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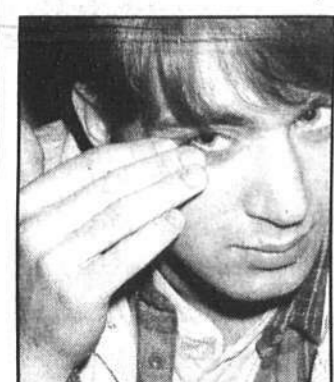
The triumphs of the Liberty Flames men's basketball team will benefit the school as a whole. Now the question is not to jump, but how high. Also, the professionalism of the student court during the recent impeachment proceedings is examined in detail. Page 6.



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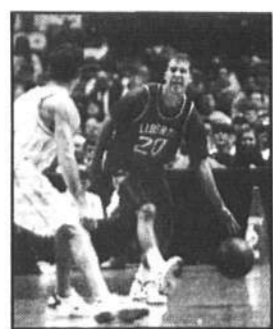
CORRECTION: In the March 8 issue, the director of "The Miracle Worker" was said to be Dr. David Miller. The correct name is Dr. David Allison. The *Liberty Champion* apologizes for the error.

FEATURE SPOTLIGHT: Kerygma Child, formerly known as The Vision, proves to be one of the hottest Christian bands and will open for Bride in an April 16 concert. Page 8.

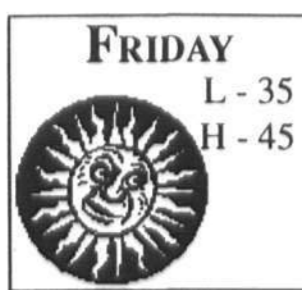
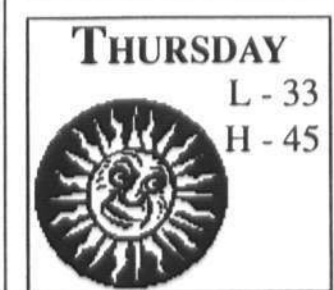
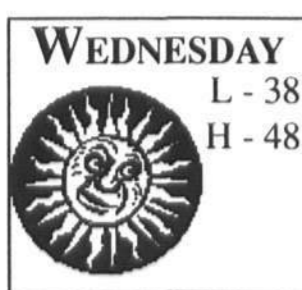
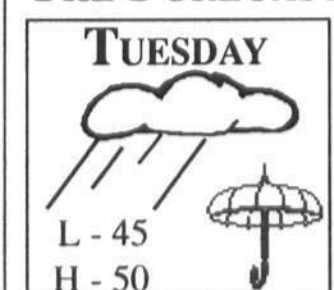
SPORTING NEWS: The baseball team goes 3-3 for the week as it records its first Big South Conference win with a "W" over the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Saturday. Page 10.

COMMEMORATIVE INSERT:

In a special tabloid insert, the LU men's basketball team's road to the NCAA playoffs is commemorated. From the team's Big South Championship victory over Campbell to its memorable fight against top-seeded North Carolina in the NCAA playoffs, the Flames made the 1993-94 season one fans will never forget.



THE FORECAST:



Students minister during break

By IVETTE HASSAN
Champion Reporter

While several Liberty students went on mission trips to different cities in the United States, some chose to go to other countries.

One of these missions trips included 62 people who went to Clearwater, Fla.

The purpose of Clearwater Beach Alive (CBA) was "to spread the gospel with other college students," Scott Dishong, CBA director, stated.

"To share the gospel, we gathered a whole bunch of people to play a tug of war game and asked the people on the beach to also get involved. 'Then, we used a Campus

Crusade for Christ survey which began by asking general questions about spring break. Later, it got into specific questions about relationships with God," he added.

Overall, 1,125 people were surveyed on a one-on-one basis and 100 people made professions of faith.

However, the labor does not end there. Dishong continued by explaining that the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks does the follow-up of the people who live in Florida.

"If they are students from out of state, we let Campus Crusade for Christ find them somebody from that state to do follow-up," Dishong explained. Two nights before the 62

people from Liberty arrived, Alfred, a 19-year-old involved with the youth ministry of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, died when he was hit by an off-duty ambulance.

This incident "really touched all of our lives; we used it to emphasize how important it is to have a good relationship with God because we are never too young to die.

"All of us wore a band on our wrist with Alfred's name on it, as we told this sad incident with most of the people with whom we shared the Gospel," Dishong commented.

Toward the end of the week, these missionaries from Lib-

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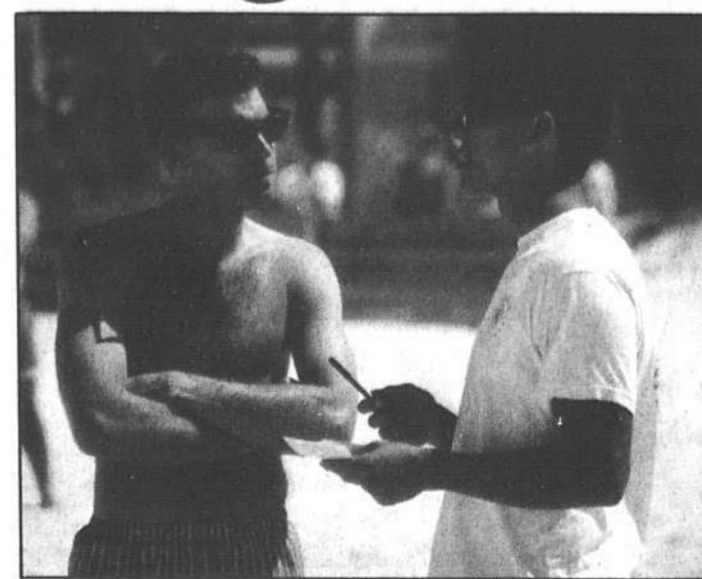


photo by Jason Christoff

SHARING CHRIST IN THE SUN — YouthQuest Vice President Jay Stevenson witnesses on Clearwater Beach during the annual spring break trip.

Impeachment hearing put on hold

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Jason Williams' impeachment hearing before the student court has been put on hold pending a meeting with administration officials.

The meeting was called by the administration following the first section in the case, designed to judge the constitu-

tionality of the Williams impeachment.

Student court Chief Justice John Dickey said the court was not informed enough to make a final decision yet because it has not held the last hearing, which was to deal with the veracity of the charges.

"That session was important in telling proof positive what our decision should be,"

Dickey said.

Neither council wanted to comment on the meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 28.

Dickey said the two parties may "settle out of court."

The sessions up to this point dealt with two main questions: Was due process given? Was the entire impeachment act performed constitutionally by

the SGA?

"If we are to go by the constitution this court must uphold the impeachment as a perfectly constitutional action," Brian Trippett, SGA council, said.

Williams' lead council, Ken Coleman, disagreed.

"They violated the purpose, spirit and intent of our constitution," he said.

Dickey said some of the confusion in the case may be generated by the vagueness of the constitution's wording.

"I think the constitution should be rewritten," he said. "The students in SGA take it very seriously, and the constitution has a lot of leeway in it."

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SGA Elections

Candidates heat up races

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Registration for Student Government Association election is over, and the official slate of candidates has been compiled.

Candidates for president in the upcoming election are Matt McMurray and Jason Williams. Running for executive vice president are Angela Miller and Andrew Pederson. The only candidate for vice president of student services is Kim Caceres.

"People need to get involved and support the candidate they think is most qualified," Bryan LaBerge, current SGA president and head of Elections Committee, said.

Angie Miller, candidate for executive vice president, said she will be focusing on change on campus. Specific items she wants to focus on are allowing students to move off campus when they are 21 years old, getting class privileges, improving the campus and dorms and increasing spiritual emphases and campus traditions.

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Security adopts towing policy

By SHANNON D. HARRINGTON
News Editor

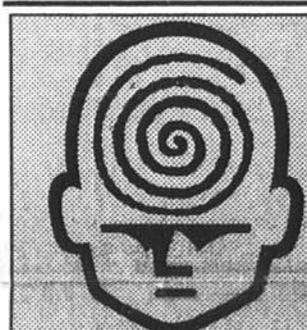
LU security implemented a towing policy, effective Monday, March 21, for all illegally parked cars on campus.

According to Security Chief J.O. Renalds III, the policy was put into effect to curb the inconveniences which illegally parked cars create.

"(The policy) is primarily for people blocking other people, parked in front of fire hydrants and fire lanes and any other illegal parking places," Renalds said.

According to the policy, cars can be towed with the approval of a university police officer for the following reasons:

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DIFFERENT MUSIC, SAME MEANING — Nathan Barlowe of Reality Check (right) performs with the group on Friday, March 25. Also, Lance Smith (below left) and Josh Sampson (below right) of the group Kerygma Child, open the concert.

Approximately 500 people attended the concert, which was held in the Multi-Purpose Building.

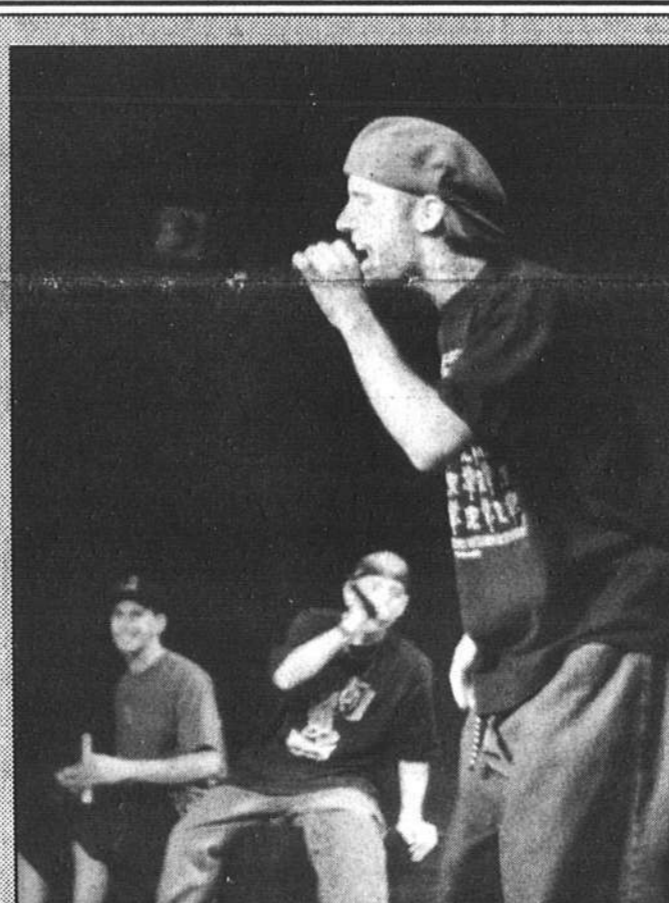


photo by Jason Christoff



Debate wraps up season against top national teams

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

Liberty's varsity debate squad finished out the 1993-94 debate season after the two varsity teams competed in the National Debate Tournament (NDT), held at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, March 16-21.

Two LU varsity teams—the most allowed—entered the tournament.

Layla Hinton and Adam Milam finished with a 3-5 record. The team of Brian Gibbons and Abe Pafford had a 2-6 record. This will not affect their association rankings.

"I think they could have done better, but it's a tough tournament. These are the best 72 teams in the nation," Brett O'Donnell, head coach, said.

The teams at the national tournament are varsity teams from around the nation who have a 50 percent or higher win-loss record. Each school can send up to two teams.

"The tournament has a long rich tradition behind it," O'Donnell said.

Liberty has sent teams to the NDT a total of five times. This is the third time two teams from LU have gone.

"Just making it is half the

battle," the coach explained.

Of the four LU debaters who attended the tournament, only Hinton had been there before—two years ago.

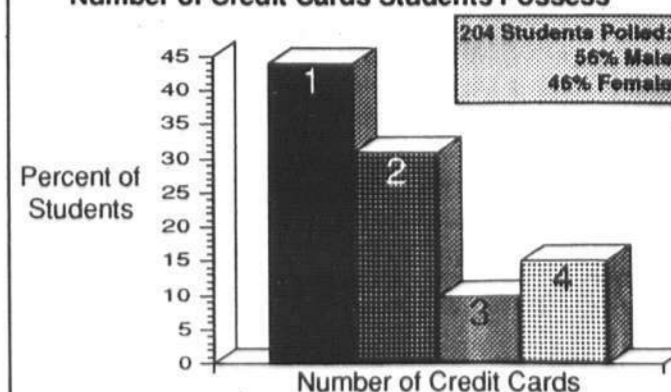
O'Donnell said he expected the varsity teams to do even better next year since they've all gained the experience offered by the national tournament.

"They've been to NDT," he said. "Now they know what to expect."

Each round was judged by three officials, and O'Donnell said the squad missed moving on to elimination rounds by just a few votes.

LU Student Survey

Number of Credit Cards Students Possess



204 Students Polled:
56% Male
44% Female

The Amount of Money Spent Each Month



graphic by Todd Hirschman

Magazine shows diversity of campus

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER—The group "Night Fever" performs during Puttin' on the Hits, a lip sync contest sponsored by the student life department on Saturday.

Student restaurant strives to serve faculty

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BREAKING BATS FOR CHRIST — Firm Foundation member Manson Clark attempts to break a baseball bat while members (left to right) Curtis "Roosevelt" Nivins, Danny Hirst, James Downey, David Milne and Chris Goede (back) cheer him on during the Friday, March 25 convocation.

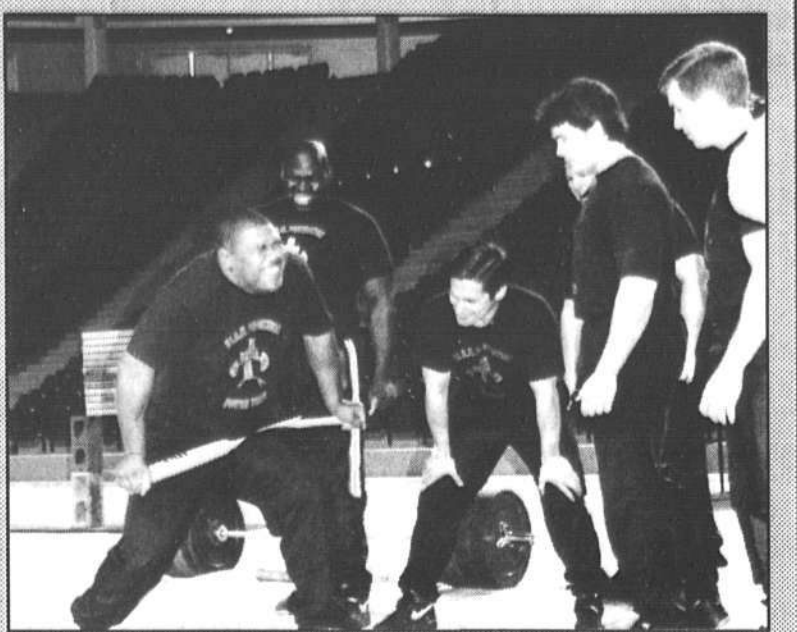


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Elections

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Executive vice presidential candidate Andy Pederson said if he is elected, his tenure will deal more with the student senate.

"I'll be focusing on senate. Senators need to be a lot more responsible with bills they write," he said.

Pederson, who as served as the SGA's Communications Director, said he's learned how to deal with the administration. "As vice president, you have to be able to work with the administration," he said.

The vice presidential race will be the tightest of the three, Pederson predicted.

"I think it's going to be a fun race," he said. "I want to keep it as positive as I can."

Matt "Slick" McMurray said he has three main themes in his race for the presidency: spiritual development, community activity and student life.

"I think I have a great chance. I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think the students are looking for someone who's not in SGA."

McMurray said he has specific ideas for each of his planks. For example, he said he will work on

spiritual development by reforming the prayer group system, work with the community through programs such as a clothing drive and try to improve student life by giving more power and recognition to clubs.

Presidential candidate Jason Williams said he is going to focus on reforming SGA. "(I want to show) what people will can accomplish if they really put their heart to it."

The main theme of his campaign will be reform of the way students

think of the people in office, he said. Main focuses will be trying to get the phone curfew revoked, attract more business to campus and begin a variety of student services.

Verbal campaigning for office will begin March 28. Candidates have to gather 300 signatures in order to become an official candidate. Active campaigning—posters, buttons and signs—will be displayed on April 16. The election will be held Monday, April 18.



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Spring Break

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Dishong commented.

Toward the end of the week, these missionaries from Liberty enjoyed a day at Disney World.

In addition to CBA, another group of 55 Liberty students also spent its spring break on a mission trip — Chicago Quest!

Jeff Smyth, trip manager, stated that they shared the gospel through different programs such as puppets, drama and music.

"We were able to share the Gospel

in a juvenile detention center," Smyth added.

According to A Center for Youth Ministry report "students who went to Chicago ministered to 2,950 people in just 27 performances. During the week they ministered in five different churches, two schools, one juvenile detention center and one para-church organization."

Smyth believes one of the most shocking realities of the trip was realizing how violent elementary school kids are today.

"They walk around saying 'I'll kill you!'" he commented.

However because of the team's ministry, Smyth cited that 20 people made professions of faith.

A third group of Liberty people, consisting of 13 students and two staff, went to Bermuda, leaving Lynchburg March 12, and returning March 20.

In addition to these groups, other students were also involved in sharing the Gospel through mission trips during spring break.

Towing

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- fire lane violations
- parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- parked in roadway
- parked in "no parking" areas
- parked in grass
- vehicles without state registration (no license plates)
- vehicles parked in unauthorized areas (ie. P-7, P-8, silver diamonds,

red diamonds, green diamonds, blue diamonds, etc.)

- vehicles with 15 or more outstanding violations
- banned vehicles

Security headquarters will hold information on all towed vehicles, such as the name, address and phone number of the towing company and the reason for towing.

Other policies implemented this semester with the goal of curbing

illegal parking included a Student Government Association bill which raised the fine to \$25 for non-commuters parking in the commuter parking lot.

"This (policy) has helped some, but we still have some who park in the crossed off spaces (in the commuter lot)," Renalds said.

For further information on the policy, students should contact security headquarters at ext. 7641.

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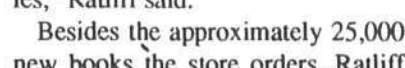


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By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

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Dennis Ratliff, manager of LU's bookstore, said the store marks up textbooks 25 percent, consistent with national averages. Some stores have a higher markup, he said.



Recently the store added such specialty items as small cans of tuna and beanie-weenies, sugar-free candy and fresh fruit.

"I don't think they are used to buying books," he said. "They don't have a realistic value of anything."

Students may also forget the long life span textbooks have, Ratliff added. "Most editions have a three-year lifespan," he said. "All that's figured into the price of the book."

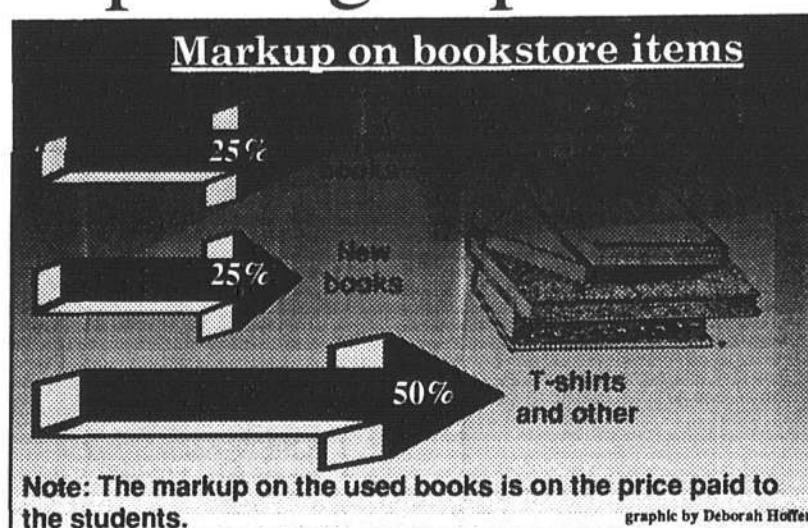
Liberty also gets an eight percent commission from the three stores that are authorized to sell LU products—the Day's Inn giftshop, Legends and

In addition, the store is considering getting a "point-of-sale system."

"I've tried to stress attitude in dealing with students. It's the students' bookstore," he concluded.


—Dennis Ratliff
Bookstore Manager

"I do hope that it will be resolved quickly," Coleman said.




"I feel the bookstore takes advantage of the fact that they are so convenient and prices things too high."

And at least one student would be happy if the store just got rid of the "tacky Rush Limbaugh merchandise."


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World News

In the World...

Mexican presidential candidate is killed

Mexico's ruling party presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was shot in the head and killed Wednesday, March 23. The shooting occurred in Tijuana, on the U.S. border.

Colosio, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, was hit once in the head and once in the chest. He was heavily favored to win the August presidential election.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party has ruled Mexico for decades. The assassination will only add anxiety to a country already tense from peasant uprisings.

North Korean activity rises

North Korea warned the United States on Wednesday, March 23, not to forget the lessons of the Korean War.

South Korea put its 650,000 troops on alert, as tensions continued over the North's refusal to allow unrestricted nuclear inspections.

South Korean Defense Minister Rhee Byoung Tae said there were no invasion signs, but North Korea's 1.1 million-strong army increased activity 50 percent.

Patriot missiles are also a factor
North Korea's Ambassador to China, Chu Chang Jun, said war may break out if Washington ships Patriot missiles to South Korea. He also said joint military exercises in South Korea may increase chances of war.

About 54,000 U.S. soldiers were killed in the Korean War, which ended in 1953. About 400,000 South Koreans died.

Israeli spy refused pardon

President Clinton refused to pardon Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard Wednesday, March 23. Clinton said the former Navy intelligence analyst had committed a "most serious" crime and did not deserve to have his life sentence shortened.

Clinton backed the position of Attorney General Janet Reno, the Pentagon and CIA. He rejected a vigorous campaign for clemency by Israel and American Jewish leaders.

Across the Nation...

Revised reform plan passes

President Clinton's dream of reforming the USA's health-care delivery system took a step forward Wednesday, March 23.

The House Ways and Means Committee's health subcommittee voted 6-5 for a revised version of Clinton's plan. The plan provides health insurance for all. The package, expanding Medicare, forces employers to pay 80 percent of workers' insurance costs.

Davidians sue federal agents

Relatives of 11 Branch Davidian cult members filed a \$675 million wrongful death suit against 19 federal agents Wednesday, March 23.

Members of their families died in an April 1993 fire that ended a 51-day siege of the Waco, Texas, compound. More than 80 people died in the blaze.

Defendants include former Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms director Stephen Higgins, who resigned after the standoff.

Air Force planes crash, kill 15

A collision between an Air Force fighter and a cargo plane on Wednesday, March 23, killed 15 soldiers and injured 82, all on the ground, officials said.

Of those injured in the accident at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., 62 remained hospitalized, Army spokesman Maj. Jim Hinnant said.

Planes involved: An Air Force F-16, which collided with a C-130 cargo plane and crashed, hitting a C-141 on the ground.

Black schools may lose student loans

Thirty-two historically black colleges will be kicked out of the federal student loan program June 30 unless Congress steps in. Samuel Myers of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education says the schools are at risk because of high student loan default rates.

Education Secretary Richard Riley has pledged to help the colleges if a loan extension is granted.

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March is National Fitness Month, but only to some

The current 10 percent decline in fitness activity has more to do with fundamental economic changes than with changes in mindset, according to research by the Trends Research Institute.

It found that Americans dropping out of the middle class have become less concerned about health, fitness and nutrition. And because money is tight, they exercise less and eat more processed and junk foods.

More work, less working out
The fitness trend is also on the wane because people in virtually all classes are forced to work longer and harder. In addition, more say they have less time to exercise or to eat right than they used to.

The average worker puts in 164 more hours a year than he or she did 20 years ago. And nearly half feel "used up" by the end of the work day.

AT&T service enables callers to leave 'True Messages'

The frustration of busy signals and unanswered phones will become a faint memory for long-distance callers who take advantage of an exclusive new AT&T service called AT&T True Messages. The service offers people several ways to leave spoken messages when they can't complete their calls. AT&T will attempt to deliver messages every 30 minutes for a period of six hours.

Message plan has many options
Subscribers to AT&T's True Messages service can leave a message every time they place a long-distance call from home that reaches a busy signal or goes unanswered after six rings. They just press a few touch-tone keys—123—instead of hanging up.

For residential and calling-card calls, the cost is \$1.75 per message for automated delivery or \$2.50 for messages delivered in the USA by AT&T.

Rodney King decries lifestyle

Rodney King "no longer has a life," his lawyer told a Los Angeles jury on Wednesday, March 23, in opening statements of King's lawsuit.

King is filing a multimillion-dollar civil lawsuit against the city and police officers.

Don Vincent, lawyer for the city, told jurors the city has accepted responsibility for the injuries but that the symptoms of brain damage are gone.

Buttafuoco released from jail

Joey Buttafuoco walked out of the Nassau (N.Y.) County Jail Wednesday, March 23, 30 pounds lighter and touting a possible boxing career.

"I'm done," he said after serving four months for statutory rape for having sex with then-minor Amy Fisher. "Everything is cool. I did what I had to do to end it, and now I'm going home."

Relatives and friends Thursday are throwing a "Get Out of Jail, Joey" bash.

Whitewater witness investigated

Former judge David Hale, a key witness in the burgeoning Whitewater affair, is under a state investigation. He is supposedly linked to \$150,000 missing from an insolvent Little Rock insurance company he owned.

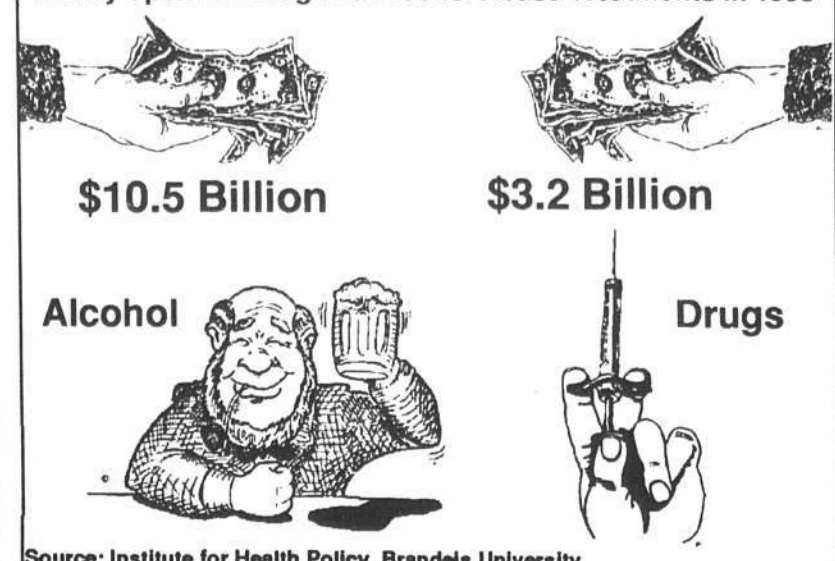
The state investigation is not related to special counsel Robert Fiske's Whitewater probe, but it could further damage the credibility of Fiske's most important witness so far.

Hale immune to possible action
In a plea bargain with the independent counsel, David Hale pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 22, to two counts of fraud and agreed to cooperate with the government in its investigation. The Fiske plea bargain grants Hale immunity for any crimes revealed to the special counsel before March 20.

Fiske's office declined comment on whether Hale was immune involving insurance actions.

The High Cost of Treatment

Money Spent on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatments in 1990



Endangered Act is criticized

The two-decade-old Endangered Species Act has cost taxpayers millions without saving a single animal or plant, the National Wilderness Institute said Wednesday, March 23.

The group is advocating market-driven reform of the law. As the report notes, landowners who discover an endangered species on their property have no incentive to report it now because of fear of litigation.

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Editorial

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

Congrats to men's hoops!

Ever roll a snowball down a hill? At first it is slow—even tentative—but gradually it picks up speed. Along the way it attracts larger lumps of snow that stick to it, making it bigger and faster. Sometimes, though, it runs into obstacles and small chunks are knocked off, but all the time it keeps moving faster, gaining momentum.

The men's basketball team certainly snowballed its way into the record books this season. But it has not always been this easy. For instance, last year's superstar lineup seemed destined for the final 64, only to post disappointing losses in post-season play.

Several years before, the Flames' head coach was not looked upon with adoration and blessed with gifts of gratitude; instead he was the object of some degree of scorn.

Yet, after the Flames' post-season brilliance, Head Coach Jeff Meyer's tenure is looked at by comparable school coaches, media and others as a catapult to stardom. "This school has only been playing basketball since 1973," one television announcer stated incredulously.

Indeed, the Flames have gained momentum in a short period of time—when one compares ours to other programs. From the NAIA to being a near spoiler of a top-ranked seed, the men's basketball program will only get stronger.

The tremendous benefit the national television broadcasts will have on recruiting—not only for sports—but for the entire university is tremendous. What was achieved last week is a giant step toward Dr. Falwell's vision of the "Fundamentalists Notre Dame," an aspiration that months ago seemed out of reach.

Seniors who still recall the not too distant financial woes of the school are now excited that the campus is on a positive note; and as skeptical as one may be, was it not refreshing to see our school portrayed with positive publicity for a change?

The pendulum of momentum has shifted in our favor. The question our university should ask itself now is not whether or not to jump, but how high?

Impeachment handled professionally by SGA court

Organized and professional can best describe the lengthy proceedings surrounding the impeachment of deposed Vice President Jason Williams.

Although the courtroom emotion was sensed from both sides, it was well contained and the proceedings, for the most part, were largely devoid of any rantings or personal attacks that would typify such an event. Both sides were cautious and well read in their testimonies and arguments—perhaps even tentative at times.

Ex Officio Chris Rhodes delivered a scathing testimony which put the emphasis of the proceedings toward the constitutionality of impeachment and the fact that due process does not exist in the context of student government.

Even if it did, Rhodes was able to articulate the position of the student government convincingly enough to point out that Williams was issued ample warning concerning his charges.

Cross examination by council for Williams dwelt too much on trying to detract the attention of the court from constitutionality to alleged personal rights violations (which, once again, don't exist).

SGA lead counsel Brian Trippett did a good job of shifting emphasis away from individuality and dwelling on constitutionality as a whole, but Ken Coleman was quick to point out any minor inconsistencies that arose.

The members of the student government seem to take their roles of strict constitutional interpreters seriously. This is encouraging as SGA is theoretically a proving ground for future politicians and it is hoped that their same philosophies will influence their future colleagues in Washington.

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CLINTON HEALTH PLAN DROPPING IN POLLS



Gays attempt march; Irish get angry; Clinton flounders into deeper water

While the town is still buzzing with the basketball team's triumph and most students are now extra crispy from their stay at the beach, things are still humming in the political realm.

• Although St. Patrick's Day might not be celebrated quite as fervently in the South, Boston's multitude of Irish recognize the day as a sacred one. A day that one is proud to be Irish. The Boston Harbor is died green instead of its normal brownish hue and pubs overflow with folks yelling "Blarney!" and "Erin Go Braugh!" (Peace on earth)

When years ago the Catholic/Protestant feud was the main focus of the town, sharply dividing it into two distinct camps, a new controversy has overshadowed the old.

Gaily (no pun intended) festooned in green caps, (and probably not much else) members of Queer Nation and ACTUP!, among others, determined that this year they would share in the gala and march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade—a tradition that has withstood centuries.

They had tried this in the past but met with stiff opposition. (Apparently most Irishmen did not take kindly to the thought of gay leprechauns, so they bombarded the chaps with rocks and bricks.)



BRENT M. TRIMBLE

However, this year instead of having their parade marred with cross-dressers in shamrocks, the Parade Committee decided that the parade would not take place this year. So after going to all the trouble of obtaining permission, the homosexuals had no parade to march in after all.

• About the only thing louder than a Liberty fan screaming at the game is the whirring of paper shredders in the hallowed halls of the White House as the Clintons prepare to face the music. They shouldn't have too much to worry about though.

Special Counsel Nussbaum probably made quick work of the documents surrounding the Whitewater deal. Remember? He acted as "housekeeper," cleaning out Vincent Foster's desk scant hours after the former committed, err, suicide. Very cleanly, too, I might add. HIV positive tourists will be flocking to the United States now that Attorney General Janet Reno has lifted the ban on infected non-citizens and granted 10-day visas.

The reason? So they may attend the fourth annual Gay Games and Cultural Festival held in New York, June 18-25. Make plans not to attend—apparently the attorney general was advised (wrongly) that the granting of the visas would not affect the public health. Somehow that just doesn't sound too reassuring.

• The health debate still rages, but some facts remain puzzling. Why does the present administration insist on adopting a plan that is now being abandoned and modified in the two nations most often used as its prototype

—Canada and Sweden? The answer lies in the intent.

Though as convincing as he might seem at times, Bill Clinton's primary goal of promoting socialized medicine is not to put a medical plan in the pocket of every American, but to put every American under the all-caring, all-knowing umbrella of the ever-burgeoning federal government. Private health care and doctor choice are very personal rights. And although touted as the wave of the future, having one's entire medical (and personal) history embossed on a computer readable "smart card" is not a good idea by any means. This concept is extremely Orwellian and reeks of facism!

In fact, it is down right scary, given the fact that the views subscribed to by the proponents of this concept, namely health czar Ira Magaziner, are extremely globalistic and socialistic in nature.

But perhaps the most practical of all reasons why not to have government intervention in the health care system is found in the question. Since when has government intervention in anything actually saved money?

However, as simple the answer may seem to us, through clever campaigns and manipulations of public opinion, the specter of socialized medicine looms on the horizon.

And there it is, a brief synopsis of the cultural/ideals war presently being waged. At least though, for the time being the president is sidetracked from wreaking any more havoc on the nation by being mired in his own set of troubles.

Press blames wrong people for causes of political corruption and scandal

Lately, American politics seem to be getting dirtier with the on slaught of mud-slinging growing thicker by the day. However, Americans have been too busy with their materialistic lives to really notice, thus the National Press Corps has taken it upon itself to sublimely remind newspaper readers across the United States of the latest political squabbles over power.

What amuses me more are the reasons the press gives for these petty squabbles. American readers read that everyone from ultra-conservatives and the Republican Party to Bob Dole and Ross Perot are to blame for the latest shenanigans.

Unfortunately, unless you watch C-Span 24 hours-a-day, the average American really has no idea who is to blame for the current so-called scandals.

For example: Take the Whitewater investigations. Who called for a formal investigation? Janet Reno... she is the attorney general. It's her job to do that sort of thing. But, after she chose two top lawyers, specializing in homicide and tax fraud, the Republican Party was suddenly responsible for the investigation (according to the Clinton loving press).

But, if you would watch C-Span or CNN, you would discover that many Democrats are jumping out of the woodwork, claiming that the investigations are taking too long. (That MUST have been spurred on by the Republican Party... of course.)

Amusingly enough, however, is that nobody in America (including the press) seems

to think that ultimately Bill and Hillary Clinton are responsible for the muck that is being dug out of Little Rock, Ark.

After all, SOMEBODY had to make the muck in order for it to be found. (Or maybe the evolutionists HAVE found a new argument for their origins of the universe theory.)

And while the struggle for authority continues to be battled every day on Capitol Hill, Americans are forgetting that ultimately WE are responsible for the state of the union.

Every voter in America plays a role in placing or removing power in the United States. However, voters are too busy being side tracked by glitzy advertisements and opponent-bashing to really notice WHOM they are putting in office.

Conservative writer P.J. O'Rourke once wrote: "Authority has always attracted the lowest elements in the human race. All through history mankind has been bullied by scum. Those who lord it over their fellows and toss commands in every direction and would boss the grass in the meadow about which way to bend in the wind are the most depraved kind of prostitutes."

They will submit to any indignity, perform any vile act, do anything to achieve power. The worst off-sloughing of the planet are the ingredients of sovereignty. Every government is a parliament of whores... The trouble is, in a democracy the whores are us."

What O'Rourke so blatantly points out is that America is ultimately where it is because of us... the average American.



PAMELA E. WALCK

We have allowed certain people to dictate how government should be run. We have allowed our elected officials to boycott how their constituents feel about controversial issues. We have allowed officials to be irresponsible in handling governmental affairs.

Therefore, we have the America of the 90s, where people do not care if the president of the United States ever tromped around with other women or if the First Lady shredded important investigation documents.

According to the media—Americans no longer care if their rulers lack morals or respectability—or at least that is what it is trying hard to perpetuate.

But, we—the average Americans—know that's a lie. We care about what our elected officials do or say. After all, they represent us—the average American.

Therefore, we need to take back America. We must let our officials know that we don't approve of what they're doing.

And if they are unwilling to change, then we must be responsible and oust them during the election process.

Only then, incumbents would have any reason to start changing the way things are done on Capitol Hill.

Commentary

Men's hoop triumphs cap long, tough tenure of coach

By JIM BOOTH
Assistant Graphics Editor

When I attended my first Liberty basketball game four years ago, the basketball fans were not too excited. After all, a 5-23 record is nothing for which to get excited.

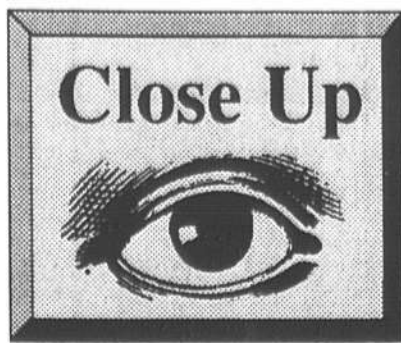
I had noticed at one of the games that some fans were chanting "fire-Meyer," blaming the down-trodden Flames' season on Head Coach Jeff Meyer.

That tune has definitely changed this year with an outstanding regular season, a Big South Conference Championship and a first-round game in the NCAA Tournament in which the team did an outstanding job against the UNC Tar Heels.

What would we have done if the school had listened and fired Coach Meyer after that 5-23 record?

The team most likely would have struggled and perhaps never made it to the NCAA tourney.

However, no one knows for sure what could have happened. But I for one am glad to see that Jeff Meyer is still here, and I imagine so are the



seniors on the team and most of the fans.

Those students four years ago — fair weather fans for sure — did not stick through the tough times, but only the good ones. However, these same students went crazy just like everyone else when we made it to the NCAA tourney and played very well against UNC.

Then there are the critics who say the school should not place more emphasis on sports than academics. They say that all sports receive too much attention, and academics and other standards do not get enough.

Those same critics were also leaping out of their seats screaming their heads off when we came close to

beating the Tar Heels.

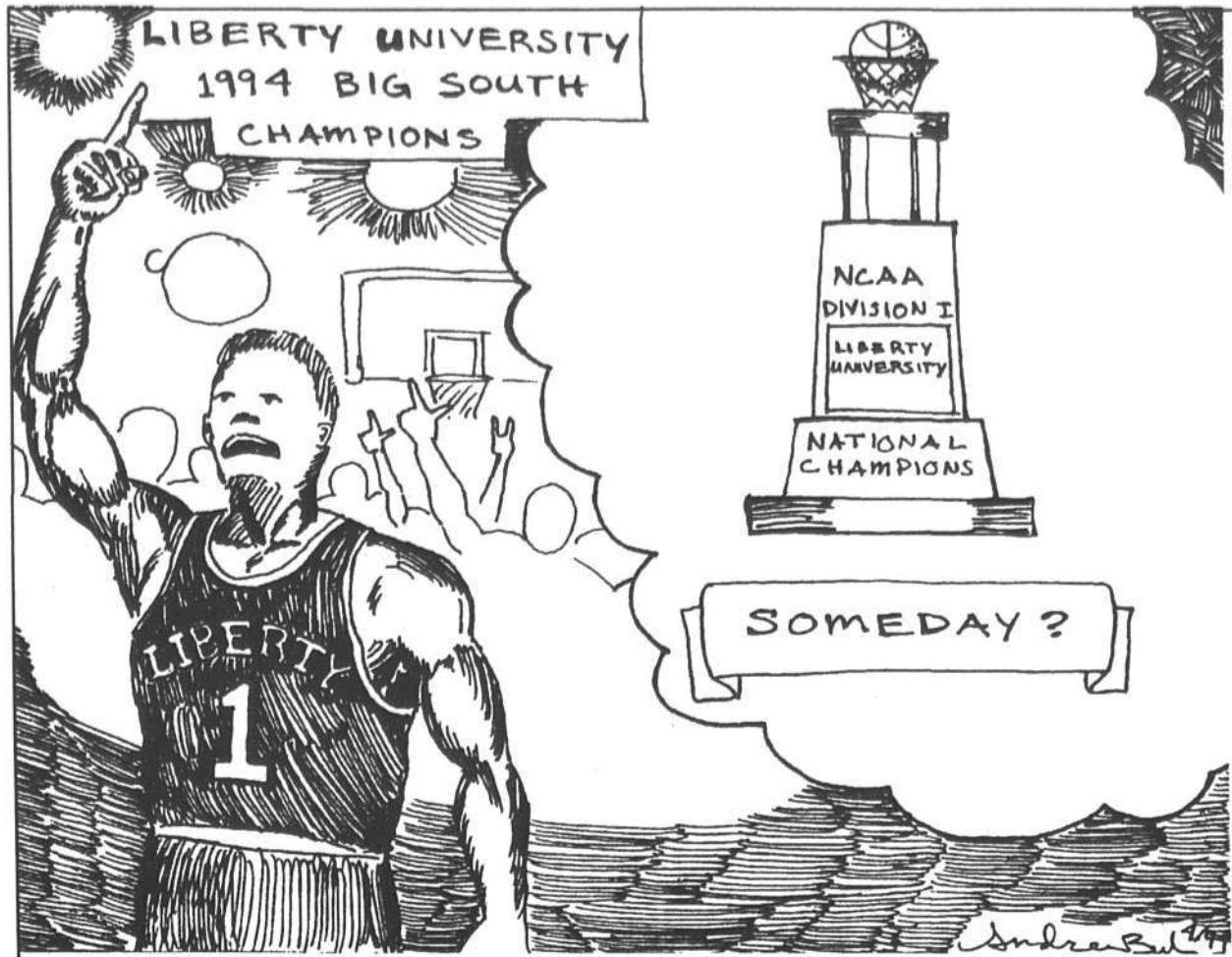
Sports are great for this school. The basketball team has energized and unified the school in a way I have never seen.

Morale among the students is very high and has made a lot of students excited about attending Liberty. Sports also has raised the morale and changed the attitude of Lynchburg citizens and Liberty graduates.

All this excitement may not solve all of Liberty's problems, but it sure helps to forget about them. And although it may not put an end to all the holes in the DeMoss walls, it may help to reduce them.

In all the excitement, even the one-time LU bashing papers have also changed their tunes. Articles appeared in almost every major East Coast paper in which Liberty was written about in a positive manner.

To all those fair weather fans and critics who either thought that Coach Meyer should have been fired or thought sports received too much attention, aren't you glad now that you are a part of the Liberty basketball team as a fan?



Metzenbaum speaks fallacies, demonstrates ineptness of liberalism

By BARTON SWAIM
Champion Reporter

The news some months ago, that Sen. Howard Metzenbaum planned to retire, didn't come—to me at least—as a surprise. He is old. Old, yes; out of any ideas, no.

Metzenbaum announced recently his highest priority before leaving office. "Ah, yes," I thought, "I nearly forgot. He must go out in a blaze of 'leftist' glory."

The good senator, true to form, has introduced legislation to ban adoption agencies from that old practice of "backlogging" minority children (principally black) in order to place them with families of the same race.

Black families, as long as the agencies have their way, will get black children, and whites families will get white children.

This, Sen. Metzenbaum and Sen. Carol Moseley Braun tell us, prevents an awful lot of black children from being adopted since there are so few black families seeking to adopt.

The senators' opponents, however, point out that a) most of the problems facing adop-

tion agencies are because of a reluctance to adopt older children or because of bureaucratic red tape; and b) at any rate, it simply is better for children to grow up with parents of the same race.

Mr. Metzenbaum and Mrs. Braun, of course, ignore the first argument and cringe at the second. The senators assert, in other words, primarily a sort of moral argument: to disallow interracial adoption is to recognize skin color, which reeks of racism.

It scandalizes them, and all liberals, to hint that skin color may just be worth noting. Mr. Metzenbaum's arguments, one notices, stink. Logically and polemically, he and the proponents of his legislation lose every time.

One remembers, at this point, what it means to be a liberal:

The "Leftist" has cut away every piece of tradition, every trace of the old morality, every bit of religious dogma. He therefore finds himself left with nothing to legitimize what he posits. Which is precisely when the liberal finds a new moral plain, a new platform from which to speak. This comes in the form of some very silly ideas: affirmative



action, freedom of choice...federally mandated interracial adoption.

One is reminded of Whittaker Chambers' explanation of the Communist who insists on legal and constitutional hair-splitting, though he at the same time abets every form of murder and injustice.

"[The Communists] have broken, or are trying to break, the continuity of order in society. By that act, they repudiate tradition, and the chaos they thereby unleash also threatens them, for they can no longer count on the inertia or authority of tradition to act as a brake or a bond on chaos. "Hence that fussy attention which revolutionists pay to mere

legalistic forms that puzzles outsiders...Hence the tiresome detail and massive fictions of their legal and constitutional procedures, and the formal pettifoggery, with all the i's dotted, of a secret police that works entirely beyond the law.

"For in breaking the continuity of tradition, the revolutionists, for his own sake, must seek a cementing substitute. All he has to fall back on...are those dead papers..."

It may seem a bit much to compare the American liberal to Communist revolutionaries, but Chambers' words describe the same need to find something—something—to fill the vacuum left by the repudiation of tradition.

It is this desperate quest for a moral platform that accounts for the mindlessness of modern liberalism.

Hence the best argument congressional liberals could ever come up with against a capital gains cut was a stupid perversion of an ethical argument: It just isn't fair to give the rich tax breaks.

Hence, to the obvious truth that affirmative action is immoral and could never work, the

liberal offers another makeshift moral argument.

Hence, to the suggestion that it may benefit a child to grow up under parents of the same race, the shoddiest piece of sophistry one could conjure up arises in the form of the "liberal position."

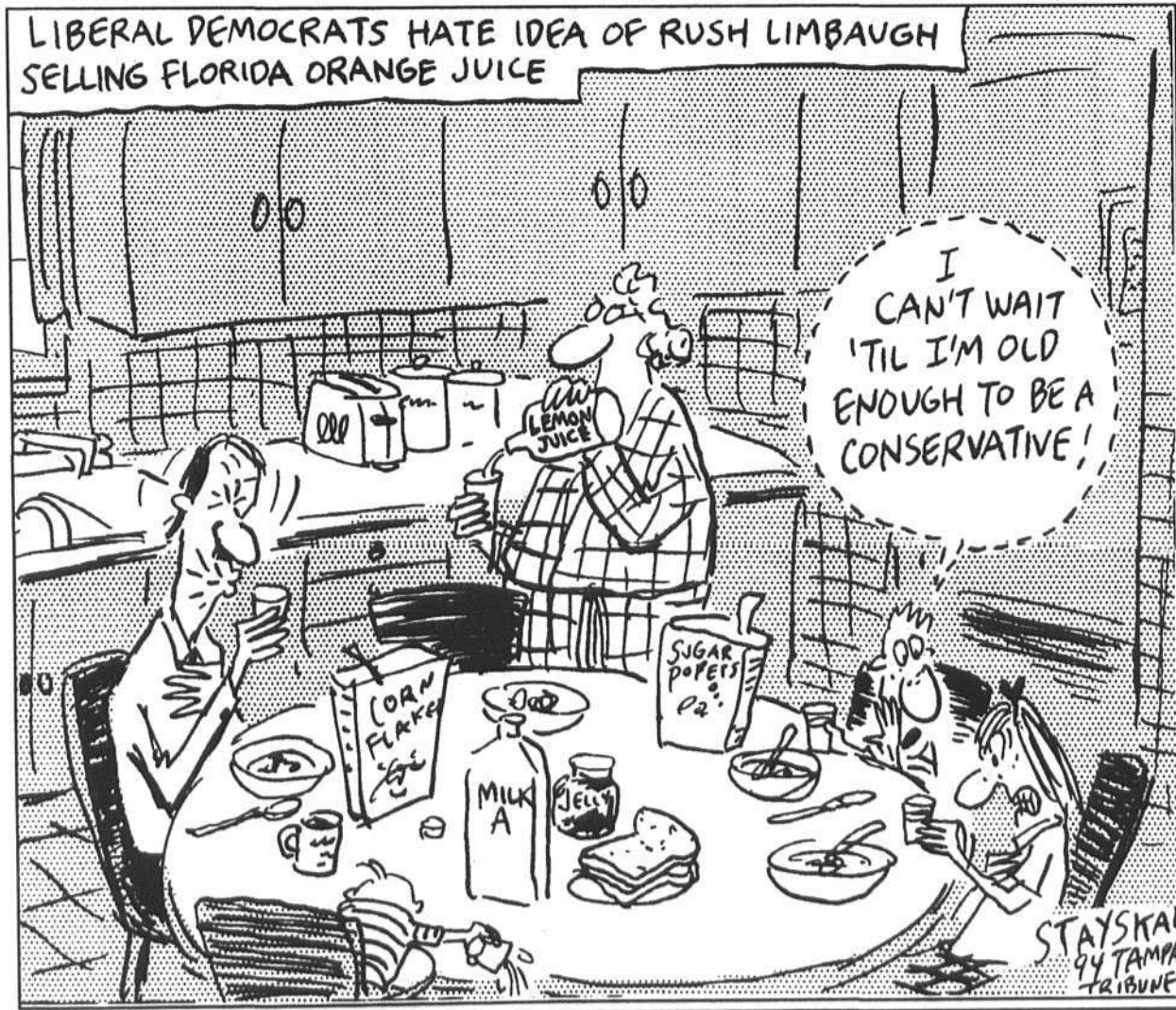
One can only take so much of watching "Leftists," in their desperation caused by spiritual emptiness, exacerbate problems with preposterous answers.

Which should bring one to an observation: Most liberals, such as Mr. Metzenbaum, are non-religious, or, if not, belong to some sect that long ago separated itself from orthodox views.

So, then, what have we to conclude? Only this: Ideas such as Mr. Metzenbaum's latest will never stop pouring forth until a spiritual vacuum is filled.

Liberalism, that is, has at its source a poignant need for an absent sense of right vs. wrong. And the truest source of morality, from which to distribute ideas grounded in levelheaded truth, is: the Christian church.

So, Christendom, where exactly are you?



Liberty Forum

Dean thanks those who housed area college students

Editor:

During one of our recent storms, Liberty University was provided an opportunity to reach out and assist some students from Randolph-Macon Women's college, Lynchburg college and Virginia School of the Arts whose campuses' were without electricity and heat. Due to that

emergency, last minute arrangements were made to house many of these students on our campus. Most of our students responded positively, compassionately and in essence, ministered Christ to those who were in need. I would like to commend those who graciously welcomed our guests into their rooms and made them feel

welcome without much advanced notice. Taking time to minister to others who are in need demonstrates the love of Christ. A great big thank you to those who helped during the recent emergency.

Bruce Traeger
Associate Vice President for Student Development

Basketball team provides inspiration for student

Editor:

I would just like to say what an inspiration Jeff Meyer and the basketball team have been to me. I remember the time when Liberty basketball was a sore subject. I remember how the team's performance affected their placement in the yearbook. I remember when the atmosphere was to win

no matter personal loyalties and the coach was taunted with inconsiderate jeers of "fire, Meyer" by Liberty's own students.

That is why I am so ecstatic about the team's performance. They had the courage, in the past, to do their best, even when those who should have been loyal were against them. I

think God has kept the records and has rewarded well doing.

So I give a big "CONGRATS" to Coach Meyer and the entire team for making NC a little nervous. Also "Thank You!" for showing us what it means to "not quit."

Vangie Poggemiller

Christian denominations suffer disharmony deciding controversial social issues

By DAVE SCHWARTZ
Champion Reporter

In a university where so many Christians of different denominations come together, one is not hard pressed to find a debate as to which denomination is better or "more Christian." Typically the debate ends with both sides agreeing that certain elements must be present in the church and that anything else may be left to interpretation and personal preference.

Common ground issues include salvation, baptism and obedience to certain commands issued from God through the Bible.

It would, therefore, seem reasonable to assume that the issue of homosexuality in the church, women ministers and abortion would have long ago been laid to rest.

However, this is not so. Within the Presbyterian USA church, something very disturbing has been going on.

Just last year the Presbyterian General Assembly ordered their Ministries Division to develop a preschool sexuality program that would complement the high school material already in use.

This material, approved in 1989, supports homosexuality and abortion and fails to take much of a stand for biblical values of sexuality.

Much of this agenda is being pushed by the group, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. This group would be fine if it were concerned about biblical truth concerning such immorality.

Not to be left out of course, are the feminists with their own ungodly, self-worshipping agenda. In a 1993 denominational meeting in Minneapolis, certain members called for reimagining God in the feminist version.

This included rejecting the atone-

ment of Jesus, praying to Sophia and affirming lesbianism.

Sadly enough, the controversy does not end there. Not only does the Presbyterian USA church harm its own members, but it also promotes the killing of unborn babies. Its position is pathetic by even secular, pro-choice standards.

The denomination's position states that "since all life is precious to God, we are to preserve and protect it...and that taking human life is a sin." But it goes on to say that when life begins is a matter of subjective opinion.

The issue with pro-choice liberals is no longer when life begins; rather they question the assumption that it is always wrong to kill an innocent human being.

The church has concluded that since it doesn't know for certain when life begins, that abortion is therefore an acceptable practice, not only accepted, but promoted to youngsters as a responsible choice in God's eyes.

This sort of lethal logic can be better illustrated by the story of the hunter in the woods who saw movement but wasn't sure whether it was

a man or a deer. Not knowing, he didn't shoot. When it comes to abortion, why is the Presbyterian church so ready to shoot?

To make its stance known, last year the General Assembly voted to support the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). If passed this law would prohibit any restrictions on abortion. Thank God our government isn't as liberal as this church.

In addition, abortions have been paid for by the medical benefits plan of the Presbyterian USA church. Talk about welfare reform.

All you would have to do is get all the poor pregnant women to join the church and they would get a free abortion.

For those who particularly prefer this denomination, choices become rather difficult. Fortunately, some of the individual churches have broken ties to the mainline church so that those who prefer the more traditional doctrine may do so without feeling they are contributing to a morally bankrupt church.

If God has a revival up His sleeve, maybe we should pray He brings it to the Presbyterian church.



Feature

Christian band hits the big time

By DAVID HART
Feature Editor

When concert promoter Mike Saunders asked locals what the best local Christian band was to open for an April 16, Bride concert at E.C. Glass High School, their resounding answer was Kerygma Child.

Formerly known as The Vision, Kerygma Child consists of drummer Kevin Mallway, guitarist Josh Sampson, bass player Jeremy West and singer Lance Smith.

The band changed its name because of copyright laws and chose the word "kerygma" from the Greek which means "messenger of good news" or "proclamation of good news."

"When people come to a Kerygma Child concert, they can expect to hear some good, strong rock-n-roll music that has a strong message at the same time," Sampson said.

"We like to go deeper than some bands such as Petra or White Heart. In one song called Tye-dyed Wine, for example, we challenge the new age movement. We're a thinking man's band, and we like to channel to the college-aged and the more-mature high school students," he added.

Kerygma Child has a three-fold purpose. "Primarily we want to go out and share our message to the unsaved — God sending his Son Jesus Christ to the cross for our sins; Secondly, to encourage and uplift Christians in their walk with God; and thirdly, is to be as professional as possible," Sampson said.

It's success is not one of overnight stardom, however. The group's maturing process has been one of patiently waiting for one concert at a time.

"The Lord has given us one (concert) at a time... never two in a row. He only shows us one step in front of us, and it's always challenging just because you don't know what's around the corner," Sampson explained.

"It's made us have faith in God and keep our



MESSENGERS OF GOOD NEWS — Kerygma Child consists of (left to right) bass player Jeremy West, guitarist Josh Sampson, drummer Kevin Mallway and singer Lance Smith. They will open for Bride at 8 p.m., April 16, at E.C. Glass.

attitudes right by keeping us humble, but it's been a maturing process," he continued.

Sampson says there's nothing like a concert where eight or nine kids get saved, and 15 kids commit their lives to the Lord.

"It's powerful and brings tears to my eyes. Our band gets together after a concert like that and thanks the Lord. It's like the disciples with Jesus — they had life-long bonding and they ministered together," he said.

That passion for reaching others is exactly what drives the band, along with its new manager, to aggressively pursue possible

contacts in the music industry.

"I was reading Heaven's Metal one day and it had an ad for unsigned bands. They're having a competition for a CD, so I called our manager and said, 'Send in whatever you can as fast as you can,'" Sampson said.

Soon afterward, the band received a letter from Doug VanPelt of Heaven's Metal magazine who congratulated them as being one of the top 12 bands and informed them that their song "Stripped" has been chosen to appear on the special CD.

"The CD will be distributed to many secu-

lar magazines as well as available to all Christian radio station's air-play. Any place that subscribes to Heaven's Metal will also have an opportunity to buy the CD, so that's an incredible blessing," Sampson said.

Sampson added that the band hopes to make another good connection from that exposure and is trusting in God that they will be signed sometime during the next year.

Tickets can be purchased at New Life Books or call 528-5495 for more information. Tapes and CD's will also be sold in DeMoss Hall during the first or second week in April.

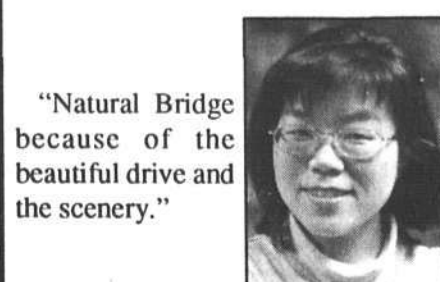
Answers Please

"Where's the best place to go for fun off campus?"



Travis Lockyer
Lincoln, Neb.

"Movies 10 because it's the only place you can go without a car."



Eun Byun
South Korea

"Natural Bridge because of the beautiful drive and the scenery."



Shirley Campbell
Pittsburgh, Pa.

"The park because you can get good exercise there."

LU teacher approaches class as ministry

By LISA MORGAN
Special to Liberty Champion

Her husband's job brought her to Lynchburg, but Mrs. Jane Randlett's own gifts and talents and the love she has for her students earned her a teaching position.

Randlett, who teaches the Christian Woman and Women in the Ministry classes, has a true love for students. Her greatest joy in teaching is getting to know the girls in her classes by talking to and praying with them.

With each of the girls, she has been able to develop some rewarding friendships and feels that she is doing something lasting in someone's life.

Her teaching experience began at Thomas Road when her husband came to the church to be a part of the junior high staff. Dave Adams, then the junior high coordinator, asked her to teach the seventh grade Wednesday night Bible study. Her first response was hesitant. "I can't do that. I've never taught anyone."

She laughed as she continued, "I didn't think I could teach, but they had all the lessons written out, and I figured that I could do as well as the next guy." So she started teaching and God began refocusing her ministry.

During her time with junior high, Randlett began working with Mrs. Wemp, who preceded her in teaching the two ministry classes at Liberty.

"Mrs. Wemp handed-picked me to take over her classes. But God has led me step by step into what I am doing. It wasn't something I saw and wanted to do. I never started out to make teaching my goal. It seems that God has just led me that way, and it has been a natural pro-



Jane Randlett
School of Religion

gression from one thing to another," Randlett said.

Randlett's fears are like those of anyone else. She admits to sometimes doubting her capabilities. One of the most challenging things she has faced while teaching is to make everything worthwhile.

"I want to be prepared for my classes to be sure that what I have is what I think my students need. I am always on the lookout for things I think are useful," she explained.

Her goals for the future include praying about the possibility of full-time teaching.

Randlett encourages young women to be what God meant them to be. "I think that means wives and mothers and the home re-

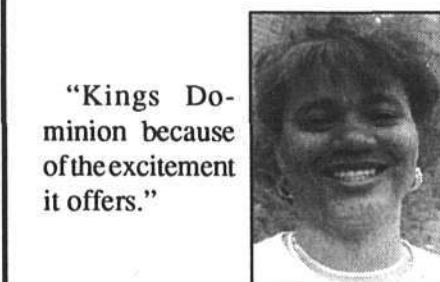
sponsibility. Feminism has made being a homemaker sound like it's not enough of a challenge, not enough of an accomplishment."

Mrs. Randlett took a survey in her class that revealed 40 out of 42 girls would choose to stay at home as a homemaker if money were no object.

"I advise them to be all that God meant for them to be, and to not lose out by thinking that they have to bring home the paycheck."

"They are not less than anyone else by taking care of the home. It is a full-time, 24-hour-a-day job. To have someone else raise your kids is not the way God intended it, I think. I understand that some women have been called to careers, she said.

"However, I think for the most part they would rather choose to be at home. When you don't have money you learn to pretend and make do. My mother never worked out of the home, and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Randlett concluded.



Stephanie Handy
Highpoint, N.C.

"Kings Dominion because of the excitement it offers."



Brian Davenport
Richmond, Va.

"The Drowsy Poet because the coffee is superb!"

'Surprise': Life's biggest moments require patience, flexibility

I thought the biggest challenge of becoming engaged would be successfully surprising Kathy.

I never imagined she would be the one full of surprises.

You see, Kathy has been hoping for an engagement ring since Valentine's Day, but I'd explained to her that it was financially impossible. I'd been waiting for a rather large refund check from the business office, which as everyone knows could take a matter of years.

What I didn't tell her however, was that I unexpectedly received a partial refund. That amount helped me to completely pay for the ring we picked out at Teofil's Jewelers.



DAVID HART

My plan was to talk to her father Monday or Tuesday night, and propose by candlelight in a gazebo near her house Wednesday night.

That way she could have half of the week as a normal person, and the last half to recover from the afterglow of getting engaged.

Monday afternoon, however, I realized that Kathy and I were going to Ocean City, Md., the next day. I immediately decided that a picnic on the beach would be more romantic than a gazebo surrounded by houses.

I had to talk to her dad that night, but there were only two times I could talk to him alone: 1) while Kathy was taking her nightly bath, or 2) while she was asleep.

Much to my surprise, Kathy decided not to take a bath that particular evening, and her Dad was so tired that he went to bed at 9 p.m. Great. Now what was I going to do?

When I told Kathy's mom my dilemma, she told me that the next morning would be a

good opportunity to talk to him before he went to work. However, this meant that I'd have to wake up at 5:30 a.m.

Our talk the next morning actually went very well. He was surprised and entertained by my "time line" for the future which we discussed point by point for nearly an hour.

We continued to bond over coffee and orange juice, while he shared words of wisdom and warning, and eventually gave me the proverbial stamp of approval. So everything was smooth sailing from then on, right? Wrong.

Kathy was hungry for lunch before we even left for the two-hour drive to the beach. Inwardly, I was wishing we could save the sandwiches for the beach, but what was I going to say? "No. I've got a delightfully romantic lunch all planned, and you're going to wait whether you want to or not."

First of all you don't say things like that to a hypoglycemic. Secondly, that is not a state-

ment of warmth and sensitivity which is oh-so important just before proposing to someone.

Once we got to the beach, I realized that I had made the right choice. Not a soul was in sight as I set down my picnic basket and spread a plaid blanket on the sand.

We talked for about half an hour and when Kathy got up to look for sea shells, I got out the sparkling apple cider. As we toasted our relationship, an elderly couple appeared and strolled down the beach arm in arm.

This was my cue. The moment was right. Destiny was calling. But where was the ring?

I had buried it deep in the contents of the picnic basket so she wouldn't see the box. Now I had to think of a reason to make her turn her back while I got out the ring.

"Kathy, why don't you find some more shells to give to your parents," I suggested.

Luckily, she did and when she came back I was ready to unleash the secret... drop the

bomb... flash the rock... pop the question.

"Kathy, will you marry me?" I asked, positioned on one knee.

I thought I'd see a tear. Perhaps even a river. Or maybe she'd be stunned, overcome by emotion, rendered speechless for the moment.

"Yes! Yes! Yes!" she exploded.

"Are you sure you don't want to think about it for a minute?" I asked chuckling.

"No! No! I mean, yes! Yes! I want to marry you!" she exclaimed as I slid the ring on her finger.

The sunset on the way home reminded me that things don't always turn out the way you plan them. Sometimes they turn out better.

There's something to be said for planning and preparation, but expectations can also be very dangerous.

If we as college students could learn to remain calm and be flexible, our potentially stressful times will be our fondest memories.

NELSON CHAPMAN

Resurrection is our only hope

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay (Matthew 28:6)."

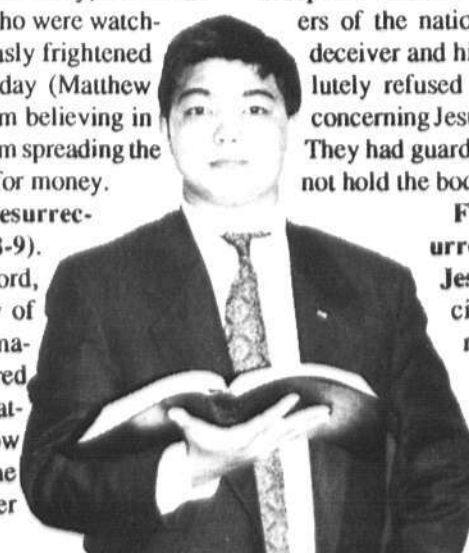
Those words state the fact that is the basis of Christianity: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The mere mention of the event stirs the soul. What a blessed truth it is that the tomb that held Jesus Christ is empty today. Instead, He is sitting on the right hand of God the Father this very moment. Jesus Christ is alive today!

Now, there is much theological significance to the resurrection. Indeed, our very souls hinge on Christ's triumph in the resurrection. However, instead of indulging in a deep discussion of the theological ramifications, let's simply look back on that glorious day of Christ's resurrection through the reactions of four major

participants who experienced the events of that day. How did those who were affected by the resurrection react to it?

First, the soldiers saw the resurrection as profit (Matthew 28:15). "So they took the money, and did as they were taught..." The soldiers who were watching the tomb of Christ were obviously frightened by the angelic visitation on that day (Matthew 28:4), but there is no record of them believing in the resurrection. Instead, we see them spreading the false accounts of the chief priests for money.

Second, the women saw the resurrection as great joy (Matthew 28:8-9). These women, followers of the Lord, thought to prepare the dead body of Christ with sweet spices for permanent burial, but they were not prepared for Jesus' appearances to them (Matthew 28:9; Mark 16:9)! Oh, but how their hearts flooded with joy! The news and sight of their Redeemer brought joy beyond words.



Third, the chief priests saw the resurrection as deception (Matthew 27:63,64; 28:28:12,13). These men were deceived in believing that the resurrection was a deception. The chief priests, who were the religious leaders of the nation of Israel, believed Jesus to be a deceiver and his resurrection as a hoax. They absolutely refused to believe Scripture and testimony concerning Jesus' rising again. They sealed the tomb. They had guards watch the tomb. Oh, but they could not hold the body of Christ in the tomb!

Fourth, the 11 disciples saw the resurrection as verification of the deity of Jesus Christ (John 20:28). The disciples at first reacted to the news of the resurrection with unbelief (Mark 16:11; Luke 24:10-12). Then, when the disciples saw Jesus in the upper room, He had to dispell unbelief by presenting Himself with His hands, feet and even eating before them (Luke 24:36-43). It is then, when

they saw Him personally, that they began to believe. The confession of doubting Thomas in John 20:28 represents the reaction of the disciples to seeing the bodily resurrection of Christ: "My Lord and my God." Thomas and the other 10 disciples acknowledged the deity of Jesus Christ once they witnessed the living person of Jesus Christ.

How do you view the resurrection? Do you choose not to believe like the soldiers? Do you see it as a hoax like the chief priests? Do you see it as the women and the 11 disciples saw it... with great joy and verification that Christ is the Savior... that He is God Himself?

The resurrection offers hope that we too, believers, will rise from the dead into glory like Jesus. If Christ hadn't risen from the dead we would have no hope. Our belief would be no better than the Hindu, Buddhist and Moslem religions. Oh, but because Christ rose again, we have a hope and faith in a living God (1 Peter 1:3)!

As you observe this Resurrection Sunday, let's thank God for the grace He has shown us by allowing Christ to die and rise again for our justification.

Lifestyle



photo by Jonathan Cooley

About Face...

Faces. We see them every day. Or do we?

We look at people's clothes. We look at their hair. We even look at their shoes. But how often do we really look at their faces?

Walking around campus, it seems as if there's a silent code of behavior which says, "Keep looking straight ahead and don't let the person catch you looking at him!"

Maybe it's because we're college students and we're so conscious of our own image that we forget the images around us. Real images. Other people.

Perhaps we're afraid that if we

make direct eye contact with them, they'll think we're staring.

Then again, maybe we don't look at people's faces because we don't like people looking at ours. We don't like people to know what we're feeling. We don't like being vulnerable.

But remember when it was fun to make faces? And it was okay to be in a bad mood? And it felt good when someone looked you in the eyes and smiled?

Some of you do. It's written all over your faces.

By David Hart, Feature Editor



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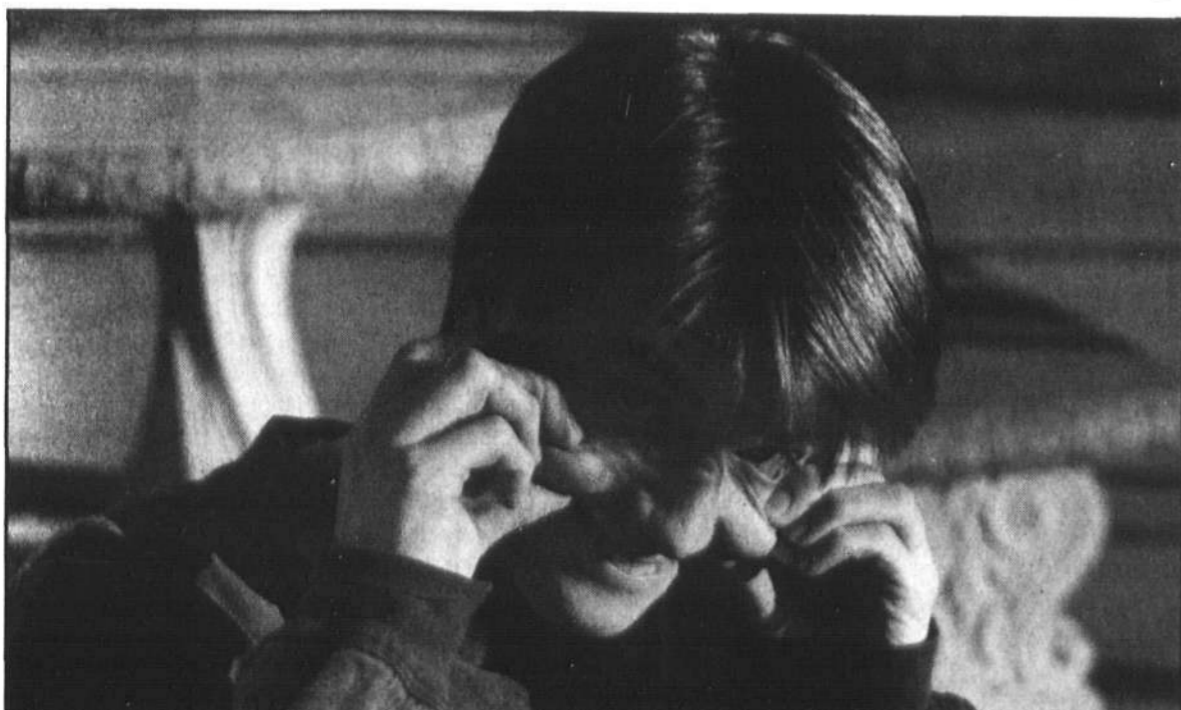


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Sports

Sluggers win against UMBC

By RICH MACLONE
Champion Reporter

The Liberty baseball team picked up its first Big South Conference win on Saturday in the second game of a doubleheader against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. The win moved the Flames' conference record to 1-8. LU posted three wins during the week, while losing three as well, moving the Flames' overall record to 8-13.

Saturday's doubleheader against UMBC resulted in a split between the two teams, with the Golden Retrievers taking the first game, 4-3, and Liberty winning the second, 7-3.

LU received good pitching in all three games against UMBC. The opener on Friday had staff ace Kris Morton on the hill against the Retrievers' club.

Morton pitched six and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs (two earned) and five hits, while striking out one and walking three.

Morton allowed an unearned run in the first. The LU pitcher hit the first batter of the game, UMBC third baseman Matt Barry. The UMBC runner advanced to second base when the second batter bounced out to second baseman Jeremy Tully.

The next batter reached on an error when shortstop Terry Weaver misplayed a ground ball, allowing Barry to move up to third base. UMBC's cleanup hitter, first baseman Jason Pruitt, drove home Barry on a single

up the middle.

LU came back to take the lead in the second inning, when they scored two runs off of UMBC knuckleballer Jackson Edwards. The two runs came on an RBI double by Flames designated hitter Ryan Hutchinson, scoring John Horton and Tully.

The Flames held on to the lead until the top of the seventh inning. The Golden Retrievers chased LU's pitcher for two runs in the inning.

Morton got into trouble after getting the first batter to ground out to the shortstop.

With one out Morton walked UMBC rightfielder Barry Bush, who scored when the next batter, catcher Zack Krikatan, doubled. The following two UMBC batters singled, the second scoring Krikatan.

UMBC attempted a safety squeeze with runners at first and third. The bunt didn't score the run, but it did move up the runner on first, giving UMBC two runners in scoring position with two outs.

Morton, with an empty base, walked leftfielder Shawn Shugars to load up the bases.

Liberty Head Coach Johnny Hutton decided to make a pitching move at this point, bringing in Kurt Harris to stop the threat. Harris got the batter to ground the ball to third baseman Keith Miraldi for the out.

Liberty found itself trailing the first time since early in the ball game, but was unable to respond until the bot-

tom of the eighth inning when centerfielder Charlie Kim led off the inning with his second home run of the season. The Flames went down in order after the Kim round-tripper.

Harris took the mound again in the eighth. The pitcher gave up a leadoff double but got the next two batters. Harris then intentionally walked Krikatan, who doubled in the previous inning. The preceding batter reached base on an error by third baseman Miraldi, loading up the bags. The Flames pitcher got Retriever shortstop Jeff Vincent to bounce into a fielder's choice that ended the threat.

Unfortunately for the Flames, Harris wouldn't be as fortunate in the top of the ninth. After the retiring the leadoff hitter, Retriever leftfielder Shugars took a Harris fastball deep over the left field wall to give UMBC a one run lead.

However, UMBC wasn't finished. The Golden Retrievers managed to get one more run on a walk, a dropped ball in centerfield and two more walks.

The Flames were unable to battle back, as Edwards finished the complete game by retiring the side in order in the ninth.

The Saturday doubleheader was split between the clubs, with the Retrievers taking the first game, 4-3 while the Flames grabbed the second, 7-3.

The first game on Saturday was almost a mirror image of the game on Friday afternoon.

UMBC jumped on top early, scor-



photo by Kristen Wright

SMACK — Liberty's Jake Hines takes a big cut at the ball during Friday's contest with UMBC. The Flames lost the game, 5-3. However, LU picked up its first Big South win against UMBC on Saturday.

ing a pair of runs in the first. A single run in the third boosted the Golden Retriever lead to 3-0.

Liberty battled back to tie the game by matching UMBC's run in the third and continuing to score two more in the fifth, tying the game at three.

Liberty came from behind to tie things up for the second time in as many games, only to have results similar to Friday's as UMBC scored the winning run in the final inning.

However, the Flames did manage to salvage the last game of the weekend series by taking their frustrations out on UMBC pitchers in the final

game of the doubleheader.

LU batters exploded for seven runs on 11 hits. Liberty starting pitcher Mike Brown cemented the offense's success by throwing seven quality innings, allowing only three runs on eight hits.

The Flames won their first conference game of the year, 7-3.

LU also played three other contests during the week, winning two while dropping one. On Tuesday, Liberty beat James Madison, 10-6.

Coming back from a 5-1 deficit, LU exploded for eight runs in the eighth inning to claim a lead that they

would not give up.

The Richmond Spiders came to Lynchburg on Wednesday, and the hit parade started as Liberty punched out 15 hits (all singles) to beat the visiting Spiders, 7-5.

The low point of the week came in a makeup game against Virginia Tech. The Hokies decimated LU by a score of 17-4.

The Flames play on the road on Tuesday against VMI and will replay a rained out game with UVA. on Thursday at Worthington Field before heading out to play their next four on the road.

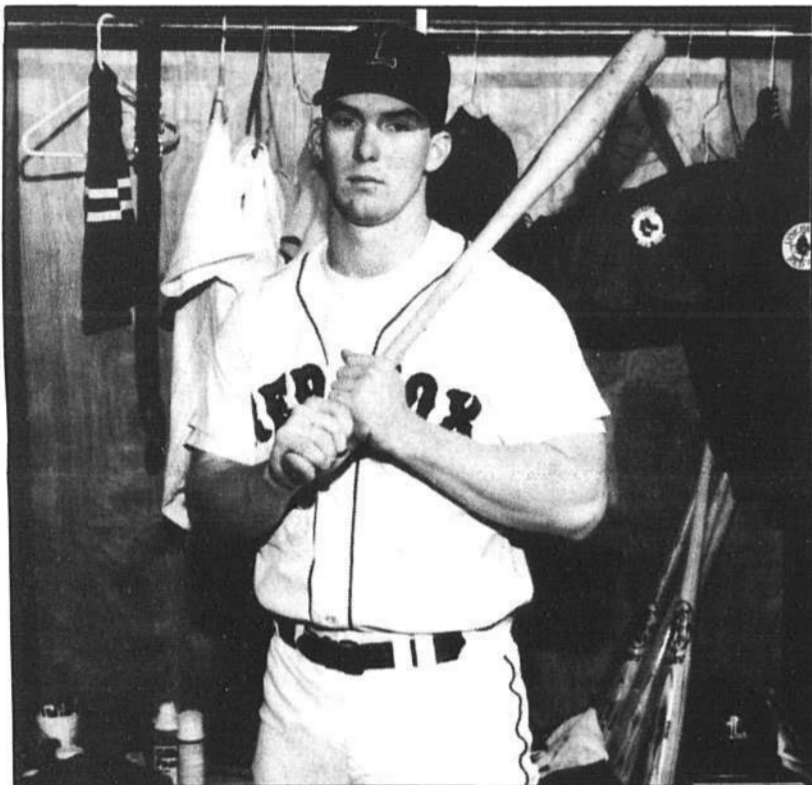


photo by Robert DeVaul

A PRETTY PENNY — Trot Nixon, the Lynchburg Red Sox's seventh-round \$890,000 signee, poses for a shot in his new attire.

Highly-touted Sox prospect turns heads

By JOSHUA COOLEY
Sports Editor

As the month of April brings hopes of spring and warm weather, a 1993 graduate from New Hanover High School in Wilmington, N.C., is bringing high expectations on his shoulders and in his bat as he prepares to play ball for the Lynchburg Red Sox this season.

Trot Nixon — a 6'2", 195-pound, 19-year-old who was voted "High School Player of the Year" in 1993 by Baseball America — has signed with the Carolina League Lynchburg Red Sox, the Class A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox.

The organization is already comparing Nixon to some of the superstars of the game.

"All the scouts and all the Red Sox personnel who have seen him play say he has all the tools. They say he has

a Will Clark swing and a Lenny Dykstra mentality," Lynchburg Red Sox Assistant General Manager Ronnie Roberts said.

"He's got lots of natural ability and shows great desire, determination and hustle," Roberts continued.

Nixon was the seventh pick in the 1993 June draft. The prospect had originally planned to play football and baseball for the North Carolina State Wolfpack, a choice that probably lowered his draft-pick status, Roberts said.

But after much persistence and a record \$890,000 signing bonus offer by the Boston organization, Nixon agreed to a contract.

In fact, according to Roberts, the Red Sox new prize is expected to receive a September phone call from Boston to play in the majors after the minor league season is over.

"He has a gentleman's agreement saying that he will get a September call-up to Boston when the minor league season is over. We understand that he will be in Boston in September," Roberts said.

Nixon's fame has not saturated only Lynchburg. His followers range across the country, especially in the northeastern part of the States.

"We have been getting lots of calls, especially from the New England area, because they follow him very closely. He has been featured in The Boston Globe. He has been on the cover of Boston Baseball Magazine. He has been mentioned almost every week by Peter Gammons, either in Baseball America or The Boston Globe," Roberts explained.

"We get calls all the time from people (in New England) wanting schedules. People are planning their

vacation through Virginia to see Nixon play. We have had lots of card collectors and card dealers calling to ask for as many of Nixon's card sets as we can give them.

He is already on two or three Classic Best (baseball) cards. He is getting lots of attention all across the country," Roberts continued.

The prospect will arrive in Lynchburg on Tuesday, April 5. The team will play on Wednesday, April 6, in an exhibition game against Lynchburg College at City Stadium.

The Red Sox season officially opens on Thursday, April 7, with a road trip. The Sox's home opener is Tuesday, April 12, against the Durham Bulls.

The organization will be holding a Liberty University discount night on Tuesday, April 26, at which they will lower admission prices to \$1.75 for LU students with their school ID's.

Tracksters compete at IC4A Championships

Flames Pettyjohn, Swinton enjoy success

By MICAH GAUDIO
Champion Reporter

One point separated Notre Dame from Liberty as the Liberty track and field select few finished in eighth place overall in the IC4A Championships on March 5-6, in Princeton, N.J.

Senior Todd Pettyjohn and sophomore Jacob Swinton won their respective events to lead the team.

Pettyjohn defended his title as he won the IC4A pole vault competition for the second time with a jump of 17 feet, four inches.

Pettyjohn also set a new Liberty indoor pole vault record.

Sophomore Mike Prettyman placed fifth overall among the pole vaulters and earned the All-East title when he

jumped 16 feet.

Swinton eliminated the entire field of 55 meter competitors as he won the preliminary competitions, the semifinals and the finals with a time of 6.5 seconds.

Swinton also feels his strength lies in the 100 meters and has aspirations of running at the nationals for the Flames during the upcoming outdoor-track season.

Junior Mike Reed competed in the 500 meters and ran a time of 64.40 seconds to place sixth overall, despite being injured.

Also, sophomore Ryan Werner gave a credible performance in the pentathlon, placing fifth with a score of 3,689 points.



photo by Jeff Raymond

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS — Trackster Todd Pettyjohn soars above the pole vault bar as he has done so many times. Pettyjohn successfully defended his vaulting title at the IC4A's before break.

Track runs in Raleigh

By MICAH GAUDIO
Champion Reporter

The Liberty track and field teams competed against more than 100 schools last weekend at Raleigh Relays in North Carolina.

Senior Fadhila Samuel was victorious as she ran the 400 meters in a time of 55.62 seconds and placed first overall. In addition, she broke the women's school record in the 200 meters by running a 24.59 second clip earlier in the day. She placed fifth overall with that time.

"It wasn't my strength that endured that 400 meters. It was totally up to the Lord how well I would run. I didn't feel ready to run this weekend. My legs were dead from last week's practice," Samuel said.

Sophomore Mike Prettyman continued the Liberty pole vault tradition as he won the pole vault with a leap of 15 feet, 9 inches. Junior Ryan Werner also cleared the same height but placed

in third position.

"I think some vaulters were intimidated by the rain, but you just can't let the conditions control you," Prettyman explained after the meet.

Sophomore Jacob Swinton ran the 100 meters in a time of 10.60 seconds — good enough for second place finish behind two-time world champion Antonio Pettigrew. Swinton leads the Liberty track team in scoring this year.

The men's mile relay team placed fourth with a time of 3:14.32 minutes. The team was composed of Pettyjohn, Swinton, junior Mike Reed and freshman anchor leg Dennis Johnson.

Senior Mike Lucas heaved the javelin 187 feet, 7 inches and placed sixth overall.

Reed ran the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 53.71 seconds which was also good for a sixth place.

Sophomore Mike Connell high-jumped 6 feet, 6 inches and placed sixth overall.

Bob Sturm

Columnist shares thoughts about LU vs. UNC match

I was walking in the press area at USAir Arena about 10 days ago, 45 minutes before the Thursday press conference which preceded Liberty's taking on North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA tournament the following afternoon.

I was looking around at the dozens of writers, broadcasters and other assorted media people who were in Landover, Md., covering this colossal event.

The theme of all these media gurus was the original concept of David vs. Goliath. You heard that silly reference the entire week. David vs. Goliath? Are you serious?

Friends, this match-up of Liberty versus the number one team in the nation is some-

thing that makes David and Goliath look like a toss-up.

Ten trillion-to-one were the odds that were given to that cute little school from Lynchburg for winning the tournament. Comparable odds would be the movie "The Addams Family" winning an Oscar for best picture.

As I walked through the room, I saw writers from papers like USA Today, the Baltimore Sun, The Boston Globe, and several dozen others. They were amused by the little team of Baptists even showing up to play the giants from Chapel Hill.

Here's a little comparison to demonstrate that this game seemed really unnecessary. Alumni: UNC—Michael Jordan, James Wor-

thy, Kenny Smith. Liberty—Mike Goad, Mark Woodby, Jerry Smith.

All the numbers didn't make sense, but for some reason it did not matter. I walked over to Jeff Meyer, who by now needs no introduction, and heard him say with a sparkle in his eyes something that I've heard from him several times in the three years I've been covering his teams: "It's great to be a Liberty Flame."

As a media member, that did not really mean much to me. But as a student, I felt my heart swell up with pride, much the same way it did three weeks ago when I walked out of the tunnel in Charleston and saw 4,000 students screaming.

Meyer knew what was probably going to happen on Friday, but he also knew his team, who showed over and over this season that it led the nation in heart

wasn't going to roll over and die against impossible odds.

Then the game happened. The players kept hustling, diving and showing little respect for the Heels or their own bodies. Shots were falling, passes were finding their destinations, defense was performing, and all at once, they started to believe.

You could feel the players and the crowd start to wonder if maybe the miracle could happen. Maybe the dream could come true. I sat there on press row, trying my best to follow media ethics by not cheering. But inside, I was doing cartwheels, knowing we were matching Carolina blow for blow.

Eighteen thousand-plus seemed to all want Liberty to do it. You could feel the players grow in confidence. You could feel that thousands of Liberty sup-

porters watching on television were hoping, praying and cheering for the impossible to occur. That was the moment I will always remember about our ride to the dance.

We will never know what that "one shining moment" has meant for our school. We don't know the future, but we do know the past. Liberty lost the fight on the scoreboard but won the hearts of the nation.

During the post-game press conference, I asked Matt Hildebrand if he felt the Flames could be proud of their effort.

"I haven't had time to reflect on the game yet," he said, "but I guess we found out what it's like to play the top team in the nation. You know, you can't measure heart. Our team has a lot of heart. Hopefully, we showed the nation that today."

On CBS they showed this segment and after Matt's comment, they went back to the studio where Pat O'Brien responded, "Not hopefully, Matt. You guys did." It's great to be a Liberty Flame.

Senior Lady Flame reflects on basketball, life at Liberty

By B. JILL ALESSI
Champion Reporter

Basketball has always been more than just a game to senior Dawn Coleman. Her past four years on the women's basketball team have meant growing not necessarily physically, but socially and spiritually.

"For the first time, I learned to be part of a team, to depend on my teammates both on and off the court," Coleman said.

As Coleman looked back over her seasons as a Lady Flame, she said her best memory was not a big win but an exciting trip to New Hampshire during her sophomore year.

She explained that her friends have made the greatest impact on her life while she's been at Liberty.

"My friends allowed me to be myself for the first time," she said.

Coleman said she has enjoyed having friends who are there to pray for her and with her.

However, it was not until Coleman

came to Liberty that she was ever interested in prayer.

"I came here to get an education and play ball and avoid all the other stuff," Coleman said.

During spiritual emphasis week of her first semester at LU, Coleman received Christ into her heart as her personal Savior.

After Coleman got saved, she said her goals changed from just getting an education through sports to wanting to improve herself. As her priorities changed, her family became more important to her.

Coleman said that after she came to school, she became much closer to her family, which includes not only her brother Michael, 16, but her parents Larry and Marianna Coleman.

"My parents were there for me in the hard times," Coleman explained.

Others have also impacted Coleman's life.

"I really feel that my teammates and roommates (Marsha Houff and

Renee White) have helped me grow in every aspect of my life — especially spiritually," Coleman said.

"Her spiritual life has amazed me," Head Coach Rick Reeves said. "I've seen her grow as a person and mature over the past four years," he said.

Coleman believes that her four years of college basketball have taught her many lessons.

"I've learned to take things day by day. With basketball, there's so much to do that it's made me realize the important things," Coleman said.

Reeves commented on Coleman's athletic career, saying that her role on the team has been one of versatility.

Coleman has played the number two, three and four positions depending on the circumstances, Reeves said. Her flexibility allowed Coleman to rank second in games played in Lady Flames history as she has seen time in 112 games during her career.

"She's a very intelligent player — that makes her versatile," Reeves said.

"She's sort of like a female Larry Bird — he wasn't a great athlete, but he thought through the game," he said.

Reeves cited, however, that Coleman's greatest weakness was that she was not durable.

Injuries during both her sophomore and senior years kept her from playing up to her potential.

Reeves said that her performance during her junior year was definitely her greatest.

Last season, Coleman hit five of five three-pointers in the second half of the Feb. 6, 1993, overtime win against Campbell University. Coleman sunk her career high of 24 points during the Campbell game. Also during her junior season, Coleman tossed in a career high of nine assists.

However, a dislocated shoulder during the summer of 1993 and a nagging knee injury during the 1993-94 season inhibited her senior playing time. Although Reeves believed she should have been a 1,000-point



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—Dawn Coleman
Lady Flames forward

shooter during her college career, she fell just shy with 908 points.

Reeves said that Coleman's greatest strength was her shooting. She ranked second in the Big South Conference with a 36.5 three-point field goal percentage this season.

Coleman also hit a career high 10 of 11 from the line against North Carolina A & T University this season.

"Some people say she didn't finish

her career off very well, but it's because of what she did off the court that has made her a success," Reeves said.

After graduation, Coleman wants to become a coach. Coleman's desire is to be able to touch kids' lives through sports, she said.

"I think it's God's way of using something I have," Coleman said. "I want to give back what I've been given in sports."

LU defeated in first round

By JOSHUA COOLEY
Sports Editor

Seventy points by the sixth-seeded Lady Flames, including a team-high 25 points from guard Ginny Coleman, were not enough to stop a hot Radford team on Thursday, March 10, in the Big South Women's Tournament quarterfinals in Greensboro, N.C., as LU lost, 80-70.

From the tipoff, the third-seeded Lady Highlanders of Radford never trailed in the game.

Two times during the game, they led by as many as 18 points, and although Liberty cut the lead to one with 10:24 left in the first half, LU would get no closer.

"I thought they played very hard and very emotional with a lot of intensity," Liberty Head Coach Rick Reeves said.

"The game was an extremely physical game. I think that was to Radford's benefit," he continued.

The Lady Flames sent Radford to the charity stripe to shoot a total of 49 free throws.

The Lady Highlanders (16-11) came onto the floor and immediately starting netting points as they jumped to an early 11-6 lead.

G. Coleman brought Liberty (13-14) to within three on a turnaround jumper in the lane with 15:11 left to go in the first half.

Radford shifted the tide of the game and increased its lead to seven as Mindy Ballinger hit a jumper with 13:29 to go.

G. Coleman brought Liberty to within one at 10:24 with a field goal from 16 feet out, but the Lady Flames never saw the margin that tight again. Radford rumbled to a 16-5 run over

the next five minutes, and although LU brought the score to within two with 4:10 remaining in the first half, the Lady Highlanders went into the locker room with a 44-34 lead.

Radford came out in the second half and never looked back. Eight minutes into the second half, the Lady Highlanders increased their lead to 17 on a three-point play by Nicole Gardner, who racked up 15 total points.

Although G. Coleman stepped it up a notch, scoring 15 of her 25 total points in the second half, she and the Lady Flames never came within nine of Radford.

The Lady Highlanders sunk 14 of 25 free throws and hit 40 percent from the field to ensure their win.

Liberty, on the other side of the court, converted 11 of 18 free throws and hit 34 percent from the field.

RU had three double-figure scorers in Gardner (15), Shannan Wilkey (27) and Samantha Gilbert (14).

For Liberty, forward Tacha Woods contributed 10 points and eight rebounds, while forward Angie Johnson tallied nine points and brought down nine boards.

"We needed to not put Radford at the free throw line. They shot 49 free throws. That kind of took us out of our defensive scheme," Reeves said. "I can't really fault the kids because they can't control the officials."

Reeves is looking forward to a strong, competitive season next year since only one player, forward Dawn Coleman, will be graduating in May.

"I think every year we are getting better and deeper. Even though we've only got one (graduating) senior, we are recruiting as if we are going to need two or three positions," he said.

Big South Postseason Appearances

1991 Scoreboard	
Coastal Carolina (15)	Indiana (2)
69	79

1992 Scoreboard	
Campbell (16)	Duke (1)
56	82

1993 Scoreboard	
Coastal Carolina (16)	Michigan (1)
53	84

1994 Scoreboard	
Liberty (16)	North Carolina (1)
51	71

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Tennis drops two, wins one

By JOANNA TEDDER
Assistant Copy Editor

Liberty's tennis team won against North Carolina A & T Wednesday, but the Flames lost two games last weekend against Old Dominion University and UNC Asheville. The team's record now stands even at 9-9.

Saturday, senior Eddie Bongart recorded a win over Owenby (6-0, 7-5), and senior Raphael Cardoso defeated Pralinsky (6-2, 7-6).

The Bulldogs' Vaughan defeated senior Chris Johnson (6-2, 6-3), and

Bulldog Leonardi beat sophomore Barrett Connolly (6-1, 6-4).

Also, UNCA's Blee defeated freshman Matthew Schley (6-1, 6-0), and Stonnes beat LU freshman David Spohn (7-6, 6-3).

In doubles matches, Bongart and Cardoso defeated Vaughan and Leonardi (8-2), while the team of Johnson and Connolly beat Blee and Stonnes (8-4). However, the Flames' team consisting of Schley and Spohn met defeat at the hands of Owenby and Pralinsky (8-1).

Hockey club places fifth

By JONATHAN COOLEY
Champion Reporter

LU's hockey club finished the season ranked fifth in the nation after splitting a pair of games in the national tournament. This was the team's third consecutive year at the event.

The Flames beat Sienna, 5-2, in the first game. Liberty took a 5-0 lead in the third period and coasted to win.

Liberty then lost to Colorado State by a score of 4-2. Colorado State finished as the second place team in the tournament.

"A lot of people said it was a very exciting, well-played game," Coach Gary Habermas said.

"Sienna's players had watched them play and were saying 'Those guys are good.' They were a very disciplined

and well-practiced team," he added.

The Flames played strong, allowing only one goal while at full strength, but they gave up three power play goals. LU allowed the second lowest number of goals in the tournament.

Habermas said he felt that this year's team was a strong defensive team that was very opportunistic, scoring most of its points off its defense. Bryan Bauer and Justian Wylie led the Flames in scoring for the season.

Liberty went into the tournament ranked seventh and came out fifth., ending with a final record was 12-3-2.

"I really appreciate the commitment of the fans and the guys," Habermas said.

Habermas also said he felt this was Liberty's most successful nationals.

Bruce, Orr wrestle with best in N.C.

By RICH MACLONE
Champion Reporter

Two Liberty wrestlers were sent to Chapel Hill, N.C., last week to compete in the NCAA Division 1 wrestling championships. Senior Aaron Bruce, wrestling in the 190-pound weight category, and freshman Denny Orr, wrestling in the 142-weight class, represented Liberty.

Orr wrestled Jeff Dalrymple of the Air Force Academy in the first round of action. The Liberty grappler put up a good fight but was sent home early with a 7-5 loss to the airman.

Bruce fared better than his teammate in the first round, beating Darren Andy from the University of Minnesota by a score of 10-4, thus allowing him to advance to the next round of action.

The Liberty senior drew Tyrone Howard of Bloomsburg, Pa., as his next opponent in the championships. Howard denied Bruce a win as he strapped the Flame with a 10-5 loss, leaving Bruce with his back against the wall in his bid to reach All-American status.

Bruce needed to gain a victory to advance any further in the tournament, but that victory did not come.

Bruce faced off against Brady Harrison, an Indiana University grappler, and barely lost the decisive match by the score of 10-9.

Bruce finished out his career at Liberty as one of the top wrestlers to ever hit the mat at LU. He was ranked as high as ninth in the nation earlier this season.



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Intramural action revives

By DANNY WENGER
Champion Reporter

Intramural sports returned to campus last week as Liberty students managed to drag themselves away from the beaches of Florida and find their way back to school.

Students had to quickly adapt to the rigors of classes and intramurals after a week of relaxation as the men's and women's intramural softball season opened and indoor soccer and 3-on-3 basketball continued.

The intramural schedule left no room for a break as it continued its search for league winners in soccer and basketball.

Men's Softball:

March 23 Sir Demolition 24, Big Chiles 8
March 23 Bush Pilots 10, Mudcats 9
March 23 Sirloin 12, Dorm 12 Rednecks 2
March 23 The Undertakers 12, Oikos I 10
March 23 Dorm 11 16, Oikos II 4
March 23 New Confederacy 10, The Fall of Youth 9

Women's Softball:

March 23 Peaches 29, Blue Diamonds 0
March 23 Brawn Brown 26, Conley 8
March 24 Conley 14, Blue Diamonds 8
March 24 Peaches 18, Brawn Brown 6

Men's Indoor Soccer:

March 21 KAB 4, Leave It To Beaver 1
March 21 Groovy Goosenecks 4, Samba Soccer 3
March 21 Misfits 2, Liberty Alumni 1
March 21 In Christ Alone (forfeit), KP ---
March 21 Wasted Youth 5, Cyclone 1
March 22 Leave It To Beaver 2, Misfits 0
March 22 LU Varsity 6, Wasted Youth 3
March 22 Fury 4, Fly By Night 3

March 22 Freeze Brain 2, Samba Soccer 1
March 23 Fury 8, Cyclone 1
March 23 Fly By Night (forfeit), KP ---
March 23 Fly By Night 6, In Christ Alone 2
March 24 Liberty Alumni 5, Freeze Brain 1
March 24 Liberty Alumni 4, Groovy Goosenecks 1
Women's Indoor Soccer:
March 22 POC 5, Women of Soccer 1
March 22 Sensational Six (forfeit), Long ---
March 23 POC (forfeit), Las Tigresas ---
Men's 3-on-3 Basketball:
March 21 Thomas (forfeit), Team Butter ---
March 21 Cool Runnings (forfeit), Stallions ---
March 21 Bull Dogs 20, Nicholas 18
March 21 Toast (forfeit), Can-Am Connection ---
March 21 Righteous Brothers (forfeit), Hogs II ---
March 21 Toast 26, The 5 Apaches 24
March 21 Sixers 30, Can-Am Connection 16
March 21 Hob Nobs 26, Special Sauce 22
March 21 EZ Bucket (forfeit), Montview Gang ---
March 21 Convenience Factor 36, Your Mom 34
March 22 Oikos (forfeit), Easley ---
March 23 The 5 Apaches (forfeit), Cartwright ---
March 23 Stallions (forfeit), Thomas ---
March 23 Cool Runnings 24, Your Mom 22
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March 23 Can-Am Connection 32, Swish 24
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March 23 Sixers 31, Team Butter 26
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March 23 Convenience Factor 26, Easley 22

Sports Schedule

Baseball

The team will go on the road to play VMI on Tuesday, March 29, at 3 p.m.

The squad will continue their road trip at UNC Asheville on Friday, April 1, at 3 p.m., and on Saturday, April 2, in a doubleheader starting at 12 noon.

Track

The teams will compete in the Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Va., and the Lynchburg Classic in Lynchburg on Saturday, April 2.

Men's Tennis

The team will travel to Gardner Webb in Boiling Springs, N.C., on Tuesday, March 29, to play at 3 p.m.

On Friday, April 1, at 3 p.m., the squad will play UMBC in Baltimore, Md.

The team will compete against Coppin State in Baltimore, Md., at 9 a.m., and Towson State in Towson, Md., at 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 2.

The squad will come home to play The Citadel on Monday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

Softball

The team will be at home to face South Hampton College on Tuesday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

The team will also be home on Wednesday, March 30, to play UNC Charlotte at 2 p.m.

The Lady Flames will then be on the road to play George Mason on Friday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m., and North Carolina A & T on Monday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

Flames' Scoreboard

Big South Baseball

RECORD: 8-13, 1-8

March 26

UMBC-Liberty, Stats

Game 2

LIBERTY

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Softball

RECORD: 2-15, 1-9

March 26

Cornell-Liberty, Stats

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March 25

Colgate-Liberty, Stats

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Tennis

RECORD: 9-9

March 26

UNCA-Liberty, Stats

BULLDOGS 4, FLAMES 3

Singles

Bongart, LU, def. Ownby, UNCA, 6-0, 7-5.

Cardoso, LU, def. Pralinsky, UNCA, 6-2, 7-6.

Vaughan, UNCA, def. Johnson, LU, 6-2, 6-3.

Leardi, UNCA, def. Connolly, LU, 5-1, 6-4.

Blee, UNCA, def. Schley, LU, 5-1, 6-0.

Stonnes, UNCA, def. Spohn, LU, 7-6, 6-3.

Doubles

Bongart/Cardoso, LU, def. Vaughan/Leardi, UNCA, 6-2.

Johnson/Connolly, LU, def. Blee/Stonnes, UNCA, 8-4.

Owensby/Pralinsky, UNCA, def. Stay/Spohn, LU, 8-1.

March 25

Old Dominion-Liberty, Stats

MONARCHS 6, FLAMES 1

Singles

Valor, ODU, def. Bongart, LU, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6.

Rosa, ODU, def. Cardoso, LU, 6-1, 6-2.

Padayon, ODU, def. Johnson, LU, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Connolly, LU, def. Smith, ODU, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6.

Stephenson, ODU, def. Fariss, LU, 6-1, 6-0.

Spohn, LU, def. Burke, ODU, default.

Doubles

Bongart/Cardoso, LU, def. Rosa/Burke, ODU, 8-5.

Valor/Smith, ODU, def. Connolly/Spohn, LU, 8-5.

Padayon/Stephenson, ODU, def. Johnson/Fariss, LU, 8-5.

March 23

North Carolina A & T-Liberty, Stats

FLAMES 7, AGGIES 0

Singles

Bongart, LU, def. Walls, NC A & T, 6-1, 6-1.

Cardoso, LU, def. Baker, NC A & T, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Johnson, LU, def. Byrd, NC A & T, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.

Connolly, LU, def. Michaux, NC A & T, 6-2, 6-1.

Fariss, LU, def. Lampely, NC A & T, 6-0, 6-0.

Spohn, LU, def. Satcher, NC A & T, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles

Bongart/Connolly, LU, def. Baker/Byrd, NC A & T, 10-5.

Johnson/Connolly, LU, def. Walls/Michaux, NC A & T, 10-5.

Fariss/Spohn, LU, def. Hicks/Satcher, NC A & T, 10-7.

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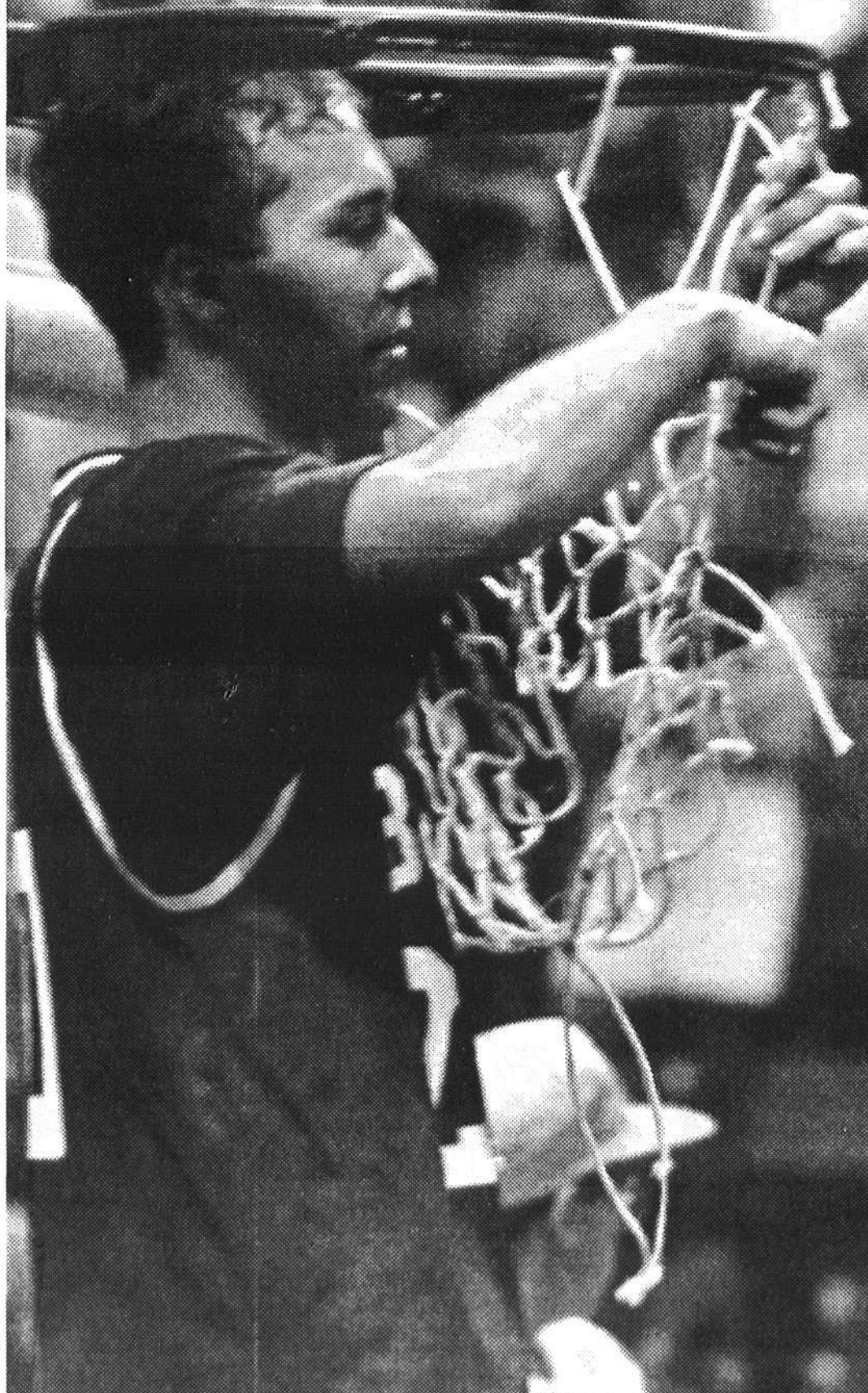
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NCAA dream ends for Liberty after 30 minutes

By BOB LIPPER

Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — Standing outside the room where his North Carolina basketball squad was changing out of its uniforms and showering, coach Dean Smith sipped from a cup of soda and glanced up as his athletic director, John Swofford, approached.

"How are you?" Swofford asked.

"Better," Smith replied.

If you're Liberty, nothing could be finer than to be on top of North Carolina — and that was the improbable story line after 30 minutes yesterday.

But then the Tar Heels woke up, Smith made one of those game-altering coaching moves that landed him in the Hall of Fame, the Flames wilted and UNC emerged with a 71-51 win and a second-round matchup against Boston College in the NCAA tournament.

Now 28-6 and seeded first in the East Regional, the Tar Heels came out flat (We might've underestimated them," said Rasheed Wallace), allowed the spunky and quicker Flames to stay in the running ("They outthrustled us," admitted Kevin Salvadori) and trailed 46-45 with 10 minutes to go.

That's when UNC erupted for a 16-0 surge — Wallace and Donald Williams each had two baskets — to settle the issue. Thus ahead 61-

46 with 4:22 left, the Tar Heels cruised home — but the postmortems focused on the game's first 30 minutes, not the last 10.

"We were right with 'em," said Matt Hildebrand, whose scoring (20 points) and playmaking (five as-

"They weren't out there just to play, they were out there to win."

— Kevin Salvadori

UNC guard (sists) fueled Liberty's spread-the-floor attack. "I was a little surprised to tell you the truth."

So were the Tar Heels.

"It was like, ahhh, we're going to pull away from 'em, but they kept sticking with us," Salvadori said. "Give them credit. They weren't out there just to play, they were out there to win."

That was the idea all along. Liberty brought an 18-11 record to USAir Arena. It represents the bottom-feeding Big South Conference, not the big-fish ACC. It was a 10-trillion-to-1 shot to win this tournament. But — corny as it sounds — the Flames believed.

"Yeah, I felt like it could happen," said coach Jeff Meyer. "I felt like our kids would defend — and they did. I felt like our kids would find a way by working together to get good shots — and they did. We were in great shape. In retrospect,

they wore us down."

The fade was sudden and fatal. Hardly deadeyes all afternoon — 32 percent in the first half, 29 all told — the Flames couldn't throw it in the parking lot during the last 10 minutes, when they missed 11 of 13 shots and compounded that sin by committing four turnovers.

Fatigue ("Their depth hurt us," said LU forward and Huguenot High product Darryl Williams) was a factor. So was the 2-3 zone Smith ordered at the 10-minute mark. It kept the Flames from penetrating and kicking the ball off to their spot-up shooters, and it also shadowed the three-point arc.

"He's (Smith) a great coach, and he knows what he's doing," Hildebrand observed.

Meanwhile, UNC kept pounding the ball inside to Wallace (18 points, 10 rebounds) and Eric Montross (17 and 10).

They combined for 22 of UNC's 39 second-half points and helped the Tar Heels outrebound the Flames by a whopping 49-31 margin. Williams added 10 points and Derrick Phelps nine — although Phelps also had an uncharacteristic six turnovers.

"I think any No. 1 team would have trouble getting up for the lowest seed," said Liberty's Williams. "As the game went on, they started to get their character back. They played stronger down the stretch and made some big plays."

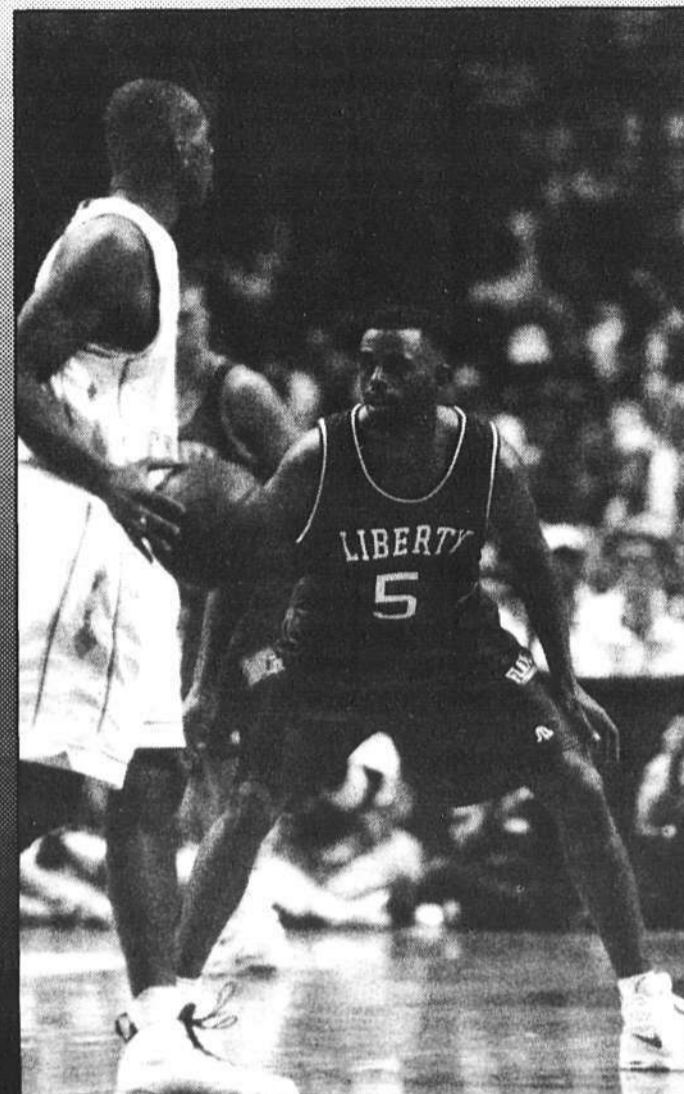


photo by Jeff Raymond

DEFENSE, LIBERTY, DEFENSE — LU senior Darryl Williams (No. 5) maintains strong defense, helping the Flames stay in the game against UNC.

Flames refuse to act part, play strong against No. 1 UNC

By GARY CROCKETT

Staff writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — The Liberty Flames have refused to act their part all season, and the NCAA Tournament was not exception.

LU outscored top-seeded North Carolina for 30 minutes Friday before the Tar Heels erupted to finally put the Flames in their place, taking a 71-51 victory in the first round of the East Region at US Air Arena.

A No. 16 seed has never beaten a No. 1, but LU (18-12) began being fitted for the most improbable of glass slippers when it took a 46-45 lead with 10 minutes left.

"I don't know if we were shocked or surprised," LU's Jody Chapman said. "But it was just a great opportunity for us."

UNC (28-6) took it away, scoring 16 straight points and holding a tiring LU team scoreless for nearly seven minutes. Rasheed Wallace scored six of his team-high 18 points during the pivotal stretch.

The story, though, was how LU, making its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament, provided a major speed bump for the Tar

Heels, leading to UNC's second-round meeting with Boston College on Sunday.

"I believe in what happened," LU coach Jeff Meyer said. "From the time we spent with our kids last night and today, I had my heart set for a win. I thought we would win."

Meyer began to attract a few other believers when LU fashioned a 9-0 run to take a 20-16 lead with 8:46 left in the first half. Another 9-0 spurt, ending with 15:33 to go in the game, turned a 36-31 deficit into a 40-36 edge.

By then, most of the neutral fans among the sell-out crowd had begun to rally behind the Flames. They remained until Chris Toomer hit a 3-pointer to put LU on top, 46-45, with 10 minutes remaining.

"I look up with 10 minutes to go and we're in the game," LU's Matt Hildebrand said. "I was pretty excited."

LU missed its next four shots, had two others blocked and turned the ball over three times. UNC, meanwhile, scored five of its

six field goals over the next 5:15 from underneath, taking a 61-46 lead with 4:22 left.

"Their size became the prominent factor," Meyer said. "We had some good shots. But you have to credit North Carolina. With their size, they made the shots tougher."

"There are some things you can't control. You can't control size and you can't control quickness," Hildebrand, who had a game-high 20 points, said.

LU shot a season-low 29 percent from the field and attempted a season-high 34 3-pointers (making 10). Chapman finished with 11 points for the Flames, who were outrebounded 49-31.

The Tar Heels, making a record 21st consecutive NCAA appearance, held LU to its second-lowest scoring output of the season. Eric Montross had 10 rebounds and broke loose for 10 of his 17 points in the second half.

Peter Aluma, the most valuable player in the Big South Conference tournament, was held to four points on 2-of-7 shooting.

"From the time we spent with our kids last night and today, I had my heart set for a win. I thought we would win."

— Jeff Meyer

"I thought our defense was solid throughout," UNC coach Dean Smith said. "Eric Montross did a real good defensive job the second half on Peter Aluma."

LU, too, did a 30-minute job on the Tar Heels, serving notice to the defending national champs and to a national t.v. audience.

"We're somewhat satisfied," LU's Darryl Williams said. "But we're sort of mad at ourselves for letting down in the second half."

Said Meyer: "We'd like to think the nation caught a glimpse of what Liberty University is all about."

LIBERTY (19-11)

Da. Williams 3-11 0-0 7, Chapman 4-7 0-0 11, Dixon 1-4 2-2 4, Toomer 2-10 0-0 5, Hildebrand 6-16 3-4 20, Aluma 2-7 0-0 4, Taylor 0-4 0-0 0, Pothoven 0-20 0-0 0, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Benton 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-62 5-6 51.

NORTH CAROLINA (28-6)

Wallace 7-13 4-4 18, Reese 1-5 0-0 2, Montross 8-12 1-3 17, Phelps 2-4 4-5 9, Do. Williams 5-11 0-0 10, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, McInnis 0-1 3-4 3, Landry 0-0 0-0 0, Calabria 0-4 4-4 4, Salvadori 0-0 0-0 0, Stackhouse 1-6 4-4 6, Zwickler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-57 20-24 71.

Halftime—North Carolina 32, Liberty 26. 3-point goals—Liberty 10-34 (Hildebrand 5-13, Chapman 3-5, Williams 1-5, Toomer 1-6, Hunter 0-1, Taylor 0-4), North Carolina 1-6 (Phelps 1-1, Reese 0-1, Williams 0-1, Stackhouse 0-1, Calabria 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Liberty 31 (Williams, Dixon, Aluma 6), North Carolina 49 (Wallace, Montross 10). Assists—Liberty 14 (Williams, Hildebrand 5), North Carolina 12 (Phelps, McInnis 4). Total fouls—Liberty 18, North Carolina 10. A—NA.



Liberty loses game, wins nation's respect

By GARY CROCKETT
Staff Writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — Perhaps the oddest sound Friday was hearing Dean Smith and his players saluting an unheralded Liberty team that had come in as a 25-point underdog.

Then again, what else could they do? The Flames had thrown a first-round scare at the nation's top ranked team, leaving an impression not found in the 71-51 UNC win.

"We knew they would... be very enthusiastic," UNC center Eric Montross said. "For being their first time in the NCAAs, I thought they might have a bit of the jitters."

LU displayed little of that. And for 30 minutes, the No. 16 Flames made top-seeded UNC look extremely beatable in their East Region opening-round game.

"If Liberty wasn't a good team,

they wouldn't be here in the NCAAs," UNC guard Derrick Phelps said. "I felt they had nothing to lose."

That was precisely the case for LU, whose season already had been made simply by being here.

Still, it was fun seeing Smith getting worked up over his 802nd career win.

"I was very happy to come out with a win," Smith said. "I was certainly concerned before the game, and the way they played, they were extremely well prepared."

LU provided the best NCAA showing by a Big South Conference team since Coastal Carolina pushed Indiana to the limit three years ago in a first-round meeting.

Last year, the Chanticleers were blown out by Michigan in the opening round. Two years ago, Campbell was dismissed by eventual champion Duke.

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LU STANDING STRONG—Liberty teammates Jason Dixon (#42), Darryl Williams (#5) and Brett Anthony (#21) work together to block UNC's giant powerhouse Eric Montross (#00) from shooting. The Flames held the UNC Tar Heels at bay, 46-45 until the last seven minutes of play.

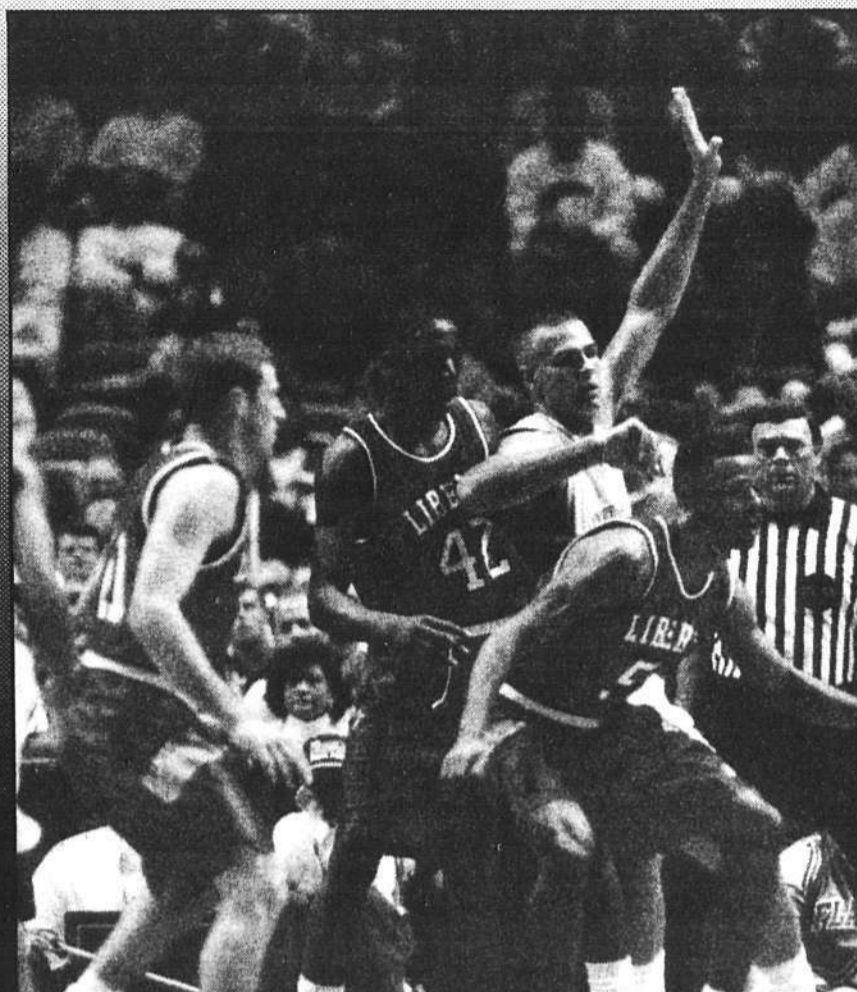


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Despite loss to UNC, Liberty Flames still keep faith

By BOB LIPPER
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — It was 12 days ago at Charleston, S.C., Liberty was about to take on Campbell for the Big South basketball title and a berth in the NCAA playoffs, and Jeff Meyer roamed the dressing room, trying to get his Flames in the proper frame of mind.

Understand this about Meyer: He's a low-key guy who prefers his troops stay on an even keel.

Understand this as well: He knows who signs the checks and calls the shots. This explains why he opened the door and beckoned Jerry Falwell into the room.

"Gentlemen," Falwell told the players, "we're two hours away from the greatest event in the history of Liberty University."

(It's his school, and he'll prophesy if he wants to.)

I don't know what words coach Falwell

laid on the Flames before they faced North Carolina yesterday.

I think it was something like, "Remember, Montross and Wallace put their socks on two-by-two at a time, just like you."

Or maybe, "Say, did I ever tell you the one about how Gideon's 300 slam-dunked the Philistines?"

Whatever the gist of the pep talk, it worked. For 30 minutes.

Liberty led in second half

Three-fourths of the way through what figured as another of those No. 1 seed-bops-No. 16 NCAA first-round walkovers, this is how the scoreboard read: Liberty 46, North Carolina 45.

Across America, office workers paused in the mid-bite on their tuna sandwiches and hustled to the nearest TV set. "Hey," somebody out there probably called out, "this is Maccabees-upset-Romans material."

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Flames rock Big South, take Camels by surprise

By GARY CROCKETT
Staff writer

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Liberty Flames needed no ladders to snip the nets, buoyed instead by a wave of emotion and unflagging fan support.

LU, whose collective feet haven't touched ground for a while, reached an unprecedented height Monday, March 7, by winning its first Big South Conference tournament with a 76-62 victory over Campbell at the North Charleston Coliseum.

The celebration is just beginning for the Flames, who earned the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament beginning March 17.

"The feeling inside, it's hard to describe," LU's Darryl Williams, said sharing the team's struggle to match words with emotions.

Getting it said on the court was less a problem for the Flames, who limited Campbell to 28 percent shooting from the floor while becoming the first fourth-seeded team to win the tourney since North Carolina-Asheville in 1989.

LU (18-11) led by as many as 19 points in the first half and by no fewer than 10 in the second, showing few signs of the jitters expected of a team playing for its first NCAA berth.

"We had our hearts cut out two years ago," LU coach Jeff Meyer said of the team's semifinal loss to Campbell in the 1992 tourney. "We thought we had the team. But this is a team. These kids love each other. It was worth the wait."



GREAT IS THE VICTORY — Dr. Jerry Falwell partakes in the Flames Big South victory celebration by cutting the final net strands off the basketball hoop.

An ESPN television audience, as well as with a Big South championship record crowd of 4,212, saw the Flames' Peter Aluma claim tourney MVP honors. The freshman had nine rebounds, five blocked shots and led five LU scorers in double figures with 14 points.

Aluma scored 12 points as LU took a 37-20 halftime lead, and was joined on the all-tournament team by Williams, Radford's Tyrone Travis and Campbell's Joe Spinks and Scott Neely.

"It's still hard to believe," Aluma said. "I give the credit to my teammates. They really gave me the confidence that I could be a factor in

this tournament."

Aluma and Jason Dixon combined for 20 first-half points and dominated the inside, helping LU limit Campbell (20-9) to eight of 33 shooting. Spinks, the conference player of the year, was held to four points before exploding for 24 in the second half.

No other Campbell player scored in double figures, including Neely, who was held to five points after scoring 32 in the semifinals.

"We went into halftime with the lead and we knew we could play off that," Williams said. "But we also knew Campbell wasn't going to give up."

The second-seeded Camels, who are joining the Trans American Athletic Conference next year, closed to within 48-38 with 10:55 on the basket by Spinks. The senior had 15 of the team's first 17 points after intermission.

After Matt Hildebrand missed a 3-point attempt, Chris Toomer stole the ball from Salaam Hall in the frontcourt and was immediately fouled by the junior forward.

Protesting the call, Campbell coach Billy Lee drew a technical while removing his coat and slinging it into the stands.

"We didn't lose possession. So I didn't see it (the technical) as stop-

ping momentum," Lee said. "I have no comments about the referees at all."

LU pushed the lead to 15, and though the Camels cut it back to 10 two more times, they never seriously threatened, as their 5-of-28 shooting from 3-point range suggested.

Williams and Hildebrand each had 13 points for LU, which shot 49 percent from the field, right in line with its 52 and 49 percentages in the first two games.

Toomer and Jody Chapman each made a pair of key 3-pointers and finished with 10 points a piece, joining the four other LU seniors who have come full circle since a 5-23 season their freshman year.

"They've sown a lot of seeds. And today, they reaped," Meyer said.

LIBERTY (18-11)

Williams 5-12 1-2 13, Chapman 4-8 0-10 10, Dixon 2-3 5-6 9, Toomer 3-7 2-3 10, Hildebrand 1-4 10-10 13, Pothoven 0-1 2-4 1, Aluma 6-8 2-2 14, Taylor 0-0 0-0 0, Anthony 2-4 0-0 4, Benton 0-0 1-2 1, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 23-47 23-29 76.

CAMPBELL (20-9)

Spinks 11-33 3-6 28, Hurst 3-5 0-0 7, Mitchell 1-7 4-4 6, Pogue 2-10 0-0 4, Neely 2-9 1-2 5, Harrison 0-7 3-4 3, Hall 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 1-2 0-0 2, Lee 0-2 2-2 2, King 1-1 0-0 2, Livers 1-1 0-0 3, Apel 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 22-78 13-18 62.

Halftime — Liberty 37, Campbell 20. 3-point goals — Liberty 7-18 (Chapman 2-3, Toomer 2-4, Williams 2-5, Hildebrand 1-4, Anthony 0-2) Campbell 5-28 (Spinks 3-10, Livers 1-1, Hurst 1-3, Apel 0-1, Pogue 0-2, Lee 0-2, Neely 0-4, Harrison 0-5) Fouled out — Chapman, Hall, Pogue. Rebounds — Liberty 40 (Aluma 9), Campbell 46 (Spinks 11). Assists — Liberty 20 (Williams, Hildebrand), Campbell 8 (Pogue 5). Total fouls — Liberty 18, Campbell 23. Technical — Campbell bench. A — 4,212.

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LU fans come from far, break Big South tourney record

Students show school spirit, turn North Charleston Coliseum into Vines Center South

By GARY CROCKETT
Staff Writer

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — They gathered in the parking lot before the doors opened, preparing to unleash a spectacle never before seen at this modestly attended event — the Big South basketball tournament.

When the doors opened at 4 p.m. — an hour before the scheduled tipoff between Liberty and the Campbell Camels — they entered by the hundreds, carrying signs, horns and other instruments of noise.

"This should be fun," said an usher, watching the LU fans file past, impervious to the fact that they would help set a Big South Conference tournament record for attendance with 4,212.

At least three-quarters were LU fans. Given the option of skipping classes to drive seven hours for one of 2,000 school-purchased tickets, droves of students came — and were heard during the nationally televised contest.

They began cheering almost before finding seats. At 4:10 the ubiquitous "LU" chant was first heard, about five minutes before a beaming Rev. Jerry Falwell entered the scene.

"Did you see Jerry?" one male student asked. "Jerry's got a suit on, He'd probably wear a suit in Africa."

Dress was unimportant for this party. Some painted their faces in red and blue. One had on a hat with a propeller. Others came simply in Liberty T-shirts.

The strangest creature entered wearing a red cape snapped in front with, yes, battery cables. Blue tights and a blonde wig completed the ensemble.

"It's school spirit," he said.

Buses weren't chartered for the mass exodus, so students came by car. One girl said she brought seven in a covered pickup truck; another said she pooled with five schoolmates, leaving Lynchburg at 7:30 a.m.

They all converged on the North Charleston Coliseum, transforming the arena into sort of Vines Center South.

"I think it's great — fantastic," said Dr. A.

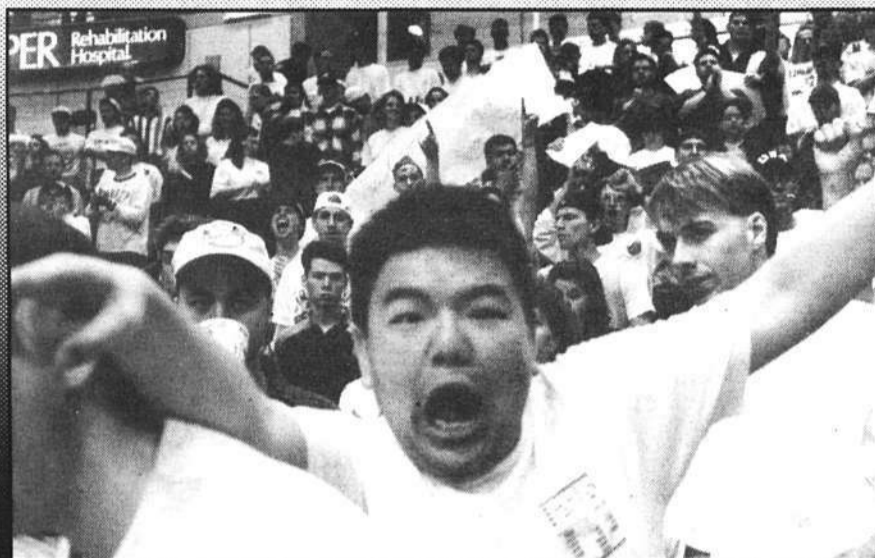


photo by Jason Christoff

FLAMES MANIA — LU fan Joe Han displays his school spirit.

Pierre Guillermin, LU's president.

Flames coach Jeff Meyer said the crowd made he and his victorious team feel like they were playing at home. It seemed that way, with LU even getting support from football coach Sam Rutigliano and his wife.

But it was the students' day, showing that they were just warming up when releasing a

mighty, pepband-accompanied blast as LU's team came out on the court at 4:20 to stretch.

It was one anonymous LU student, though, who captured the afternoon, standing up 45 minutes before tipoff and beating his chest.

"You darn Camels, hear me roar," he belted.

Roar, they did. And they were heard.

Bob Sturm

Flames paid price, reaped seed of victory in Big South

They did it! The team that struggled in the early segment of the season to find its identity, and suffered through a ferocious non-conference schedule, has defied the odds and won its first ever conference in the Big Dance!

You have got to be proud of this bunch. Isn't this the same team

that played before small crowds early in the campaign? Isn't this the same team group of players that were predicted to do little or nothing this season after losing the entire front line to graduation last year? The same team that fell to Coastal just five games ago, despite coming back from 23 points down?

Right. The classic title of calling Liberty under-achievers is now just a faded memory. The questioning of the coach must now be laid to rest. The ignorant comments by fans and media claiming that players do not play to their potential can now be shoved into an un-disclosed place.

They did it. They beat the #5-seed, the #1-seed and the #2-seed in dramatic fashion making one wonder if the word "destiny" should be

used.

Examples? How about the way that tournament MVP Peter Aluma fell into the mythical "zone" just in time to save the day on seniors who came here and absolutely refused to accept defeat, burying a three against Towson State from pro-range with a second left on the shot clock, and driving another nail into the Tigers' coffin.

This team paid the price, they perse-

vered in a way only a group of unselfish guys could ever hope. Coach Jeff Meyer, who told me back in November, "This group of guys have the most character of any team I have ever coached. That could make the difference."

They will now reap the awards they have sown. Many have spent four years trying to obtain that lofty goal of winning this tournament that sends seven teams home unhappy.

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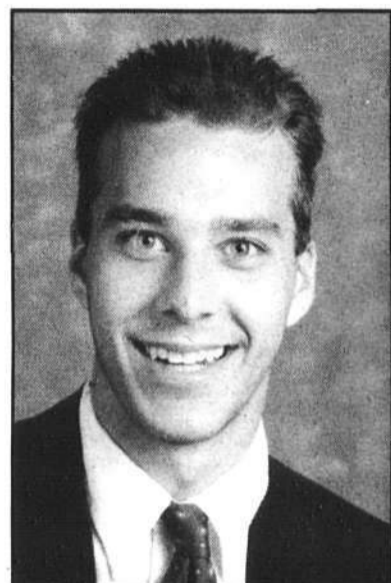
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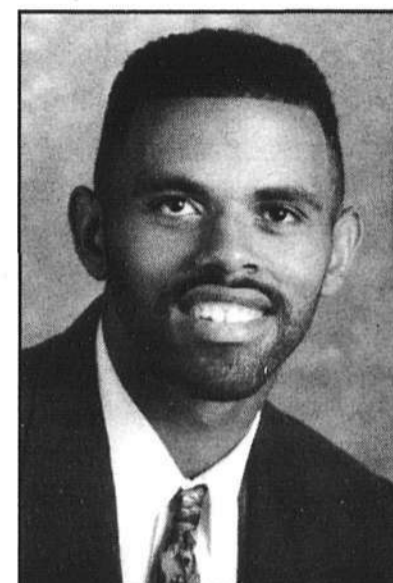
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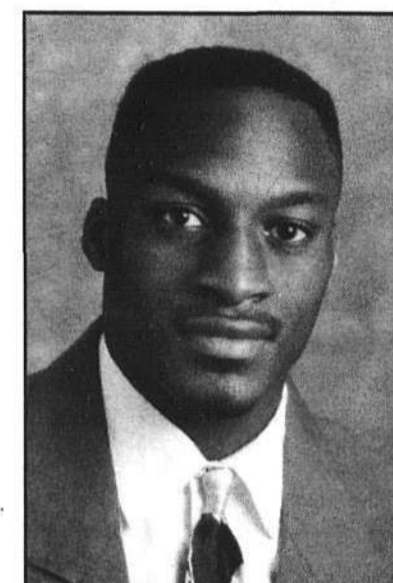
Matt Hildebrand

6-3
175 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 20
Hildebrand became the 15th member to score 1,000 points for his career earlier this year. He scored a career-high 41 points against Charleston Southern on February 19, 1994, and set school records for free throws made and attempted in that game. For his effort, he was named Big South Player of the Week.



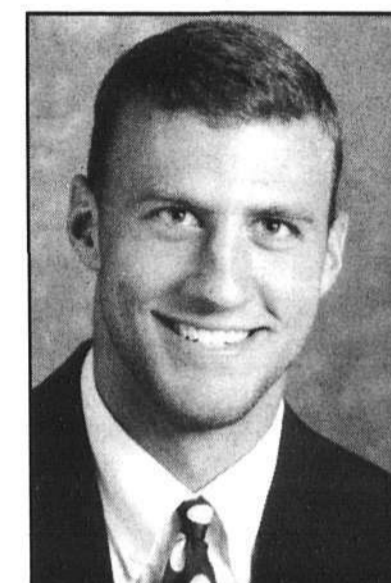
Darryl Williams

6-5
210 lbs.
Senior
Forward, No. 5
Williams had a season-high 14 points in the season opener against Virginia Commonwealth, against Winthrop on February 16, 1994, and also against Radford on February 26, 1994. Williams had a career-high 10 rebounds during a December 12, 1992, game against Averett.



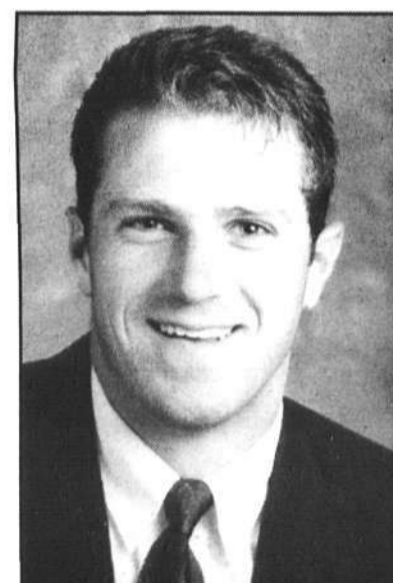
Chris Toomer

6-1
175 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 10
Toomer holds the school record for three pointers made in a contest with seven which came in his college debut against Maine on November 23, 1990. Toomer also scored a career-high 21 points during that game and also against Charleston Southern on January 23, 1991.



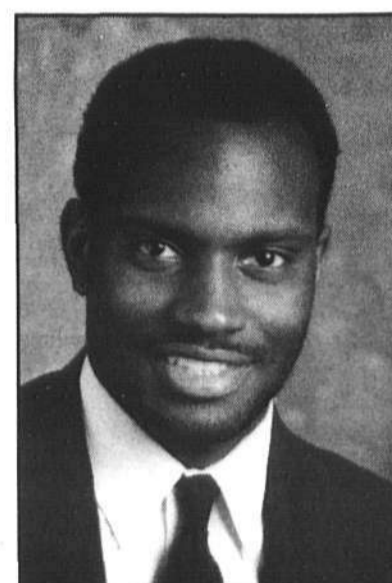
Jody Chapman

6-7
220 lbs.
Senior
Forward, No. 45
Chapman finished with a career-high 18 points against James Madison and UNC Asheville. On January 22, 1994, against Charleston Southern, Chapman pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds and also dished off a second-best eight assists against Central Connecticut on December 16, 1994.



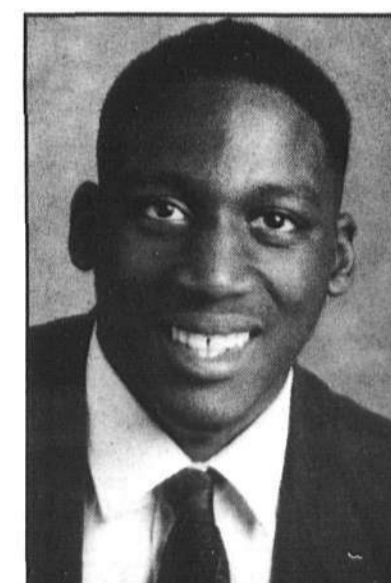
Brett Anthony

6-2
180 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 21
Anthony tied a career high in points with 17 points against Virginia. He also pulled down a career-high six rebounds against Towson State on January 10, 1994. One of Anthony's biggest highlights was a three-pointer which put the Flames over Campbell on February 3, 1994.



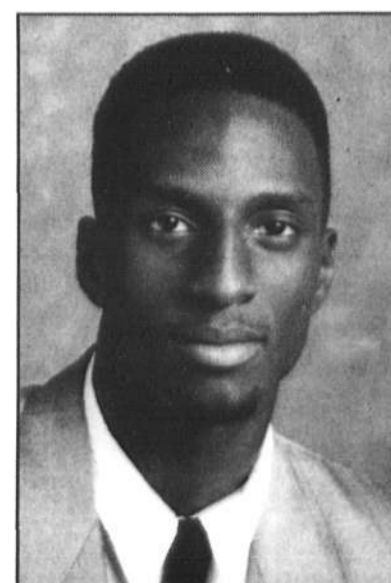
Darrinus Hunter

6-8
220 lbs.
Senior
Forward, No. 33
Providing depth off the bench, Hunter scored a career-high eight points against Virginia Commonwealth in the season opener. He also equalled his career rebounding high with seven during the same game. Hunter averaged 1.1 points and 1.4 rebounds a game this season.



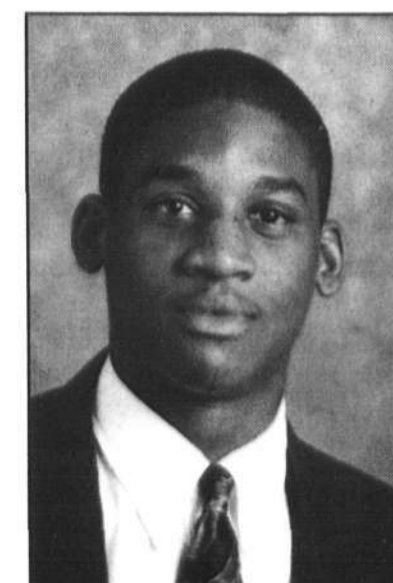
Jason Dixon

6-9
225 lbs.
Junior
Center, No. 42
Dixon scored a career-high 22 points against UNC Greensboro and also grabbed 11 rebounds. He pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds against Towson State. Dixon averaged 14.5 points during the regular season and also 7.1 rebounds.



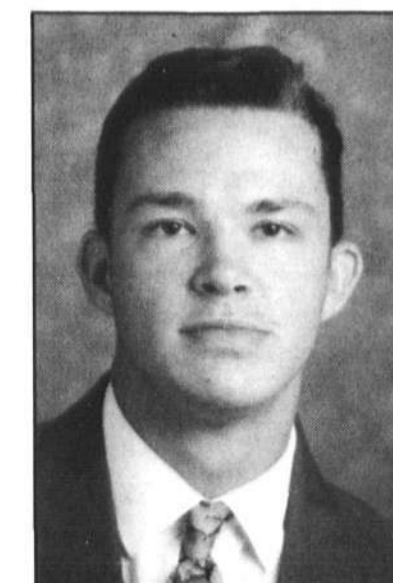
Kevin Benton

6-6
175 lbs.
Junior
Guard/Forward, No. 32
After becoming eligible for action at the beginning of the spring semester, Benton debuted with 11 points and eight rebounds against Averett. He averaged 3.2 points and 2.2 rebounds a game during the regular season. Benton transferred to LU after playing for the University of Delaware.



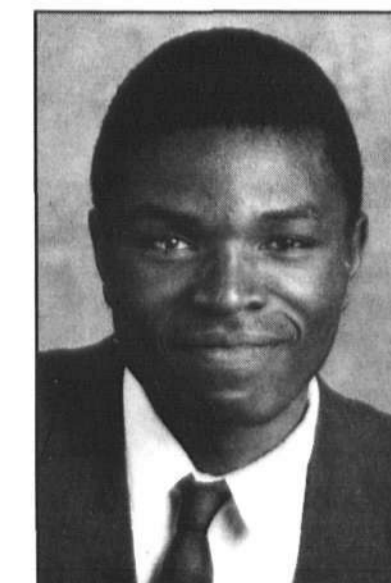
Barry Taylor

6-6
180 lbs.
Sophomore
Forward, No. 3
Taylor scored a career-high 16 points against Winthrop on January 20, 1994, including six of nine shooting from the field and four of six shooting from three-point range. Taylor also went three for three from three-point range against Virginia Tech on January 18, 1994.



Eric Pothoven

6-2
175 lbs.
Sophomore
Guard, No. 4
Pothoven scored a season-high six points against Virginia Tech. He also finished with a career-high six rebounds against Charleston Southern on January 22, 1994. Pothoven's career scoring high came against Campbell on January 18, 1994, when he scored 11 points.



Peter Aluma

6-10
225 lbs.
Freshman
Center, No. 00
Aluma scored a career-high 14 points against Winthrop on February 16, 1994. Aluma also finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds to complete his first collegiate double-double against UNC-Greensboro on January 31, 1994. The performance led to being named Big South Rookie of the Week.

Meyer's glass slipper already fits

By **JIM STEINMILLER**
Sports Editor, News & Advance

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A violet glass slipper sits on Jeff Meyer's desk. The note that accompanies it comes from Lee Rose, an NBA executive who once coached Purdue into the Final Four.

Many years ago, Rose was given the glass slipper when he coached an NIT team. The note says to enjoy the accomplishment, to cherish the moment and to pass the glass slipper along one day to somebody else who achieves a major success.

Meyer, in his 13th season at Liberty, is taking his school to the elite party, the NCAA's field of 64 finalists that will determine the national champion in college basketball. On noon Friday, March 18, he will be coaching against Dean Smith and North Carolina's mighty Tar Heels.

Cinderella and glass slippers. Appropriate stuff for Meyer and his Flames as LU makes its first appearance in one of the premier sporting events in the world.

Unlike his players, however, Meyer's been to the tournament before. Fact is, he went all the way to the Final Four.

Back in 1978, after spending two seasons as the basketball coach and athletic director at Landmark Christian High School in Indiana, Meyer went to Purdue and landed a post as the graduate assistant to Rose, then the Boilermakers' head coach.

That season (1978-1979), Purdue reached the finals of the NIT. They had tied Iowa and Michigan State for the Big Ten title. The NCAA Tournament field was smaller then and only two teams from any conference were allowed into the event. Purdue had lost twice to Iowa, cost-

ing it a berth in the NCAA tourney.

A year later, however, things were different for both Meyer and the NCAA Tournament. Rose had a vacancy on his staff for an assistant coach and he hired Meyer.

The NCAA, meanwhile, dropped its two-team rule. Purdue finished third in the regular season, made the elite field and advanced all the way to the Final Four.

"We referred to the rule change as the Purdue Rule," Meyer said.

That tournament, in the spring of 1980, made a major impression on Meyer. "It was such an exhilarating experience. That was the seed planted in my heart to one day take a team to the NCAA Tournament as the head coach."

Back then, there was no selection show on television — teams were

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photo by Jeff Raymond

A CONGRATULATORY SHAKE — Head coach Jeff Meyer shakes hands with fellow coach Dean Smith following UNC's win over the Liberty Flames.

Diverse styles distinguish Liberty Flames' coaching assistants

By **JEFF MOTLEY**
Staff Writer

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Liberty University's two assistant men's basketball coaches seem as different as — well — Liberty and North Carolina.

Randy Dunton, the team's associate coach and the man who deserves most of the credit for recruiting the players who will face the Tar Heels Friday, March 18, at the USAir Arena, releases a great deal of energy both on the sidelines during games and traveling around the world recruiting players from as far away as Alaska and Nigeria.

Mark Miller, who joined Head Coach Jeff Meyer's staff two years ago after a brief stint

at Tennessee Temple, is much more relaxed during games. After the players have heard the riot act from Meyer or Dunton, Miller has to be the one to pat them on the back.

Dunton helps Meyer with the floor coaching, but his main forte is recruiting. The past three years, the Flames' recruiting class has been rated No. 1 in the Big South Conference. Incoming recruit Marcus White is the only player committed to a Big South school rated among the top 150 prospects in the country.

"We have basically become locked into kids who realize that they are coming to an institution that will provide structure to their lives. I'll be bold when I'm recruiting them and tell them if they don't want to be here,

then don't come. That way we get kids with character and it takes character to win championships."

Dunton has also proved he can recognize talent on all areas of the globe. His connections as a high school coach in Alaska led in the discovery of guard Chris Toomer. He has developed strong contacts in Nigeria, aiding in the successful recruitment of Peter Aluma.

Dunton is still mystified at how LU was the only Division I school to offer Matt Hildebrand, from Sturgis, Mich., a scholarship.

"He had played against a lot of good players and he was very competitive," Dunton said. "To me, it was a no-brainer. I knew he was a good player and I knew he could play

for us when I saw him. I know that Eastern Michigan talked to him, but I guess his lack of participation in summer camps caused him to be overlooked."

Dunton's ability to recruit and his knowledge of the game have also boosted Meyer's confidence in his associate coach.

"Jeff has given me a great deal of input in building the offensive and defensive implementations of our team," Dunton said. "I've also taken a lot of responsibility in the day-to-day coaching and I appreciate that opportunity. Not many assistant coaches at this level have as much freedom as I do."

Miller has freedom as well, but his free

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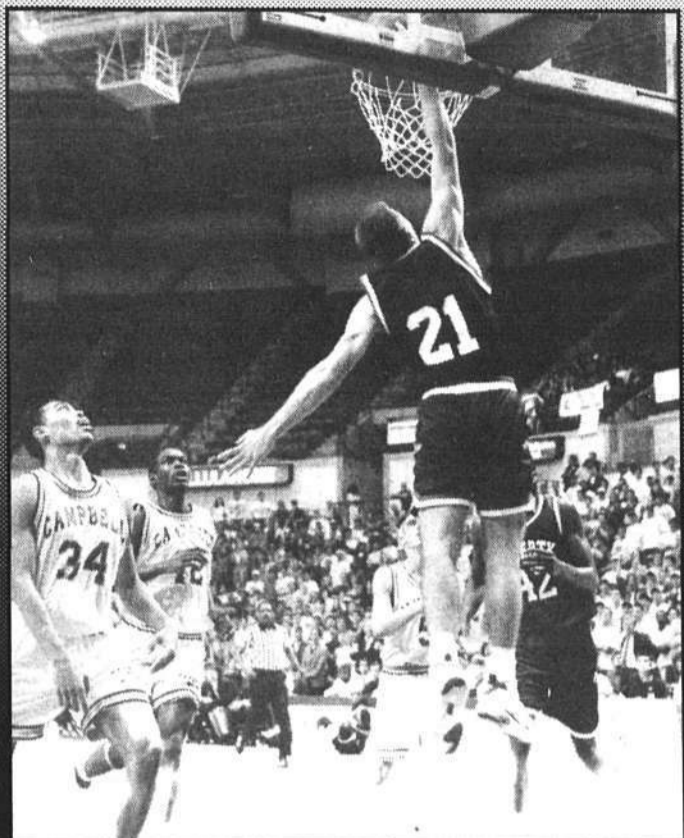


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GOIN' FOR THE BIG DUNK — Brett Anthony (#21) goes for a slam in the Big South championship final.

Winning Respect

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Commissioner Buddy Sasser said, "I'm proud of them."

LU forward Jody Chapman, a Charlotte, N.C. native and long-time Tar Heel fan, did himself proud, scoring 11 points against his "favorite" team.

Chapman made three of five three-pointers, an effort that didn't go unnoticed by Smith, his "favorite" coach.

"I shook Dean Smith's hand after the game, and he said, 'I didn't know you could shoot threes like that,'" Chapman said. "And I said, 'Good luck. I hope you win it all.'"

Two players helping to keep the Flames in the game had to be Phelps and Jerry Stackhouse, both of whom had forgettable afternoons for the Tar Heels.

Phelps did score nine points, but had six turnovers. Stackhouse, the most valuable player in the ACC Tournament, was worse. The freshman scored six points on one-of-six shooting and also had six turnovers.

Despite the heroic efforts of LU, its destiny this day may have best been summed up by a UNC sign spotted in the USAir Arena crowd.

Written on it? "11th commandment: Thou shalt not beat Dean."

Keeping Faith

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Up in section 5, Jerry Falwell — chancellor, founder father, lightning rod, tub-thumper, No. 1 fan ("My role is spiritual; I don't send any plays in"), messenger and major domo of Liberty University — sat among Flames rooters.

He was clutching a red-and-white shaker and beaming to beat the pep band. By then, he'd already done a TV-timeout interview with CBS and schmoozed at intermission on UNC's radio network.

Now, hoping against hope, he watched his boys attempt to pull off the mother of all NCAA-tournament shockers.

"Our boys got up this morning believing they could win," he'd say later. Which was only a little bit of a stretch.

'Didn't know what to expect'

"I really didn't know what to expect from our team," admitted senior guard Matt Hildebrand, who — if you want to place him in the context of UNC basketball — is Jeff

Lebo with moves and an attitude. "I don't know if I believed we could do it. But as the game went on, I started to believe."

The Flames couldn't pull it off, of course. Miracles happen in Matthew and Luke, but not in 1-vs.-16 match-ups. Taller, bulkier, deeper, switched into a tide-turning zone by Dean Smith and blessed with a 10-zip bulge over Jerry's kids in that all-important stat of schoolboy All-Americas, the Tar Heels promptly launched a 16-0 run and prevailed 71-51. They'll move on.

The Flames will return to Lynchburg with a lifetime of memories — Jason Dixon rejecting Eric Montross on the game's first possession and Hildebrand zipping through UNC's press and sinking treys, to name two — and the glow of a moment in the sun.

"I couldn't be happier with 'em," said Falwell, whose smile never evaporated, even as the Flames were flaming out with a 2-for-13 shooting effort down the stretch.

"But that's the difference between a national champion and an upstart, little team. They ran out of steam, obviously."

Falwell never did. Say this for the man: He knows how to work a gym — even one as dank and dreary as USAir Arena. Soundbite-ready for every notebook and minicam in his path, he arrived with the squad Thursday, March 17, and made his genial presence felt.

He established the moral-victory spread ("A good showing would be something north of 15 points"), lobbied for a psychological advantage ("I don't think coach Smith will take anything for granted, but his players might") and spoke the Liberty line ("It's not important that we win or lose; what is important is that we make a good showing for the Lord").

One day and one gutsy effort later, Falwell continued to accentuate the positive. "Liberty will be back," he said. So will he.

Have pep talk, will travel.

Sturm

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Every single player on this team has completed his task.

• Jason Dixon was asked to get rebounds. That guy rebounded like a man-possessed on Saturday.

• Matt Hildebrand was needed to score less and dish out more assists. He, as usual, did what needed to be done.

• Darryl Williams was asked to score and play added minutes. He did so with the same enthusiasm that has been seen on his face all season.

The list could go on and on.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of the Flames' fantasy weekend was that the nation got to see the birth of something I believe has been waiting to happen for years — athletic tradition.

In my opinion, without question Monday, March 7, 1994, will go down as the greatest day in LU sports history.

Hundreds and hundreds of Liberty supporters drove the seven hour road trip to come see their boys etch a place in history. ESPN was able to document what happened that Monday afternoon in Charles-

ton, S.C. I hope you were there.

From Brett Anthony to Chris Toomer, this team did what many teams could only dream about this year.

The Flames accomplished the goal that they so boldly set before them when the year began. They wanted to be the first ever Liberty team to be a part of March Madness.

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LU must retire jersey No 20, honor four-year veteran

By JIM STEINMILLER

Sports Editor

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Before the door closes on the Liberty University basketball season, one task remains for the Flames.

They need to retire No. 20, the jersey number worn for four years by graduating guard Matt Hildebrand.

Hildebrand has been the perfect representative for the school during his career. He's a polite young man with a strong belief in his religion. He articulates his thoughts with a witty charm.

For two days here, Hildebrand was the darling of the media.

When teammate Chris Toomer admitted to always rooting for North Carolina, Hildebrand added that he was an Indiana fan and, like all the members of the press, admired volatile coach Bob Knight.

After losing to UNC on Friday, Hildebrand was asked about how tough playing Carolina was.

"We played Virginia this year, and they have a great team," he said. "But they're not No. one. Carolina has 10 All-Americans. I apologize to any of their players I missed."

He admitted he didn't think LU had a chance to win, but as the game progressed and the Flames kept pace, he became a believer, "Liberty made me believe."

During the game, he walked over to one of the refs, smiling, and made

a request.

"I just asked him to call a few fouls on Carolina," he said. "Try to even things out."

Hildebrand scored 20 points Friday, the high for both teams, and made five 3-pointers, also a game high. He also dished out five assists, the most by any player in the game.

Several hours later, LU assistant

Liberty's opponents in the league event were geared at stopping the guard. So Hildebrand, instead of taking high-risk shots to pad his totals, was content to play stifling defense and deliver the ball inside to big men Peter Aluma and Jason Dixon.

He finished the season ranked in the top five in the nation in free-throw shooting, setting a school record earlier in the season with 19 made in one game.

Accomplishments on the floor are just a part of the Hildebrand story. There's another tale that coach Jeff Meyer once told me.

During Hildebrand's freshman season, when the Flames finished 5-23,

and pressure was being placed on the school to fire Meyer, Hildebrand went to him after a particularly tough loss.

"He asked me," Meyer said. "if I was OK. That he was concerned."

At each meeting with the media, Hildebrand made sure he praised Jesus Christ and delivered the Christians message of Liberty University.

In covering the nation's elite college basketball tournament, vows of faith are not what the press, known for its own brand of antagonism, wants to hear. Few writers bothered to record those comments.

That didn't bother Hildebrand. If you want to know what he thinks, then you've got to hear about his faith. You've got to credit Hildebrand, placed in an environ-



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coach Randy Dunton said that he'd never seen Hildebrand as exhausted, that he'd used up every reserve of energy possible trying to lead his team to an upset.

He finished his career with 1,515 points, seventh highest in school history. Unlike those who came before him, however, Hildebrand's came against a predominately tougher Division schedule — all as a Division I player.

When Hildebrand was a freshman, the Flames won five games. He leaves the school by taking it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

One of the things that sets apart the native of Sturgis, Mich., is his unselfishness on the floor. Case in point, the Big South Tournament.



BREAKING LOOSE — Matt Hildebrand and his offensive prowess have time and again broken through opponents' defense strategies.

ment totally foreign to basketball players at LU, he had the guts to dish out an assist to religion.

Several athletes in other sports from Liberty have gone on to play professionally. Hildebrand won't be in the NBA next season. Probably won't ever play basketball for

money.

His contributions to the Flames program, however, are unparalleled. No. 20, along with the NCAA Tournament banner, must hang from the Vines Center ceiling.

It would be a sin not to retire that jersey.

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notified by a phone call early Sunday evening. Nor, in 1980, were as many games televised as today. As a result, as soon as Purdue received its berth and was informed it would be playing La Salle, from Philadelphia, Rose gave Meyer a task.

"At 6 p.m. that night, I was told to get two films of La Salle by 8 the next morning," he said. "I had to drive to Cincinnati, which normally is a four-hour trip. But with ice and snow, it took six hours to get there."

Purdue opened the tournament with a home victory. It then went to the Midwest Regional (now called the Southeast) and defeated St. John's. The Boilermakers' next game was against in-state rival, Indiana, the No. 1 seed.

Next game was the final four and all the hype that accompanied it. In practice the day before the semifinals, 10,000 people showed up at Indianapolis' Market Square Arena to watch the teams work out. Louisville went on to win the national championship, but that tournament left an impression on Meyer.

"I remember in retrospect," he said, "that for us as assistants, it was all work and no play. All my colleagues told me to enjoy the moment. At the time, though, because of all the work and because I was young (he was 25), I didn't realize the magnitude of the whole experience."

Now, at age 38, Meyer fully appreciates what the tournament is all about.

A season later, Meyer accepted the head

job at Liberty University, then known as Liberty Baptist College. At the time, the Flames were an NAIA school (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) with hopes of one day joining the NCAA's Division I.

The program grew under Meyer as he nurtured his dream of one day returning to the NCAA Tournament.

In 1983, the Flames went to the NAIA national tournament, where they lost by a point in the quarterfinals to Chaminade.

Meyer and the Flames dropped their NAIA affiliation in 1984 and became an NCAA Division II member.

On Sept. 1, 1988, the Liberty Flames basketball team were accepted into the NCAA's Division I and in 1991, joined the Big South Conference.

"We've worked so hard for so long," Meyer said. "This is a dream come true...an answer to my prayers."

Now Meyer's prayer will be focused on one day making the field, not as No. 16, but as a No. 4 or 5 seed.

He also feels good about the kids who've signed to play next year.

"We've signed some great kids," Meyer said.

"Our seniors are the ones that got us here. We're going to tell those new kids that they're the ones who have to keep us here," Meyer added.

Which is the blueprint for LU's future under Meyer.

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dom is more of an administrative sort. While he does some recruiting and floor coaching, his main job deals with scouting opponents and game preparation. Miller is quieter on the sidelines than Dunton. He is the steadying force.

"I'm more the encourager," Miller said. "I also act as the liaison between the academic advising office and deal with problems in class."

Miller says he isn't in awe of the NCAA Tournament or UNC, but he expects a strange feeling come Friday afternoon.

"I certainly won't forget that I was sitting on a high school bench just three years ago," Miller said. "As a player, you dream about playing in the NCAA Tournament. That didn't happen to me as a player (at Lock Haven State), but as a coach this is a tremendous opportunity. We are playing one

of the great programs in the history of college basketball. It's certainly an honor and a privilege, but I try not to get hung up in all the hype."

Dunton and Miller also have widely different career goals. There's no secret that Dunton would love the opportunity to be a head coach, but Miller isn't sure that's what he wants.

"My philosophy is that everything is a process and if we continue the way we have been, then a head job will come about," Dunton said. "My primary concern is to focus on the job I have now."

Miller isn't sure being a head coach is what he wants.

"When I was 27, I became committed to Christ and I want to be open to the Lord," Miller said. "If that means going back to high school, that's fine. If I have a head coaching job, that's fine too."



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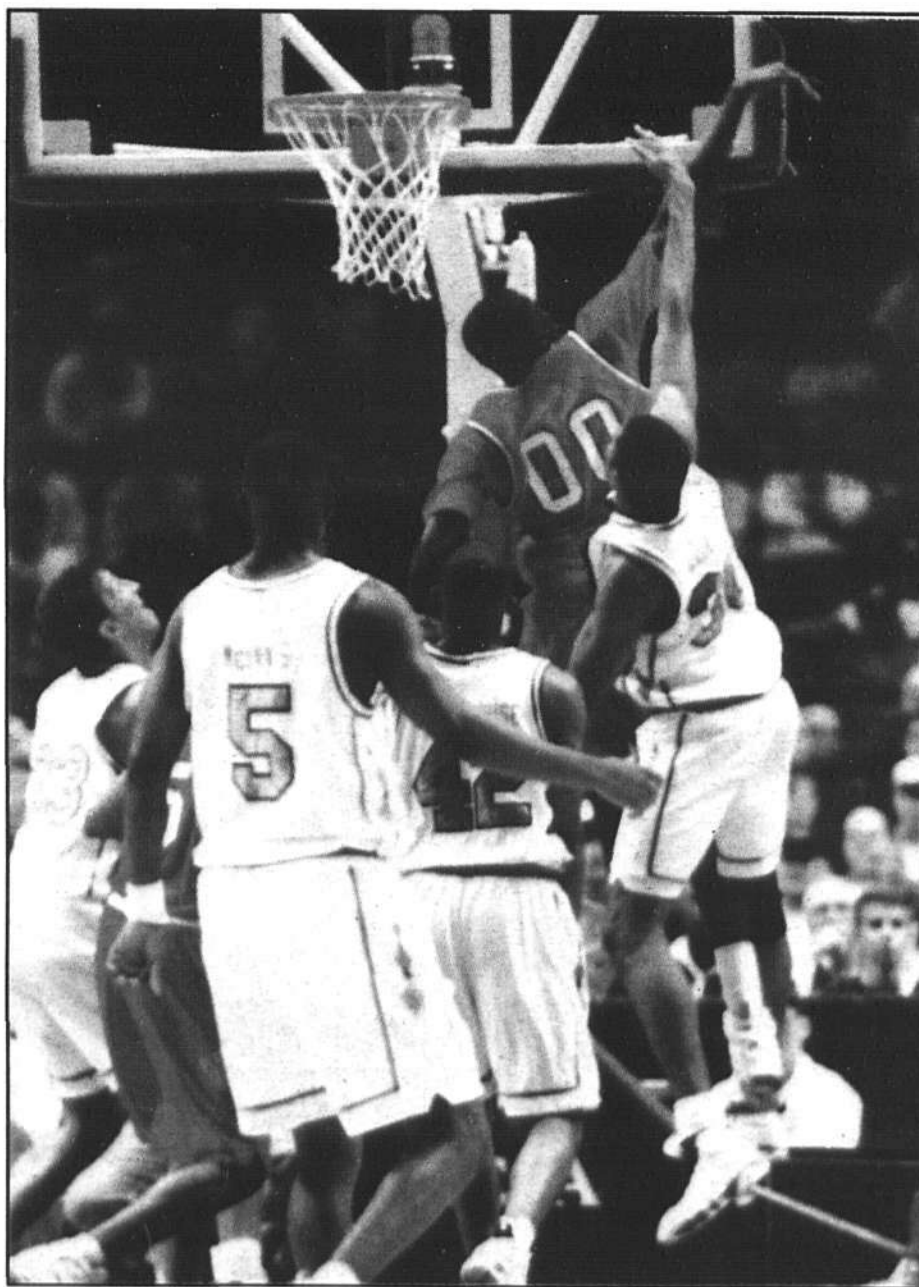
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