Week Recognizes Black History

By Linda Robertson

Because the media and textbooks have not adequately presented the contributions of Afro-Americans to the development of America, the month of February has been devoted to emphasis on the accomplishments of the Afro-American.

In honor of this special observance, Liberty Baptist College participated in Black Appreciation Week, Feb. 6-10. Starting the week off in chapel was black saxophonist Vernard Johnson. His performance was complemented by Dopón Sal con quence of and song s at the First Baptist Church. On Monday, Feb. 27, the choir will present "The History of Gospel Music in Word and Song" at four local high schools. Two of these are public; one is Catholic and one is Christian. The choir will use black history and heritage to present the gospel.

Black Student Fellowship

LBC has approximately 150 black students. Last year the students formed a Black Student Fellowship that provides activities, Bible studies and opportunities to get to know each other.

The officers of the BSF are as follows: Eric Simmons, president; Earl Fisher, vice president; Cheryl Moses, treasurer; Sharon Pratt, secretary; and Debbie Foster, activities director.

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH), initiated Negro History Week. It was his hope that everyone would be reminded of his ethnic roots, producing a oneness formed by the bond of respect for one another's racial backgrounds.

Dr. Woodson, father of black history in America, chose the month of February to celebrate black history. His reasoning centered around the fact that this month contains the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. From the beginning, Afro-American history month has been a process which involved many ethnic groups.

Expanded to a Month

On Jan. 7, 1981, the United States Department of Defense authorized its components to observe the entire month of February instead of the traditional week. During America's bicentennial celebration in 1976, the association expanded the week's celebration to provide more time for programs, observances and celebrations.

ASALH was bombarded with requests from all over the country to continue the month-long observance. The association looks forward to a day when a special observance is not needed and the sharing and contribution of all will be appreciated, as well as accepted and understood.

Music in Word and Song

By Dolph Bell

An amendment to a bill that is currently before the Nebraska state legislature would allow Faith Christian School and other Christian schools in the state of Nebraska to operate free from state certification requirements.

The schools have been resisting state requirements for public schools for seven years on the basis that such requirements deny religious freedom.

A four-member task force, appointed by Nebraska Governor Bob Kerry, recommended in January that the Nebraska Legislature pass laws accommodating the religious beliefs of members of the Faith Christian School.

The task force recently included their recommendations in the new amendment which was to have been voted on Monday, Feb. 13, by the state legislature. The amendment would prevent the state from requiring the schools to conduct religious education in the classroom.

Gov. Kerry has endorsed the amendment. The endorsement comes as a surprise to many considering that Kerry opposed the Christian school when he ran for election.

Church school administrators are satisfied with the amendment, and the only opposition comes from the Nebraska State Education Association - the state branch of the National Education Association.

In November a district court jailed seven fathers of students of Faith Christian School in Louisville on a contempt of court charge for refusing to answer questions about their children's attendance of Faith Christian School.

If the fathers had not taken the Fifth Amendment (choosing to remain silent), they would have been charged with contempt of court for sending their children to the unapproved school. The men have been in jail for more than 80 days.

The wives and children of the fathers have filed Nebraska to escape arrest.

Dean's List Recognizes Honors

By Paul Rose

The function of the Liberty Baptist College Dean's List is to recognize academic honors earned by students. For the first semester of 1983-84, 601 LBC students earned a 3.5 GPA or better. Of those 601 students 150 had a 4.0. Ann Johanna Bovendal and Kurtis Karl Ullein earned their 4.0s while carrying 22 hours. Close behind was Tami Leigh Domes with a 21-hour load.

Those with 19 hours and 4.0 GPAs were Stephen Everett Brooks, Michael Anthony Mansonsky, Cheri Lynn Millard, Debra Jean Shepley, David Wallace Stephenson, Channa Titus and Donald Paul Wood.

Another 21 students qualified for the Dean's List with a load of 19 hours while 19 students carried 18 hours with 4.0 averages. Fifty-three students carried 15 and 16 hours and earned 4.0s. Students carrying 12 to 14 hours with perfect GPAs numbered 47.

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Opinion

Orwell Misconstrues Love

By Tony Virostko

Now that 1984 is upon us, George Orwell’s predictions seem all the more real. Small countries are overpowered by large countries; Big Brother is watching in a large portion of the world, and Communism seems to rule as the world’s sole party.

Though Orwell was partly correct, he erred in predicting that life in 1984 would have on love. Considering the state of the world’s love, Orwell was way off.

Orwell predicted that the love of 1984 would be solely for propagating the Party. Party members married each other in order to have children, not because of love.

In actuality 1984 is overrun by abortion, venereal disease, unwanted children, unwed mothers, teenage pregnancies and numerous other aftereffects of the world’s “love.”

Winston and Julia, Orwell’s couple who fell in love and committed the crime against the Party, represented a basic human characteristic—we need love.

Only God can fill the empty space that each human has inside. He loves no matter what—unconditional love. His love is what compels Christians to tell others, and growing relationships are based on His love.

Rules Build Character

By Kathy Sinclair

It takes a lot of character to obey “little rules” like room jobs and lights out. Having your light off and your body in bed by 11:15 on weeknights doesn’t come under seemingly nit-picky rules? Our school established certain rules for us to follow and build a disciplined lifestyle.

Most students don’t use drugs or alcohol, so it’s easier to follow these “big rules.” But it’s awfully tempting to keep the light on to get that extra studying done or skip your room job, “Just this once.”

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Student Interns Profit from Experiences

By David Campbell

Spend a semester in Washington, D.C. is an unforgettable learning experience from which every student would benefit despite his major.

Each semester many Liberty Baptist College students live in Washington, serving their internship at the Moral Majority office or working for Republican senators. Currently, there are ten other students from LBC working in Washington. These are Christy Largent, working with Eagle Forum; Scott Baugh, with Republican Study Committee; James Gillham, with Center for Judicial Studies; Cecilia Moore, working for Sen. Steve Symms; and Becky Wigginton, working for Sen. Jeremiah Denton.

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Letters to the Editor

Anyone wishing to write to the editor may address his letters to Box 21860. You must include your name and box number. Your comments must be considered appropriate and in keeping with the purpose of The Liberty Champion.

Editor:

I recently read the latest issue of your paper. I enjoyed reading that others care about chapel services. Tony Virostko in his article, “May I have your ID?” really said some good things.

I appreciate his final challenge for all of us to act more responsible. Through all of the busy times I look forward to the chapel services and appreciate people around me who have respect for the speaker.

Thank you for printing this; maybe it hit some people who needed it.

Thank you,

Margaret Sprague

Editor:

I was very disappointed in the sports section in the Dec. 9 issue. Not one word was mentioned about the wrestling team, which has had a tremendous season thus far.

You did, however, manage to put in an article on every other team LBC has. This seems a bit unfair, especially since the wrestling team has the best winning percentage of any athletic team in the history of the school.

This was very noteworthy because they won all three of their matches and had some very impressive individual performances. Also, the wrestling team has thus far won two major tournaments and has several nationally recognized All-Americans.

I feel this lack of coverage is an injustice to the guys on the team and to the coaches. They work at least as hard as other LBC athletic teams and they deserve the recognition that you have thus far neglected to give them.

In my opinion a written apology is due the guys on the team and to the coaches.

Thank you,

Barbara Trent

Editors Note: Coverage of recent wrestling events appeared in the last issue of the Liberty Champion.
"Fiddler" Staging Provides Challenge

By Becky Hites

Strains of the score of the play "Fiddler on the Roof" float from the Fine Arts Hall as the pit orchestra warms up. The black room bounces with activity as the cast of "Fiddler" perfects the illusion they are working to create. After completing a scene, the cast grew quiet as the performance was reviewed by Director Steve Wedan.

As he implemented changes he also stressed the importance of the illusion; "...We’re going to try to create an illusion that can be really horrifying—at least for me." Suggestions for improvement were also given by Glenn Williams and Ann Marquis, assistants to the director.

After running the scene once more, Wedan moved on by saying, "That sounds really creepy; I like it, the omen." The main challenge in this year’s production is the change from a proscenium to a round stage. Ron Banta, Fyedka-a Gentile soldier who falls in love with and marries the Jewish girl Chava (Rosalee Rodda), says of a proscenium, "It’s a much more elaborate stage, more elaborate and expensive.

Students Remain for Christmas Break

By Shirley Stable

While most of us were at home with friends and relatives enjoying an action-packed Christmas holiday, some LBC students bravely and borigly stuck it out here on campus. Most of them, of course, were foreign students who could not travel home because of distance. Others stayed because of job obligations.

Most of the foreign students who lived here work for the custodial service since immigration laws prevent them from working off campus. Many remember being hurriedly awakened at 5:30 one morning by security to vacuum up the flooded TE building caused by broken pipes. They also remember working steadily till 6:30 that evening. And you thought you had it rough doing the dishes after Christmas dinner?

Some students also mentioned that before the holiday they were promised they would receive 100 percent of their employment check rather than the usual 20 percent. Their checks did come a week later but the problem was corrected as soon as administration became aware of it.

What Happened to Our Flag?

By Linda Robertson

Where did the flag go? Inquiring minds want to know!

Perhaps you wondered. Perhaps you had the answer.

Rumor had it: The football team stole it and was saving it for the "Liberty Bowl." Dorm 16 girls complained it prevented suntans while it flew full mast.

David Randlett needed 5,000 choir robes for Fundamentalism '84. Dr. Falwell decided it was too small; Running Water Valley, Minn., complained they couldn’t see it.

The LBC Singers got tired of Look Up America. At half mast it attacked the students crossing the courtyard.

Jessie Jackson freed it.

It was last seen flying FREELY over Running Water Valley, Minn., on Christmas morning. She liked having time to read, crosstitch and just be alone for a while. It was quite a contrast to her постоянен

Christmas dinner students were invited to the homes of various faculty and church members such as the Robinson’s, the Gerlinger’s and the Sigafon’s. The students were even supplied with dozens of delicious Christmas cookies because of Mrs. Steven Preacher’s thoughtfulness.

What happened to the American flag?

Confidentially shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Wedan stated, "Any scene is delicate. Get a lot of rest. I know it’s hard to get a lot of rest at this school, but do what you can; budget your time," and then he dismissed with prayer.

Sisters Sing—Cynthia Stone makes the music while Rosalee Rodda, Stephanie Cratch and Denise Honeycutt, who play the parts of the sisters, sing in the spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof."—Photo by Lawrence Swiecigood

Students Offer Total Availability

By Eleanor Henderson

I believe we live in a "Noah’s ark" society—it’s couple oriented. But some people, like me, are "single with a purpose."

When a woman enters into a marriage relationship, her ministry becomes that of cultivating a successful Christian home. Instead of looking for the right person, God is teaching me to look for develop in my own life. I can capitalize on my singleness by committing more time to Him. A single person is completely available to Christ.

Not all singles are intended to be single. Some people remain single because they aren’t willing to be committed to someone else. To me, "single with a purpose" means accepting responsibilities, learning commitment, making sacrifices and knowing all the time that God’s grace is sufficient in every situation.

I strongly believe in the sovereignty of God. Through problems and struggles we are drawn to God; humbled and refined. He often puts us into situations that are too much for us so that we will learn that nothing is too much for Him.

If I focus on what I need, my world gets smaller and smaller. The things I don’t have begin to cripple me. Investing my time in the lives of others helps me focus on eternity.

As Hudson Taylor once said, "God gives the best to those who leave the choice to Him."
1984 Senior Athletes Shine

By Steve Davis
and Tim Brockway

The sports staff of the Liberty Champion begins a two-part series featuring senior athletes at Liberty Baptist College. Space limitations prevent us from writing on all the seniors, so (and you) must be content with one senior from each team.

We’re not trying to imply that one player is better than another by our selections—we’re just trying to be representative. And don’t be concerned about your favorite team not being represented yet; the remaining teams will be in our next issue.

Eric Gordon

Basketball

Flames basketball starting guard Eric Gordon is a senior political science major. Gordon came to Liberty Baptist College three years ago as a transfer student from Indiana State University. At 6'1" and 176 pounds Gordon has been an important factor in the success of the Flames basketball program for the past three seasons. This season he holds second position in total scoring with 90.6 percent.

Concerning the school and the students, Gordon had this to say: "I’m very thankful for the school here, but I think all students, at one time or another, tend to neglect the opportunities and advantages of a Christian college." After graduation this year Gordon hopes to get into business, preferably real estate.

Track

Renea Reiner

Renea Reiner, senior biology major from Minnesota, runs for the Liberty Baptist College Lady Flames track and cross country teams.

Reiner is looking forward to the 1984 season, hoping to prove that she has completely recovered from the hamstring injury which greatly hindered her junior year. She sat out about half the cross country season this year to prepare mentally for 1984.

The chances for return look good. Reiner finished the cross country season with her best time in four years, a victory in the 5000-meter run, and a second place in the 500-meter run.

Reiner also excelled for LBC because it offered a Christian education, a biology major and a chance to play track and field. Dr. Milton Reiner, is now a history professor at Liberty. Her best LBC season to date was her sophomore year. She was named the team’s most improved runner and was a member of the Flames track and cross country team.

Volleyball

Cami Coulter

Cami Coulter is a senior education major. Originally from Parkersburg, W.Va., she has moved around several times. She attended high school in South Carolina and currently resides in Georgia. For the past four years, however, she has played volleyball for Liberty Baptist College.

Coulter played some her freshman year but saw regular action during her sophomore year. She was a starter both her junior and senior years. Coulter was honored as the team’s top defensive player her sophomore season and as senior captain this past season.

Coulter’s future plans include teaching at a Christian school in Columbia, S.C., and a June wedding to Cloy Bullock, who also ran track at LBC.

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Sports Score

By Steve Davis

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CRUCIBLE—Actors Vic Mignogna (John Proctor) and Dwight Bain (Rev. Samuel Parris) confront each other in the LBC production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." Twenty-one students are participating in the production which continues Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in Joy Auditorium of the Fine Arts Hall (Story on page 2).—Photo by Janet Iglesias.

Festival Begins

By Erin Jill Jack

The Cathedral Quartet will kick off a variety of activities for the Spring Fine Arts Festival at Liberty Baptist College April 6, 7 and 8. The free concert is slated Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Also scheduled is Ned Souder, guest environmental sculptor, who will lecture and sculpt in the Fine Arts Building. "I believe we are made in the image of God, the Creator of all things," Souder said. "It is at once awesome and exciting that I, too, am blessed with the freedom to create."

Souder, who uses fabric, glass, ceramic, light beams and glow and other materials, said, "My works sing to the vitality of life's abundance."

Souder will begin his work at 10 a.m. April 4 to allow enough time to complete the piece. Everyone is encouraged to observe the artist as he works. The Cathedral Quartet won many awards at The Gospel Music Association in 1977 and The Singing News Fan Awards in 1982 and 1983. Their song "Step into the Water" won "Favorite Song" in 1983.

Also in concert is local pianist and LBC professor, Dave Ehrens. His concert is scheduled in FA 144 at 8 p.m., April 7. Art and photography will be displayed in FA 122 on Saturday from 5-10 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. The final judging for these displays will be held prior to the showing.

The festival is intended to give artists involved with the Thomas Road Baptist Church ministries the opportunity to display their art works and encourage everyone attending to consider the varied art forms.

By Steve Leer

A deluge of 800 students travelled to the nation's capital on March 7 and another of 100 on the 20th to lobby for passage of the vocal voluntary school prayer amendment, which was recently voted down by the Senate.

Thirty-five states were represented at the two workshops, which were staged by Reverend Combee, chairman of the political science department, said, "went off like clockwork."

The amendment, known as Senate Joint Resolution 73, received 56 senatorial votes in favor and 44 in opposition but failed to gain the 66 needed to send the resolution on to the House.

The Liberty Baptist College students were only one of a number of conservative groups who converged on Washington to urge Senate approval. Among the others were representatives of Americans For Religious Freedom, Young Conservative Alliance, Students For A Better America, Freedom Council and Catholic Study Council along with various pastors and evangelists.

Rallies were held on the east steps of the capitol both days, as signs and chants reiterated the message: "Kids need to pray!"

Speaking for the LBC group at the first rally, Jeff Stone said:

"For security reasons those attending the steps of the capitol, expressed the need for students to be committed to public service, " as they work hard and carefully explained: "The only people who are going to rid high ways of drunk drivers is the young people in Students Against Drunk Drivers, SADD."

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Turning to the subject of the purpose of the convention, he outlined several reasons. "We want the leaders in D.C. to understand fundamentalism," he explained, "and to know that we're a real and vital force in our society."

The two roomers on the eagle bus will be responsible for the luggage of the two roomers on the school bus since there is no room for luggage on the school buses. No students are allowed to drive to Washington.

Transportation Provided

Transportation to and from the convention center will be in shuttle buses provided by East Coast Park Car Tours. Buses will shuttle the fifteen minute drive between the convention center and the hotels every hour on the hour.

Meals will be served at the convention center in two cafeterias. Each dorm student will receive a coupon booklet allowing the purchase of a three-dollar breakfast, a five dollar lunch and a six dollar supper. Any expense over that amount will have to be paid out of the student's pocket said Spearin.

Town students will have to buy their own meals. According to Spearin, they can expect to spend fourteen dollars a day on meals at the convention center.

Meals bought outside the center will not be any less expensive said Spearin. "We've priced the district and it won't be too easy to find a cheaper seat," he said.

Student attendance will be recorded by meal coupons received.

Students Required to Attend

Students are expected to attend all sessions at BF '84 except when sightseeing on one of the special outings scheduled during the mornings and afternoons of April 12 and 13. Buses will take students to the Washington Mall where museums and government buildings are located.

The BF '84 program consists mostly of special singers and speakers. The times are as follows:

The morning session runs from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. with a two hour lunch break followed by the afternoon session from 2 - 4:15 p.m. The dinner hour is from 4:15 - 7 p.m. and the evening sessions begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. Students will return to the mountain Friday night, April 13. Spearin said some buses could come in as late as 3 a.m.
“Crucible” Actors Discuss Play, Roles

By Deanna Daniels

The premiere screening of “The Great Evangelical Disaster” March 2 at Liberty Baptist College was considered by producer Franky Schaeffer to be “fitting, timely and appropriate.”

The film and lecture that follow “The Right Job There’s nothing like it,” Schaeffer encouraged Christians to educate themselves on today’s vital issues and to stand unashamed, establishing their own activist agenda.

He concluded with an exhortation to the young people of this generation to do “radical” deeds for the cause of Christ. “Don’t throw bombs or shoot a gun. If you want to be really radical, have a Christian family. Our world is so evil that this is supremely radical.”

Schaefler Film Premiers

By Franky Schaeffer

The screening of “Monty Python’s Flying Circus” in a Christian organization. I highly recommend it. “When you're confident that you're working with God, you're not going to get the job you cannot help. Find the right job for me. The right people help me.”

Schaeffer stated. “We have the right to change this country because we are citizens!”

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He would make a perfect candidate for an American Express card commercial. "Do you know who I am? Not many people do. I'm the man responsible for the Rev. Jerry Falwell's appearances on the 'Phil Donahue Show,' his interviews with the press and television, and his various speaking engagements on college campuses."

Duane Ward is rushed. He is always on the go. He is probably overworked. Yet, as he is quick to point out, "I've got the perfect job. I love working with Dr. Falwell, because he's always in the same mood."

Duane Ward's official title is public relations director for the Rev. Jerry Falwell. "Every PR job is different in application," he says. Ward's responsibilities break down into four basic categories. First, he is Falwell's liaison to the media: the "middle man" who arranges the religious leader's television appearances.

In conjunction with this, he pieces together Falwell's extensive speaking agenda. "I take care of his schedule on the road, such as private meetings in churches."

A third service Ward performs is personal assistant to Falwell. Much of the time, staff members and Old-Time Gospel Hour employees can make a contact with him through Ward.

His other major obligation includes advance work for the minister. On various occasions, he briefs local officials and clergy so they know what to expect and what will be accomplished by the visit. "I'm the hitman," he says with a grin.

Richard Duane Ward was born April 1, 1934, in Paducah, Ky. His family moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., while he was still a youngster. Raised in a Christian home, he was converted at the age of 11 at a Christian Camp.

Positive things began happening to Ward when he entered Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. A theology major with a love for music, he started the gospel group, "Sonlight." In addition to singing and playing the piano for the group, he managed it and set up the schedule.

Soon after leaving the group, he joined Life Action Ministries. At the end of five and one half years he had worked to the position of crusade director. He then had a two-year stint as PR director for evangelist James Robison. Two years ago this June, he accepted his current position.

Ward's first encounter with the Falwell ministry came while at BBC. "I guess I saw it (The Old-Time Gospel Hour) as a college student...I met Dr. Falwell (while I was) in college. I set up the 'America, You're Too Young to Die' rallies."

What's his most memorable trip with Falwell? Pondering for a good while, he finally said, "Probably the Ivy League schools."

Why? "Seeing the way a school changes its attitudes after they hear him."

Duane Ward states philosophically into space, reflecting on his last statement. For a moment, the hectic pace dissolves into this silent retrospection.

Five minutes later, it's business as usual.

By Jennifer Wallace

Horsemanship 201 promised to make us good riders. But the syllabus didn't prepare us for our biggest lesson.

We started grooming, learning the tack and getting used to the English saddles.

Each week we progressed, learning to control our mounts with the reins, our legs and our body weight.

Tom Lange, manager of Elon Riding Center, firmly ingrained in our minds, "Heels down, knees bent, shoulders open and keep your back straight!"

We learned a posting trot, then a two-point, which is basically standing in the stirrups, and finally trotting x's.

"Trotting x's is going over a small obstacle, such as a jump. This can pose problems for beginning riders with an underdeveloped sense of balance."

It's an eye-opening sensation to be expecting a smooth trip when your horse suddenly decides he wants to jump out from under you.

While trotting x's, provided Tom with amusement, one particular day of jumping nearly gave him a heart attack.

I had been jumping for the past two or three lessons when I joined what we call "the Dump Club."

It happened on the "in-and-out," a double jump. I hit the first jump fine, and then my horse lost interest. When we came up to the second jump, he slowed almost to a stop, then jerked forward over the pole, I bit the dust.

Next was Pam's turn (she was our best rider). Tom raised the second pole for her.

She was riding Betsy, affectionately known as "the witch." Betsy didn't like the look of the second pole either. She backed out, sliding sideways into the fence.

That day we dump club members have expanded our repertoire of falls in both quality and quantity. Tom says we'll be experienced after seven.

NEW Program-Dr. Treva Babcock, head of the home economics department, has designed and promoted a new program, fashion merchandising, which is geared to produce buyers, designers and advertisers. Out of nearly 60 girls in the home economics department, six to ten are majoring in fashion merchandising. In a student's senior year of fashion merchandising, he or she will participate in a practicum. The department will contact a store and set up an apprenticeship for the students, where they will gain experience as buyers, displacers or advertisers. With this training, the student could go out and start his own business. "This degree is very marketable and career-minded," Babcock said.

The department is in the process of developing curriculums for two other majors: food service management and general home economics. A minor in business is required for all three majors.-Photo By Lawrence Swicegood.
LBC Softball Team Ranked 19th In NCAA Division II

By Deanna Daniels

Ranked 19th in NCAA Division II, the Liberty Baptist College women's softball team can anticipate some real challenges this season, according to head coach Barbara Dearing.

The team is scheduled against Division I schools such as the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina, where they have 10 freshmen, its inexperienced squad, 9-8 and 11-3.

Qualifications Expected

Many women on the team are expected to qualify for the nationals, Gina Gibson, a junior from the Bahamas, is an All-American in the long jump. She placed fourth in that event last year at the National Championships. She also holds the school record in the long jump at 19 feet 11 inches. Her performance this year may allow her to qualify for the Bahamian Olympic team. Renee Reimer is also expected to do very well this year. She is the indoor record holder in the 100 meters and is expected to qualify for nationals this year.

"Look for her to have an outstanding year," said coach Ronald Hopkins.

Kim Cook is a discus thrower and shot putter. Coach Hopkins says she has shown tremendous improvement this year, and has a good chance to qualify.

Dearing affirmed.

With such a young team because "the Lord can do great things for the team as a whole does not have strong performances in the latter part of the season. During spring break the LBC women traveled with the UVA softball team to South Carolina to contend in the annual pre-season games. At the games LBC encountered some strong opposition, but handled Division I and II schools.

The women lost six of nine games played against nationally ranked schools, but three of those six games were lost by one run only. Three wins were earned against American International (Div. II), 3-2, Farleigh Dickenson (Div. I), 7-0 and Concord (NAIA), 13-2.

Dearing commented, "Other coaches from the nationally ranked teams were telling me that we were a good team and that they were amazed we played against them so well."

Another runner, Jenny Watson, was injured last year but is expected to qualify this year. She is a 10,000 meter runner.

The team also has the makings for a very good mile relay team. The relay team will probably consist of Renee Hawkins, Renee Reimer, Sharon Freet and Gina Gibson.

According to Hopkins, the team as a whole does not have the number of people to allow big meets, but will probably be able to do very well individually.

Men Show Strength

In Outdoor Relays

By Tim Brockway

"We have one of the strongest teams on the East Coast," said Lloyd Mathies, the head coach for Liberty Baptist College.

"The runners we have this year are superior to any that we have had in previous years," complimented assistant coach Bill Gillespie. "Our two-mile relay and distance medley are really strong this year."

This team started its outdoor season with the Liberty Open held at E. C. Glass High School. Twelve schools were involved in the competition, including Hampton Institute, which finished third nationally in indoor competition, and Indiana University at Pennsylvania, that finished seventh in cross-country.

The meet did indeed turn out to be "top quality" as several meet records were set. Two athletes for the LBC team took first place. Troy Nelson finished the 10,000 meter walk in 51.46.7 minutes, and Mike Reid cleared seven feet in the high jump, a new meet record.

Though considered a minor sport at LBC, track has proved itself to be one of the strongest against top competition by recording victories over institutions such as Florida State University, the University of Kansas, Ole Miss, Yale and the University of Tennessee.

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By Steve Davis

The ninth rated (NAIA) Liberty Baptist College men's baseball team moved their record to 10-9 with a 14-0 drubbing of Lock Haven (PA) University on March 27. The win placed the Flames above .500 for the first time since spring break.

Over spring break the team had a very tough (competition wise) road trip in Hawaii. The Flames went 3-6 against three opponents (Hawaii-Hilo, Hawaii Pacific, and Nebraska). Hawaii-Hilo proved especially tough, as they defeated the Flames four straight games.

Since returning from Hawaii, the Flames have resumed their winning ways, with a 4-1 record since spring break. Two big games were against Shippensburg State on March 24. The Flames came back from a tough loss the day before to Shippensburg (3-2) to sweep a double-header from the same squad, 9-8 and 11-3.

The Flames scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to win game one, then routed Shippensburg in game two behind Dave Fleischfresser's pitching. LBC head baseball coach, Al Worthington said, "We're just now getting it together. We became a good team after Saturday against Shippensburg."

The Flames are being led in hitting through the bottom of the batting order by Dave Bream (JR,ss). Bream is leading the team in batting average (.362), at bats (58), hits (21), and doubles (4), and is tied in home runs scored (15) with Ken Tomlin (SO,3b).

Pitching leaders for LBC are Kevin Napier (SO) with a 3-1 mark, 2.93 era., and 22 strikeouts, and Fleschtresser (SO) with 2-1, 5.21, 12.
Seminary Banquet Held

By Lawrence Swicegood

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Liberty Seeks University Status

By Alan Jackson

As Liberty Baptist College moves from college to university status, "swearing in" will take place Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, LBC president, stated in an interview last week. Among those changes are the naming of new vice presidents and deans of the five schools of which Liberty University will be composed.

Three acting vice presidents have been appointed to the move toward a university structure. Receiving these promotions are Earl Mills as vice president for institutional advancement and planning, Russell Fitzgerald as vice president for academic affairs and Edward Dobson as vice president for student affairs.

Appointments of acting deans for two of the three new schools have been announced by Dr. Guillermin. The third will be announced soon, according to the president. Appointed acting dean for the schools of arts and sciences and communication are Dr. Glenn Sumrall and Dr. William Grubin, who currently serve as division chairman of the divi-
Opinion

Exams Make You Fat
By Kathy Sinclair

Exams make you fat. No doctor will tell you that. The real experts on this issue are college students. Mid-term exams aren’t as fattening as final exams. Probably because they usually don’t require all night study periods. These “all nighters” are most conducive to weight-gaining. It stems from a compulsion to nibble while studying. As you cram for the exam, you cram your mouth full of any available foods or anything close to food. I ate a whole bottle of vitamin C tablets once while studying for finals. I took the exam the next day with orange blossoms growing on my head. Everyone is guilty. If you run out of food or drink, you can trust your neighbor to provide if they haven’t already consumed everything themselves.

There is one advantage to eating during exam studying. You never remember what you studied after you have taken the test. At least you have a fatummy to remind you of what you ate.

College For A Weekend Provides College Opportunities At Its Best
By Tony Virostko

Three weekends each year Liberty Baptist College students brace themselves for the high school junior’s and senior’s trek to the mountain. College for a Weekend introduces potential student, the weekender can experience a college experience at its best; just let me know when it’s over.

Opportunities abound for the weekender. Classes, chapel and sporting events all express the excitement that means LBC, and interaction with college students usually brings the biggest impact. At last count, two-thirds of every weekender who attends CFW applies for enrollment. I have always wondered how two-thirds of a person can do much of anything, but that happens when you deal with numbers.

Besides the fact that every potential student is a potential student, the weekender can expect to see life at Liberty at its best. Cold showers, long lines and sloppy roommates await the expectant prospect. Actually, a large portion of the student body decided to come to LBC all over offering CFW. How I remember my visit for the weekend. My sleeping bag found a place somewhere between the dirty socks and a foot locker. According to Gary Avila, the program director, CFW proves to be a thorough way of recruiting students.

“IT’S LIKE TEST DRIVING A CAR,” he said. “ONE HAS TO GET INTO THE CAR, DRIVE IT AND FEEL IT IN MOTION BEFORE HE CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND THE EXPERIENCE.” Test drive or not, CFW at LBC provides a college experience at its best; just let me know when it’s over.

Prayer

Equal Access Bill Grants School Students Right To Meet
By Beth Beckham

There are many strong reasons for and against school prayer, but it seems a school prayer amendment has a bleak future.

An amendment to the constitution is a long and extremely difficult process. It requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate, the House of Representatives and finally, among the fifty states. There are other alternatives. What we as Christians desire is the right to pray and to hold private Bible studies and prayer meetings on a public school campus.

Thus far, this right has been denied students on many campuses across the country because of a gross misunderstanding of the Supreme Court decision of 1962. A clarification of this issue is necessary. Perhaps what we need is not an amendment which requires some form of prayer at the start of each school day but simply “equal access” of school property for the purpose of prayer.

Such a bill has been sponsored by Alabama’s Sen. Jeremiah Benton. This bill, known as the Equal Access Act, will give Christian groups the same rights to meet on school property as any other special-interest group.

It will open all the doors to student initiated, student-led prayer and Bible study, including the right to read Scripture during student announcements.

Only 51 percent of the vote in the House and Senate would be needed to pass the bill. This would result in achieving the rights we are fighting for in our attempts to bring prayer back into public schools.

The freedom to pray on public property has a vital link to freedom of speech in America and, more importantly, to an awareness of God in the decaying society of our nation. Viable alternatives do exist which are worthy of careful evaluation and consideration. It is necessary to weigh the pros and cons of each alternative.

We must make reasoned and sound judgments in relation to the Christian’s future rights and freedoms in these United States. To make an established impact, we must do our homework. Hope is not yet lost; we have not been defeated. We must take a stand and our voice must be heard. Perhaps the Equal Access Bill is worthy of our consideration.
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**By Janice Bellair**

Thirty-six of 200 applicants were selected, Tuesday, April 17, to serve as resident assistants for the academic year 1984-1985 at Liberty Baptist College.

"I'm very excited about the year before us," Gary Aldridge, resident director said. With the list of RA's before him he said, "These are the kids I can invest my life in. I get very excited about that."

On that list were 23 women's names and 13 men's. The women included were Kim Geresy, Gail Getz, Susan Dykes, Cara Paist, Susan Gardner, Valerie Dobias and Karen Lee.

Other women selected were Michele Miller, Sherry Mem­

## Next Year's RA's Selected

portion of the study by the faculty committee will be completed in September. Also involved in the process will be students, staff, faculty, the administrative person­nel and the board of trustees.

The self study is formulated in preparation for the next major visit by SACS, which will take place in 1986. The study, which will outline what the college has accomplished and plans for the future, will be reviewed by SACS. When accreditation is re­

## University Status

Continued from Page 1

to qualify for the Olympic trials. Englehardt, a sophomore from Willsburg, N.J., will be trying to qualify for the marathon event. He is an 1983 NAIA All-Amer­

## By Deanna Daniels

Winning and hard work go hand in hand. No one realizes that in a more practical way right now than three athletes on the Liberty Baptist College track team.

Johnnie Engelhardt, Scott Evans and Curt Kreft are training for the Academy Olympics, which will be held in June.

He came to LBC on a scholarship after six years in the Army.

After college he plans to return to the service and work as a coach.

"I have potential to be a world class athlete with a couple of more years of training and with God's help." He started serious training for the trials last fall and has been a runner for 16 years.

Evans is a junior from Wood­

bury, N.J. who finished ninth last spring in the 800 meter run at the NAIA Outdoor Nationals. He holds LBC records in the indoor 400 and 800 meter runs and in the outdoor 800, the event for which he will be seeking qualification.

Evans sees himself as an "ag­

gressive" runner. He added, "I hate to lose." He defines commit­

ment as "looking past what's between you and your goal and striving in spite of it (obstacles) all." 

Kreft is an athlete who also possesses qualities typical of a dedicated runner. A junior from Tippecanoe, Ind., he is a LBC record holder in the outdoor 1500, indoor 1500 and 880 meter runs.

Kreft was the number four man on last season's cross country team that finished fourth nationally in the NAIA Division II Chal­

pionships. He will be competing for qualification in the 1500 meter run.

In order to compete in the Summer Olympic Games, athletes across the country meet to try to qualify for the Olympic trials. Once an athlete makes it to the try-outs, he competes against nationally ranked oppo­

nents for a position on the Olym­

pic team.

Each has made the trials a realistic goal. Making the U.S. Olympic Team will have to wait for a few years because most middle distance runners reach their peak between the ages of 26 and 28.

Since then for each runner started approximately one year ago. Training involves running long miles as well as lifting weights. The key is discipline.

By John Englehardt

Scott Evans

Curt Kreft

### Three Athletes Prepare For University Olympic Qualifiers

SPEECH—Dr. Falwell wel­

comes President Reagan to the podium at B.F. '84. Reagan and Falwell gave the convention's concluding ad­

dress Friday night before a crowd of over 15,000. Earlier in the day, Vice President Bush addres­

sed the gathering. The con­

vention, which ran from Wednesday, April 11 to Fri­

day, April 13, averaged over 7,000 in attendance every night.—Photo By Lawrence Swicogood.

### Chow For Champs

SAGA Feeds LBC

By Alan Jackson

Where's the beef? Who cares? But if you really want to know, I'll tell you. SAGA has it and a whole lot more. In just one month's time SAGA Corpora­

tion, the Liberty Baptist College food service, prepares 2,000 pounds of beef and about that many chickens as well.

Where's the milk? SAGA has that, too. Students, faculty and visitors consume about 24,800 gallons of milk per month, a quantity that would take a herd of 80 cows producing 80 gal­

lons of milk per day to make.

More than 2,000 chickens would be required to lay the 1,400-1,500 eggs needed weekly. And for those students who don't like what's on the menu, well, more than 600 pounds of peanut butter is con­

sumed monthly.

In a recent interview, Edward Pfister, SAGA's senior food service director, said this large oper­

ation includes 25 full-time work­

ers and 260 part-time workers. These workers put 4,200 man hours into preparing the food for LBC students, faculty and visitors. About 6,000 meals are eaten per day with lunch having the highest number of people and breakfast the fewest. Pfister said an estimated 90 percent of the dorm students eat at SAGA Mon­

day through Friday while the per­

centage fluctuates during the weekends.

For many students who wonder who decides the menu, Pfister said that the corporation has a menu committee composed of 350 colleges and universities.

SAGA, which has provided menu services for LBC for six years, is a large corporation with sales to over 350 colleges and universities, also services many hospitals and cor­

porate hotels.

The name SAGA was derived from a large Indian tribe in Canada, and not, as is commonly believed, the Soviet Attempt to Gag America.

### Bookstore Pays $$$

By Shirley Stabile

Name one product that a stu­

dent can sell back to the merchant for half the retail price after using it for four months. This product is in popular demand at the begin­

ning of every semester (though not by choice); it is the key to the student's academic success or failure, and it is the cause of many an empty wallet. The prod­

uct is, of course, textbooks.

Charles Hesse, assistant man­

ager of the Liberty Baptist Col­

lege Bookstore, has announced a used book "buy-back" to be held May 3-4 and May 9-12. All books will be bought for half the original price.

The how the system works:

Case study: Young Champion 1 purchases a new book for $20, while Young Champion 2 chases the same book used for $15. When the sale is in process and students flock to the bookstore to rid themselves of barely-opened books, both Young Champions 1 and 2 will receive $10 for that book. The conclusive data: It pays to buy used books.
Campus Life

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Lawrence Swicegood
Janet Iglesias
John Fang
Conflict arose during Virgil's high school years when the right-wing government, under President General Lucas, began to oppress its people. The government greedily squandered the people's tax money, using it for its own purposes while the nation's school buildings slowly deteriorated. The students, filled with anger, responded by writing letters to plea for the construction of much-needed educational facilities.

Only a week later, many of the students who had written letters mysteriously disappeared. Citizens later discovered that military police had tortured other students for refusing to disclose the names of the student "uprisers." Even when inflicted with persecution, many did not betray their friends.

The students, overcome with grief, retaliated in anger. Rioting became a common place occurrence. Young people threw bricks and homemade bombs (glass bottles filled with gasoline) at the police vehicles. They even went so far as to hijack occupied public transportation buses, drive them near police stations and set them on fire to attract media attention.

Virgil was a student body leader his senior year when the rebel parties consolidated to form a guerrilla army. These terrorists frequented the schools to recruit students - some as young as 10 years old. Cuba, seizing its opportunity to propagate communism, intervened to aid this left-wing group in overthrowing its government.

When the Cubans attempted to recruit students from Virgil's school, his father firmly refused verbalizing his intentions to remain neutral. The guerrillas responded to this open defiance by sending a letter which mandated the private school's closing and threatened to kill his son should he not comply.

To insure his safety, Virgil had to flee the country on March 15, 1981. He then took up residence in Birmingham, Ala. with Frank Baker, pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

Virgil completed his senior year in Alabama that May. His story's widespread publicity brought him to the attention of Dr. Falwell (a good friend of his father) who encouraged him to enroll at LBC. Virgil enrolled the first semester of last year declaring an interdisciplinary studies major with a concentration in communication and foreign languages.

During Christmas break last year, he traveled to Switzerland to attend Mission '83, a youth congress composed of 7,000 Christian European young people. After the conference ended he decided to stay and learn French at the University of Sorbonne in Paris. He spent six months there and also attended the European Bible Institute where he studied church history.

Presently, Virgil writes articles in Spanish for newspapers in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico. He editoralizes for a column entitled "De Joven a Joven," meaning "From Young Person to Young Person." When asked what his goals include, Virgil replied, "Ultimately, I plan to return to Latin America to serve God and my people."
More LBC Senior Athletes Shine

Basketball
By Steve Davis

When the Liberty Baptist College women's basketball team takes the court next year, they will be without not only a starting center, but also a leader. Tracie Wooldridge will take her 3.9 grade point average and her 11 points per game scoring average to her student teaching position next fall.

Wooldridge took a roundabout path to a starting position for the Lady Flames, a path which led through Radford University and a few hospitals.

When Wooldridge graduated from E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, she turned down scholarship offers from the University of North Carolina ("too big") and LBC ("not a growing program then") to attend Radford. She spent two years playing for Radford and was co-captain her sophomore year when she tired of the team.

Wooldridge quit the team (and her scholarship) when she returned to Radford her junior year. During that semester her grandmother and her dad died, and she returned to Lynchburg to be with her mother. She also discovered a mole on her shoulder which proved to be malignant.

Surgery to remove the mole and a few layers of muscle, proved successful. When school resumed the next fall, she took LBC head coach Linda Farver up on her offer and joined the now growing basketball program at Liberty.

Wooldridge started her first year at Liberty (her junior year athletically) and was named to the All-Tournament Team at LBC's tip-off tournament. The original optimism was soon replaced by further despair, however, as Wooldridge missed most of the remainder of the season with knee surgery.

However, it takes more than a bad knee to stop Tracie Wooldridge; she finished her senior year starting at center with Angie Clark and finished second to Clark in both scoring and rebounding.

Softball

By Deanna Daniels

Tuesday Van Engen, a senior physical education major from Michigan, has held the third base position for the Lady Flames for four years. Married for the last two-and-a-half years, Tuesday remains dedicated to her husband as well as the team.

She experienced her best season in her freshman year as a successful fielder. Coach Barbara Dearing considers Van Engen the best hit-and-run player on the team. Recently she was named to the all-tournament team at the Winthrop Invitational, Rockhill, S.C., during spring break.

Being part of a team with 10 freshmen players is quite a challenge for a veteran, but Van Engen also said, "Out of the four years that I have been here, this is the first team that has truly dedicated itself to the Lord."

 Upon graduation, Van Engen plans to teach and coach at the high school level and also plans to attend school and train to work as a physical therapist.

Tuesday Van Engen

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LBC Runners Strive For Recognition

By Tim Brockway

Track and field at Liberty Baptist College are words too often taken for granted, but not by everyone. There are those here who take those words very seriously. Coach Jake Matthes is one of them, and his athletes are just such a group.

There are, however, several athletes who deserve some recognition.

There is Johnnie Enghardt, a sophomore from Wilmingsboro, N.C., Enghardt runs middle distance events and is part of the distance medley team.

Scott Evans is a junior from Woodberry, N.J. Evans is from the Flames' best half-miler and is also part of the distance medley team.

Curt Kreft is a junior from Tippecanoe, Ind. He is a national qualifier in the 1500 meters and a member of the distance medley team.

Troy Nelson is a junior from Windom, Minn. Nelson is an All-American in the race-walk, a little recognized but difficult event.

Steve's Sports Scene

By Steve Davis

Okay folks, the column you've been waiting for: Steve Davis' Official 1984 Baseball Predictions. I know the season is already started, but I decided to wait till the dust settled and lineups had been decided. And so, without further delay, here's how I think they'll finish.

National League East

Pittsburgh Pirates. Picking the team which will win the worst division in baseball is almost as difficult as picking the winner of the Kentucky Derby four years in advance, but I think the Bucs have the pitching to win it and maybe even finish over .500.

Montreal Expos. I probably would have picked them first if they didn't have the best centerfielder in the game (Dawson) playing right, and a Senior Chief (Rose) in left. (TRIVIA QUESTION: Who was the first National League leftfielder to use a walker?)

St. Louis Cardinals. I have trouble placing them this high, but they've got some good kids, and the pitching can't be as bad as last year.

Chicago Cubs. Know what? This may be one of the better young teams in the game. If they just had some starting pitchers.

Philadelphia Phillies. Might do better, but I'm not impressed (p.s. I wasn't impressed last year either).

New York Mets. Originally my surprise team of the year, but a hot start for a young team means a quick fade in July. Watch for these guys in a few years.

National League West

San Diego Padres. Garvey, Gossage, Nettles and a ton of extremely talented youngsters could mean the first pennant ever for the Pads.

Los Angeles Dodgers. This division will be a real scrap, and the Dodgers will be in the middle of it, but I think the bullpen, along with infield defense, will be their downfall.

Atlanta Braves. I wanted to place them third but the rest of the staff wouldn't let me. Rapidly becoming a one man team (Murphy).

Houston Astros. They too will be in the hunt. As a matter of fact, the only team I can promise won't be in it is from Ohio. The Astros have possibly the best young shortstop in the League in Dickie Thon.

San Francisco Giants. The most improved team over last year, the Giants could become a contender if they can find a third baseman.

Cincinnati Reds. These are about the only Reds in the world who don't think about expansionists tendecies.

Sports

10th Consecutive Year

Flames Top 20 Victories

By Steve Davis

Pat Sipe's two-out grand slam in the bottom of the seventh lifted the Liberty Baptist College baseball team to an 8-4 victory over Howard University in the first game of a double-header at Liberty Stadium Saturday.

The Flames had led 4-3 going into the seventh before Howard scored one run on starter Niles Creekmore, who was lifted in favor of eventual winner Walter Dacuscy (5-0). Dacuscy got the last out of the seventh, standing a Bison runner on third.

The first eight Flame's baserunners reached base in the first inning of the second game as the Flames scored eight runs behind winning pitcher Colby York (2-2) and counted to a 15-5 win and a sweep of the twin bill. The win brought LBC's record on the season to 23-18.

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