Falwell resigns; Bakker return to PTL possible

By Doug Waymire and Robert Pitts

The Rev. Jerry Falwell and the nine other members of the PTL board resigned Thursday following a ruling by a federal bankruptcy judge that Falwell was unacceptable and said supporters and creditors could file a competing plan within one week.

In his decision last Wednesday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Rufus Reynolds ruled last Wednesday that a reorganization plan submitted by Falwell was unacceptable and said the ministry of its $60 million debt did not pay enough attention to the objections of its creditors and attorneys.

Falwell, however, said he had worked out a plan that would get the troubled ministry out of debt by March 1, the date he originally planned to leave PTL and turn the ministry over to the Assemblies of God.

Falwell apparently had arranged for a Wall Street firm to finance the troubled ministry. However, after his resignation, the firm withdrew its offer.

In addition, Falwell said Reynolds' decision violated a statute that would have given his reorganization plan exclusive consideration for 60 days.

The PTL chairman called the judge's decision "appealable" but said he would not fight the ruling because he did not want to tie up donor money in a court battle.

"The court's order yesterday left the door cracked open for Mr. Bakker to return," Falwell said. "And obviously no one there wishes that to happen."

Falwell made the only decision possible.

"A lot of our (church) people are going to be very glad that he's out from under that pressure," he said. "We feel very much like it was a well-spent six months."

Reynolds ruled last Wednesday that a competing plan within one week. Falwell said he would like to see Charles Colson, a born-again Christian who runs a prison ministry, become the new chairman of the board.

However, that will not occur.

"I think everyone on the board was aware of this," he said. "We're happy to have him back."

"I believe the ministry will find good leadership to replace the resigned board." Falwell said.

Falwell also said the recurring stigma, Falwell said, had obviously no one there wishes that to happen.

"I just felt that I had to say to the court graciously that (the decision) is a mistake and would be a reversal of every good thing a lot of people have done through the years."

In addition to the board of directors, Harry Hargrave, PTL's chief operating official, Gary McSpadden and Doug Oldham, "The PTL Club" co-hosts, also resigned.

Falwell also said that the Rev. Sam Johnson, pastor of the Heritage Village Church, had expressed a desire to follow the board in resignation. However, Falwell said he asked Johnson to stay with the ministry, along with the rest of PTL's employees.

Looking Back

Reflecting on the nearly seven months he spent trying to salvage the 2,500-acre Christian retreat located near Charlotte, N.C., Falwell said his time there was not wasted.

When Falwell stepped in as chairman of the board last March, the ministry's credibility had been severely damaged because of alleged homosexual acts and extramarital affairs by its founder, Jim Bakker.

"I think he accomplished a great deal," Falwell said. "We feel very much like it was a well-spent six months."

He added that he believes the ministry will find good leadership to replace the resigned board.

Falwell said he would like to see Charles Colson, a born-again Christian who runs a prison ministry, become the new chairman of the board. However, that will not occur.

"I know that he has been spread very much interested in the ministry, but Falwell couldn't cooperate with the judge to mesh the two reorganization plans," Dees said.

"I don't see why they can't work together," Dees said. "He (Falwell) didn't have to leave."

WELCOME HOME—The Rev. Jerry Falwell is greeted by Champion copy editor Robert Pitts, other media personnel and local supporters as he steps off his jet in Lynchburg Thursday—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

"I hope everything works out well for them (PTL's employees). It's a shame this had to happen after all the progress that was made. But Dr. Falwell did his best," senior Tim Freed said.

"It's upsetting to see all the board's work go down the drain," Falwell said. "We feel very much like it was a well-spent six months."

"I think he's doing the right thing. I think the Lord wanted him to come home to this ministry (TPBC)." Moffit said.

Robby Kasten, another LU student, said he is glad Falwell is no longer involved with the South Carolina-based ministry.

"He tried his best to help. Now maybe we can see what happens if the people that wanted Bakker back get their way. Let's see them raise support," he said.

Scaremare depicts mortality

By Robert Pitts

DEATH. Most people dislike even the mention of the word, much less other things that remind them of it.

But the LU YouthQuest Club's annual production of Scaremare is designed to bring visitors face to face with their mortality. Project Coordinator Dave Marston said.

With this goal in mind, Marston said that this year's "House of Death" will take on an atmosphere of more silence and solitude.

Placing less emphasis on screaming, reaching and all effects, workers have transformed the building at 2300 Carroll Ave. into a mysterious, lonely place with enough dark corners to give visitors ample time to ponder what they see.

Those who brave one of Scaremare's nine nights, beginning Thursday, will find themselves traveling through each of the attraction's 12 to 14 rooms, seeing a graphic portrayal of death in its various forms.

Two new chambers, a suicide room and a wedding room, have been added to production favorites such as the car wreck room and the funeral room.

In the wedding room visitors see, from behind, what resembles a traditional service. But as they pass by the happy couple, Scaremare goes will again see death on the pallid faces of the bride and groom.

Marston said that this stillness and realism is intended to affect the minds of visitors to the point that they are startled into an awareness of their eventual end.

"We're simply reminding people that death is a reality," Marston said.

But the method by which the more than 200 Scaremare workers accomplish their goal should not be confused with another Halloween standby, the haunted house.

"It is not a celebration of Halloween by any stretch of the imagination," Marston said.

The director defined the attraction as a "harvest-time activity" and said that LU is simply taking advantage of a "cultural dynamic." (Halloween)
News

TURN TO THE LEFT—Bob DeVaul adjusts Miss Liberty contestant Diana Nantz as he prepares to take her pageant photo. The pageant is set for Oct. 23.—Photo by Don Hayden.

Death

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to spread the gospel.

When asked if Chancellor Jerry Falwell shared his viewpoint, Marston replied, "Dr. Falwell has always been 100 percent in favor of it. He understands as well as anybody the purpose and philosophy of what we’re doing and what we’re not doing."

When a visitor ends his tour through the house, he is exposed to the gospel through one of several tent meetings. By this method of evangelism, more than 1,000 people accepted Christ during last year’s Scaremare.

According to both Marston and Dave Adams, senior youth pastor at TRBC, the number of salvation decisions has increased steadily.

Marston said that he hopes the turnout this year will, at least, match last year’s attendance of more than 50,000. Adams added that the number of salvation decisions has probably quadrupled since Scaremare began in 1972.

That year, under the direction of Gordon Laff, a former senior youth pastor of TRBC, the church held the first Scaremare in what is known as the Dillard Mansion on Route 130 in Elon, Va.

After one year, however, the TRBC youth department moved the production closer to Lynchburg to an abandoned house on Route 460. But when the building "literally fell apart" in 1977, organizers began searching for a new location, Marston said.

The next year Scaremare was held in what used to be the Guggenheimer Hospital on Grace Street (Jerry Falwell’s birthplace), the building now occupied by the Grace Lodge.

Finally, in 1979, the ministry bought property on Carroll Avenue that Scaremare leaders deemed "perfect" for the project, an abandoned cotton mill and its administrative office.

"It’s got all the earmarks of what we wanted it to be," Marston said of the former office building in which Scaremare is housed. The church had been looking for a building that was not only close to town, but was also forbidding in appearance and structurally sound, the director added.

The attraction was moved that year to its present location and has since become a "more than a break-even operation," Marston said. Money left over from paying the project’s estimated $30,000 annual production cost has gone to build three buildings at Liberty Oaks, a youth camp in Red House, Va.

Two and one-half months of busy preparation will have preceded the opening of the attraction. "Even after Scaremare’s over, the friendships remain," senior Heidi Payne said. "It’s a lot of fun and a lot of work."

Payne, vice president of the YouthQuest club, became involved with Scaremare two years ago. YouthQuest took over the production last year. Now she supervises the bottom floor of the house and helps coordinate the operation by working with one of the rooms, the make-up, the selection of personnel and the follow-up of new converts.

Accounting major Janet Anderson also said that Scaremare involves a great deal of work, but not quite the toll of last year’s project.

Anderson, a junior from Chattanooga, Tenn., said she worked both weeknights and weekends in the coffin room for about four weeks prior to Scaremare’s opening last year. But the room required only about two weekends of preparation this season, she said.

"I like getting involved," Anderson commented. "It’s fun to see it go up and the work getting accomplished."

Although Liberty students supply most of the labor (and much of the patronage), many young Lynchburg residents also participate in the production. In addition, local people comprise the largest visitation of the attraction, Marston said.

"It has legitimately become a Lynchburg tradition," the director said. During the early years, Scaremare was something of a curiosity for local people, he added. But now residents often start calling the university as early as August to ask when "the House of Death" will open its doors.

Scaremare is open from dusk to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the last three weeks in October.

Groups of 25 or more desiring special rates must contact the LU youth department at (804) 582-2179.

By Lori Skudler

If there were a way to eliminate some of the general education classes that you need to graduate from LU, would you take advantage of it?

Well, Liberty has a program that does. It gives students a chance to save money, speed their education and make use of college-level knowledge gained from experience or other schooling. This is CLEP.

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Editorial

...on activism

Abortion, pornography, gambling, secular humanism and unpatriotism are all part of the culture in which we young adults have grown up. The pangs are very real part of the American society. But whose fault is it?

Is it the fault of some liberal-minded politicians 20 years ago or some left-wing scholar 25 years ago? Maybe. But would you entertain another notion with me momentarily?

Pastors and Christians used to believe (and some still do) that politics is dirty. They used to preach against Christians getting involved. Sure they condemned the liberals and sinners, but they never took any action.

Then, one Christian at a time began to wake up and smell the coffee brewing. Pastor Jerry Falwell was one of the first to act.

Christians began to see the frightening results of their inaction. Now we as concerned young people have chosen to align ourselves with the Rev. Falwell and his political movement to change our nation.

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There are a number of people on campus who will help you become more active. One group dedicated to this purpose is the College Republicans. The CR's discuss important topics and participate in national, state and local campaigns.

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The most important and first thing that you should do is register to vote! If you don't want to become a Virginia resident, you can register to vote by absentee ballot at your hometown city hall.

The future of America is far too important for us to sleep through the vital issues of today.

This summer Gentleman's Quarterly magazine ran an article that listed (according to them anyway) all the things that a man should do before he is 30. A few weeks later Sports Illustrated ran an article very similar to the one in GQ.

Not be left out, I have taken it upon myself to compile a list of my own. Since the 30-year-old male thing has been done, I've made a list of all of the things (or maybe just some of them) that a senior at Liberty should do before he or she graduates.

As you read, you may want to mark off what you've done and what you will have to do. Everything should be hunky-dory, right?

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We need to know why we support aid to the Contras, why Simon shouldn't be elected President, why Bork should be nominated to the Supreme Court and why home schools should be exempt from governmental interference.

We shouldn't be content in just knowing the issues. We need to act on that knowledge. We need to become activists.

Activists read the newspapers, write letters, make phone calls, work on political campaigns and contribute to worthy causes.

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Student show rocks WLBU

by Pam Havey

It was late Thursday night. I was running as fast as I could, but I wasn’t being chased; I was late. As I exploded into the room, the first thing I saw was the red neon glow of my alarm clock staring at me, 10 p.m. My hands grabbed the radio and I spun the dial to the campus station, just in time for “The Real World.”

Students who are looking for some spiritual insights, honesty, openness, sincere discussions or just entertainment could give WLBU’s new program a try.

Each show features a special Christian artist, usually pre-1979, like Paul Clark, Larry Norman, Phil Keaggy, Randy Stonehill, Malcolm and Alwyn and Daniel Amos.

Why pre-1979? The deep-thinking DJ’s, Frank Tozour and Chris Harper, said they chose that year because of the sincerity and lack of commercialism in the songs.

Tozour is a 22-year-old junior from Pitman, N.J., majoring in communications. Harper, a 20-year-old from Fairfax, Va., has the same major.

Features yet to come to the program will include discussions about people in the rock-n-roll scene, radio revolutionary drama and plenty of controversial guests such as Stryper, U2, Yes and John Anderson.

The DJ’s encourage students to call in if they want to comment positively or negatively on an issue.

Music is a main topic of conversation. Both DJ’s said that music is a major influence on American society and dictates how a lot of people think.

The show tries to inform students of recent trends and spiritual directions in the contemporary music scene so the listener will know what to say to the unbelievers that talk about rock music in their hometown!

“Exploring the rock-n-roll scene on other college campuses causes much controversy but gives students ample opportunity to express themselves on those ‘touchy’ subjects,” Tozour noted. Harper agreed and added that “students can use us as an outlet; that’s what we are here for.”

The purpose of the show is to make a difference by taking Christianity out of the prehistoric times and making it come alive. Tozour feels that by limiting Christianity to short hair and long skirts Christians are not expressing the Jesus of the Bible to today’s real needs.

Both DJ’s agreed that the show has proven to be an eye-opener concerning how students view controversial issues.

Anyone on campus can tune in on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 10 p.m. to midnight.

LU coach sets priorities in order

by Chris Powell

Scotland born William Bell is a man with a mission. His goal is that Liberty University be nationally and internationally ranked in Division 1 soccer.

The soccer team is known for its soul-winning efforts both on and off the field. Bell’s first priority is the souls of the lost, everything else is secondary. Accordingly, his mission is rooted in his philosophy that “win or lose, you can still glorify the Lord.”

Bell came to Liberty through contacts with former vice president Dr. Edward G. Dobson and President A. Pierre Guillemain.

During Bell’s eight years at LU, he has seen the team advance closer to Division I. Coach Bell’s desire is eventually have “the best team for the Lord in Division I.”

He played in a professional soccer league in Scotland for 22 years, including playing Portugal for the World Cup in 1966. In addition, Bell is one of the founders of Athletes in Action, an organization for Christian athletes.

Although the World Cup was exciting, Bell stated that one of his biggest thrills was being selected for the Scotland National Amateur Team.

Years later, while Bell was vacationing in Ohio with his wife Mary, he accepted Christ as his personal savior. Bell, an avid church-goer, “naturally” went to church while he was vacationing. During the church service he and his wife both came to the Lord.

When asked how Christianity influences the way he coaches, Bell advised coaches to sit down and look at their priorities concerning winning and losing. “I like to win, but attitude and giving 100 percent are more important.” Bell stated.

LISTEN UP—LU soccer coach Bill Bell talks with the Flames during a recent match. Bell has been coaching the Flames for eight years, and his number one priority for the team is winning souls to the Lord.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.
MOVIN' ON—LU hockey club member Jamie Cummings (30) takes the puck down the ice. LU opens the season against the Roanoke All-Stars this Friday night.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

Volleyballers finish second; Marsh hurt during match

By Beth Isaacson

"If we progress through the season at the rate we're going, I can't see who is going to stop us," Michelle Marsh said after the Lady Flames' tournament in which they placed second in Navy. Marsh has been stopped, though, after breaking her arm in two places during the first game of the East Stroudsburg Tournament on Oct. 2. Although Marsh is out for the season, Coach Sue Kelley is confident that Julie Sitter can fill the gap left by the sophomore setter's absence.

Despite this injury and a loss to Navy, LU went on to win the rest of its matches in the tournament, defeating Queens College, Kutztown and East Stroudsburg. In fact, the only close match was played against East Stroudsburg itself, which the Flames won 15-9, 8-15, 15-7, 9-15, 15-8.

LU is now ranked second behind Navy in the Atlantic Region of NCAA Division II volleyball. This represents the first time in LU history that the team has been regionally ranked. The team's final home game will be against Virginia Tech on Oct. 20.

Liberty’s Bell has desire to follow in father’s footsteps

By Frank Banfill

Andrew Bell, LU assistant soccer coach, shares the desire of many young men: the desire to follow in their father's footsteps. That is quite a task for Andrew Bell. His father is William Bell, a famous former professional soccer player and now LU head soccer coach.

Andrew Bell, a junior speech major, was named the new assistant coach last spring. His primary responsibility is to coach Liberty's junior varsity program and develop incoming freshmen.

It had been a long time since Liberty had an assistant soccer coach. When the current position opened, Bell jumped at the opportunity. "My whole life I've wanted to be a coach," the younger Bell stated. "The job opened up, and I was willing to step down from playing because the main reason I was playing was so that I could learn more about soccer," Bell stated.

Prior to coaching, Bell played two years for Liberty. He started the 1986 season playing at midfield.

Bell said that after graduation he wants to pursue a masters degree in speech and possibly go into education. He also wants to coach collegiate ball.

Bell realized the assistant's position was his golden opportunity to learn even more about coaching.

But what is it like working for your father? Many people would see it as a pressure, but not Bell.

He is taking nine hours of classes in addition to coaching. "He (W. Bell) expects you to do your job. He expects from me 35-40 hours a week plus staying after and making calls, etc.,” the younger Bell stated. Andrew enjoys working for his dad. "It's exciting because he's a very good coach. There's a lot to learn, and he's the one to learn from," Bell said.

Andrew said his father's experience is invaluable to the LU team.

"Whenever I go back to England everybody I talk to, it seems, has heard of Willie Bell," Bell explained.

Many would think coaching under a famous father brings added pressure to perform. Andrew bell, however, feels a different pressure.

"I want to draw from him (W. Bell). My father is such a vast wealth of knowledge when it comes to soccer. It's more of an opportunity than a pressure," Bell said.

Andrew was a little uncertain when he began coaching last spring. He was coaching players with whom he had not only played, but with whom he had also been a starter as a freshman.

"I thought, 'I wonder how they (the team) will respond to me.' I am very pleased with how they have treated me," Bell stated.

He felt the players respected William Bell's decision to offer him the assistant's position. "It's a good relationship between them (the team) and me," Andrew said.

The younger Bell travels during the off-season and scouts players, looking for possible LU soccer recruits.

During the season he also scouts teams that Liberty will face.

In addition, Bell conducts children's soccer clinics in California and Tennessee during the summer months.

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Sports

Mountaineers win, take fire from Flames

By Bobby Bunn

BOONE, N.C. — Appalachian State University played “king-of-the-mountain” Saturday as it knocked off now 1-4.

The Mountaineers ranked seventh among Division 1-AA teams, used a superior ground game to rack up 315 rushing yards against the Flames, now 1-4.

“They are a legitimate 1-AA power and well deserving of their national ranking,” LU Head Coach Morgan Hout said.

Once again, the Flames started the game in the hole.

The Mountaineers scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and held a 14-0 lead before the Flames could muster any offense.

In the second quarter, the Flames defense improved.

Defensive back Richard Shelton recovered a fumble at the Moun­
taineer 46-yard line, but the turnover was given right back as quarterback Paul Johnson threw an interception three plays later.

The LU defense held once again and forced the Mountaineers to punt.

The Flames drove to the Appy State 25-yard line where Joe Pouncey kicked a 42-yard field goal making the score 14-3.

Then, late in the first half, free safety Donald Lindsey recovered a Mountaineer fumble at the LU 47.

The Flames drove to the Moun­
tainer seven but had to settle for another Pouncey field goal as they went in at the half, down 14-6.

After a missed field goal attempt by Pouncey, the Mountaineers scored 10 more points in the third quarter for the final margin.

Despite another loss, Hout was en­
couraged by the team’s performance.

“I’m very proud of our football team. I felt like we were in the game all the way, and it was a closer game than the 24-6 score would indicate,” Hout said.

The Flames travel to Murray, Ky., Saturday where they take on Division 1-AA Murray State University.

LU X-C team finishes third at Furman Invitational meet

By Bruce Stanton

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Liberty’s “walking wounded” ran to a third­
place finish behind Auburn and Duke at the Furman Invitational Women’s Cross Country race Saturday.

Annie Fairchild finished seventh out of a field of 145 runners despite suffering from the flu. Lori Lingen­
felt came in 18th, running on an injured foot that caused her to miss a lot of practice last week.

“These were very fine individual performances in a very strong field of Division 1 runners,” coach Ron Hopkins said of the 12th-ranked Flames.

“This is one of our best perfor­
mances in such a strong field. We are becoming a factor nationally as the times between our number-one and (number-) five runners continue to improve,” he said.

Hopkins was also impressed with other LU runners in the 17-team event, which included thirteen Divi­sion 1 schools.

“The biggest surprise was Lynn Attwood, who ran her best race ever (32nd place),” Hopkins said.

“Tracey Tidwell ran a solid race as she continues to improve, and Monica Carmona is rounding into shape and ran well,” he said.

The LU women’s cross country team opted to compete in the Furman Invitational rather than the Division I level, but now I think they are starting to believe that,” Hopkins said.

“We ran in the Division 1 state meet last year and finished fourth. Virginia is the strongest right now, but then it is a toss-up between Vir­­ginia Tech, George Mason, William and Mary and us,” he said.

Farver in Frostburg State Hall of Fame

Linda Farver was inducted into the Frostburg State University Bobcat Hall of Fame last Friday for her sports accomplishments at the Frostburg, Md., institution.

Farver has been an assistant pro­

fessor in LU’s Health and Physical Education Division since 1977 and coached women’s basketball until 1980.

While at Frostburg, she earned four letters in both lacrosse and bas­
ketball from 1966 to 1970.

Playing the point position on the lacrosse team, Farver was a member of the first undefeated team in Frostburg history in 1969 and won the Outstanding Defensive Player Award.

She was also a co-captain during her senior year.

Farver had to make three adjust­
ments to basketball rules changes while playing at Frostburg.

She started out playing in the six­
player format and later went to the forecourt/backcourt arrangement. She finally finished her college career playing in the present full-court sys­
tem.

Farver was an outstanding defender with a career high 18 rebounds in one game.

The Bobcat Hall of Fame was in­
stituted in 1971 to honor the ac­
complishments of former athletes and coaches at Frostburg State.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, an athlete must have been graduated from Frostburg State for at least five years prior to nomina­
tion.