Carman performs for Hill City fans

By Robert Pitts

The multi-talented Carman, contemporary Christian music’s singer/showman/minister, will perform Monday night in the Multi-Purpose Center for a city-wide audience.

Having produced six albums, Carman has decided on a new direction for his ministry with the release of his latest album, “The Champion.” Instead of performing for “honorariums,” as do many Christian artists, Carman now performs for “love offerings,” with exceptions only for events such as festival appearances and concerts with other artists.

Sources at Carman Ministries said Carman felt a new apprehension about the decision, but he recognized a definite direction from the Lord to make the move.

“Carman has a real heart for the ministry,” Rosemary Jordan, director of administration for Carman Ministries, said. “Just when he’s feeling the pull of the world’s success, he’s taken a step back from it and rethought his priorities.”

But this radical decision is probably somewhat run-of-the-mill to Carman, for this singer has had what many might call a “radical” life. Born Carman Dominic Licciardello in 1956, the singer was reared in Trenton, N.J., and lived in that state for 20 years. His father was a meat cutter; his mother, a musician.

Carman’s mother entered show business in 1967, entertaining for small events that eventually led to major club performances in the Trenton area.

“My mother provided my first opportunity to play with a group,” Carman said. “When a guitar member in her band flanked out, I filled in. At the time I didn’t sing or anything. But, I knew I wanted about it and once I gave it a try, I loved it.”

Carman left New Jersey for Las Vegas in 1976, in pursuit of a show business career. He became a club singer, performing top-40 and 1950s rock and roll tunes.

A short time later, however, the prayers of his sister (Nancy Ann Magliato) and many others were answered, and Carman accepted Christ as his Savior the day after attending an Andrae Crouch concert.

“It wasn’t emotional or anything,” Carman remembered. “I was confronted with the truth and I received it. And you can really tell what a man is made of by what he does with the truth once he holds it in his hands.”

After several years of doing odd jobs and occasional concerts in southern California churches, the singer signed a 1981 recording contract with Priority Records, a division of CBS Records, for the production of his first major LP titled “Carman.”

Six years later, Carman’s ministry continues to grow. “I don’t like thinking of what I do as ‘sharing faith’ or ‘sharing personal beliefs,’ Carman said. “If I didn’t believe that every single person needed to know Christ as his savior, I wouldn’t do what I do.”

Haag says conference successful

September’s World Impact Conference might be recorded as one of LU’s most successful missions emphasis weeks for two reasons: student giving and interest in world Christianity.

Liberty students responded to the conference’s $13,000 offering goal by helping to contribute an additional $4,600, bringing the total to $17,600.

“The last year we had a good offering,” Dr. Larry Haag, director of the Liberty Baptist Missions, said, “but this year it was an overwhelming response.”

The director said that the extra money raised might be used to buy additional tracts and Bibles for Korea, Japan and China. He added that some of the offering could be sent to aid a Korean orphanage under the direction of Liberty graduate Joe Hale.

CR’s visit Capitol Hill, support Bork

By Catherine Maenestauss

College Republicans joined the Liberty Federation Sept. 29 and 30 in Washington, D.C., for an intense lobbying campaign to show constituent support for Judge Robert Bork. President Reagan’s nominee to the Supreme Court.

CR’s spent the two days on Capitol Hill, expressing their support of Bork and explaining to senators and legislative assistants why the CR’s want a speedy confirmation.

Laura Graves, CR vice chairman of development, explained her reason for going: “(I wanted to) convince those senators who are vacillating with their decision to confirm Bork speedily and confidently, knowing they have the support of their constituency.”

Kevin Allen, vice chairman of membership, told why he chose to go: “Not only do we have the chance to change the court, but this opportunity enables us to train students in the political process. We want the students to realize that their vote and that they can make a difference.

“I think Senators Kennedy and Biden have been trying to paint Bork out to be a right-wing radical, but that is not so. I support him and that’s why I’m here.”

The Liberty Federation sponsored the trip and held a luncheon both days to express appreciation to those who took the time to participate.

Charlie Joel, executive vice president of the federation, explained the proper conduct for office visits and advised lobbyists on how to get their message across without offending anyone or representing the Lord in a negative way.

He said that the liberal opposition forces were spending millions of dollars on letter writing campaigns, newspaper advertisements and TV commercials to defeat the Bork confirmation.

He encouraged participants to lobby with as much vigor and enthusiasm as the opposition, refusing to become discouraged with the unethical tactics their opponents were using.

At the Tuesday luncheon a respected expert on judicial affairs, who wished to remain anonymous, spoke to an audience of 65. He stated that the liberals are “scared to death” of Bork because he is a mainstream conservative and a strict constitutional interpreter.

On Wednesday Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) spoke to an audience of more than 100. He said that although the opposition is strong, determination and perseverance will overcome the enemy.

Curt Diemer, executive chairman of CR’s, told the audience that he had the opportunity to talk with Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in person. He said that Biden was very cordial but adamantly opposed to Bork. Nothing would persuade him to reconsider his view, Diemer said.

Diemer and CR member Joel Garrett also voiced concern about Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), another committee member, who they say has received more pro-Bork phone calls and letters than those against the nominee. They said that Specter refused to admit it and continued to say that he is undecided.

“I’m really concerned that the senators are ignoring the call of the people whom they represent,” Garrett said.

Other members had a personal encounter with Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), another member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a leading foe in the fight against Bork. After they shook his hand and expressed their views to the senator, he walked away undaunted but certainly impressed with the boldness and stamina that the CR’s displayed.

After the two-day campaign ended, Diemer smiled and said that it was a” large step forward. We hit almost every Senate office and expressed our opinion. Our voices were heard on Capitol Hill.”

Seniors Chosen

The 24 candidates for the 1987-88 Miss Liberty title have been chosen following a three-point process that included the votes of students and faculty.

The process began when the Office of Student Activities obtained the list of all single women in the senior class who will graduate in May. That list was narrowed to include only those with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher.

A new list was then sent to all members of the senior class. Each senior was asked to choose 10 names from the list in an attempt to narrow the field to 50. Once the 50 names were chosen, another list was sent to the faculty for final voting.

Miss Liberty contestants include: Amy Boustiller, Donna Boutwell, Robin Brooks, Missy Cooper, Alberta Couthen, Heather Crouch, LaRae Eicher, Trace Gaunt, Donita Hershey, Linda Hindson, Donna Honeycut, and Julie Jacobs.

Also included are Julie Jones, Terri Martin, Suzanne Mater, Jennifer McLeod, Maya Milkelson, Dina Nantz, Kathy Pate, Kelly Labor, Sherri Theis, Sylvia Trott, Robin Vestal and Susan Wise.

DECLARING THE TRUE CHAMPION—Carman, the diversely talented Christian singer from Trenton, N.J., will perform in the Multi-Purpose Center Monday night—Photo courtesy of the Student Activities Office.
Students say rooms are not all ‘tranquil sanctuaries’

By Lori Skudder

LU students are the model roommates for any university. Every room on campus is a tranquil sanctuary, inhabited by patient individuals who complement each other, uplift each other and live in peaceful harmony with one another.

But let’s talk to some of these students to get an inside look at the ideal relationships of these roommates.

Let’s start with Dorm 1. Excuse me, Sir, but what can you tell me about your relationship with your roommate?

“They’re on the phone all the time. I can never get any calls!”

“Oops! Well...ah...maybe we can try this room down here.”

“Excuse me, but if you could give me one highlight of all the time you’ve spent with your roommates—something that would stand out in your mind long after you’ve left Liberty—what would that be?”

“They don’t do their room jobs.”

Well, maybe Liberty isn’t the haven some people think it is. People around here do have some “pet peeves” about their roommates. But, some roommates really give a person good reasons to get peedee!

“They’re slobs!” This echoes the most common complaint of 25 people surveyed by phone. Different versions of this idea include the following: “They leave piles of stuff all around the room,” from a student in Dorm 1.

“They’re messy” and “Very messy” from Dorm 23-3.

“He puts cracker wrappers all over the floor” from Dorm 1.

“He puts his dirty feet on my bed” from Dorm 23-2.

Lack of sleep is the second most common source of irritation among those surveyed. Apparently some people don’t know how to be quiet when someone is sleeping in a room. Complaints went something like this: “They’re insomniacs,” a student in Dorm 2 said.

“They come in late and wake me up,” a student in Dorm 23-3 said.

“He talks too much at night” from Dorm 23-2.

“He flicks the handles on the dresser and makes lots of noise in the morning” from Dorm 1.

“He makes a lot of noise practicing fancy footwork for wrestling,” from Dorm 3.

On the other side of the coin, a few students complained that their roommates “sleep too much.”

Making others in the room stay quiet all the time.

The rest of the stories ranged from “borrowing” money and food to one roommate “sleeping too much,” from Dorm 23-2.

“Dorm life isn’t always easy for Chris Williams and Ray Davis. Like many resident students, these two can’t seem to agree when to study and when to listen to music.”

Photo by Don Hayden.

TRANQUIL HAVEN?—Dorm life isn’t always easy for Chris Williams and Ray Davis. Like many resident students, these two can’t seem to agree when to study and when to listen to music—Photo by Don Hayden.

Tutoring program aids faculty, students

By Stephen Jones

The LU peer tutoring program, founded in 1979 by learning assistance director Dr. Lila Bruckner, began with two student assistants, one Christian service tutor and one volunteer education major. Since then the program has grown to approximately 40 tutors.

According to Lynn Seipp, the peer tutoring director, the purpose of the peer tutoring program is “...to be of service to faculty and students.”

Because all tutoring is given by fellow students, response to the program is basically “friends helping each other,” Seipp said.

Tutors are chosen from the dean’s list and must have received an “A” or a “B” in the subject which they teach. They also must have a faculty recommendation. There are no specific qualifications, academic or otherwise, for the recipients of the service.

“I feel that peer tutoring is a good way to help you keep up with classes that you are having problems with,” tutor Richard Toro, a senior from Clark’s Summit, Pa., said.

“Instead of working for hours by yourself and getting frustrated, it is a lot easier to go and get help,” Toro added.

Tutors gain a valuable learning experience and the opportunity to help fellow students, the tutor continued.

“My anticipations from this program are just a better understanding of my work,” Scott Wolf, a sophomore from Denver, Colo., said. “I have come before and left understanding everything that I needed to. I plan to come on a weekly basis. Students can set an appointment for this program in TE-128.

WLBU-TV works out ‘bugs,’ plans for future

By Steve Sitzai

“We’ve really got something good going here,” station manager Jackie Beatty said about Liberty University’s campus television station, WLBU-TV.

The station, which began broadcasting in September, had been on-the-air for about one month last fall.

Until this week the station had been going through what Steve Troxel, faculty advisor for the station, called a “shakedown period.” This means that the station had to start its programming from scratch. The time also served as a training period for the workers, many of whom are inexperienced.

Beatty and Troxel, however, believe that this week will bring a marked improvement in both the quantity and quality of the station’s programming.

There are currently three programs being produced by Liberty students which will be shown: “News 11,” which is a news program, as its name implies; “Sold Out,” a comedy variety program, and “LU Jams,” featuring the musical talent of various Liberty students.

Beatty said that the station hopes to produce a fourth program, “Inside Track,” which will have a news magazine format. Beatty said that the purpose of the station, which is not to be confused with the Liberty Broadcasting Network (LBN), is to “enter-tain and edify college students” and to provide a laboratory for telecommunications students.

To achieve this goal, WLBU-TV will broadcast programs produced elsewhere as well as those produced on campus by Liberty students.

The station will carry “In Touch” with Charles Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga.; and “Love Worth Finding” with Adrian Rogers, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Another show, “Christian Lifestyle Magazine,” is a human interest program similar to commercial television’s “PM Magazine.” “Light Music,” a music video program featuring popular Christian artists, is hosted by celebrity Tom Green.

Troxel has several long-term goals for the station. He hopes that the station can, one day, broadcast year-round and throughout Lynchburg. He also hopes to develop a distribution network with other organizations.

Through this network, WLBU would be able to use programs produced by others and have programs which are produced at LU used elsewhere. . .

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Four students have been chosen to leave January 1988 for work at the project: They are Sherri Lane, Judy Mitchell, Shawn Ott, Lynn Parks, Tammy Rist, Elroy Senneker, Sara Soria, Kelly Tarbor, Les Tilka and Wes Wilson.

Les Tilka, a LU broadcasting major, describes an overseas mission trip as "an opportunity of a lifetime." He said his interest in the Kenya project surfaced while he was on a three-week expedition to Romania with LIGHT Internationals during spring break. Prior to this trip Tilka "had no interest in missions, whatsoever. All I wanted was to be successful and travel." Tilka described the night before he left as the time he surrendered his heart to serve God. The next three weeks he was exposed to the realities of a world in need.

"When I came back from Romania my life was changed," he said. "God gave me a heart for the world and that's why I'm going to Kenya." Tilka said he hopes that more students will realize the seriousness of the need overseas and get involved. "It's not a person's abilities that count," he added, "it's their availability."

Haag, who has been to Kalokol twice in the past year, said the town is 500 miles northwest of Nairobi, bordering the south edge of the Sahara Desert. The land is dry and barren, and natural resources for survival are scarce, he explained.

He described the native tribe of the Turkana, who live in Kalokol and the surrounding region, as a nomadic people whose lifestyles are simple and primitive.

"They live in huts made out of sticks and leaves. This is their home, but it's not even a home. The huts consist of one room, and it is smaller than my office," he said. There are approximately 250,000 Turkana in the region surrounding the project.

Three primary concerns have been established: outreach, establishment of a community development program to dig wells for irrigation and daily use, and medical and clinical assistance.

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...on freshmen

Freshmen...the mere word makes one laugh. Now don't get me wrong, I used to be a freshman too! Granted I didn't act the way most freshmen do...I was much more mature...at least I thought I was.

Why do upperclassmen feel the way they do about freshmen? I mean, it's tough being a freshman. Picture this. Little Suzie is the most popular girl in her senior class. She dates the best looking guy, sings in the head cheerleader and thrives on being "Miss Popularity."

Now—exit small high school—enter mammoth Liberty University. Poor Suzie! She doesn't know a soul! She tries out for the Sounds of Liberty and doesn't make it! She tries out for Cheerleading and doesn't make it! She goes after this gorgeous guy and he doesn't know that she exists!

On top of everything else, upperclassmen look at her and say, "She must be a freshman!" and then laugh! It's a dog's life!

My first year at Liberty University, I really didn't understand. I mean, I dressed as nice as everyone else, my hair was always neatly groomed. I had a boyfriend, I wore deodorant (right and left guard)! I must be a freshman! " and then laugh! It's a dog's life!

mean, I dressed as nice as everyone else, my hair was always neatly

waited my turn in lines and even hung around "cool" people!

The things they talked me into doing! We attended every football game, painted our hair pink with mecurichrome, wore fluorescent pink and want to be a model; and a girl named Shari who was

"tough cam!"

As I look back on the way I acted, even though I didn't realize it at

My friends, who were supposed to be so cool, consisted of a girl named Kellie who was six feet tall, had curly orange hair, freckles, weighed two tons and

wanted to be a model; and a girl named Shari who was

"I was-was-wondering-if-you-wanted-to-go-camping"—routine. Reluc­tantly, I said "Yes."

That night I found myself sitting on a sand bar along the Salmon River in Idaho at the bottom of this mile-deep canyon. We didn't bother to pitch the tent. Instead, we just sprawled it out on the sand and slept on it (I lead a simple life).

As always, night fell. And if there's one thing to brag about in the West, it's the wide open night sky. I stayed up for a while, gazing up into the vastness of the universe. The Milky Way spread across the sky like smoke from a giant campfire. The Northern Lights flickered and danced from horizon to horizon, spinning and whirlng about in an array of colors. As I watched the Big Dipper disappear behind the canyon wall, my eyes became heavy, and I was soon asleep.

Pictured from left to right, we have: an extremely high canyon wall, the Salmon River, the sand bar on which happy campers camp, a wild western forest, and another extremely high canyon wall.

Animals, who live in the wild western forest, get thirsty, so they
go down to the river at night to satisfy that need. And for those of you who think that just cute little Bambis and Thumpers go through this ritual, I've got news for you—bears get thirsty too!

I woke 30 minutes later to the sound of deep growling and grunting and splashing coming from the river. Sleeping bag flew everywhere. I woke my friend, and we did what any normal know-it-all cub scout would do—throw bushes and trees onto the fire in hopes of scaring it away.

By now, the bear had spotted us. Strange forest creatures dancing around this strange orange light and decided to join us. He shook himself and started in our direction, chuckling diabolically to himself. At this point I moved to step two of the famous Dan Ho's Cub Scout Manual: I panicked. Now, there was a gun around during all of this but, oh, it's so much more fun to panic. My friend finally had enough sense to grab the gun and fire it into the air. The bear ran off into the forest.

To this day, I still brag about all the things found in the great North­west, but I must admit, bears ain't one of them.

People who know me know that I am the greatest bragger of the West, mainly Montana. The question they most often ask is: "What's the one thing Montana's got that Virginia hasn't got?" My answer is simple: Grizzly bears. The question that usu­ally follows is: "Well, what's so great about that?" Again, with the great and over-extraordinary skill I possess in answering stupid ques­tions, my confident reply is, "Not much."

Truth of the matter is I had an interesting run-in with a grizzly a couple of summers ago. A friend called me about 7 a.m. and gave me the old "I-was-wondering-if-you-wanted-to-go-camping"—routine. Reluc­tantly, I said "Yes."

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Feature

By Kip Provost

"He killed a woman and chopped her body up. Then he put the pieces in different trash cans and walked around with her head," Greg Lee said.

Lee, a May '87 Liberty University graduate and current seminary student, went to prison this summer.

"One guy was into molesting one and two-year-old girls. He and his friend would rape them and leave them in the woods naked and bleeding," Lee said. "He couldn't see how God could forgive him."

Yes, these are gruesome details. But they're true. And if someone doesn't show these people who Christ is, who will? Greg Lee took the challenge. He became assistant chaplain this summer to Dade Correctional Institute, Florida City, Fla., and ministered to its inmates.

They are prisoners, it seems, in more than one sense of the word.

"The first day I walked through the prison I didn't know what to expect. I felt cautious, but I didn't portray a spirit of fear," he explained. "On the other side of the coin I really wanted to help the inmates. But I had to stay cautious."

Lee's father, a pastor, arranged for him to work as the assistant chaplain under the supervision of the head chaplain, a man named Hunt.

"I observed Chaplain Hunt and how he handled the guys. He wasn't afraid of anyone. He handled the inmates well and I hung onto his coat-tail. Then one day he said, 'You're on your own,'" Lee said.

The response from the Christian inmates was overwhelming. They showed Lee around and made him feel more open, confident and secure.

The prison holds about 680 inmates. For most of them, it is a "last stop" in a string of prisons. From Dade Correctional Institute, a low-key prison, many of them hope to be released, paroled, or sent to another place for psychological treatment. Changed or not, prisoners remain low-key so that they don't have to spend any more time there. They know that in a short while -- if they remain "good boys" -- they will be on the "outside" again.

Lee stressed the importance of reaching them with Christ before they are freed. You can only help them out by being a genuine Christian. "Know that you're saved. They'll see any unsteadiness so you must be consistent and sincere.

"Most of the unsaved inmates resist authority," Lee continued. "They're used to having their own way, and they never blame themselves. They see society as being against them so they're very anti-social. Most come from bad backgrounds and are bound by the powers of darkness. A lot of them feel no one cares for them. They don't need sympathy; they need someone to show them the love of Christ," Lee said.

Lee counseled, preached, supervised and taught the inmates. When an inmate came to the prison's chapel, Lee listened to him. Then he would share the plan of salvation. Some were saved.

For the new Christian, Lee taught a class termed "survival kit." Each week he covered topics such as the old nature vs. the new nature, how to deal with sin and how to live a victorious Christian life.

He also assisted in the Sunday morning services held there.

Other times he would spend in the visitation department where family members and friends of the inmates come to talk with the prisoner. "I would try to visit with the families and try to see where the inmates came from," said Lee.

Often the pressure from other inmates keep prisoners from going to the chapel. To them, chapel is a place for the weak.

For the inmates who did come, Lee became a confidante and met their needs.

Lee loved to talk with the Christian inmates.

"You would talk to those guys and they would seem like everyone else. God had forgiven their sins and changed their lives. And then you would look at their rap sheet and you could hardly believe their past."

Lee's grace has impressed me. I've seen how He changes a person's life. They've become our brothers in Christ; but because they're in prison, they're considered the lowest of the lowest in society," he explained. Eighty-five percent of freed prisoners return. Twenty percent of all the prisoners who return have been converted while there. But for many converted prisoners, the doors to freedom have already been reached.

Paradise not all glamour for LU's Able Whetsel; summer spent ministering

To some a mission field presents itself as a glorious adventure. To others it represents fear of the unknown. But to a select few, the mission field is a proving ground for God's promises. When daily abundances become a genuine need, motives for service are truly put to the test.

Able Whetsel is one of those few who have had the experience of seeing God work behind the scenes on a mission endeavor. In February, he learned through his roommate Dathan Brown of Coach Bonhein and his wife. This couple has led missions to Hawaii for 18 years.

Able felt the desire in his heart to go. But there was a long road ahead before that became a reality. His first step was to tell his parents of his desire to go. They, unfortunately, were very skeptical of the situation at first. Following that, he made a list of people who were potential supporters. He then wrote letters to each one.

At that point he made a very unique observation. Buying the stamps was one of the most important parts of the process because it was a step that showed him that he had come a long way and that he meant business with God, he said.

"It was like a fantasy all happening in order," Able said.

Then the testing came. He had $90 at the end of the semester in May and needed $1,400 for June. During that period, he received not only that amount, but a few hundred extra.

One church completely paid for the airfares. His parents and he were shocked but very thankful.

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Haag said that he was pleased with the positive changes that have already been brought about through education and evangelization. The Turkana, according to Haag, are becoming less nomadic and are beginning to develop a society.

He added that he hopes to see great improvements in the living conditions and spiritual welfare of the native people over the next 10 years.

“We plan to stay for 10 years because we want the people to know that we do not plan to come one day and leave the next. We want them to know that we’re here to stay,” he continued.

Students working with the project can obtain 15 credit hours toward their degrees. They do not need to be missions majors.

The requirements include an earnest desire to serve God and a committed interest in evangelizing the lost people of the world.

Any student interested in serving God for a semester overseas should contact Haag at the LU missions department in RH 124. Applicants for the 1988-89 school year will be selected during the week of December 7.

Whitt encourages SGA participation

By Tim Saint

What is it like to try to please 4,900 students who have different opinions and expect you to understand each of them?

Ask Jim Whitt, Student Government Association president. Whitt, a town student who said he ran for president because he feared SGA was moving backward and because he wanted to make this year the best possible for students, has been pleased by the students’ involvement with SGA.

“Student involvement is the best ever, but it can always get better,” Whitt said.

More than 150 students are involved with SGA, which Whitt said is not all fun.

“Nobody can say they’re in it for the rewards,” he emphasized. “Many students don’t realize the little things SGA does for people.”

Whitt said he spends approximately three things to make LU the best school possible: put first priority on a daily walk with the Lord, develop an increased respect for spiritual things and develop greater awareness about events on our campus, in Lynchburg and in the world.

One proposal that Whitt is planning for this year is a student forum that would allow them to express their views.

“People should get involved and stand alone,” he said. “If you stand up for little things, you’ll stand up for big things.”

After he graduates in May with a degree in business, Whitt plans to start a business in Greensboro, N.C., with two former LU students.

Thinking of the future, Whitt said his hope is to see legalized abortion abolished during his lifetime.

Whitt emphasized that his office is open to students who want to share their views. His office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday he is available from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30.

OOPS, WE GOOFED!—Last week, the Liberty Champion failed to identify Fellowship Gospel Choir members (l to r) Angel Framontana, Justin Lewis and Arnitha Faris—Photo by Todd Forman.

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By Bruce A. Stanton

Liberty Flame senior tailback Andre Sims has been a runner all of his life, both on and off the football field.

A look back to his early teenage days in inner-city Chicago reveals some of Sims' actions.

Andre Sims makes the grab and takes off running.

With someone on his tail, he turns the corner.

Sims sees an alley and begins to pick up speed again.

Still being chased closely, he looks ahead and sees that he has some help waiting for him.

"That guy is calling me everything but the son of God. I hope he gets it good," Sims said to himself.

"Sims clears the alley, and his pursuer is suddenly pounced upon by waiting teammates.

"That guy is a mess! This is definitely an emergency room case.

"And Sims gets away with goods." Sims joined the gang when he was 14-years-old.

"Gang members ages 13-17 were runners because they could do almost anything and not get put in jail," Sims said.

Although Sims was very active in the gang, he did not live in the inner-city. He commuted by subway from the suburbs.

Both of his parents had doctorate degrees, and he attended a predominantly white high school.

Sims was a National Honor Society member, president of his senior class and first team All-State in football.

Despite all of this success, he led a different life away from home.

"When I left school, I was a street person. It was a Jekyll-and-Hyde type of thing," Sims said.

"But Sims managed to keep his gangland experiences a secret for more than two years."

"My mom thought that the Playboys were just a dance group because some of the guys and I competed at local clubs and won some trophies," he said.

When Sims first joined the gang, he found that he would have to fight other gang members to determine his rank.

"You had to fight until you were beaten three times. You were considered beaten when you were unconscious or couldn't fight anymore," he said.

After that Sims had to do something illegal for the gang leaders upon request.

"We had to steal three Mercedes from the showroom floor. It took two and one-half weeks learning how to hotwire a car and another week learning how to cut glass," Sims said.

"Some of the escapades may sound adventurous, and even funny, but the gangs could be deadly serious about matters such as recruiting.

"When you are recruited by a gang, you have three choices: get shot to death, get beaten to death or join," he said.

Sims was in the gang for two years before he was in serious trouble. That was when he was arrested for stealing a car.

At about that time the leader of the International Playboys accepted Christ.

Andre then accepted Christ as his Savior after much prayer and persuasion by his former gang leader.

"That got me out of the gang," Sims said.

Sims played football at Northern Iowa for three years on a scholarship before transferring to Liberty.

He earned a scholarship this year after sitting out last year. He is play-

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SPORTS

Soccer team wins shut out, defeats Eastern Mennonite

By Frank Banfill

Massive footwork by LU soccer players helped the Flames defeat Eastern Mennonite College Saturday 3-0.

The persistent Royals of EMC stayed with Liberty throughout the match but were unable to muster enough offense to score or the Flames, now 3-3-1.

The first half went slowly as both teams tried to keep ball control. Liberty took several shots but failed to convert to goals.

David Annan’s superior ball control kept the Flames in EMC’s territory for most of the first half.

With five minutes remaining in the half, Annan passed on a direct kick to John Saba who drilled the ball for the Flames first score.

The successful kick from six defenders to find its way into the corner of the Royals’ goal.

LU gained control again in EMC territory with just 38 seconds remaining in the period.

With seconds remaining, the Flames had another shot at a goal, but time expired before the score could be made.

When the second half began, the Flames continued to dominate the game.

EMC attempted a goal early in the second period, but it was brought down by LU goalie George Nimo.

The Flames answered the Royals attempt 30 seconds later when Edward Tetteh (31) hammered the ball on an angle. It hit the goal post and deflected in for the score.

Chris Dickens scored Liberty’s final goal off an assist from Brian Baker.

Several hundred spectators braved the chilling wind and light drizzle on Liberty Mountain to see the Flames defeat Eastern Mennonite for the second year in a row.

Last year’s contest also ended with the Flames on top, 3-0.

LU split two other games last week as they faced William and Mary University on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.

The Colonials defeated Liberty last year 2-0. Their record this year for six games is 2-3-1.

Harry Bargmann, GWU’s goalie, has started every game, giving up an average of only 1.4 points per game. He also has 27 saves in 580 minutes of play.

Another player to watch as the Flames battle the Colonials is GWU’s Paul Bouland. He leads the team in goals and assists.

Post-season play is still a possibility for the soccer team, as it heads down the final stretch, Tetteh said, hoping to endure the remainder of the season.

DRIBBLING—James Otchere, freshman from Ghana, West Africa, heads past an Eastern Mennonite defender during Saturday’s soccer match. Liberty shut out the Royals 3-0.—Photo by Kim Demerchant.

Liberty professors run for fun in races of 50 miles or more

By Susan Wise

If running 100-mile races in your spare time is not your idea of fun, four Liberty University professors would beg to differ with you.

David Horton, Mark Clauson, Douglas Young and Russ Daubert are ultramarathoners who compete regularly in races of 50 miles or more.

"I run 60 to 90 miles per week," Clauson, who teaches political science, said. "I’ve run a lot of shorter races, five and 10 kilometers."

Clauson, who has been running ultramarathons about a year, spends up to two hours per day running.

"Russ Daubert, a professor of speech, adds that he’ll run 10-20 miles on Saturday. Daubert moved into ultramarathoning about three years ago. "I was running to stay in shape for basketball and faculty intramurals, and I felt so good I decided to keep the running up," he said.

Douglas Young, who teaches business, said, "Ultramarathoning makes me feel stronger, and I can get by on less sleep." He added, "Plus, you can’t gain weight when you’re running 60 miles per week."

All three men credit their involvement in the sport to David Horton, who teaches physical education.

Horton runs 90-100 miles per week and has run in races as long as 217 miles. Out of 43 ultramarathons, Horton has won 19 and placed in many others. "It takes a lot of soul-searching to finish a difficult race," Horton admitted. He holds several course records and was ranked fourth in the nation at 100 miles in 1986.

"Horton got me into this," Clauson said with a grin. "Haven’t you ever heard that bad company corrupts good morals?"

Young, Daubert, Clauson and Horton are all ranked nationally in the top 100 at 100 kilometers. All four agreed that they would rather compete in long distances than in marathons. "I’ve never been in any pain running long distances," Young remarked. Daubert agreed. "I’m usually back running in a couple of days after a long race," he said. "But I qualified for the Boston marathon, and that beat me up pretty good."

"We see the same people, over and over at these races," Daubert said. "That gives us an opportunity to witness the good people." Horton agreed. "Everyone knows Horton’s a Christian, and they all know where we work," he said. "It’s a good time to talk to these people. They respect us, and they all admire Horton."

"I plan to do this for the rest of my life," Horton said. Daubert, Young and Clauson agreed. "Anyone at all can do it," Young said, "and there are plenty of races right near home."

Lingenfelter sets record

Lady Flames cross-country runner Lori Lingenfelter set a new school record while leading LU to a fourth-place finish in the Tarheel Invitational held Sept. 26 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The sophomore from Pittsburgh, Pa., completed the 3.1-mile course in 17:35, fast enough for a seventh-place overall finish.

Lingenfelter was followed by Pam Fauber, who finished 14th overall and recorded a personal best time of 18:04.

CONCENTRATION—Head football coach Morgan Hout is looking ahead to Saturday’s matchup with nationally ranked Division I-AA Appalachian State. The Flames take a 1-3 record into Boone, N.C.—Photo by Don Hayden.