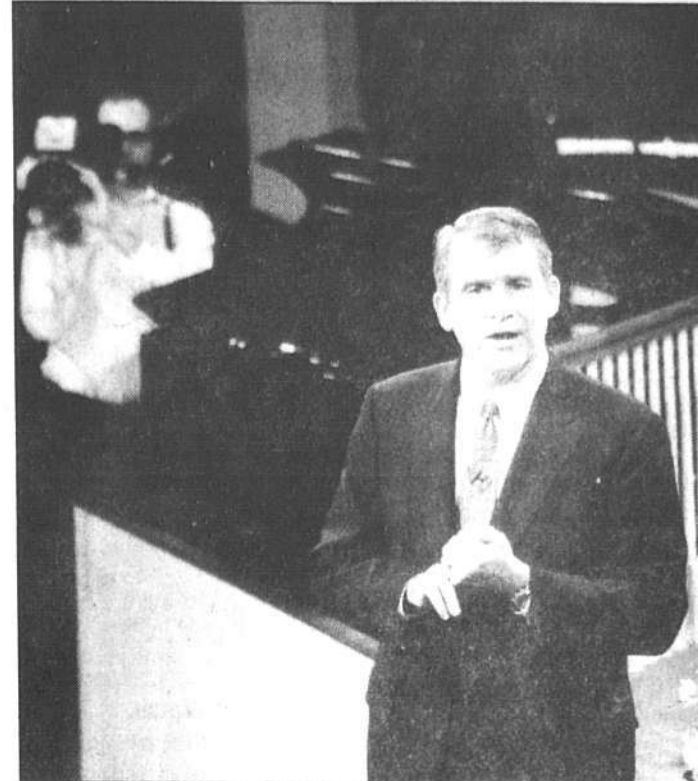


photo by Alan Rice

BE A CENTURION — Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Oliver North, encourages TRBC members to reach out to lost friends, family members and neighbors.

Court to hear impeachment

By SHANNON D. HARRINGTON
News Editor

SGA President Bryan LaBerge stated that the impeachment of Executive Vice President Jason Williams will be settled through student court and that until the case is resolved, Williams and all executive vice president cabinet members are suspended from their offices. LaBerge's statement came during the student senate session on Thursday, Feb. 24.

"What's going on, right now, basically is this: There were impeachment proceedings held toward the former vice president. He has been suspended at this time, and it will go to the student court, which I believe is a fair hearing," LaBerge said. "All the justice will be done and served through the student court."

The statement by LaBerge came after a memo was sent from the Associate Vice President for Student Development Bruce Traeger and Dean of Student Life Mike Stewart, requesting that no further action be taken by the SGA executive committee pertaining to Williams' impeachment until the matter is resolved in court.

Although LaBerge said the matters could be brought up in court next week, no specific date was available at press time.

"There are questions concerning whether or not due process was afforded to Williams during the impeachment proceeding," the memo stated.

"Concerns have been raised over the constitutionality of this decision and whether or not the SGA constitution has been violated in the impeachment process."

Traeger said that he and Stewart requested matters to be resolved in student court because the method of due process is vague in the SGA constitution.

"The (SGA) constitution does not state what due process is. That issue must be addressed," Traeger said.

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photo by Kristen Wright

MIRACLE WORKER — Cast members Jennifer Hadden (left) and Ginger Vertican rehearse a scene of "The Miracle Worker." The production tells the story of Helen Keller (played by Vertican), a deaf and mute girl who overcomes the handicap. The production will begin on Thursday, March 3, and continue through Saturday, March 26. (See related story on Page 2)

English brings musical tour to Liberty

By JOANNA TEDDER
Assistant Copy Editor

Michael English will appear in concert Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Center. First Call, Mark Lowry and Angelo & Veronica will also perform.

Tickets are still being sold for the concert. Liberty students may purchase tickets through the student life office

at David's Place for a reduced ticket price of \$8. Other general admission tickets and Artist Circle seats will be sold through Ticket Master.

In addition, student life will be selling tickets in the De-Moss atrium on Wednesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 3, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"We're expecting a couple thousand (people); we're not

going to sell more than 2,500 tickets," Mike Stewart, dean of student life, said.

Stewart encourages all students who want to attend the concert to buy their tickets as soon as possible.

The student tickets will not be sold after 4:30 p.m., on Friday, March 4. Students who wish to buy a ticket after that time will be charged the full

ticket price of \$14.

English will be presenting his "Hope" tour when he comes to LU. Songs from that album include: "Save Me," "There's Not a Crown Without a Cross," "There is a Love" and "Holding Out Hope to You."

In addition, Lowry, who graduated from Liberty University in 1980 and currently resides in Nashville, Tenn., has

been performing since he was four years old. After graduation, Lowry began to perform professionally with Jerry Johnston.

He is currently a singer with the Gaither Vocal Band and tours with artists such as English, as well as on his own.

He performed at LU last semester when he appeared with Comic Relief in October.

LU debate ranks second in NPD

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Liberty University's debate team has moved to second place in the latest National Policy Debate rankings, just 11 points behind rival George Mason University.

"Any one of the top three still has a chance to claim the number-one ranking in the final rankings," Coach Brett O'Donnell said.

Currently, in third place is Boston College, 29 points behind Liberty.

LU's debate team is still second in the American Debate Association (ADA) rankings,

as announced earlier in February. According to O'Donnell new ADA rankings will not be issued for several weeks.

The team continued trying for the first ranking at its latest tournament at George Washington University Feb. 18-20.

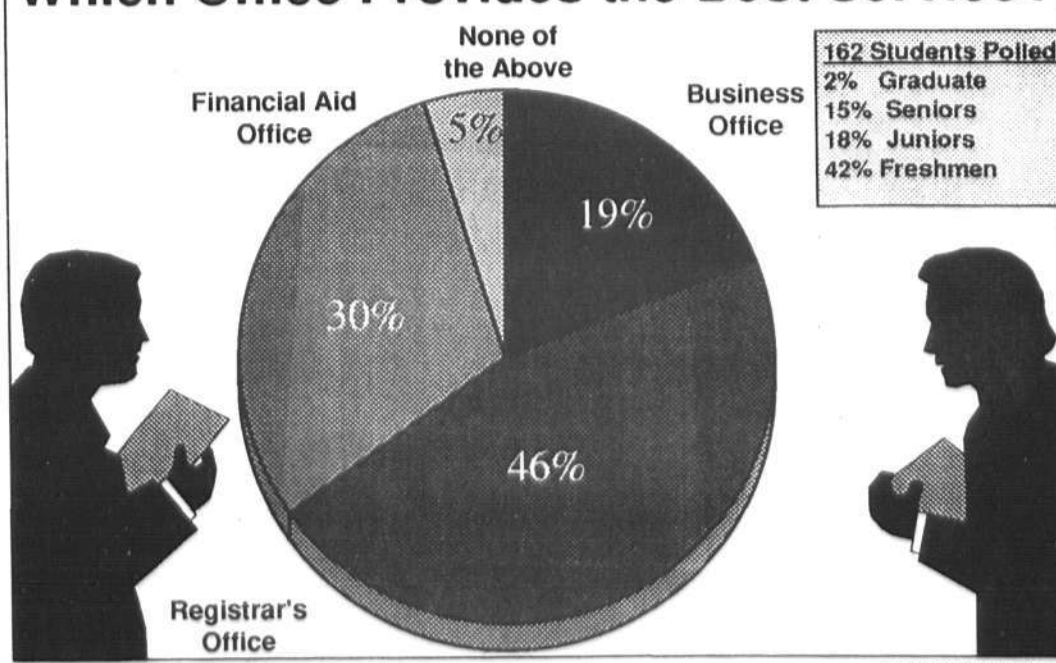
O'Donnell said that although the eight teams did well, they did not do well enough to defeat George Mason.

"Overall, we had a good weekend. George Mason had a better weekend," he said.

The debaters can still move into first place, however, de-

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News

LU fine arts presents Keller story

By JANETTA CAMPBELL
Champion Reporter

"The Miracle Worker," a play written by William Gibson, will be performed in the Lloyd Auditorium at LU on March 3-5 and March 24-26 at 8 p.m.

"The Miracle Worker" is a true-to-life story of Helen Keller who, at the age of 19 months, became deaf, mute and blind.

Despite her severe handicaps, she was able to triumph over these seemingly insurmountable odds.

"This play demonstrates that any obstacle can be overcome if a person works hard enough," Jessica Brennan, freshman and stage manager, said.

According to Dr. David Allison,

"This is a play about America. It portrays hurting people triumphing over adversity in very powerful and moving scenes."

— Dr. David Allison
Chairman of Drama Dept.

Chairman of the Drama Dept., this is a play that deals with bringing civilization to the untamed mind.

"This is a play about America. It portrays hurting people triumphing over adversity in very powerful and moving scenes," Allison said.

Allison also said he believes that this play is a very theatrical piece because it will appeal to both the senses of sight and sound.

"The play will use both Southern and Irish accents," Allison explained.

The cast members for the production are as follows: David Holder, senior, as the doctor; Cynthia Bellamy, sophomore, as Kate; Gabriel Vogel, junior, as Helen; Erica Powell, senior, as Martha.

Also, Lamont Ferguson, sophomore, will perform as Percy; Kera O'Bryon, sophomore, as Aunt Ev; Steven Kyle, freshman, as James; Lamond Southall, freshman, as Anagnos; Jennifer Hadden, senior, as Annie Sullivan; Tracey Packiam,

sophomore, as Viney.

Furthermore, Amie Johnston and Chantal Rainey, sophomores, as blind girls; and Stephanie Carpenter and Casey Kern, freshmen, as blind girls.

"This is a play of the triumph of the human spirit. It shows that stick-to-ness pays off," Holder said.

According to Brennan, during the production of the play, the cast experienced some obstacles.

"We had some difficulty finding some of the props and having costumes to match that particular time period, but the problems helped the entire cast work hard to make this production a success," Brennan said.

Ticket information can be obtained by contacting the LU box office at ext. 2085.



DRESS REHEARSAL — Cast members from "The Miracle Worker" practice an emotional scene of the play. The performances will begin on Thursday, March 3, in the Lloyd Auditorium.

USCS honors Miller with Founders' award

By MICHAEL HAINES
Champion Reporter

Dr. Linda Miller, chairman of the nursing department, was awarded the 1994 Founders' Day Service Award on Monday, Feb. 21, at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg.

Miller, who received her bachelor of science in nursing from USCS, was given the award for "her dedication to the nursing profession, her contributions to the advancement of patient care and her accomplishments as an educator."

Miller earned a master's degree in nursing and a doctorate in education at the University of Virginia. With a background in patient care and administration at several hospitals, she now chairs the department of nursing at LU.

Miller developed LU's bachelor of science completion program for registered nurses; and after becoming department chair in 1986, she developed the four-year-generic BSN program.

Currently, she oversees a department with more than 300 nursing students.

From 1981 to 1983, Miller was evening supervisor, staff development instructor and

hospice coordinator at Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was also responsible for developing and directing the hospice program for Lynchburg, providing care and assistance for terminally ill patients and their families.

In addition, she developed the hospice volunteer training program.

Miller was the Outstanding Alumna for the USCS School of Nursing last year and has served as a board member and district president in the Virginia Nurses Association.

Each year on the school's anniversary, USCS honors those who have been instrumental in the development of the institution.

In its first 27 years, the university has forged partnerships with hospitals, businesses, school districts and civic and governmental agencies to meet the region's changing needs.

On this Founders' Day, the university community rededicated itself to that goal.

The order of exercises was as follows: Interim Chancellor of USCS William J. Whitener presided; incidental music was performed by the USCS wind ensemble;

greetings were given by Dr. G.B. Hodge; awards were given to Carolina Piedmont



Dr. Linda Miller
Nursing Dept. Chairman

Foundation's Ralph Gillespie and Miller; Whitener introduced the speaker; address was given by Hollings Oncology Center Medical University of South Carolina Director Dr. Peter J. Fischinger.

Also, Whitener gave closing remarks and the Alma Mater was presented by the USCS Wind Ensemble.

Miller said she was thrilled to share the platform with Fischinger, who Miller called "the name in AIDS education."

"It was a real honor to be there," she said.

SGA election process begins, applications due

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Applications for Student Government Association positions are due in the student life office by noon on Wednesday, March 9.

"We're looking for anybody that would like to get involved, that would like to help the student body," Bryan LaBerge, SGA president and head of the Elections Committee, said.

Applications can be picked up from the student life office anytime it is open.

After the applications are in, the Elections Committee will meet with candidates on Thursday, March 10, to conduct final interviews. Candidates will then begin getting nomination petitions signed and will also begin verbal campaigning.

"I think everything will run smoothly," LaBerge said.

The executive officers—president, execu-

tive vice president and VP of student services—must be juniors or seniors, have a 2.75 or higher GPA and not be on any form of probation.

The single-page applications can be obtained at the student life office and must be submitted with letters of recommendation to the Elections Committee. If they are approved following their interview, they must get 300 signatures on nominating petitions.

"Initiative is a big thing," LaBerge said, adding that the Elections Committee was looking for "people who will go out and do things."

Candidates will begin verbally sharing their platform ideas while collecting signatures for the petitions.

Elections will be held Monday, April 18. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed during convocation.

More information about the elections can be obtained by contacting the SGA offices at ext. 2323.

Local theatre to present 'Once on this Island'

By JANETTA CAMPBELL
Champion Reporter

Several LU students and alumni will be performing in the musical, "Once On This Island," at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center on Friday, March 11, and Friday, March 18.

While the cast will be composed of people from all walks of life in the Lynchburg community, several Liberty students and alumni will participate in this production.

For example, the play will be directed by Linda Cooper, English professor at Liberty.

LU students who will be performing are as follows: sophomore Charity Clegg, senior Racheal Herr and junior Elicia Zimmerman.

LU alumni participating in this production are: Jay Nelson, Troy Mearkle, Jennifer Nelson, Dave Ranson, Tracey Cooper and

Kimberly King.

According to Cooper, the musical, "Once On This Island," is based on the novel, "My Love, My Love," by Rosa Guy.

"It is a play of love conquering death, determination and not being afraid to go after our dreams. 'Once On This Island' is a pop opera. Ninety percent of the musical is told through the use of song," Cooper said.

Cooper believes that the unique aspect of this play is that it consists of a multicultural cast.

According to Cooper, the play will show the need for getting rid of barriers and restrictions among the various ethnic groups in our world.

The performances are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. Sunday performances will begin at 2 p.m.

Student court set to hear spring cases

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Student court has finished hearing all of the appeals from last semester, with the session holding court Monday, Feb. 21, and Thursday, Feb. 24.

All of the cases the court now hears will be appeals of tickets from this semester.

Chief Justice John Dickey said that the court already has 15 to 20 appeals lined up, almost as many as it had last semester.

"Normally at the beginning of a semester we have a lot of people (appealing). A lot of people are using more appeals," Dickey said.

According to Dickey, court will meet next to hear appeals in the early part of March;

however, no firm date has been set.

Of the 14 cases scheduled for the two sessions, only two defendants actually appeared. The justices voted to reduce one of the tickets to a warning; the other appeal was denied.

When Thomas Wang made his appeal Thursday, he had his ticket reduced to a warning by a 2-1 vote. He had received a ticket for parking his car in the cafeteria lot during the day.

In his defense, Wang said his car was broken down and could not be moved.

"The battery terminal was corroded. I went out the next day and bought a new battery," Wang said.

He said he had not called security to report the incident because his car had broken down

in a different way before and—even though he has alerted security—he had received several tickets.

In the Monday night session, the court voted 2-1 to deny the appeal filed by Timothy Luce, upholding his speeding ticket.

Luce was cited for speeding after pulling out of the DeMoss parking lot.

The defendant said he had to speed up to stop his car from stalling and that he then went back to the proper speed.

"When I pulled out of DeMoss it was cold and my car operates poorly under those circumstances," Luce explained.

The 12 defendants who did not appear will have their appeals denied and be charged a \$5 court fee in accordance with court rules.

LU student assaulted, offender at-large

By AMY MORRIS
World News Editor

An LU student was attacked by an unknown assailant on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m. while parked at the Wilco on Route 29 in Madison Heights.

Michael Erquiaga, sophomore, and his roommate, Brian LaFratta, were returning from Fredricksburg and stopped at the Wilco to get gas. Erquiaga was alone in the car when the attack occurred.

"Brian went in to get some gas, and when he came out my head was bleeding," Erquiaga said.

Although he recalled the paramed-

ics woke him up around 6 p.m. that evening, he remembers nothing that happened after his roommate entered the Wilco.

"I just remember waking up that evening with people in my face," Erquiaga said.

Erquiaga said he suffered a severe concussion in addition to a bruised and swollen face. Paramedics ascertained that the wounds were not caused by a fist, but by a heavy object.

As of press time, Erquiaga was missing the money he had with him at the time of the attack. Lynchburg police and LaFratta were unavailable for comment.



ETHNIC POSE — LU students display their ethnic garb in a fashion show, entitled "Changes of Time," as part of Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall.



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LU alumna assists Governor Allen

By PAMELA E. WALCK
Editor

When Republican gubernatorial candidate George Allen defeated Mary Sue Terry and brought his staff to Richmond, in the ranks of new Commonwealth officers and officials stood a Liberty alumnus.

Martika Parson, 26, went to Richmond in January as a legal assistant to Governor Allen, dealing specifically with clemency, pardons and restoration of rights to ex-convicts.

Previous to her arrival in Richmond, Parson worked as one of the defending lawyers on the Virginia Military Institute brief that has stirred up controversy over women's rights.

However, Parson was not always in the heat of legal battles and on the top in the state.

Parson, was the fourth child in her family of five to attend Liberty. She graduated in 1987 with a concentration in political science, before pursuing a law degree at Washington and Lee College.

"I wanted to get training and teaching that you just don't get from church," Parson explained.

According to Parson, although she was reared in a Christian home and her father was a minister, she wanted to get her Christianity "hemmed in" before tackling the world of law.

She added that during her tenure at Liberty, all students were required to take two theology classes, two Old Testament courses and two New Testament classes.

"I went to a secular law school, and I don't think that I had a disadvantage because I attended Liberty," Parson stated.

In fact, Parson praised Liberty for the many programs and opportunities it affords the



Martika Parson
LU alumna

students who attend the institution.

For example: As a freshman, Parson wanted to major in political science and knew that because of Dr. Jerry Falwell — and his work with Moral Majority — the school had good contacts with the Reagan administration. Parson's goal was to obtain an internship in the White House.

With that in mind, Parson pursued her goals, landing a position in 1985 as a student intern in the president's personnel office.

According to Parson, another aspect of Liberty that is overflowing with opportunities is the Student Government Association.

As an undergraduate, Parson was nominated and elected as class president. How-

ever, because of physical illness, she was forced to leave school but later returned to find her position filled.

With determination, Parson regained her class presidency, finishing out the term.

Furthermore, Parson also took advantage of opportunities in the journalism department, by serving as editor in chief of *Selah*, the school yearbook.

Although Parson is now in her element, dealing with legal policy and working directly with top state officials, she still keeps in touch with her old alma mater.

"I've had a burden for Liberty since I've left. I've heard accounts of what is happening on campus (in the dorm rooms), and it saddens my heart," Parson stated.

Regardless of the fact that she has been long gone from the halls of DeMoss, Parson still keeps the values that she was taught at home and at LU.

"Abstinence is not a dirty word. I'm 26, a virgin and willing to wait. . . These things are outward signs of our relationship with God. We're opening ourselves up to spiritual influences, and our relationship with God will suffer," Parson explained.

You sign a contract with the school administration, saying that you're going to abide by these rules (in the LU handbook). If you can't abide by them there (at Liberty), then what are you going to do in the real world?" she added.

Parson encourages students to keep their promise to the school and God, by abiding to the Liberty handbook. In addition, she encourages the administration to deal consistently with the students who attend Liberty.

"If the administration doesn't enforce policy — no matter who you are — then there will be no standard of conduct," Parson concluded.



photo by Anne Ardrey

AIR GUITAR — Amy Eades, a freshman from West Virginia, entertains the crowd during a combined hall meeting of Dorms 21 and 23. One of the different activities scheduled for the evening's enjoyment was a lip-synch contest—and it was Eades turn to take the stage when a photographer caught her in the act.

LU campus pastor provides counseling

By MICHAEL HAINES
Champion Reporter

A free counseling program, offered to LU students, was reinstated this semester by Vice President of Spiritual Affairs Rob Jackson and Dr. Miriam Stark, psychology professor. "[It] sounds like a good idea — a good opportunity for a graduate student and a good service to other students," LU sophomore William March said concerning the free graduate student counseling for students.

Jackson said that the program originally started about three years ago to try to make counseling "cost-effective for students."

The purpose of the program, according to Jackson, is to meet the spiritual needs for all students.

"It's biblically based counseling... and pointing to Christ for the answer.

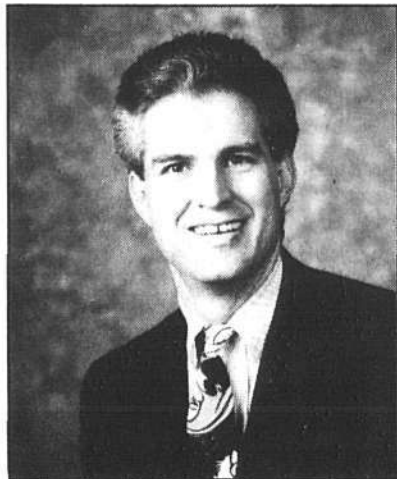
The Bible is... able to meet every need in us," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, students just call in, and an appointment is set up for a conducive time for the student. The counselors consist of graduate students working on completing their master/doctorate practicum, and the sessions last as long as needed. If more counseling is needed, a referral is made.

"I think the free counseling is a good idea. It will give the graduate students experience, and it is a valuable service to the campus," freshman Tara Eskey said.

"The counseling service is a great way to show people who are struggling that there is an answer in Christ," freshman Leandra Begay added.

"I think the free counseling is a great way for graduate students to finish their degrees and help others at



Rob Jackson
VP of Spiritual Affairs

the same time. It is an opportunity many students cannot afford to pass up — a way for them to get guidance from a biblical perspective," freshman Stacey Harcum said.

Counseling sessions are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Interested students should call ext. 2651 or go to Jackson's office in Dorm 2 to make an appointment.

Biology Club plans spring break adventure to Cypress Cove

By MICHAEL HAINES
Champion Reporter

The Biology Club will set up camp on Sunday, March 13, at the Cypress Cove Campground.

"This one should be fun," club treasurer and LU senior Molly Mundy said concerning the club's 1994 spring break trip to the Nags Head Beach Area in North Carolina.

The following is a brief agenda of the club's camp plans.

• A behind-the-scenes tour of an aquarium will take place on March 14, as well as the viewing of a film and aquarium exhibits.

Then, after lunch, a canoe trip is scheduled.

• A tour of Alligator River NWR and a departure from the campground for a "half-way" point

for the night are scheduled for March 15.

• Arrival at Cow Camp Gap and a setting up of base camp will take place on March 16.

• A hike to the overnight site and a setting up of camp are scheduled for March 17. Additional plans will be decided at this time.

According to Kevin Harris, president of the Biology club, the purpose of the trip is to see Biology in a different light.

"(The purpose is) to learn in a fun, outdoors way—to see biology outside of a text book," Harris said.

Mundy added that one of the best things about the club was that "it's a diverse club."

"I'm looking forward to our spring break trip. Every year it's been the highlight and main attraction of the

club. It's a good opportunity to get to know people in a different environment—away from school," she said.

Activities Director Jennifer Klingler added that this is not the first time the club has organized trips during spring break.

"This is the third year I'm spending spring break with the Biology Club..." Klingler said.

"The last two years have been some. One year we went to the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia and canoed with the alligators. Last year we went... [to] Kentucky. That was... cold, but a great memory looking back on it," she added.

"This year... if the weather's nice, it could be our best trip yet. We're going camping, hiking, chasing red wolves and hopefully getting a tan along the way," Klingler continued.

Guest speaker provides variety of talents

By MAINA MWAURA
Champion Reporter

As part of Black History Month and Youth Emphasis Week, Kevin Singleton was a featured guest speaker and musician during the Monday, Feb. 21 convocation.

Singleton, who has been traveling across America to high schools and churches since 1987, spoke about racial divisions in the church.

Recommending that church leaders go publicly on national TV and apologize to one another, Singleton said that's the only way America is going to see that the church of Jesus Christ is not a prejudice body.

Singleton also used an illustration

of how Satan fooled black people into thinking that the white man was the reason for slavery.

Singleton's sermon hit home when he illustrated how LU students act toward each other, as certain black and white students do not speak to one another in DeMoss Hall.

"It is so easy to stay in the comfort zone. Even though Liberty is a Christian school, students sometimes become self-centered and lost into the university atmosphere.

"Liberty can reach out to the community by showing a good example. 'I don't know if the church will change its racial behavior, but I think God wants to come back to a glorious church,' Singleton added.



photo by Alan Rice

JACK OF ALL TRADES — Singer/speaker/basketball player Kevin Singleton performs during convocation on Monday, Feb. 21.

Debate

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pending on the outcome of their next tournament scheduled for March 5-6, at James Madison University.

"We have to have a very good tournament and also have to keep Mason from having a very good tournament," O'Donnell said.

The junior varsity division had a "very good tournament" at the George Washington Debate, with teams from each division advancing to semifinals, O'Donnell added.

"Three of our four JV debaters got a speaker award," he said.

JV debater John Barr was given the first individual speaker award; David Chappa was named second speaker; and Heather Holter received third.

Barr and Chappa made it to semifinals, where they were defeated by

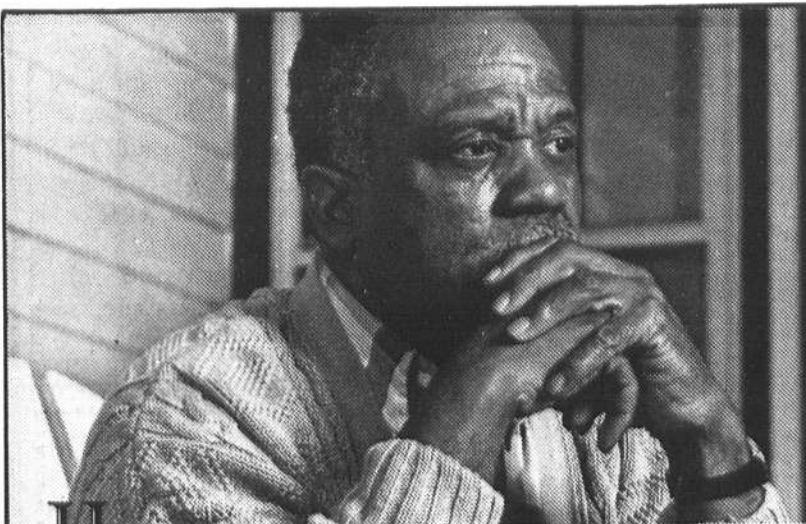
GMU.

Varsity debaters Layla Hinton and Adam Milam also advanced to semifinals but lost to JMU. Hinton was the third varsity speaker.

"At the varsity level, I'm really pleased with how it's going," he said. "Both varsity teams have been getting better and better each week."

The novice team of R.J. Snell and Christy Whiddon advanced to the semifinal rounds in their division. Snell was named the top novice speaker, and Whiddon received the third speaker award.

After the upcoming Madison debate, O'Donnell said the varsity teams will be going to the National Debate Tournament at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, March 18-21.



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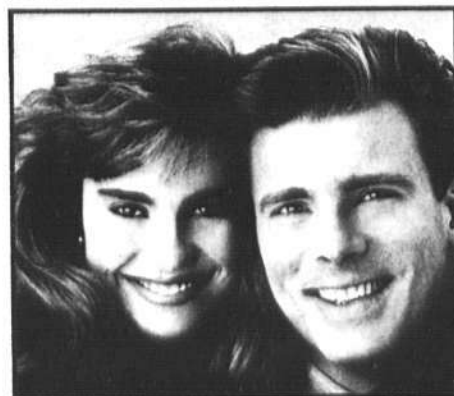
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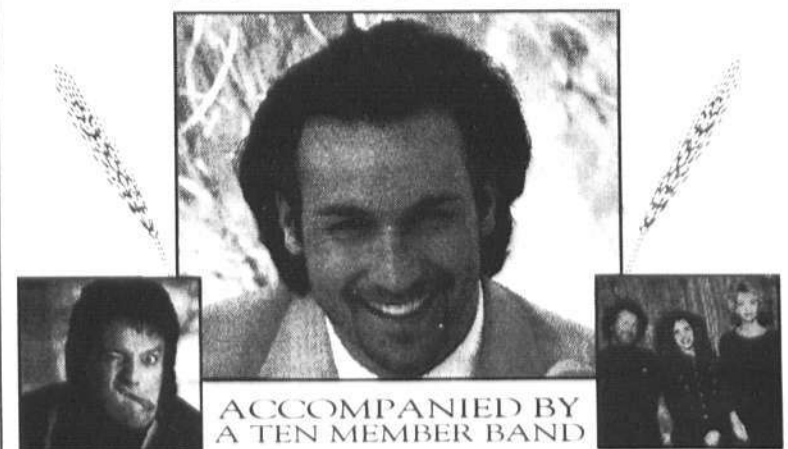
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Special Report

Questions must be answered by court

By SHANNON D. HARRINGTON
News Editor

After the first impeachment of a Student Government Association official in the 23-year history of LU last week, a few questions need to be addressed concerning whether or not Jason Williams was afforded due process of law.

Also of concern is the closing of the student senate meeting last Thursday by executive order of SGA President Bryan LaBerge.

Fundamental to the question is whether or not due process is provided in the SGA constitution?

The answer is no. Therefore, the LU student court will now have the responsibility to provide that definition and set a precedent for due process in regard to impeachment.

As the student court brings the issue to light, there will be many questions it will attempt to answer in search of this definition of due process. First of all, the impeachment of Williams relied most heavily on three votes—that of LaBerge, Gardner and executive committee member ex-officio Chris Rhodes.

Prior to the meeting Williams was also on the committee. Was this vote unconstitutional? Technically, the answer is no.

In the SGA constitution, an official can be impeached by a) majority vote of the executive committee b) two-thirds vote of the senate or c) recall by a 51 percent vote of the student body.

However, the question does remain: Does a vote of three officials constitute a legitimate process of impeachment? Or should the committee have taken matters to the student senate?

Furthermore, according to Gardner, the majority of the impeachment process was done via telephone.

LaBerge and Rhodes met together. They called Gardner. And, when Gardner responded with a vote to impeach, LaBerge called Williams to inform him.

In addition, these calls were made approximately 15 minutes before the campus curfew, all within one hour.

Why so late? According to LaBerge, the issue had to be dealt with immediately. He said that he was being pressured from others around him.

Analysis

Another questionable issue is that LaBerge contacted the press about the possibility of an impeachment before contacting Gardner, whose vote was needed to impeach Williams.

Also, Williams was not contacted regarding the impeachment nor given a list of the allegations against him until Gardner cast his vote.

Shouldn't Williams have been informed of the impeachment ahead of time? Did he not deserve to find out before the press?

Furthermore, there is question of whether the executive committee could have carried out an impeachment without the approval of the administration.

Could this have not been a break in the chain-of-command? The SGA constitution does not specify; however, this will be another issue for the court to look into.

Also, regarding the press and the public are questions concerning the closed Thursday senate session by executive order.

Open meeting laws state that the public and press must be given a 24-hour notice and a specific reason for the closed session.

However, do these laws apply to Liberty, a private institution? That's another question for the student court to answer.

One final question that the student court must attempt to answer is this: Who is telling the truth?

In regard to many of the allegations, the executive committee gives its side of the story while Williams contends the opposite. Who is right?

These questions arising from the allegations must be examined as the student court hearings begin.

However, the student court will not find it easy to set much overdue guidelines for due process.

SGA officials give both sides of issue

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Since the impeachment of Student Government Association Vice President Jason Williams was announced last week, rumors of all sorts have been circulating on campus. Despite speeches and meetings held by individuals on both sides of the issue, many people are still unsure of exactly what the facts are in the matter.

Even a large percentage of senators—those who may be the most involved—said they had a somewhat hazy understanding of the issues.

"There are so many charges flying around, I don't know what's true and what's not," one senator said.

According to another senator, Williams "I've only heard (Williams') side of the story. I really need to hear both sides."

The eight allegations listed in the indictment against Williams—and explanations of each—are as follows:

• Mr. Williams has callously threatened an executive officer, breaking Student Government unity.

In a speech following the student senate session Thursday, Feb. 24, Williams said he never had threatened an executive officer.

Vice President of Student Services Chris Gardner responded to by saying that Williams had threatened him.

"You told me the senate made (my) position (and) the senate could do away with my position," Gardner said.

Williams categorically denied this charge. "I never recall or never made that statement. That statement is false," he said.

• Mr. Williams has threatened the Executive Committee, opposing its authority and the authority of the Student Government constitution and the integrity of the university.

Gardner addressed this charge after answering the previous one.

"You threatened to make the Executive Committee look stupid and foolish. You were going to make a speech when you ran for president (saying) how bad this was," Gardner said.

LaBerge said Williams had threatened the Executive Committee when he was reprimanded by saying he would make it appear to be the laughingstock of Liberty University.

Williams said when he was approached the first time he would use his presidential speech to reveal that it

was "a bunch of garbage."

• Mr. Williams has conspired to undermine the leadership and duly elected authority of the Student Government Association, by breaking the chain of command within the executive offices, continuously and on three specific occasions.

A) University visit of Randall Terry on March 25, 1994; whereas the university and SGA were deeply embarrassed.

LaBerge said Williams set up Terry as a speaker for the SGA chapel on March 25. However, a different speaker was already scheduled.

Williams said he had talked with Terry while at the pro-life rally in Washington, D.C., but had just discussed him coming back in general.

"I never confirmed Randall Terry like they accused me of. I still do not know to this day whether Randall Terry is coming here or not," Williams said.

LaBerge said Terry thought the visit was already confirmed.

"They thought the president had cleared the whole thing. I sat there thinking, 'Wait, I'm the president,'" he said.

B) SGA Spirit Week was unknowingly approved without the prior consent of the SGA president or the dean of student life.

"The president did approve the Spirit Week. I did not get it approved by the dean of Student Life," Williams said.

LaBerge said the Executive Committee had never planned the event.

"We had just discussed the concept," he said. "We had never discussed the date."

The president said Mike Stewart, the dean of Student Life, asked him if Spirit Week had been approved.

"I felt like a deer caught in a headlight," LaBerge said.

Williams said that any miscommunication was unintentional.

"It was my every intention of letting Mr. LaBerge and Mr. Stuart know; however, I did not," he added.

C) An SGA budget meeting was set up with Norman Westervelt by Mr. Williams without the approval or knowledge of the SGA president or the dean of Student Life. Mr. Williams admitted to using this meeting for personal purposes, jeopardizing the integrity of SGA with the administration.

Williams said the meeting was not to discuss the budget but that miscommunication made it appear as though it was.

"It was a communication error on a secretary's part who put down on the memo for the meeting the budget," he said. "I had no intention of talking about the SGA budget."

Concerning the second part of the charge—that Williams used the meeting for personal purposes—the vice

president said he was checking on the status of his student loan check.

"His time is very scarce; my time is very scarce," Williams said. He added he did not want to make a separate appointment to cover the second topic.

"I was talking about personal issues," he said. "My time is my time when I want it to be my time and SGA time when I want it to be SGA time."

When, as a matter of formality, Westervelt checked with Stewart regarding the meeting topic, Stewart confirmed the process seemed out of sequence and agreed that the meeting should be cancelled until more information was available.

"Norm cancelled the meeting," the president said, adding that Williams had said the meeting was to "talk about my school bill."

"Any student would like to get a meeting to talk to Westervelt about his bill," LaBerge said, "but he shouldn't use his position to set it up."

• He has failed to meet with superiors and has shown general insubordination and discontent with his and their positions.

"I have personally, privately shown contempt for them and their actions," Williams said, "I have never publicly opposed Brian LaBerge or Chris Gardner on any measure. I'll give you a buck if you can show me what time that was."

"He had failed to show up for scheduled meetings. This has happened several times," LaBerge said.

"Basically, he was trying to be president. Maybe he was campaigning from office," LaBerge explained.

However, Williams said he missed very few, if any, committee meetings.

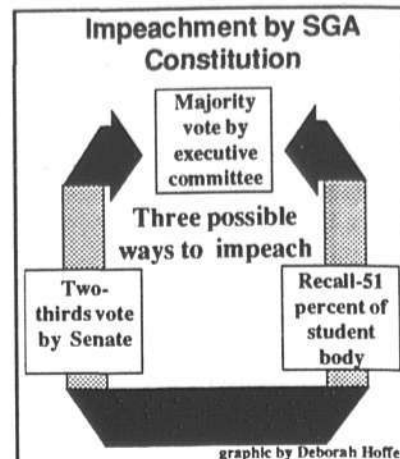
"As far as I know, I was attentive to all our Executive Committee meetings. I probably had better attendance than anyone else," Williams said.

• He has failed to fulfill his duties in senate, undermined the authority of the SGA constitution, overruled individual senators, chosen to ignore violations of close associates and has shown ill regard for the long-standing rules of parliamentary procedure, primarily in ignoring Robert's Rules of Order.

"I do not like parliamentary procedure in a strict sense," Williams said, adding that he did not like to "go through a mish-mash of garbage to get anything done."

LaBerge said the vice president had asked the parliamentarian to help him "run a strict senate."

"When the parliamentary pointed out problems, he said, 'We don't have to be that strict,'" LaBerge said.



• He has circumvented the administration's chain of command, ignoring the authority of his immediate superiors.

LaBerge cited Spirit Week and the alleged budget meeting as examples of this charge.

"I was shocked that my vice president would go around me and the dean of Student Life," he said.

Williams said he thought issues like this had been cleared up already.

"Immediately upon them recognizing that Spirit Week had been confirmed, they approached me. I apologized and told them it would not happen again," Williams said.

• He has used his position in a manipulating and profit-gaining way in the well-known case regarding a conflict of interest and violation of the Liberty Way, as seen in the founding of The Firm, as reported in the Feb. 8 issue of the Liberty Champion.

"I think this is a blatant conflict of interest. You have the head of the legislative branch representing clients before the court," LaBerge said.

However, Williams disagreed.

"How could there be conflict of interest here, people?" Williams asked in his speech. "This is not the real world. This is Liberty University."

• He has on various occasions abused and misused Student Government privileges and notably telephone privileges where he distributed his SGA access code liberally to persons loosely associated with SGA.

Williams said he had never given his access code out to people who did not deserve it; contrarily, he charged, LaBerge had given Williams' code to one of his cabinet members.

"Brian LaBerge gave my code to one of his cabinet members. I am being impeached because Brian LaBerge gave my access code to one of his own members," Williams said.

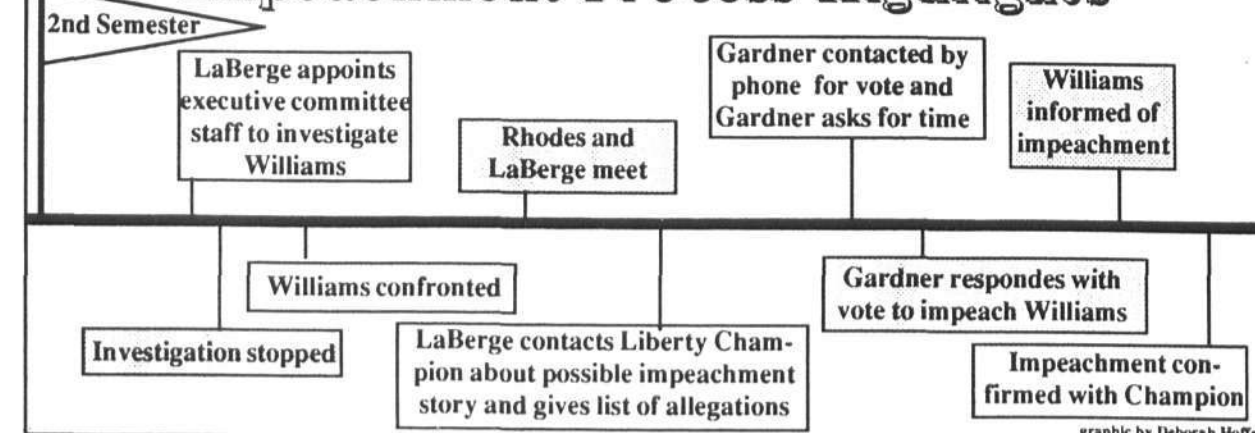
LaBerge categorically denied handing out Williams' number to any members of his cabinet.

"Why would I give Jay's access code in front of Jay—with him standing there—and him not say anything. I didn't give it out to anybody," LaBerge said.

The impeachment proceeding will go before the student court shortly.

Does a vote of three officials constitute a legitimate process of impeachment? Or should the committee have taken matters to the student senate?

Impeachment Process Highlights



Senate

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During the senate session, President Pro Tempore Chris Rhodes called roll for the senators who were allowed to stay, suspending several members of the SGA from the senate chamber, including Williams and his cabinet members and one member of LaBerge's cabinet.

"If your name is not on this roll and you have not removed yourself from the senate, I will have you removed by the power of the sergeant at arms," Rhodes said in the opening minutes.

Also, presidential cabinet member Trent Barton was fired from his position; however Barton said he was fired before the session.

"I had asked him to resign before, but he refused," LaBerge explained. "Basically, he had been neutral before the (impeachment). 'I didn't want to infringe on his neutrality,' he continued.

"This was a total embarrassment, basically. Everyone, now, has a negative image of the SGA," Barton said.

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World News

In the World...

Croats agree to peace in Bosnia

Croats are willing to pursue peace with Bosnian Muslims and a possible union, after being bloodied in fighting in the South.

Bosnian Croats raised the idea, a surprising turnaround from their previous recalcitrance, and gained the endorsement of their sponsor, Croatia President Franjo Tudjman. Muslim troops have hammered the Croat-dominated city of Mostar.

Yeltsin focuses on organized crime

Russian President Boris Yeltsin pledged to push ahead with his controversial Western-style economic reforms on Thursday, Feb. 24, but said it's not his country's No. 1 priority.

"The problem of the year is curbing crime," Yeltsin said in his first State of the Nation address. "Organized crime is trying to take the country by the throat."

Arafat blames U.S. for delays

PLO leader Yasser Arafat blamed the U.S. for delays in peace accords. Arafat said the Clinton administration's failure to intervene caused the delay in implementing peace accords signed with Israel in September.

In comments published in Jordan, Arafat accused Israeli troops of helping the spread of arms in the occupied territories in a plot to create chaos.

3,000 killed by Haitian regime

A U.N. study found that at least 3,000 people have been killed by Haiti's "regime of terror." The regime is made of the military leaders who overthrew elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991.

The report said paramilitary groups and armed thugs have operated with impunity since October 1993, when army leaders did not allow Aristide to return to power.

Spring pursues Irish peace

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said in London that British troops could be out of Northern Ireland within five years if the Irish Republican Army agreed to lay down its arms.

Meanwhile, the IRA firebombed nine stores, pubs and restaurants in Belfast early Sunday, Feb. 26. The bombings came a day after Britain and Ireland renewed a bid for peace in the province. No one was injured.

U.S. black soldiers harassed in Germany

Black soldiers at a U.S. Army barracks near Frankfurt, Germany, have been the target of a hate campaign of telephone threats and graffiti for the past 18 months, a U.S. military spokesman said on Thursday, Feb. 24.

People in the 4,000-member U.S. military community at Buedingen, 20 miles northwest of Frankfurt, said most of the targets were first sergeants.

Across the Nation...

Justice opposes death penalty

Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, best known for his support of abortion rights, said on Tuesday, Feb. 22, that he could no longer support the death penalty.

Announcement of his dramatic conversion came in the case of Texas death-row inmate Bruce Edward Callins, convicted of killing a man in a Fort Worth bar 14 years ago.

Some abortion foes have criticized Blackmun, author of 1973's Roe vs. Wade ruling.

Villalpando pleads guilty

Former U.S. Treasurer Catalina Vasquez Villalpando pleaded guilty Thursday, Feb. 24, to tax evasion, obstruction of justice and conspiring to hide income she received from a former employer.

Villalpando, whose signature appears on U.S. paper money printed between December 1989 and January 1993, admitted evading more than \$47,000 in federal income taxes.

Georgia schools may be silenced

Georgia students may soon get a chance to reflect on their school days.

The state Senate has passed a bill that would require schools to have a moment of quiet reflection each day. The bill now goes to the House.

Pennsylvania abortion law given go-ahead

Pennsylvania's new abortion law, one of the nation's strictest, will take effect March 20. Judge Dan Pellegrini in Harrisburg approved a settlement between state officials and abortion-rights advocates.

The law has not been enforced during five years of court battles.

Criminals are employed as aides

Thousands of violent criminals work in U.S. nursing homes, a six-month Gannett News Service probe shows. There are enough bad aides to average one for each of the 20,000 nursing homes in the U.S.

"Something is terribly, horribly wrong (when) people who work in nursing homes are committing ... serious crimes," Elma Holder, of the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, said.

Homeless rate has topped 7 million

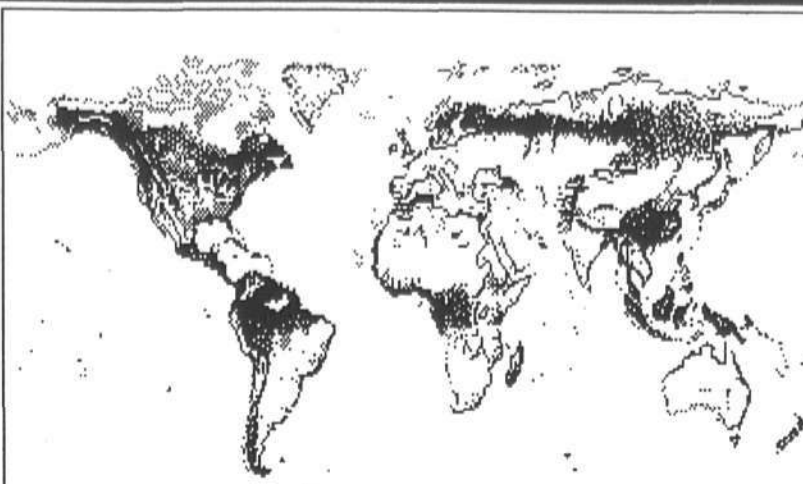
In the largest estimate yet of how widespread homelessness is, a draft presidential policy says more than 7 million Americans have been homeless at some point since the mid-80s.

The draft recommends beefed-up federal programs to help the homeless, including more and better housing subsidies, say those who have read it. However, it gives no details on what such programs would cost or how to pay for them.

Groups protest Rush

More controversy is rising over Rush Limbaugh's connection to Florida orange juice.

A gay-rights group in Arizona is calling for a one-week boycott of Florida orange juice. The group is protesting the hiring of Limbaugh as the pitchman for the product.



Health care reform may hinge on abortion issue

Both sides of the abortion debate are taking action as Congress begins debate on health-care reform. Concerned Women for America, a 600,000-member conservative group, wants lawmakers to pledge to vote against any bill covering abortions.

Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood is spending \$10 million on ads, postcards and other media to keep abortion and birth control in the bill.

Issue may prevent reform

The dispute over abortion "has the potential" to derail health-care reform, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., a leading abortion opponent, said.

President Clinton's plan doesn't mention abortion but promises coverage of reproductive health, which Hillary Rodham Clinton says includes abortion. Some "want this to turn into a debate on abortion," Rep. Nita Lowey, D-NY, said.

Plans rarely address abortion

The first lady has said the White House plan would have a "conscience clause" letting hospitals avoid abortion. But it would have no way for employers to avoid paying for insurance that includes abortion coverage.

Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., sponsor of a rival plan, has said he would support letting women buy supplemental policies. But a spokeswoman calls his plan "abortion neutral."

Division mirrors public mind

Americans are split over whether women ought to pay extra for insurance that covers abortions.

A Louis Harris Poll in October found 62 percent believe people should pay more for abortion coverage. A poll in May by the Democratic firm Mellman-Lazarus-Lake found 64 percent wanted abortion in a basic health plan.

U.S. catches CIA double agent

A veteran CIA officer and his wife have been charged in what President Clinton called "a very serious case" of spying for the Soviets and Russians.

Aldrich Ames, 52, and Maria del Rosario Casas Ames, 41, were charged Tuesday, Feb. 22, with conspiracy to commit espionage and are being held without bail. The maximum sentence if convicted: Life in prison.

Double agent active since 1985

The couple is accused of handing over information since 1985 about "classified CIA operations and classified CIA human assets."

The documents were given to the Soviet KGB and its Russian successor in exchange for \$1.5 million in payoffs. Authorities suspect the information resulted in the killing of U.S. intelligence contacts.

Divorce may have spurred Ames

Investigators suspect Ames turned to the KGB in 1985 after a messy divorce, not over ideology.

Cited as key reasons: Financial pressures from Ames' split from his first wife and personal discouragement from not being promoted as rapidly as some colleagues. There have been reports 10 or more CIA sources in Russia betrayed by Ames may have been executed.

U.S.-Russian relations scarred

Espionage charges against Ames caused concern on Capitol Hill Thursday, Feb. 24. Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas wants aid halted to Russia unless Moscow cooperates in the prosecution of the former CIA officer, who may have cooperated with the KGB.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said aid is given to Russia in the best interest of the USA.

House may hire more gays

More than half of the U.S. House members have signed pledges promising not to discriminate in the hiring and promotion of homosexuals who work for them, according to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Those taking the vow include: Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash.; Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.; Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill.; and 52 Republicans.

Balanced budget talks grow hot

Hundreds of groups intensified their lobbying campaigns Wednesday, Feb. 23, as a sharply divided Senate opened full-scale debate on a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget.

For the amendment: The Taxpayers Union and about 150 other groups, ranging from the American Farm Bureau to the National Association of Manufacturers. Against: Families USA and several labor unions.

Mayor endorses needle exchange program

A plan to let Baltimore drug addicts exchange dirty needles for clean ones was presented Wednesday, Feb. 23, by a Maryland Senate committee.

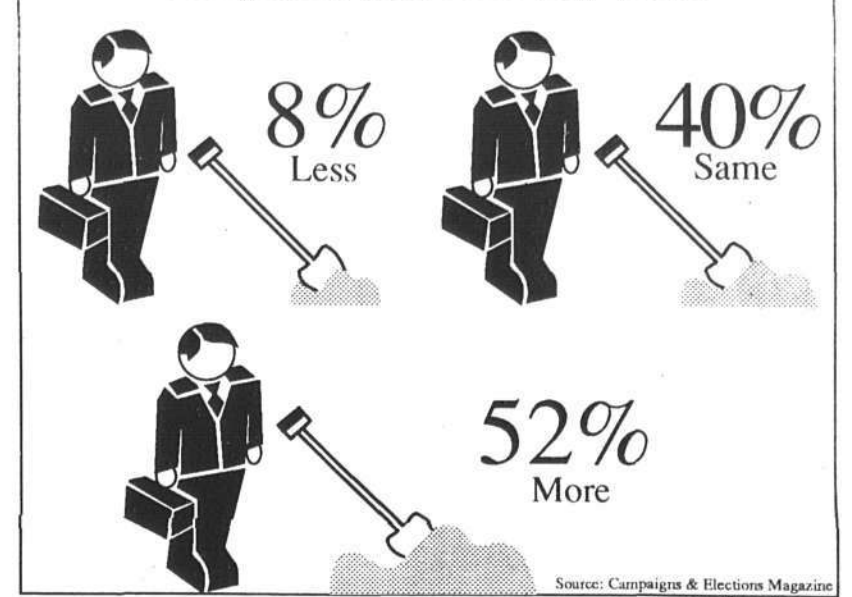
The plan, backed by Mayor Kurt Schmoke, will fight the spread of AIDS, supporters say. The measure has been defeated in the past but now has support from the governor, Senate president, House speaker and the state's top health official.

Agent Orange appeal denied

The Supreme Court on Tuesday, Feb. 22, declined to consider appeals aimed at giving Vietnam veterans and their families a new chance to sue chemical makers over exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange.

Under a 1984 settlement, an average \$3,200 was paid to 30,000 veterans who died or were permanently disabled. However, up to 200,000 were exposed but not diagnosed before 1984.

1994 Negative Campaigning Predictions Compared With Past Ten Years



Maryland addresses assisted suicide

Doctors would be barred from helping terminally ill patients commit suicide under a bill before the Maryland Senate.

Physician-assisted suicide could lead to coercing the elderly and poor to take their own lives, say backers of the bill.

Foes say the measure interferes with self-determination rights.

HIV announcement was premature

The State Department jumped the gun by telling U.S. embassies a ban on HIV-infected travelers had been lifted, Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday, Feb. 24.

The department said Wednesday Reno had given waivers to HIV-infected people to attend the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival June 18-25 in New York.

"I'm not even aware of the issue," Reno said.

Many children miss food program

Millions of needy children lack access to federal summer feeding programs, the Food Research & Action Center said Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Only one in six of the needy children participating in school lunch programs takes part in summer food programs sponsored by the Department of Agriculture.

"Children's need for nutritious meals does not go on vacation just because school is out," the Center said.

L.A. admits King liability

The city of Los Angeles formally offered to admit liability for the Rodney King beating on Thursday, Feb. 24.

The move leaves only one decision up to a jury: How much King should get for medical costs, loss of employment and pain and suffering.

Such an admission spares the city from the phase of the trial that would focus on punitive damages.

Hill attempts to erase charges

Paul Hill, 39, a figure in the film "In The Name of the Father" and a Kennedy family in-law, returned to a Belfast, Northern Ireland, court Wednesday, Feb. 23, to try to clear his name.

Hill was freed on bail in 1989 after 15 years in jail on charges of bombing British pubs and killing Brian Shaw, 21, accused by the IRA of being a British spy. Hill said he was abused into confessing.

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II Corinthians 3:17

Administration praised for role in first impeachment

Although the skirmishing will continue for some time, the administration (namely Dean Bruce Traegar, assistant vice president of student development and Mike Stewart, dean of student development) should be commended for keeping the decision for the deposition of Executive Vice President Jason Williams up to Student Government.

The final decision is now left up to the student court, ironically an institution set up under the administration of President Bryan LaBerge.

Though most people are still trying to figure out the meanings of the misconduct allegations (much of the terminology in the accusations available to the public is vague and ambiguous), according to the SGA constitution, the impeachment did follow guidelines. Furthermore, the present (and undoubtedly soon to be amended) constitution says little of the matter. Apparently all that is needed for the impeachment of an officer is a majority vote of the Executive Committee—a vote that was obtained.

Friends of the accused point to the absence of "due process" and allude to the fact that certain "civil rights" were violated. This poses several serious questions regarding the understanding of legality and the type of institution we attend.

For instance, interesting things happen to certain "civil rights" in a private institution when one signs an agreement to abide by its creeds and regulations. Civil rights? There aren't any.

Just think of all the havoc that would result if everyone demanded "due process" for every offense or decision he felt was wrong during his tenure here. To avoid such a fiasco, a type of personal responsibility is assumed. Since a person chooses to attend a school with such a rigid dogma, it is assumed he has done so by choice and, by choice, will abide by its rules. The upside to this environment? The chosen institution's philosophical foundation usually corresponds closely to personal beliefs, hence a student's choice for attending. (For instance, we are not forced to attend lectures by Marxist professors and other tattered remnants of the Sixties, a phenomenon all too prevalent in modern public education.)

If the esteemed campus legal scholars had been studying their John Grisham novels a little more closely, perhaps they would have learned about cases such as *Hazelwood School Districts vs. Kuhlmeier* or *Stanley v. McGrath*. Both these cases deal with censorship of school media.

Why is this pertinent? Because the papers were school funded. The administrations had a hand in what was printed and what was not, and it was their right to be a part of the process.

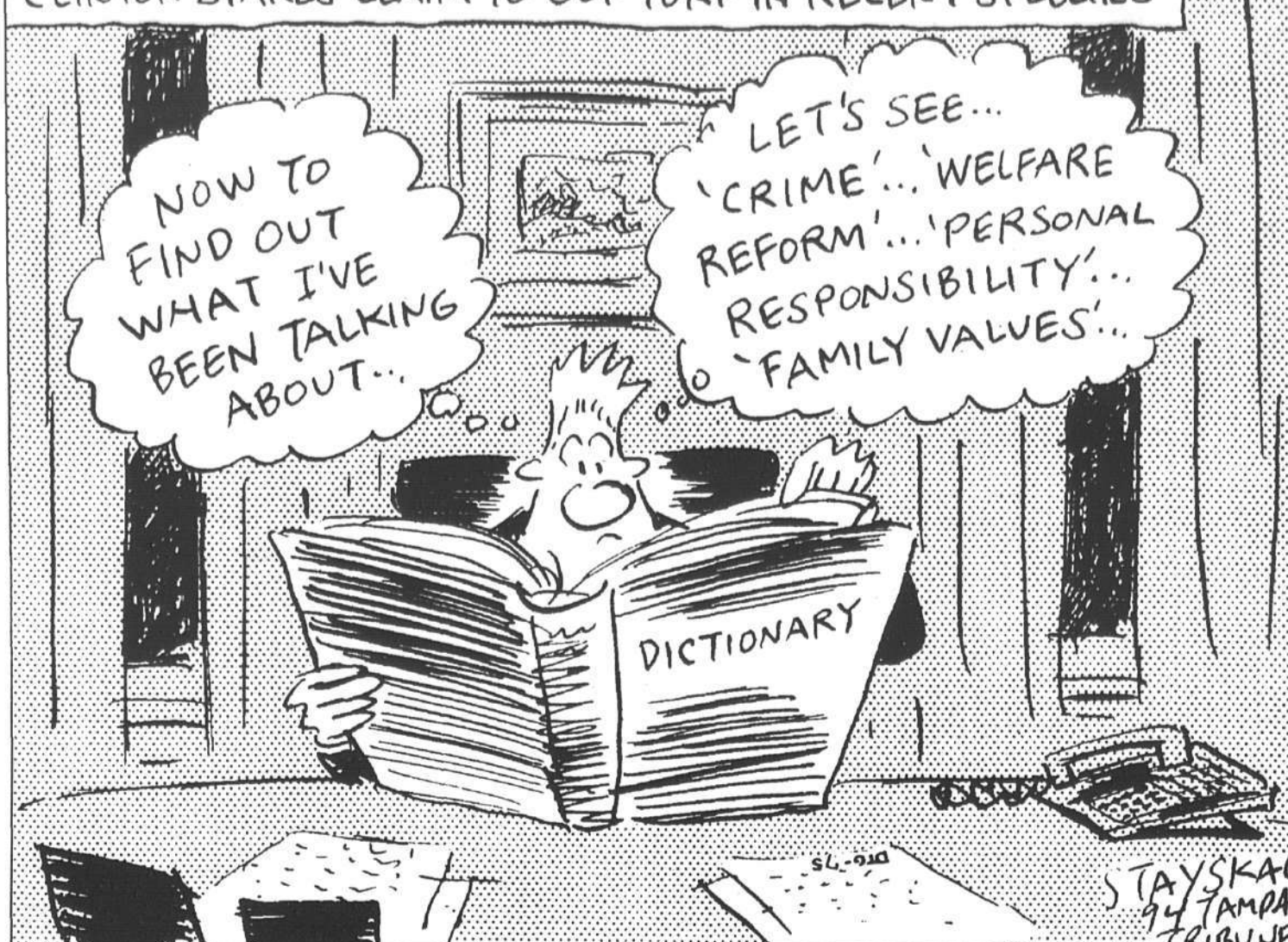
These comparisons basically state that whatever is privately funded is privately administrated and hence "civil rights," at least in the context of private institution student government associations, are moot. Had the deposed been denied admittance to a particular class or section because of his race, creed or religion, that would be a question that would be decided in civil court and is an entirely different matter.

But in this instance regarding the Student Government Association, nothing lasting or permanent can be made of the entire situation outside the bounds of SGA itself. In other words, outside SGA—in the "real world"—nobody really cares who's rights, if any, were violated.

Now it is up to the student court to uncloud its thinking, put all bias aside and decide two issues. First, does due process, in the context of a private institution's student government association exist? And secondly, was the impeachment itself constitutional?

And if the decision does not please all parties, it is encouraging to note that the administration at least gives students responsibility over their own student government association.

CLINTON STAKES CLAIM TO GOP TURF IN RECENT SPEECHES



Society has abandoned priorities of family, resulting in welfare chaos

Materialism and other words associated with it are tossed around loosely by conservatives and anti-capitalists alike. Indeed, the "whoever dies with the most toys wins" ideology seems prevalent in today's society. Benevolence and charity take a back seat to personal gain.

Opponents of the Reagan era use terms like "materialism" as a buzzword and almost equate the two.

Society has become more materialistic. A glut of advertising and other means of luring consumers bombards us everyday. Image is everything, we are told, and to be upwardly mobile in this information age requires just the right look.

As proof, look at the overly burdened welfare system. Gone are the huge charities of the early 1900s—long since replaced by the Roosevelt programs, L.B. Johnson's Great Society and the recent slide toward socialism.

Gone are the days when citizens put the cares of the less fortunate above their own. Benevolence has been replaced by government, which has made a mess of it.

But what has been the cause of this slide toward materialism and the subsequent strain on socialistic agencies and the like?

Perhaps it can be best summed up in one word: Priorities.

In today's family structure (which is just as out of whack) the traditional priorities of food, shelter and education have been replaced by shallow materialistic, short-term gain. Proponents of more social monies for

the poor cite the lack of full-time jobs and low minimum wage as reason enough to spend more money on welfare.

Well, if one job is not enough, get two. Or three. A number of fellow students (myself included) come to mind who are attending classes full time and juggling jobs, cars, rent and loans. Many of these people are married.

How about awarding them with some tax credits and initiative instead of raping their paycheck every week for the benefit of those without initiative. Yet there was a time when this was the norm.

A hard-working student slugged his way through college to be rewarded with a good position later. However, this has been replaced by many with a freeloading ideology that makes a mockery of the Protestant Work Ethic, a basis for this country's existence.

Socialistic proponents will cringe at this insensitive wording, crying that "most who receive social monies need it."

This I refuse to believe, after seeing hordes (yes, hordes) of able-bodied freeloaders lining up in local banks during a certain time of the month to cash their checks, clad in the latest fashionable garb, sporting their \$150 Nikes. An unrealistic scenario? No.

Another example I encountered in the past was the almost daily occurrence of a potential hiree asking for the signature of a manager of a particular establishment that could be procured to the correct bureaucratic avenue.

What were these signatures for? Falsely telling the un-employment office that they



BRENT M. TRIMBLE

in disbelief. Sure everyone has not forgotten the Protestant Work Ethic?

I applaud those young couples who forgo the easy route of a two income family—who sacrifice financially in order to allow their children to remain just that: their children—not raised by a day-care system. And to those parents who cannot—a government who penalizes the nuclear family to the extent it does is despicable.

I applaud the young couple, who, when the children reach school age, forgo purchasing the BMW and instead send their children into a caring, Christian education environment; and if there is not one available, they take their children's own education upon themselves. These are true priorities.

It is hoped that our generation will not forgo the dreams and sacrifices of our parents in search of a vain material idol, one that only gets bigger the more you attain.

Don't assume leadership with title; leaders need to earn respect

With the recent Student Government scandal (over the impeachment of a top executive board member) in full bloom and "evidence" of foul play abounding with each passing day, it has occurred to me that perhaps the student body at Liberty University should question the concept it holds of leaders and leadership.

To many students at Liberty, a "leader" is merely someone with a neat title next to his name, someone whom every "titleless" student should hold in awe and deep admiration.

However, I beg to differ with the countless numbers of students who feel prone to hand out quick-earned respect and admiration.

What has that individual done to EARN your respect? And more importantly, do you feel that they SHOULD earn your respect?

However, at Liberty, students do not realize that whether they are a prayer leader, an RA, a class officer or an SGA officer, respect is not automatic.

For example: Suppose a student eagerly pushes himself into a leadership position on campus, then begins to use that power to meet his own personal agenda. Throughout this personal power play, the "leader" burns people left and right without a second thought. However, many students look up to the



PAMELA E. WALCK

"leader" because much was accomplished through the person's questionable actions. Should this individual deserve respect?

And better yet, would you give it to him?

You may claim that similar actions from student "leaders" do not occur on the campus of Liberty University. However, it does, more than most people realize.

Because whether you are walking through DeMoss, playing arcade games at David's Place or resting in your dorm, you will encounter numerous forms of student "leaders." But have you ever stopped to question what made them a leader?

According to Webster's Dictionary, a leader is "a person who has commanding authority or influence."

And while many people at Liberty seem to have that "commanding influence," have you ever stuck around to hear the snickers and giggles following their commanding demand?

This is not to say that "titleless" students should blatantly ignore and show disrespect for all people in authority over them, but rather, I suggest that students begin asking themselves why they call these people their leaders.

Until students do that, their student leaders will never be held accountable for what they do—both fairly and unfairly.

For instance, take a look at the leadership problems on the national level.

Do you honestly think that if the constituents of all those check-bouncing congressmen (last fall) held them accountable, the elected officials would still be in office? I

think not.

Likewise, at Liberty, students need to hold their leaders accountable and make them earn respect.

When respect is EARNED, leaders tend to hold their position with more enthusiasm, care and integrity.

For example: In the Bible, Moses was called by God to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses did not want the job...and even made up grandiose excuses for why he should NOT take the job.

Nonetheless, God used Moses to lead the Israel nation out of a land of oppression and into the "land of milk and honey." Sure, Moses messed up along the way...after all he was human.

Yet regardless of his humanity, Moses had to earn respect and pay his dues. (The Israelites were extremely disrespectful and untrusting toward Moses from day one.) If anyone had to prove integrity and capability as a leader it was Moses. But God never gave up on him and Moses was successful.

I guess it all boils down to this: Anyone can have a title, but not everyone can BE a leader. In fact, titles mean NOTHING. It is what people DO with their title that counts.

Leadership is not something anyone should take lightly, nor is it something to be abused. Rather, it is something that should be handled with discretion and integrity.

Unfortunately, not until the students at Liberty understand this and demand that their leaders show integrity, will any true leaders be found on Liberty Mountain.

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Commentary

Olympians display pure athleticism, triumph of spirit

By BRENT TRIMBLE
Opinion Editor

The Olympic fever that strikes every few years is equalled only in the criticisms it receives. Unfair judging, athletes who are not so amateur and scandals like the Harding/Kerrigan affair cloud the otherwise innocent event.

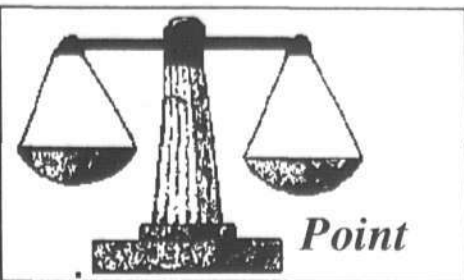
Opponents of the Olympics and the commercialization generated are ignorant of the amount of preparation that a spot on the Olympic roster entails.

For years, the U.S. teams that went to the Olympics were beleaguered with small budgets and other trials which put them at a severe disadvantage to the mechanical monsters of the European teams.

This made victories all the more sweet, giving everyone a lump in the throat and tear in the eye seeing a jubilant young American standing on the winner's podium receiving a gold medal.

The Olympics have brought great moments in American history—from Jessie Owen's lightning speed in Munich that put to rest Hitler's claim to a master race to the "Miracle on Ice" in Lake Placid which pitted a young, emotional American team against the men in Red.

Most hockey fans can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when Mikeruzione scored the go ahead goal. For myself, it was at my grandmother's house, on a small TV. My entire family was clustered around. Grandma was fervently praying the Rosary, while us Protestants (Who



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had been let out of church early to watch the game—a good indication of the magnitude of hockey in New England) were simply praying. Hard.

Perhaps it was the time. Remember that the Soviet Union was still the Evil Empire; the Berlin Wall had not fallen. A group of young men who had only skated together for a few months opposed to Soviet team, which rivaled even the best professional hockey clubs. Man against the machine. David and Goliath.

The youngsters came out hitting and crashing and wore out their opponents with pure emotion. Their haphazard brand of dump and chase hockey, combined with a sheer will to win out-fought their communist counterparts.

When the final goal was scored and the Russians stared vacantly and dejectedly at the scoreboard, the jubilation was incredible. In our small town, there was dancing in the streets, fire engine sirens shrieking and church bells ringing. Not too few tears were shed by young and old alike.

Moments like these are not found on the courts of the NBA or ice of the NHL. Some-

how the performance of amateur athletes supersedes that of the professional. An athlete who sacrifices his life to the sport without much monetary compensation deserves the recognition only the Olympics can give.

And seeing an athlete perform under extreme pressure, knowing they have only this one chance for success—and then do it, is even more unbelievable.

A speed skater who knows that one misplaced stroke will send him home empty handed or a ski racer who knows that one-hundredth of a second separates him and the leader and still outperforms his competition is incredible.

Critics of the games contend that the purity of sport is clouded with endorsements and advertising.

It may be true that a gold-medal Olympian will make his share of money after the games, endorsing everything from denture cremes to sneakers, and having his visage grace many cereal boxes. But after years of sweat and toil, this is a capitalistic reward for a job well done.

Remember, many of these kid's parents took out third mortgages on their houses and worked two jobs just so their children could have the best coaching and best equipment.

So let the games go on—our athletes deserve it. Be happy that unlike baseball and football season the Olympics are short and uninterrupted by players striking over their meager multi-million dollar contracts.

The Olympics are the purest sporting events we have left.



Athletes sought Lillehammer gold, but not the medal kind

By JIM BOOTH
Assistant Graphics Editor

These Winter Olympics have made me realize even more than ever that the Olympic Games are nothing but a mass money making event, bringing millions to the host countries, the major television broadcasters and the winning competitors.

The adds that run during the games get more attention and remembrance than the events themselves.

The only way we remember those athletes who succeed in obtaining a medal are through the various advertisements and cereal boxes that depict the individual showing off his medal—or in some cases medals.

The Olympics are no longer amateur events, but professional. Because of the professionalism and the commercialization

of the Olympics, winning a medal for a country is no longer the means for competition. Rather, making the money from endorsements has become the means for competition.

The viewers are inundated with endorsements and sponsor names during the games. For instance, we see a skier shoot down the mountain, go through the finish, look for the camera; and before you know it, he has his skies off and is sticking them in the lens to make sure that his sponsors are happy and are getting some advertising.

Do they really care how they do in the race?

The first Olympic Games in Greece were held to please the gods; now they are held to please the sponsors and the consumers.

The Olympics need to return to amateur status, keep the big corporations out of it and



Counterpoint

let the participants compete and win for the glory of their country, not for the glory of money.

However, now it will be next to impossible to change it back to amateur status. Remember the Olympic "Dream Team" that annihilated every basketball team in its path in the Summer Olympics? It was no contest. It made those amateurs and semi-pros from other countries look like high schoolers compared to the USA.

Because of the money-making aspect of these Winter Games, those less common athletes and events such as the Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing or the Nordic Combined (cross-country skiing and the ski jump), make little revenue for companies and receive very little air time compared with the downhill skiing or figure skating. Hence, making those smaller events very small in popularity.

One ironic aspect of these games is the label, the "Environmental Games" given by the media. The Olympics have also been called the same by environmental groups because of the conservation in trees used, road systems and waste disposal.

However, in the opening ceremonies, a few hundred balloons were let loose into the sky. It reminded me of the big environmentalist furry of letting balloons into the atmos-

phere were they can be taken by winds and end up in the ocean for the creatures to eat them and die. Some environmental games.

The Olympic Games are nothing but a large commercial entity for the host country as well.

Tourism is the first and long lasting economic nourisher for the host, bringing large amounts of people to the country for the games and then down the road for many years to come.

In addition, the host country holds world championship events and houses trainers for future Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee needs to change the rules and bring amateur status to the games—leaving large corporations out of it, or the Olympics will end up just like the college football bowl games such as the Pulan Weed Eater Bowl.

Liberty Forum

Amway corporation responds

Editor:

Liberty University should be applauded for providing students the opportunity to gain journalistic experience by writing for *The Champion* newspaper. Judging from his story, "Get rich quick schemes warrant closer examination," *Champion* reporter Jim Booth has much to learn about journalism and can use the experience.

He ends his story by stating that "Amway deserves a closer look." He should have thought of that before writing his story. Had he done some research, checked his facts and indeed taken a closer look, he could have written an article based on something more than his personal opinion and conjecture.

One of the most blatant errors was that Amway was successfully sued by Procter & Gamble two years ago. Further, Amway does not claim to be based on Christian principle. The Amway Sales and Marketing Plan provides a business opportunity for people from all walks of life, regardless of their personal beliefs. Refuting Mr. Booth's errors and skewed observations would require a letter much longer than your allowed maximum, but he and readers of *The Champion* should at least be aware of the following facts:

Amway Corporation this year is celebrating 35 years of successful growth, and today is one of the largest privately held companies in the United States and one of the largest direct selling companies in the world, with reported annual sales for fiscal 1993 of \$4.5 billion. More than two million independent distributors in 60 countries and territories

market more than 400 Amway products and services and the brand-name products of other major companies.

Thousands of independent Amway distributors in this country have realized both financial and personal goals. The Amway opportunity is creating new hope for people in the former communist countries of Eastern Europe and developing countries such as Mexico, and next year Amway will provide a better way of life for citizens in the People's Republic of China. Amway's philosophy of reaping rewards in proportion to individual effort is being embraced by people around the world. Jim Booth is welcome to refuse to hear the whole Amway story. If that is his choice, however, he should not publish his opinions based on his limited and inaccurate information.

Kimberly A. Bruyn
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Former VP responds to impeachment

Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the many false and misleading allegations made against me by Bryan LaBerge, the SGA president.

With such a short space, it is hard to defend oneself entirely from the allegations made. My official response consisted of 3,000 words and seven pages of evidence and facts surrounding my impeachment. It is very unfortunate that not all of the students may get the full story regarding this. However, it is available to any who ask. All I can say is that I would hope the student body would ask some of these questions regarding this atrocity and injustice that has occurred.

- Why was I not given a proper hearing and a chance to defend myself against these false rumors and allegations?
- Why was I not invited to the "emergency" meeting of the executive committee meeting,

even though I am not one of its only THREE members?

- Why was *The Liberty Champion* notified of my "impeachment" before I was?
- Why was the meeting conducted over the phone late Sunday night after curfew and not in the open where everyone could see the charges? (So much for "bringing justice to light," Bryan.)
- Why was I tried, convicted and thrown out of office before even hearing about it?
- Why was I not given a copy of the charges against me, either before or after the "impeachment."
- Why were his subordinates ordered not to let me see the charges against me or the "evidence" against me?
- Why, when I requested to hear the charges from Mr. LaBerge, was I only given four, when there are supposedly eight?
- Why was an individual allowed to vote in

my "impeachment" even though he is not an officer. That is a violation of the Constitution to do so.

- Why did Bryan lie about the "warning" he gave me about such instances, when he never did such a thing?
- Why are the charges against me so vague and not at all specific?
- Why couldn't these charges, if so substantial, be brought before the senate?

These are only a few of the questions I and many others have concerning this issue. Numerous other ethical and procedural violations still need to be accounted for by Mr. LaBerge.

All I really want to know though is one thing. Since when is benefitting the student body a crime, Mr. LaBerge?

Jason Williams
SGA Executive Vice President

Irked student calls for re-examination of telephone policies

Editor:

I am writing as a concerned student of Liberty University in regards to the telephone service department. Being a new transfer student this semester has brought many new frontiers to explore in my life. One of these new explorations is the telephone service department.

I registered for the Secured Account which is supposed to be a benefit because you never have to go and pay a certain amount all the

time—they just bill a major credit card for you. When I had originally heard this, I felt that this would be the best way to accommodate my phone needs. However, I did not realize the problems that I would be encountering!

After receiving my first statement, I was amazed at the charges!

I realized that they have time interval billing, which means if from the time you hit the last digit of the number you are dialing, your

one minute has begun to tick; and if you do not hang up before that one minute mark, you are automatically billed for one minute. Also, after seeing the amount per minute charged, I was outraged. It seems as though they would be competitive with other long distance companies.

I guess they are the exception. Also I was outraged for the automatic fifty cent charge for 800 numbers. I guess that defeats the purpose of toll-free! Also, the further the

distance you call, the more expensive per minute the cost is. Being that I am from Arizona (3,000 miles from here), it is to my disadvantage. I was also outraged at not being able to place a phone card call from my phone.

I do not feel that I should be responsible for paying such outrageous prices when receiving below average service. I do not feel it is my fault for them being technologically out of date.

In their pamphlet it says that if you have Secured Account, they would send you a copy of the charge that was made as soon as it was made.

Well, my account was overdrawn, causing a lot of problems with my bank, because they were not fulfilling their responsibility by notifying me in a timely manner.

It would seem that since as students we pay around \$400 - 500 in general fees each semester (if you are a full-time student) it would possibly cover the cost of updating the phone system.

I feel this is of great concern not only to me but to the entire student body. I would greatly appreciate some response and action taken in this matter.

Angie Miller

Shawn C. McCartee

Angered student asks

Editor:

When I picked up the *Liberty Champion* on Tuesday afternoon and noticed the article "Williams impeached," I was caught off guard. At first I thought I was the one who was "out of touch" and didn't really understand how someone who has benefited the school so much had been impeached.

Then, as I read the article, I noticed something. Maybe you noticed it too. Besides all the backbiting and double-dealing behind closed doors that Sunday night, I realized there was a sense of arrogance on behalf of Mr. Bryan LaBerge. You see, to Mr. LaBerge, Student Government has become his chance

to play "Washington, D.C.," and pretend or hope that we are all so stupid to not catch it. Whatever happened to serving the students? A quote from Bryan, "whenever you have to deal with disciplining a colleague that you have to deal with closely it is not something you look forward to." Come on now, Bryan. Let the truth be known that your disciplining your vice president to inform him he had been impeached happened Sunday night at 12:30 p.m., after the *Liberty Champion* had already been contacted. Had you been concerned with your colleague, not only should he himself been at your "emergency meeting" which was actually over the telephone, but

the one other member of the Executive Committee Chris Gardner did not vote until after Mr. LaBerge called the *Liberty Champion*.

Not only was Mr. Williams not given the chance to vote or defend himself, two people who formed the "majority" decided one man's fate.

Was Bryan concerned about his vice president? If I'm interpreting this right, Mr. Williams was still vice president at the time of their so called meeting but was not informed until later that night.

This action was nothing short of scandalous and very self-motivated. Bryan was

Feature

Students respond to family's plea

Forty-five students help family move

By LISA PARYS
Champion Reporter

Wayne Walker, a local missionary who's had both of his legs amputated, feared his plea for volunteers who could help pack his family's belongings into a moving van might go unanswered.

His request, however, inspired LU teacher Glenn Hawkins to devise a plan which would help the family.

Hawkins put signs up around campus and asked students from his GNED class to help the Walker family. In response, approximately 45 LU students showed up ready and willing to work.

"We were very thankful for the kids who showed up. It was a Saturday morning and they came early, which is unusual for college students. It would've taken much longer otherwise," Mrs. Bonnie Sue Walker said.

According to Hawkins, the students were able to get all of the family's belongings, which included 30 barrels and 200-300 boxes, out of the house in two and a half hours.

"Some of the girls were in the house cleaning up for me. They did a lot of things for me so that I didn't have to do anything," Mrs. Walker said.

She added that the students' willingness to serve might have been because the African Children's Choir from Uganda had recently performed in an LU convocation.

Sophomore James Honeycutt, age 28, was

one of the students who helped move the Walkers as a result of Hawkins' plea.

"I'm new to the concept of serving the Lord, and this was an excellent opportunity to do that," he said about his reason for showing up to help.

"I enjoy this opportunity and being of service to others to the glory of God. I have always felt that being in service to others is important, especially as a Christian," Honeycutt added.

He also enjoyed the time he got to spend talking with Mrs. Walker. "I really sensed a commitment to the Lord in her."

He liked the Walkers so much that he wants to go and visit them during the semester break of the next school year. In addition, Honeycutt has developed a desire to go to the mission field himself.

"What a great way to experience culture and serve the Lord at the same time," he exclaimed.

"He's welcome anytime. We also have a standing invitation for all LU students as long as they don't all come at the same time," Mrs. Walker said.

The Walker family, which includes nine children, is moving to Uganda, East Africa, where they have decided to work at an orphanage called "Good Shepherd Babies' Home."

"We want to take in orphans and raise them up for the Lord, while evangelizing in East Africa," Mrs. Walker concluded.



ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY — Wayne and Brenda Sue Walker are moving to Uganda, East Africa. They have nine children, some of whom are adopted.

Answers Please

"Whom do you turn to for spiritual encouragement?"



Darrius Harris
Washington, D.C.

"My youth pastor because he's closer to my age and can relate to my problems."



Jaimie Volosin
Pittsburgh, Pa.

"My best friend, Morning, because she's so godly and she knows what to say."



Princess Boatwright
Bermuda

"First I would turn to God, and then I can turn to my pastor my uncle."



Lui Yiren
Chester, Pa.

"I would go to a pastoral professor because my major is pastoral ministries."



Christopher England
Johnstown, N.Y.

"My grandmother because she always encourages me by writing and praying for me."

Mechanic uses vocation to help others

By DAVID HART
Feature Editor

Are you one of those people who associates mechanics with words like "cheat," or "swindler?" David Nord, a 24-year-old sophomore from Prior Lake, Minn., is doing everything he can to reverse that.

Nord, now studying pastoral studies and youth ministry, left his job as a full-time mechanic because he didn't agree with many of his co-workers. Now he'd rather fix cars for students and save them money.

For two years, Nord went through Automotive Services Education, which was a program sponsored by General Motors. It taught him general mechanics, as well as things that were specific to GM cars.

"It was an internship, where I would go to school for 12 weeks, then go to work for 12 weeks practicing what we had learned in school. I graduated second in my class, right behind my best friend, from that school," he said.

Eventually he was offered the position of working on quarter-ton, half-ton and one-ton trucks for a trucking business called Zeigler. He worked 50 hours a week, but wasn't being paid what he truly deserved.

"I'd always said that wasn't what I wanted, but I started and I wanted to finish it. Unfor-

"I enjoy fixing people's cars because I know it's God's way of providing for me... I thought by putting signs around campus, I could help others and still use my vocation."

— David Nord
Sophomore

tunately, through those years of working day in and day out — fixing cars just wasn't fun any more," he said.

Even affected his spiritual life. Nord had been really active in his home church, but ever since his sophomore year of high school, his desire had steadily changed.

"I began to see people in the church as very hypocritical. I was upset at my friends who couldn't say a sentence without taking the Lord's name in vain, swearing, smoking and drinking and trying to be a witness," he said.

The turning point, however, was a Bible study on Saturday nights started by a close friend. This person continually asked Nord if he would like to attend.

"At this point and time in my life, I'd gone to several things trying to fill that missing thing in my life. I was real reluctant at first, but he kept bugging me and I finally said, 'alright, I'll come.' It was nice to be invited out

by somebody also. Somebody was reaching out to me," Nord said.

"I got there and there were all my friends that I grew up with, and seeing that everybody else was going through the same thing that I was was very encouraging. Seeing these friends and having their support, caused me to start reading the Bible again and recommit my life to Christ," he added.

Shortly thereafter, the leader of the Bible study group announced that he would no longer be able to lead the group and left someone else in charge.

After the class dwindled from 20 to four people, Nord said, "That's it, we have to do something about this." David and three others decided to start the class from scratch.

"It was through that, that I realized the need for a discipler, if you will, and my own inadequacy because I didn't always know how to answer things," Nord said.

That sentiment is exactly what compelled Nord to come to Liberty University and decide to study either pastoral studies or youth ministry.

"One of the classes that I've enjoyed the most since coming here to Liberty was Dr. Randlett's Youth 201 class. I'm 24 and it taught me so much about myself that it was just an incredible class," he said.

Nord hates when friends go out to have some work done on their car, and come back with an \$500 estimate for a job that should only cost \$100.

"I can't stand the dishonesty in the business. I didn't appreciate the ultimatum that: Either you do the job fast, or you don't make money," Nord said.

"I enjoy fixing people's car for them, because I know it's God way of providing for me. I'm not working right now, but I thought by putting signs around campus, I could help others and still use my vocation," he added.

The other day, for example, Nord needed the money to buy the groceries and pay the electricity bill.

"God supplied me with someone who needed the help, I did the work, and he paid me the exact amount of money that I needed to pay for my food and electric bill," he concluded.

'Rise and Shine?': Columnist shares nighttime, morning frustrations

Going to bed at night and waking up in the morning — they should be the most natural events an individual does. Yet, sometimes they can be the most frustrating rituals of the day.

First of all, allow me to state that I've always been a night owl. My nights are often spent a) finishing homework, b) cleaning my room, or c) watching TV, feeling guilty about not finishing homework and folding clothes.

Last Monday night, however, I was up late for a different reason. I was answering the telephone. That's right, answering the phone. Hundreds of you decided to call our house and



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listen to the message on our answering machine (if you're completely lost, refer to last week's column).

It didn't make me mad; I just wish I had known in advance how many people were going to call. If I had set up a special 1-900 number charging a meager \$3 per minute, I could've single-handedly "completed the miracle."

Or perhaps I could've made a calling schedule, based on your class status and the last four digits of your social security number, and distributed them in all the mailboxes.

Unfortunately, I did neither of the above, and didn't start getting ready for bed until almost two. Exhausted, I walked into my room and changed into my flannel boxers. Then, with glasses removed, I stumbled to the opposite corner of the room to set my alarm.

As usual, I attempted setting the alarm for seven in the morning. Unfortunately, I tried to

break the world speed record when depressing the "minutes" button and accidentally double-clicked from 6:59 to 7:01.

For most people this is no problem, but for perfectionists such as myself it means that you have to click around another 59 minutes so that it will be exactly 7:00.

Then as I walked back across the room I cranked the living daylight out of my big toe on my footlocker. Yet another painful reminder that toes' jobs are to find furniture in the dark.

The night passed quickly, and before I knew it my alarm was going off. I was stunned and confused, for I was right in the middle of a terrifying dream. I was being chased through DeMoss by crazed security officers on roller blades, shooting playdough at me with paintball guns.

It was morning already, and I struggled to get out of bed. My flannel boxers had some-

how meshed with my flannel sheets and I was literally struggling to move. I felt like a human flannel board story.

I finally freed myself from the sheets, stumbled across the room, slammed the snooze button and ran back to the bed. For some reason, I thought putting the alarm clock on the opposite side of the room would force me to get out and stay out of bed. Oh well.

My snooze alarm wasn't supposed to go off for another 10 minutes, but it seemed like one minute instead. As I ran over to it for the second time, a thought struck me...

Perhaps the snooze alarm was one of those inventions that really was designed to enrich our lives and somehow fell into the wrong hands. Perhaps it was intended for micro-waves, so that when you pull your food out and it's not quite hot enough, you just put it back in and zap it for another 60 seconds.

Instead, some cruel person stole the idea

and decided to hook it up on people's alarm clocks, and mankind as we know it has never been the same.

I must have dozed off again after that because the next thing I knew, I heard the phone ringing in the living room.

"Hello?"

"Oh, um. Hi. Did I wake you up?"

"No."

(Why is it that no matter how mad you are because a phone call woke you up, you will never admit to the person that he actually disturbed the best sleep you've had all night?)

"Well, actually, I just wanted to call and listen to the message on the answering machine."

"Oh. Well, I'll just hang up then and you call back in a minute and I'll let it ring, okay?"

"Am I going to wake anybody up?"

"It doesn't matter. Even if it does, we'll all just fall back asleep anyway."

NELSON CHAPMAN

Christ said 'Go ye into all the world'

I love traveling. You name it, cars, trains, boats and planes, I'm there. I guess I owe this romance with traveling and outdoor expeditions to my childhood. However, I think it's just a plain love of God's wonderful handiwork that drives me to climb the highest mountains and swim the widest seas.

My mind is full of vivid memories of vacations and trips that took my family to various places. There was that relaxing trip to Florida. Then there was always the rice paddies of Korea. The Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania. The Tennessee River. The steep inclines of West Virginia's famous I-64, the beautiful Adirondacks of upstate New York, the power of Mt. Saint Helens in Oregon and the vast wilderness of Alaska have all

contributed to special memories.

Yet, no matter where I go, I always seem to end up in cities. No matter if I'm residing in the U.S. or not, I have always lived in the suburbs of major cities or right in them. In my past, every road has led to a city.

Don't get me wrong, I really enjoy the major metropolitan centers of our land. I say in union with Guthrie, "I bless God for cities. Cities have been as lamps of life along the pathway of humanity and religion... Behind their walls freedom has fought her noblest battles. They have stood on the surface of the earth like great breakwaters rolling back or turning aside the swelling tide of oppression."

"Cities, indeed, have been the active centres of almost all church and state reformation. Having, therefore, no sympathy with those who, regarding them as the excrescences of a tree, or the tumors of disease would raze our cities to the ground, I bless God for

cities."

I never realized the enormous need that cities have for Jesus Christ until my sophomore year during Christmas break. I was driving from Lynchburg to Philadelphia with my dad, who had picked me up at school. The drive started out normal in itself. There was the usual joking and catching up with each other.

We were driving on I-95 and going past Baltimore. Night had fallen so that the city lights sparkled for miles around. As I looked into the mass of lights,

I could see all the activity of the city just by the movement of the lights. Impressed, I said to my dad, "Will you look at that. Look at all those lights out there."

My dad glanced away from the highway and looked at the lights and then his eyes were back on the highway again. Then, it was as if time froze in my life when he replied, "Yeah, but think about all the people behind those lights."

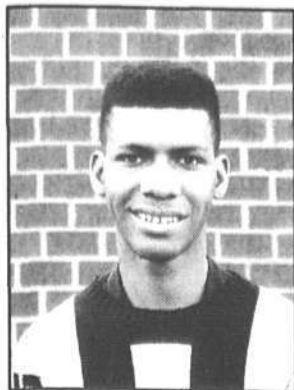
I silently sat there and wondered about all those people out there behind those lights. I thought about my home, Philadelphia, and the millions there... lost and going to hell. My heart literally (and it still does) ached and filled with compassion as I thought about the millions just in my home city that don't know Christ.

I then began to somewhat understand the feelings of Jesus recorded in Matthew 9:36-38, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Too often we forget about cities. The cities need Jesus today more than ever. Will you seek the Lord's direction in your life to see if reaching out to the city is what He wants for you? The God we serve is the Lord of the country and city church.

If the cities of America turn to Christ, this great nation will turn to Him also.

Black History: Past and Present



1ST PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER TROY TAYLOR

Taylor is a 19-year-old freshman from Washington, D.C., majoring in law enforcement.

When I think Black History, I think of the generation today, both black men and white men, looking back into history to explain and find the mistakes that we made as a nation and how to correct them. Black History deals with people who took the initiative to do what needed to be done. I believe that the generation of today should live the vision of past leaders. This vision is, that all races, no matter what color we are living and working together and educating each other.

First, why do we call black history black history? People call it black history because it was one of the more physical and emotional movements in American history. There are many different types of history, such as Asian, White, Indian and Hispanic, but Black history brought many people of all races together to try and solve a conflict dealing with prejudice and racism. Prejudice and racism does not exist only between the black and white race, but within each race. There are black people who are prejudice and racist against other black people, and there are white people who are prejudice and racist against other white people. Prejudice and racism is a problem dealing with every race known to man. This situation was brought to the attention of all people due to the protest of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and other political black leaders we do not know.

Secondly, one of the mistakes made by black people today is holding a grudge for actions and events of others in the past. We as people of today have no control over what happened in the past; for that is why we have history repetition. All we can do is look back at history and if problems are still occurring then we need to correct them. In order to do this we, the people, must work together.

Thirdly, due to political leaders defending the rights of mankind, the generation of today can do things together as people; not separate because of color. Political leaders in black history did not have a vision of an all black race nor of an all white race making the best they could of themselves. Their vision was to have all races, no matter what color, come together as one race. A race as children of God to live and survive together as Christians glorifying God. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish as fools..."

In conclusion, in order to work together we must educate our generation and our children. Education is the key to our future. Without education none of us will progress, all we will do is digress. The members of each individual race need to educate other races on their own culture and biblical beliefs. Another way of achieving racial equality is to have more socialization in the society instead instead of separation. I believe, with Martin Luther King Jr., "people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."



2ND PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER LISA LESLIE

Leslie is a 21-year-old senior from Forest Hill, Md., majoring in nursing.

Black history month is upon us once more. This fairly recent commemoration has been celebrated with countless papers and speeches, bringing to our remembrance some of the most noble persons in history. Unfortunately, the continuing observance of anything, no matter how sincere, often transforms living truth into morbid ritual before our very eyes. One has only to think of the ideals for which men once spilled their blood, now half-heartedly mumbled by yawning students in what we still call the PLEDGE of Allegiance. We who recognize the living truth in this memorial would do well to keep it from suffering the same fate. So rather than chronicle the various incidents which form our history, perhaps the typical question asked by the inquisitive child would better serve our purposes, "Why?"

With joy and sorrow we have read the epics of champions. Tubman, Douglass, Carver and King are just a few that come to mind, touching us somewhere within. Yet as we stand back and see their lives woven into time's tapestry, what is it that we see? Some will be quick to say the struggle for freedom, and indeed this is true. Yet here the child's question still goes unanswered, "Freedom from what?" It is certain that every person we have mentioned, whether knowingly or unknowingly, wrestled for the liberty denied them by their contemporary "superiors." But just what kind of liberty was denied? The temptation to blurt out the obvious is strong, "Cultural, political, and economic equality; these are what were denied." Yet the child is still not satisfied, "But what does that mean?" Here is where the whole issue turns. If we cannot answer this question, we have gone the way of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is no doubt that the struggle of African Americans has brought the freedoms of equality just mentioned. Yet these liberties cannot be the "be all and end all" of the well fought fight. There was a time when voting was nonexistent, or even money as we know it today. Yet freedom has always been sought after. So defining freedom by these cultural factors is not sufficient. Therefore, we must propose that these modern blessings are simply by-products of the deeper liberty. In fact, true freedom can only be defined by something, or in this case someone, who transcends time and culture. It is Almighty God, and Him only, who can declare what true equality is.

Before racial boundaries existed God put his stamp of approval upon mankind. The worlds "very good" could be spoken of us because God had made man in his image. It was only after this declaration that man was given his noble place in the world, as he was sent forth to care for the creation. The dignity of humanity then was a gift of divine grace to Adam and his offspring. In fact it was because of this God-given worth that murder was so severely punished, "for in the image of God He made man," (Gen. 9:7). In the design of the Creator all people were to be the image bearers of God; it was this truth which distinguished humans from the rest of the creation. Yet there was never to be a distinction between different races within humanity. Almighty God never retracted his stamp of approval from those of African lineage.

So what is it for which our heroes fought? It was certainly not something which they did not already possess; rather it was something which others refused to recognize. What has been gained, and must continue to be gained, in the struggle is the universal recognition of God's image upon all peoples. It is ultimately for this reason that we should celebrate black history month. May we keep the true meaning of this memorial in our hearts, so we can tell it to our children. May we know more than names and dates, as we move beyond ritual to living truth!

Marching forward...



photo by Moe Mogapi

MARCHING ON — Approximately 175 Liberty students turned out early Saturday morning for the first annual March for Unity. The march went from the senior dorms to David's Place to symbolize the spirit of unity among all Liberty students.



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MAKING A STATEMENT — (Left) Associate Dean of Men Greg Dowell proudly displays his sweatshirt, commemorating Black History Month. (Above) Students help themselves and one another to coffee and doughnuts which were provided at the beginning and end of the march for everyone who participated.



3RD PLACE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER KIM THOMPSON

Thompson is a 20-year-old freshman from Harrisburg, Va., majoring in business.

Black History, the two words strung together, sound almost aberrant; seeing as how we rarely see it written or spoken of (correctly) in our school's text books. Black, as defined in the dictionary is often associated with evil. Could this be why so many of my brothers and sisters wear their self esteem as walking opinion of what it is like to be black? I do not think so.

To me, the true definition can not be expressed through such trite adjectives that ignorance has wished to bestow upon us. To be Black is to be proud, glad, bold, straight backed, tight legged and natural with our closely knit hair, skin crisp as midnight, with eyes set like onyx with our heads. To be Black is to be big and tall, so tall that we can look over the storm cloud of prejudice that has been oppressed upon us for generations, it is to look into the land of Brotherhood where our forefathers are gathered at the table of Life.

As we look over the table we can see Harriet Tubman sitting by Strength, Denmark Vesey cutting the bread of knowledge with Patience, and Martin Luther King toasting to Peace, and Marcus Garvey passing the meat of power

to Love. As we see all of this, we no longer worry about what has been done or what will be done. Because we know the time has passed when we were belittled by racist names such as "nigger, jig, spook and dinga." We can no longer be made to sit at the back of the bus of Humiliation. Even though the burden of blackness we are struck down sometimes, but we have not struck out forever. Sometimes we are bewildered by not utterly baffled, though at time we forget, we know will be never be forgotten.

I say to you keep looking over my brother and keep praying my sister. Black History is not all about what has happened, has been written or remembered. There is much more, it is about who has lived, who is living, it is about today and what makes history. Do you know where you are going? "For without vision, the people perish" (Prov 29:18).

We must continue to pave the way for the generations to come, we must place love and peace upon the shoulders of encouragement, and clasp hands with pride and unity. We must be able to walk with heads of courage and strength as we go down the rocky road of uncertainty. For no man know what tomorrow brings. But God will be the light unto our pathways. But first, we must know who we are and what we stand for. The needs of a society determine its ethics.

As for a Black-American, the overcome, now is the man who has been offered only mere crumbs from his country's table but ingenuity is able to make from himself a Government feast.

Black History who you were, what you have battled to overcome. I tell you, know who you are, my brother, my sister, and let no one or no thing turn you asunder from your roots. Know who you are my brother and sister for without that knowledge the gift of Blackness becomes a price only few are willing to pay. Know who you are my brother, know who you are my sister, know who you are... Black! With that knowledge you can make history that we all will soon read about tomorrow.

Sports

Flames bring down Highlanders

By RICH MACCLONE
Champion Reporter

The Liberty University men's basketball team pulled off a big upset against Big South rival Radford Saturday night in the Vines Center, 75-73. However, the Flames lost earlier in the week to Coastal Carolina by a score of 84-81.

Seniors Brett Anthony, Jody Chapman, Darrius Hunter, Chris Toomer, Darryl Williams, and captain Matt Hildebrand played their final home game in front of a record crowd at the Vines Center. Liberty University set a Big South attendance record, with a crowd of 8,014. The previous record was also held by Liberty.

The Radford Highlanders, playing for second place in the conference final standings, came out of the gates on fire. Radford quickly jumped out to a nine point lead in the first nine minutes. The Flames seemed as if they were not going to be in the ball game.

However, LU mounted a comeback, and over the next five minutes, the Flames outscored Radford 20-8. Liberty tied the ball game on a length-of-the-floor pass from Hildebrand to

Anthony for an easy layup, and LU then took the lead on a three-point jumper by Barry Taylor to give the Flames a three-point advantage.

Radford came right back on a finger roll by center Tyrone Travis to cut the Liberty edge to one. LU then boosted the lead up to three on a pair of Hildebrand free throws.

Radford brought the ball down court only to have it stolen by the Flames, who quickly moved into transition. Anthony led the team down the court and dished the ball to Taylor for an easy layup.

Radford held off the Flames during the next three minutes but the Highlanders were only able to score four points of their own, which shrunk the lead to a single point. Jason Dixon was then fouled on his way to the hoop, and converted on both free throws, and Radford tallied for two points on a 13-foot jumper by guard Jason Lansdown, leaving the score where it would stand at halftime — Liberty 42, Radford 41.

Coming out of the half, Radford played almost identically to its performance in the opening minutes of the previous half. The Highlanders

quickly jumped out to another nine point lead, sparked by eight points from center Travis in the half's opening six minutes.

The Flames then battled back with dominant play from Dixon and Peter Aluma and the outside shooting of Williams. The Flames went out on a 16-5 run, taking a one-point advantage on a Williams jump shot from 15 feet.

Radford went back on the offensive as the Highlanders went on a 12-6 run to take a five point lead with 1:19 remaining in the game. Even though LU was down five, the Flames got just the break they needed when Radford's Travis fouled out, leaving the Highlanders without one of their big men.

Hildebrand scored two free throws with 1:14 remaining to cut the Radford edge to three. Radford then turned the ball over to Flames, and Williams hit a decisive three pointer to tie the game with 50 seconds to go.

Radford came down the floor determined to get to the hole or the charity stripe, but they could do neither. Toomer stepped up on defense, and drew the charge on Highlander

Lansdown. Toomer hit one of his free throws, giving the Flames a one point lead with 38 seconds left to play.

Radford came down with ball and again tried to go to the hoop, but once again LU drew a charging foul. This time it was Dixon who stepped in front of Lansdown. Dixon followed Toomer's lead by hitting one of two. The rebound off of Dixon's second shot was promptly grabbed by Williams, who was fouled with 13 seconds left. Williams missed both of his free throws.

The Highlanders were able to move the ball into the front court and call a time out, but that was the only offense they would get out of their final possession, as Liberty came up with the rebound off of a missed Radford heave. The Flames moved the ball into the front court, and when the final second ticked off of the clock, senior forward Chapman tossed the ball skyward into the crowd in celebration of a hard-fought victory.

The Flames returned triumphantly to the floor for a victory lap and to say thank you to the crowd for the support

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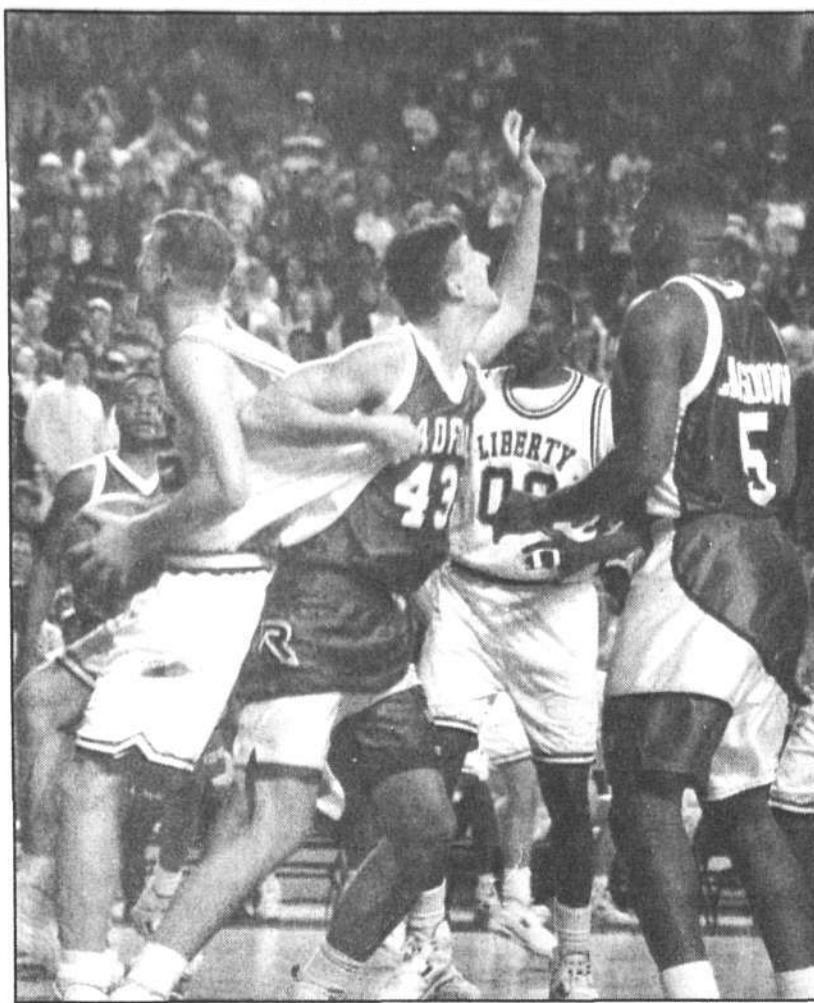


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WHERE'S THE CALL, REF? — Jody Chapman (with the ball) looks for an opportunity to score while a Radford defender grabs some shirt Saturday in the Vines Center. The Flames won, 75-73.

Women fall to UNCA, beat Winthrop

By B. JILL ALESSI
Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames were defeated on the road by the University of North Carolina at Asheville, 71-84, Saturday night. However, LU grabbed a Big South victory at Winthrop, 67-61 Friday night. The Lady Flames' Big South record stands at 8-8.

Ginny Coleman and Renee White both put in 19 points in the UNCA competition, while freshman Michelle Wymys snagged 11 rebounds. Friday night, junior forward Angie Johnson put in 20 points for Liberty against Winthrop.

Both teams started out strong Saturday night. Although LU had just beaten Winthrop the night before, UNCA had had an even greater victory, beating Radford Friday night.

"They were on a game high," Wymys explained.

For the first half, the Lady Flames kept up with the high excitement of the Lady Bulldogs. The score volleyed back and forth continually. Just before the buzzer at the end of the first half, the Lady Bulldogs hit a quick jumper and a layup, giving Asheville

a 39-34 half-time lead.

Liberty came back from half-time to take an early lead during the second half. It did not last long, however. Wymys said that although LU's plays were working well, the Lady Flames just could not put the ball through the hoop.

Asheville, however, did not have that problem.

"We couldn't even make layups. They were just throwing up anything, and they were going in," Wymys said.

The scoring percentages proved Wymys' statements. The Lady Bulldogs hit 55 percent of their field goals for the game, while Liberty made only 39 percent.

With 10 minutes still to play in the contest, the Lady Flames had lost their strength and enthusiasm. At the same time UNCA became even more fired up. The Lady Bulldogs went on to win the game by 13 points.

The Winthrop game was all hype for Liberty as Winthrop's crowd sat right behind them, screaming at the Lady Flames.

"At the beginning, we sort of came out a little lacksadaisical — that's

what we shouldn't have done," Wymys explained. However, the crowd noise spurred them on.

The Lady Eagles and the Lady Flames remained tight in the first half, reaching half-time at a 32-32 standstill. Winthrop came out of the break on fire. They outscored Liberty 6-2 in the first minutes of the second half.

However, the Lady Flames came back to more than double Winthrop's run by scoring 14 points over the next five minutes. They held the Lady Eagles to only five points, bringing the score to 48-43 with 12:43 left in the competition.

White hit a three-point jumper at 9:05 to give Liberty an eight-point lead. Lady Eagle Tammy Jones then started a Winthrop comeback by scoring six straight points. Her baskets brought the Lady Eagles within two, 57-55, with 7:24 to go in the game.

Two minutes later, Winthrop had edged up even closer with a one-point deficit of 61-60. The Lady Flames continued to hang on as Johnson hit a jumper.

However, Winthrop's Carmen Thomas hit a free throw to bring the score

to 63-61, Liberty, at 4:13.

In an attempt to strengthen their lead and hold back WU, the Lady Flames put a triple team on high-scorer Jones. The triple team forced the turnover, and Johnson was back on offense to put it in.

On the next Liberty possession, Johnson sunk two free throws to give the Lady Flames a six-point lead at 1:17. No one scored during the last minute, giving LU a 67-61 victory.

Coleman hit double figures against the Lady Eagles with 11 points. She also threw in five assists. Freshman Erin Wall made 10 points during the Winthrop contest.

Johnson pulled down 10 rebounds against the Lady Eagles' forward Stacey Milton, who had 17 rebounds, and center Jones with nine rebounds. Jones also sunk 20 points.

The Lady Flames will finish off their regular season this weekend with two home games.

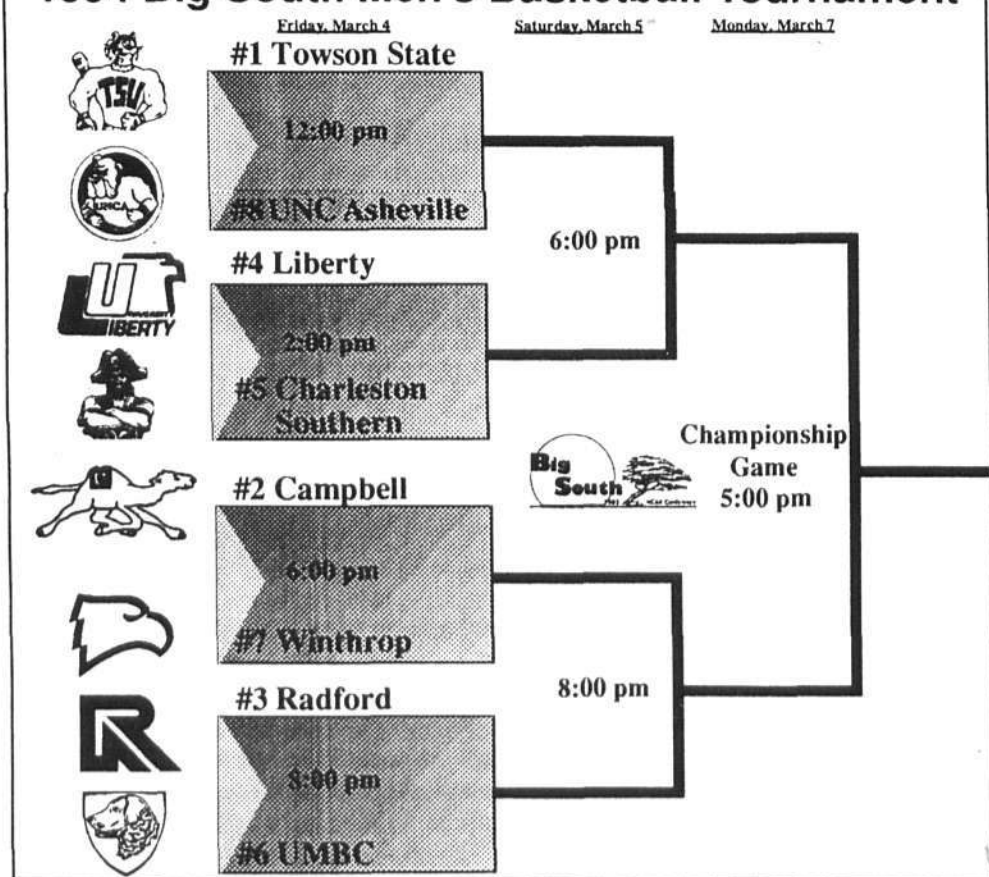
The team will play Towson State University Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m., and the University of Maryland Baltimore County at 7 p.m., on Saturday, March 5.



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LOOKIN' FOR THREE—Ginny Coleman shoots the trey against Campbell earlier this season. The team's Big South record is 8-8.

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LU football recruits Georgian star

Twelve athletes sign letters of intent with LU

By CAIN CLAXTON
Champion Reporter

A wide-receiver from Georgia tops the list of 12 players who have signed letters of intent to play football at Liberty in 1994.

Courtney Freeman, out of Marietta High School in Marietta, Ga., earned All-State honors for his performance at wide-receiver. Freeman was heavily recruited by South-Eastern Conference schools, because he is considered the "best prospect ever to come out of Marietta, which has produced players like Andre Hastings," LU recruiter Paul Rutigliano said.

Hastings had a successful collegiate career at the University of Georgia and now plays with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Liberty also obtained a letter of intent from Virginia stand-out running back Billy Smith. He rushed for more than 1,500 yards in his senior year at Jefferson Forest High School.

At 5 feet, 11 inches and 180 pounds, Smith could bring speed and agility to LU's backfield, complimenting the talent the team already possesses in that area.

The Feb. 17 issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* ranked Smith in the top 25 players to come out of Virginia in 1994.

Liberty successfully recruited four defensive backs in an attempt to strengthen a pass defense that was riddled with injury during the 1993 season.

Craig Henry, who will transfer in as a junior from Georgia Military Academy, boasts a 4.4 second time in the 40-yard dash.

After graduating from Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Fla., Henry signed to play at Indiana University, but failed to pass academic testing. Instead, Henry played for two years at GMA, and will earn his AA degree this spring.

Another junior transfer, Brian McGoldrick, will come from Glendale Junior College in Glendale, Calif., to play for the Flames.

Kenyetta Murray, from South Carolina, earned All-State defensive back honors last

year. Murray, a graduate of Cheraw High School, was recognized as one of the state's top 100 players.

Mike Brown, a native of North Carolina, earned All-State defensive back honors in 1993 also.

Brown, at 6 feet, 1 inch and 195 pounds, played out his prep career at Carver High School in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Others who signed letters of intent are:

• Jerrold Everson, a defensive lineman from Warner Robbins High School in Georgia, who started three years in an great program.

• John Backe, a kicker from Northside Christian School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

• Eugene Davis, a defensive lineman from Heritage High School in Lynchburg.

• James Highsmith, a defensive lineman from Barnwell High School in South Carolina, who earned All-State honors.

• Billy Griffin, a defensive lineman from Columbia High School in South Carolina.

• Ulysses Moore, an offensive lineman who graduated from South Davidson High School in Lexington, N.C.

BOB STURM

Columnist recognizes fans, speculates on CBS's Olympics

Do you believe we already are looking baseball season right between the eyes? Yes, March is upon us so here is your weekly dosage of knowledge you cannot find anywhere else...

GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN: Congratulations on your answer to the call. Finally, the alleged home-court advantage has once again become more than just a happy memory for the Liberty Hoopsters.

Too bad it took most fans until late February to understand just how important the home crowd can be to an athletic team. Next time, try not to take so long.

WHO IS IN CHARGE HERE? Irony normally has a strange way of showing us just how inconsistent the people making the rules

in this country can be.

Great example: Last week, Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium decided to take down the Georgia state flag that some African-American leaders now see as racially offensive.

The ironic part is that whoever decided to take this action apparently feels that not offending one racial group is more important than another.

This is the same park that does the "Tomahawk Chop" while Native-Americans protest non-stop outside.

Let's see a little bit of consistency, guys. I'm not saying the decision was right or wrong. All I'm saying is it is time to play fair in both directions.

SHY CHARLES: The man whom you ad-

mire because he shoots straight and plays hard, Charles Barkley, is at it again. This time I wanted to stand in front of my television and applaud him.

The quote: "I'm sick and tired of today's player. A few years ago Larry talked, Magic talked, and Michael talked. But they could, because they were the best."

"Now, every single player who makes any kind of decent play feels like he has the right to stand over you and point. You used to have to earn respect."

"Today's players are unproven and lazy. Five months doesn't make a great player. Greatness is something earned over years."

Bravo, Chuck. I don't need to add a word.

PREDICTION: I know I say this every year, but I sure have a great feeling about the Big South Tour-



lete to try it, it would be Mike.

The odds (in case you're scoring along at home) have fallen from billions to thousands in the last few weeks. Can he do it? I have no idea. But as a member of the monster we call the sports media, I can tell you that it makes a great story.

FOUR MORE YEARS? I don't know about you, but I will be counting down the days until the next Winter Olympics which will be held some place in Japan.

Of course, I am just kidding. I really am disappointed with CBS's job (I won't even mention my joy over the U.S. hockey team's performance), because I thought going into the games that the network's main focus would be to show competition. I guess I was wrong.

One plus was David Letterman's Mom. I sure hope she will be added to Fox's NFL team along with John Madden and everybody else that was worth anything at CBS.

P.S. Remember when CBS was the best sports network on TV?

Hockey team checked by Tennessee in regionals

By JONATHAN COOLEY
Champion Reporter

The Liberty Flames hockey team lost a close game to Tennessee, 5-4, in regional playoffs Saturday, but it will still go to Nationals on March 9.

The Flames came back from a 3-1 deficit to take a 4-3 lead but Tennessee tied it, 4-4, and won by a goal in overtime.

"It was the kind of game you want to play in front of a home crowd. After trailing 3-1 at the end of the second period, the guys got psyched up and came back to take a 4-3 lead," Head Coach Gary Habermas said.

It was an evenly-played game which could have gone either way. Liberty had two shots deflected off of the goal post. Two of Tennessee's goals were unusual, deflecting off Liberty defensemen into the net.

"Tennessee played well. They were a very disciplined, well-skating, hard-checking team," Habermas said.

Liberty played strong defense in the second half of the game, and the offense came up

strong in the final period. Kirk Fritz, Brian Bauer, Dave Bauer and Jeff Lycett all scored goals for the Flames.

"A lot of players played well. The defense played very well. Tennessee scored two power play goals," Habermas added.

Liberty's record is now 11-2-2. This was the third year in a row that LU went into the regionals ranked number one, and the first time that they did not advance to the finals.

This is also the third consecutive year Liberty has been invited to nationals. Liberty and Illinois are the only teams to be invited to nationals for three consecutive years.

The Flames will go to nationals based on the final poll rankings. The team finished the season ranked seventh in the nation.

As of now, at least two teams in the conference are guaranteed spots in nationals, and depending on the outcome of the regionals, three teams could be going.

The national tournament is made up of four brackets consisting of three teams. The top four teams from the first round advance to the

semi-finals. This is the first year conference champions have been given spots in the nationals. The top eight teams are given spots, and four conference champs get spots.

Liberty is guaranteed two games in nationals. The Flames will face Sieonna College and Colorado State. Sieonna took its conference with a 15-4 record, and is the host team for the tournament.

Colorado State was number one in the polls for most of the season, but ended at number two. Colorado's record was 9-3-2 against a very tough schedule.

"There are no weak teams in this tournament. It is not like the NCAA basketball tournament where you have a 64 team play-off. There are only a dozen teams. Even to win a game in nationals is something," Habermas said.

Other teams in the tournament include Stanford, Illinois, Ferris State, South Connecticut State and Calvin College.

The tournament will take place March 9 and 10, in Albany, N.Y.

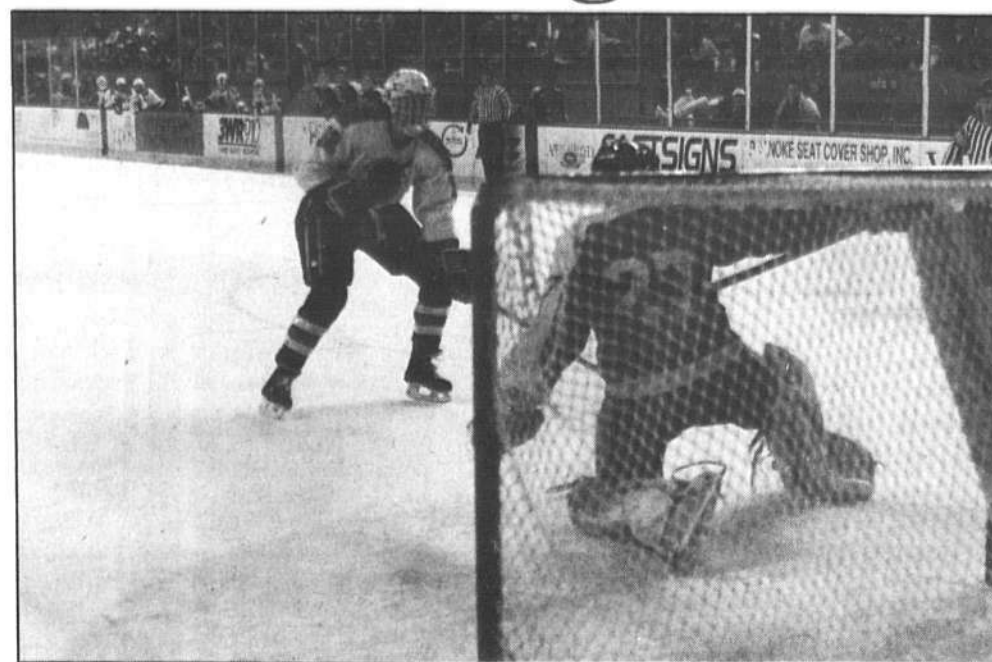


photo by Jason Christoff

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, GOALIE — An LU skater (12) invades Duke territory ready to score earlier this season in the Roanoke Civic Center. The team lost to Tennessee in regional competition, but the Flames are still headed to Nationals.

LU track teams qualify 15 for IC4A championships

Indoor track stars prepare for test in Princeton, N.J.

By MICAH GAUDIO
Champion Reporter

The Liberty track and field teams have qualified 15 tracksters for the upcoming IC4A championships this weekend in Princeton, N.J.

The IC4A conference hosts 96 Division I track teams in a competition to decide who is number one on the East Coast.

Liberty sophomore Jacob Swinton leads the team in scoring and qualified in two events. The qualifying time in the 55 meters was 6.50 seconds; Swinton ran in 6.3 seconds this season to qualify.

He also will run the 200 meters and hopes to overcome his best time of 21.7 seconds.

James McKnight long-jumped 25 feet, 1/2 inches in the first meet of the season and surpassed the IC4A qualifying mark by about two feet.

The mark also qualified him for a provisional chance to compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships at Indianapolis, Ind.

Junior standout Mike Reed also

qualified in two events: the 400 meters and the 500 meters. Reed's best time so far this season in the 400 meters was 49.12 seconds and in the 500 meters, 64.8 seconds.

Reed said he feels strong and hopes to place high at IC4A's Indoor Championships this year.

The Flames will be represented in the shot put by seniors Butch Jennings and Bob Williams.

The IC4A qualifying mark in the shot put was 49 feet, 10 inches. Williams has thrown 51 feet, six inches this season, and Jennings has thrown 51 feet, five inches.

Senior Fadhila Samuel, the only Lady Flame to qualify for the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships, ran the 400 meters in 57.30 seconds. The qualifying time to beat was 57.94 seconds.

Sophomore high jumper Mike Connell jumped six feet, nine inches this season and tied the IC4A qualifying mark. Connell's personal best jump is seven feet.

Sophomore Sean Keys ran the 55

meter high hurdles this season in a time of 7.54 seconds to beat the qualifying time by almost two tenths of a second.

Keys is nursing an injured hamstring, and his status for this weekend has not yet been determined.

Junior Ryan Werner qualified in the pentathlon and scored 3,724 points. The qualifying standard for the IC4A pentathlon was 3,575 points.

The Liberty track team will take five pole vaulters to the IC4A championships. The pole vault qualifying mark was 15 feet, five inches.

Sophomore Michael Prettyman and freshman Jeremy Parker vaulted 15 feet, 11 3/4 inches this season, while 1993 IC4A champion pole vaulter Todd Pettyjohn jumped 16 feet, 4 3/4 inches. Werner and sophomore Micah Gaudio jumped 15 feet, six inches.

The mile relay team qualified with a time of 3:18.18 minutes. The qualifying standard was 3:21.30 minutes. The team was composed of tracksters Pettyjohn, Werner, Reed and freshman Dennis Johnson.

Sports Schedule

- Men's Basketball**
The Flames will travel to Charleston, S.C. for the Big South Tournament on March 4, 5 and 7.
- Women's Basketball**
The Lady Flames will be at home in the Vines Center this weekend as they battle Towson State on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m., and Maryland Baltimore County on Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m.
- Wrestling**
The squad will travel to James Madison to compete in the Colonial Athletic Association Championships all day on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5.
- Indoor Track**
The men's squad will travel to Princeton, N.J., on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, for the IC4A Indoor Championships held at 11 a.m.
- The women's team will travel to Boston University, to compete in the ECAC Indoor Championships on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6.
- Men's Tennis**
The team will be at home to play Radford on Wednesday, March 2, at 3 p.m.
- They will also be home to compete against UNC Greensboro on Thursday, March 3, at 2 p.m.

BIG SOUTH WOMEN'S UPDATE (through 2/27)

1. UMBC	12-3	8. Charleston Southern	4-12
2. Radford	11-5	9. UNC Asheville	4-13
3. UNC Greensboro	11-5	10. Winthrop	2-15
4. Campbell	10-6		
5. Towson State	9-6		
6. Coastal Carolina	9-7		
7. LIBERTY	8-8		

Football's offense prepares for tough upcoming schedule

New personnel on offense bring optimism to squad

By RICH MACLONE
Champion Reporter

Flames football may be in the middle of the off-season, but there's still plenty of activity. LU just recently hired Joe De Lamielleure as offensive line coach. Also, the offensive line has recovered from last season's injuries, and is expecting to have a productive season.

The offense for the Flames should be a bright spot, with the return of quarterback Antwan Chiles and the arrival of transfer running back J.T. Morris. The newcomer is described as a total-package-type running back that can catch the ball coming out of the backfield and run the ball very well. Morris should fit into the offensive scheme at LU nicely. The new running back will work in the offensive pass control defense and open up new areas in running a ball control set.

Maybe the most important key to a

successful season for the Flames is simply to not get hurt.

"Injuries in football can be a great common denominator, and if we get lucky and have no injuries, then we have a chance to have a great season," Head Coach Sam Rutigliano said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Flames are losing linebacker Dion Krause to graduation. Krause finished the season with 145 tackles, and 80 of them were solo shots. The defense, otherwise, should be able to put together a strong season.

Entering the season last year, Liberty University was ranked number 17 in Division I AA, according to the Sports Illustrated college football preview.

"To be recognized as one of the best in a poll is always a confidence booster for the kids," Rutigliano stated.

The coach also pointed out that LU's 1994 schedule is anything but a pushover. The combined record of the five teams that beat LU in 1993 was approximately 60-10, including Youngstown State who won the national championship.

Men's Basketball
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"They kept letting me get open, so I took the shot and it fell. It felt pretty good," Williams said of his outside shooting in the second half.

When asked what he was going to remember most about the Radford game Williams responded, "The crowd. That's the first time I've ever played in front of a crowd like that."

Hildebrand also commented on the fans.

"They were great. Every time you needed a little something extra, they were there to give it to us," he said.

The loss against Coastal was a reverse of the Radford game. Coastal led Liberty by as many as 23 in the first half, even without star Mohamed Acha. The Chanticleer was suspended due to NCAA violations.

Coastal came onto the floor ready to play. The Chants shot their way to the lead on remarkable three-point shooting by forward Spencer Saunders, who hit six of six from the field in the first half including four treys.

The Flames, however, were able to cut the lead to 15 by halftime.

Liberty battled all the way back to take the lead halfway through the second half.

The lead exchanged hands throughout the second half. The Flames were led by Williams with inside and outside shooting, highlighted by a Hildebrand alley-oop pass which Williams slammed home.

However, late in the game Coastal's

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Guard shoots for leadership

By B. JILL ALESSI

Champion Reporter

As she yanks her black Converse basketball shoes over her feet, point guard Anna Barrington, a junior, focuses on the game ahead. Her blond curls are pulled back in a pony tail, and her shining blue eyes are fixed.

"Even as a freshman, when she stepped on the court, she was like, 'I'm here and I'm ready to play,'" Rick Reeves, head coach of the women's basketball team, said. "There's not a kid in the Big South that wants to win more than she does."

Winning the game, however, is not all that is important to Barrington as she squares up for a shot.

"There's more than basketball — you have to put God first," she said.

Reeves noted that she has proved this with her life.

"The greatest quality about Anna is that she has very strong Christian convictions and virtues. She's proud of who she is and that she is a Christian and has those virtues," Reeves commented.

"I can't give her any higher compliment than to use her as a role model for my own daughters," the coach commented. But then, Barrington — as well as all of his players — is like a daughter to Reeves.

The buzzer sounds as the game is about to begin. Barrington grabs the ball off the tip. The number 00 is blazed across Barrington's white jersey as she sprints down the court.

Why 00? "I like being different," Barrington explained.

But she does not have to try to be different. After all, not every kid's dad played in the National Football League. Tom Barrington, who now has his own business selling insurance, played for six years in the NFL with Washington and New Orleans.



"My goal for our team is that we would not be individuals."

—Anna Barrington
Guard

Barrington admits that she is very family-oriented.

"My mom is my best friend," Barrington explained.

Although it is more than a six-hour drive from her hometown, Columbus, Ohio, her parents come to see many of her games.

Barrington was also excited that her younger brother Jesse, whom she is very close to, came to LU as a freshman in the fall of 1993. He plays for the soccer team. Barrington said that Jesse and she were always into sports because her dad was in sports all of his life.

Although Barrington did not play organized basketball until she was in seventh grade, even then her team seldom lost. During her sophomore and junior years at Worthington Christian School, her team was one of the best in Ohio.

However, the switch from high school to college basketball proved difficult. Reeves explained that before coming to college, Barrington, at five feet, four inches tall, often drove to the basket to score.

However, she came up against women who were six feet, two inches

tall who stuffed her almost every time.

"She has learned to read the defense a lot better now, and knows her shot," Reeves said.

Greater demands face Barrington now that she is an upperclassman.

"The biggest challenge we've ever given Anna is to be a leader, to fill the shoes of players like Theresa Bream and Jeri Wiley. It's the last challenge she must overcome to become one of the most solid point guards ever in the Big South and at Liberty," Reeves explained.

Barrington's problem right now, Reeves said, is that she sometimes leaves the team behind. "It's like in 'Ben-Hur' when Charleton Heston says to the horses, 'You're the swiftest, but you can't leave the other three behind,'" Reeves said.

He explained that Barrington needs to use her leadership to nurture the younger players and draw them up to her level of intensity.

Barrington said her goals as a basketball player are to be a good leader and to communicate well.

"My goal for our team is that we would not be individuals," Barrington said.

Big South Final Standings

Men's Basketball (through 3-1-94)

School	Conference	Overall
PCT.	W-L PCT.	W-L
1. Towson State	16-2 .889	20-8 .714
2. Campbell	14-4 .778	18-8 .692
3. Radford	13-5 .722	19-7 .731
4. LIBERTY	13-5 .722	15-11 .576
5. UNC Greensboro	11-7 .611	15-12 .556
6. Charleston Southern	8-10 .444	9-17 .346
7. Md. Baltimore County	6-12 .333	6-20 .300
8. Winthrop	5-13 .278	4-22 .159
9. UNC Asheville	3-15 .167	3-23 .115
10. Coastal Carolina	1-17 .056	15-11 .577

graphic by Jim Booth

Flames' Scoreboard



M-Basketball

RECORD: 15-11, 13-5

February 26

Radford-Liberty, Stats

FLAMES 75, HIGHLANDERS 73

Liberty 42 33-75

Radford 41 32-73

RADFORD—Ingram 5-6 1-1 11, Lansdown 2-4 2-2 6, Watkins 3-5 1-4 8, Weddie 0-0 0-0 0, Burgess 5-11 2-3 16, Dalton 0-0 0-0 0, Skoko 0-0 0-0 0, Travis 10-18 2-6 22, Harvey 5-8 0-0 10. Totals 30-52 8-16 73.

LIBERTY—Aluma 4-4 0-1 8, Taylor 2-4 0-0 5, Pothoven 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 5-12 2-4 14, Toomer 1-4 1-2 4, Hildebrand 2-10 1-0 14, Anthony 2-6 0-0 5, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0, Dixon 4-7 7-10 15, Chapman 4-7 1-1 10. Totals 24-54 21-28 75.

Three-point goals—Radford 5-11 (Burgess 4), Liberty 6-18 (Williams 2). Rebounds—Radford 26 (Burgess 5), Liberty 35 (Williams 9). Assists—Radford 10 (Lansdown 4), Liberty 16 (Williams 4). Turnovers—Radford 17 (Lansdown 5), Liberty 18 (Hildebrand 5). Steals—Radford 13 (Burgess 3, Travis 3), Liberty 6 (Aluma 2). Blocked Shots—Radford 1 (Travis), Liberty 1 (Dixon). Attendance—8,014. Officials—Leslie Jones, Joe Church, Raymond Nattli.

February 21
Coastal Carolina-Liberty, Stats
CHANTICLEERS 84, FLAMES 81

Coastal Carolina 55 29-84

Liberty 40 41-81

COASTAL CAROLINA—Hicks 5-18 9-11 21, Saunders 7-9 2-5 20, Willis 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 1-1 0-0 2, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Hart 5-10 6-7 19, Johnson 4-8 2-2 10, Richards 5-10 0-0 12. Totals 27-57 19-25 84.

LIBERTY—Aluma 5-5 2-2 12, Taylor 4-6 0-0 8, Pothoven 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 5-12 1-2 13, Toomer 1-3 0-0 3, Hildebrand 4-11 9-11 19, Anthony 1-5 0-0 3, Benton 1-2 0-0 2, Dixon 7-7 3-7 17, Chapman 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-55 15-22 81.

Three-point goals—Coastal Carolina 11-20 (Saunders 4), Liberty 6-23 (Williams 2, Hildebrand 2). Rebounds—Coastal Carolina 31 (Johnson 12), Liberty 34 (Dixon 12). Assists—Coastal Carolina 18 (Walker 5), Liberty 18 (Toomer 4, Hildebrand 4). Turnovers—Coastal Carolina 6 (Johnson 2), Liberty 11 (Williams 3). Steals—Coastal Carolina 10 (Hart 4), Liberty 4 (Hildebrand 2, Anthony 2). Blocked Shots—Coastal Carolina 0, Liberty 4 (Aluma 4). Attendance—4,018. Officials—Terry Nobles, Gary Wall, Owen Grogan.



W-Basketball

RECORD: 8-8, 11-13

February 26

UNC Asheville-Liberty Stats

BULLDOGS 84, FLAMES 71

UNC Asheville 39 45-84

Liberty 34 37-71

UNC ASHEVILLE—Godette 0-2 4-6 4, Giffin 8-10 7-10 23, West 0-4 0-0 0, Moore 2-7 5-8 10, Frazier 8-11 0-0 19, Woodlin 1-3 0-0 2, Horne 0-1 0-0 0, Napier 3-4 2-2 8, Carswell 1-1 2-3, Matthews 5-5 7-7 15. Totals 28-51

24-35 84.
LIBERTY—Johnson 3-6 1-5 7, Wall 2-5 0-0 4, Wyms 2-5 0-2 4, Barrington 2-12 3-4 7, G. Coleman 7-16 5-5 19, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Stinnett 1-3 0-0 3, Massey 0-2 0-0 0, Freeman 0-0 0-0 0, White 7-13 2-2 19, D. Coleman 2-5 0-0 6, Woods 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-70 11-18 71.

Three-point goals—UNC Asheville 4-9 (Frazier 3), Liberty 6-18 (White 3). Rebounds—UNC Asheville 39 (Giffin 9), Liberty 39 (Wyms 11). Assists—UNC Asheville 17 (Giffin 7), Liberty 13 (G. Coleman 7). Turnovers—UNC Asheville 17 (Godette 5), Liberty (Barrington 5). Steals—UNC Asheville 8 (Godette 4), Liberty 10 (Johnson 3, G. Coleman 3). Blocked Shots—UNC Asheville 1 (Matthews), Liberty 0. Attendance—450. Officials—Jerry Henderson, John Phillips.

February 25

Winthrop-Liberty, Stats

FLAMES 67, EAGLES 61

Liberty 32 35-67

Winthrop 32 29-61

WINTHROP—Milton 5-8 2-3 12, Whitley 2-7 2-2 6, Jones 7-13 6-9 20, Harkness 3-10 3-4 9, Weaver 0-4 0-0 0, Boggis 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 6-10 2-3 14, Nix 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-53 15-21 61.

LIBERTY—Johnson 7-13 6-6 20, Wall 4-7 2-2 10, Wyms 4-8 0-8 18, Barrington 1-8 1-7 3, G. Coleman 4-13 8-11, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Stinnett 1-1 0-0 3, Massey 0-0 0-0 0, White 2-7 0-5 5, D. Coleman 3-5 0-7 7, Woods 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-64 12-23 67.

Three-point goals—Winthrop 0-3, Liberty 3-8 (Stinnett, White, D. Coleman). Rebounds—Winthrop 41 (Milton 17), Liberty 35 (Johnson 10). Assists—Winthrop 14 (Whitley 6), Liberty 16 (G. Coleman 5). Turnovers—Winthrop 23 (Harkness 6), Liberty 15 (Barrington 3, G. Coleman 3). Steals—Winthrop 7 (Milton 2, Weaver 2), Liberty 15 (Wall 5). Blocked Shots—Winthrop 6 (Harkness 3), Liberty 3 (Wyms 2). Attendance—327. Officials—Giles, Franklin.

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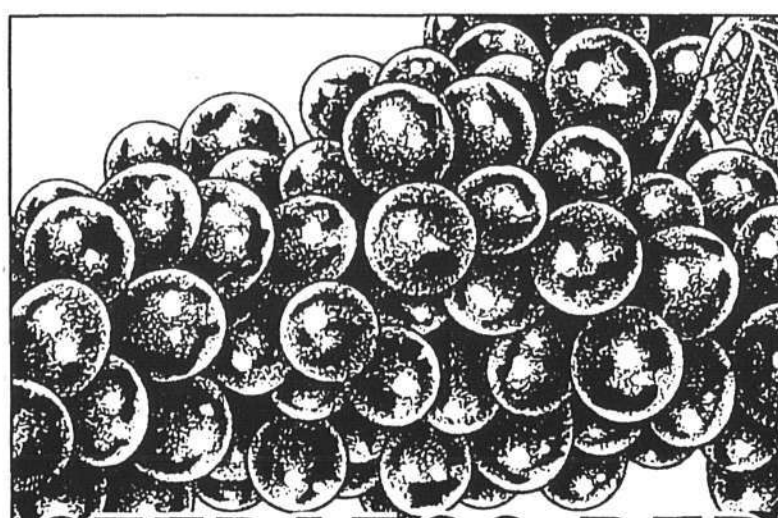
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