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‘The Miser’
Moliere’s farce critiques greed

By Catherine Maentanis

"Hilarious, breathtaking, suspenseful and outrageously funny." That’s the way David D. Allinson, chairman of the department of drama, described "The Miser," a play opening Friday and continuing through Nov. 14 for two weekend performances.

"When self-seeking interests and fortune hunting abound, it seems appropriate that our first production is Moliere’s farce, ‘The Miser.’ Come meet Harpagon, the most money-grubbing tightwad in history," Allinson explained. The plot centers around Harpagon, an old miser who places money above fortune hunting. He seems ap­propriate to the development of the plot.

Heather Crouch, winner of LU's 1986-87 "Best Actress" award, plays Elsie, daughter of Harpagon. Couch has appeared in numerous LU productions including "Charley's Aunt." She portrays Frosine, a woman of intrigue.

"Romeo and Juliet" and "The Fantas­ticks," the performance which won her the "Best Actress" award.

Freshman Joel Garrett, a political science and drama double major, plays Monsieur Anselme, a wealthy friend of Harpagon and the father of Valere and Mariamme. Garrett has appeared in many shows including "The Music Man" and "Don't Drink the Water." Wayne Gray, winner of LU's "Best Actor" award last year, plays Cleante, the son of Harpagon. Gray, who won the award for his performance in "Wait Until Dark," has also appeared in "Slow Burn," "Charley's Aunt" and "Romeo and Juliet.

Recently, he appeared in "Test of Faith," an Olive’s film production scheduled for release around Thanksgiving.

Kim Harris, winner of LU’s "Best Supporting Actress" award for 1986-87, portrays Frosine, a woman of intrigue. Harris has also appeared in "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Fantas­ticks.

E. Roger House, a business ad­ministration major, appears in two roles. He plays Master Simon, a broker and the town Magistrate. House starred in two other LU productions - "Char­ley’s Aunt" and "Impromptu.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT—David O’Brien (left) and Scott Kennedy go through a rehearsal of 'The Miser,' which opens Thursday and continues through Nov. 14.—Photo by Tim Goodwin.

ROTIC training insures jobs

By Tim Saint

Why would anyone sign up for the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Liberty University if it requires eight years of reserve service after graduation?

There are many reasons, but one major advantage, according to ROTC Cadet Steve Novotny, is to insure, a better job. The leadership experience gained from participating in the ROTC program automatically boosts an individual's job opportunity.

"Major companies will hire an ROTC officer 10 times quicker than someone who doesn't have leadership experience," Novotny said.

Many other valuable experiences can be gained from the ROTC program, including learning a military trade, principles of war, morality, how the army works and, of course, discipline.

"I got up at five this morning to go exercise," Novotny said. How­ever, signing up for the ROTC prog­ram does not require getting up at five every morning.

In addition to gaining experience and discipline, ROTC students have the opportunity of spending several weekends per semester away from LU doing things like repelling and taking helicopter rides. Optional activities during the summer are also available.

Presently, more than 130 LU students participate in the ROTC program; and while it is not a major, it offers a one-credit-hour course for anyone desiring to sign up for it. "Many people do that," Novotny said.

ROTC program can contact the ROTC office in dorm 23 room 121 for more information.

Research reveals little-known facts

By Lori Skudler

Sometimes we think we know every­thing about our school. Thus, life con­tinues in the same old rut. To help relieve the monotony of everyday life, here are some interesting, little-known facts about Liberty University.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Carter Glass, a former governor of Virginia and senator, owned the mansion near Dorm 18. His face appears on the highest denomination of American currency - the $50,000 bill.

...The Federal Reserve Act, which regulates the amount of currency in circulation, was signed in the mansion and was sponsored by Carter Glass. President Woodrow Wilson was here for the event.

...The mansion, a historical landmark, is actually named Montview and has two basements, one under the other.

...After Carter Glass died in 1946, the campus was a dairy farm.

...The security building near the guard shack was formerly the manager's house for the estate.

...WRVL radio is in the building that used to be the kitchen for Carter Glass' mansion.

...The area that is now the Memorial for Unborn Children near the mansion was once a swimming pool.

...The "University" board on the sign at the campus entrance says "Baptist College" on the back. When the school became Liberty Baptist College, university officials had "University" written on the other side of the sign in anticipation of becoming a university.

...Our security guards are deputized by the Lynchburg Police Department.

...The DeMoss building is designed to have two more stories built onto it.

...Marriott food service serves more than 10,000 meals per day.

...Macel Falwes designed the fountain in the Fine Arts Hall.

...It used to be a Liberty tradition at...
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By Catherine Maentanis
The excitement of Homecoming Weekend '87 has passed away for many students. But for Alberta Couthen, winner of the 1987 Miss Liberty crown, it will be a memory worth reflecting on for years to come.
The 21-year-old Sounds of Liberty singer said she felt numb but relieved after Dr. Jerry Falwell, Chancellor of LU, announced her the winner on Friday, Oct. 23.
"I felt honored. I was excited, but mostly I felt good about myself," the senior from Riverdale, Md., remarked. "I was confident and portrayed myself honestly. I think that was important."
"I want to show that Christ is real in my life and that Christians can be excellent in whatever they do."
When asked if she expects her life to change as a result of the honor, Couthen replied, "I have this great fear that others will think I am above everyone now, but I'm not. I am different and no better than anybody else."
Tony Norman, assistant director to the Sounds of Liberty, said he was confident that Alberta would win. "I told her that she would win; and when she did, I was thrilled," he exclaimed.
"I've worked with many different people on the Sounds, and I think Alberta stood out more than any other," Norman added.
character, and I see her putting God first in everything she does. She is really leading a faithful life." City and the Lynchburg Area Food Bank have been collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items and money since Nov. 2. The group that collects the most food will have $25 deposited into its account by November 4, 1987

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Sugarplum.

Scott P. Kennedy, who plans to go into full-time youth ministry, portrays Valerio, son of Anselm. Kennedy has appeared in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Rivals" and "Annie Get Your Gun."

Ann Little, a freshman political science major, plays La Merluche, Harpagon's servant. Little has played in "MacBeth," "The Little Foxes" and "Taruffe."

David J. O'Brien, a television-radio performance and psychology double major, plays Master Jacques, a cook and coachman to Harpagon. O'Brien was involved with the production of "The Matchmaker," "The Crucible" and "Death of a Salesman."
Penny G. Rasnake, current president of Alpha Psi Omega, plays Mistress Claude, a servant to Harpagon. Rasnake has appeared in "Cameo," "The Bald Soprano" and "The Games Christians Play."

Finally, Sharon Weindorf, an English education major, plays Brindavonoe, another servant to Harpagon. Weindorf acted as assistant stage manager in "The Fantastiks" and the spring one-act plays.

Miller specifically praised Ross M. Hayduk, assistant director, and Gordon Carter, stage manager, for their work.

Little known facts
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to ring the Liberty Bell when someone gets engaged.

70 percent of our faculty are published authors.

...The grassy area next to the tennis courts is reserved for two future courts.

...Liberty has students from all 50 states and 34 foreign countries.

Food challenge continues

By Robert Holmes

The LU Student Government Association and the Lynchburg Area Food Bank are giving students, faculty and staff the opportunity to make sure needy families have a good meal this Thanksgiving.
The Thanksgiving Food Challenge is a good way to make sure the less fortunate eat well on Turkey Day.
Dorms, campus clubs and organizations have been collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items and money since Nov. 2. The group that collects the most food will have $25 deposited into its account by

SGA. The Office of Student Activities is the drop-off point for the food and money. The contest ends on Friday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m.
In addition, SGA has announced a Thanksgiving Late Skate on Friday, Nov. 13, from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Skateland. Skaters donating a canned good will receive 50 cents off the admission price.
The distribution of the food will be handled by the Lynchburg Area Food Bank, which makes food available all year long to 136 agencies and churches.

ASPA plans interviews

By Jeremiah Amimo

The Liberty University chapter of the American Society for Personnel Administration (ASPA) will sponsor "mock interviews" on Nov. 10, according to Ron Monfils, president of ASPA.
The day-long event will be promoted through the business and telecommunications departments and will be the third held at Liberty University.
Several companies from the Lynchburg and Roanoke area will take part. Interviewers include Bill Bowyer, news director from WSET-TV; Stan Missleton, human resources manager for Air Products and Chemicals; Glenn C. Slivinske, personnel manager for Nationwide Insurance and John Johnson, personnel manager for Central Fidelity Bank.

Each personnel director will interview seven students, and each student must submit a resume beforehand.
Interviews will be held from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Each session will last 30 minutes, and the final 15 minutes will be used as time for a critique, Monfils said.
During the critiques the professionals will give hints on interviewing techniques and resume preparation to the students participating, he added.
Volunteers for the interviews will also be videotaped during their sessions. Each one will then receive a copy of the tape so that he or she can study ways to improve his facial expressions and techniques.
ASPA will sponsor another mock interview on Feb. 25 next spring.

Couthen expresses gratitude

By Julie Jeffries

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COUTHEN EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

—The mansion, located near dorm 18, was originally the home of Carter Glass, a former Virginia governor and senator. The building now houses the welcome center and executive offices.— Photo by Tim Lyons.
Political Issues

James McClellan emphasizes politics

By Trish Stirsman

If you're looking for a conservative voice in journalism, you might turn to the Liberty Report published by the Liberty Federation. If you're looking for conservative civil rights groups, then check out the Rutherford Institute, headed by legal activist John W. Whitehead.

But for a conservative twist to liberal scholarship, one can seek out the Center for Judicial Studies in Washington, D.C.

Founder and president James McClellan birthed the Center in 1983. "No one was challenging what was being taught in the law schools, stated in judges' opinions, or presented in books."

McClellan explained that the Center is a think-tank dealing with constitutional issues. Its purpose is to promote a better understanding of the Constitution and reduce the power of the federal judiciary.

For McClellan, that quest has been a nearly 30-year endeavor on both the academic and political fronts.

News Briefs:

By Vivian Aalborg

New York stock exchange officials said the exchange would open Monday regardless of a possible strike by clerks and other workers. A contract covering 390 members of the Office and Professional Employees International Union expired Sunday. The union represents secretaries, clerks and other support personnel at the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Futures Exchange and the Securities Industry Automation Corporation.

America could face a recession as bad as the great depression if the federal deficit is not reduced, financial expert David Rockefeller Sr., former chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, said. Rockefeller encouraged Washington to keep trying to cut the deficit despite the New York Stock Exchange's partial recovery.

Fifty-eight percent of Virginians favor the legalized numbers games compared to 34.9 percent who oppose trying to cut the deficit, The Richmond Times-Dispatch.

To a very large extent Americans are doing a trail of scholarly writing for the liberal legal community, said McClellan's wife, the late Mary McClellan. "Bork was killed by the well-financed, multi-million dollar civil rights industry which controls the courts of this country which is able to knock out even the most highly qualified individuals from federal judgeships," McClellan said.

The left-wing realized Bork was dangerous because he knows what's been going on. He would be the kind of person they would welcome Judge Bork to the Supreme Court, according to McClellan.

The liberals were geared up for a fight, though, because anyone who was appointed could potentially switch the Supreme Court away from the radical liberalism that has prevailed on the court for the last 25 years, McClellan explained.

The President appointed the First Circuit Court of Appeals judge who had a trail of scholarly writing for the liberals to attack. Bork has written extensively against judges creating rights that are not contained in the Constitution. For example, he does not support the right of privacy because it is not found in the Constitution. Therefore, abortion should have never been made legal by the Supreme Court, according to Judge Bork.

"The left-wing realized Bork was dangerous because he knows what's going on. He would be the kind of person to influence the other justices and point out the errors they've been making," McClellan said. "Liberals don't want someone on the court who is smart."

Another aspect of the Bork nomination was the Senate's scrutiny. Judge Bork is the only nominee who has agreed to sit down before the Senate Judiciary committee and answer questions.

Robert Bork: Dead on arrival in Senate

By Trish Stirsman

The nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the United States Supreme Court was defeated Oct. 23 by a vote 58-42. Liberals rejoiced. Conservatives cried.

Millions of dollars were poured into lobbying the 50 members of the U.S. Senate. Planned Parenthood, People for the American Way and the NAACP used the mail and the media to convince Americans that Bork was a media val ogre.

Many senators had announced their opinion of Bork weeks before the hearings even began. Senators Ted Kennedy, Joseph Biden and Paul Simon didn't give the nominee a fighting chance to show his true colors.

Why was an appointment to the highest court in the land dragged through the mud?

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Man on the Street

Do You Think Judge Bork Was Treated Fairly?

Dr. Dennis T. Lowery—"No, I don't think he was treated fairly. The liberals did an excellent character assassination job on him. I think he was perhaps the best qualified person in the country for that vacancy on the Supreme Court."

Greg Pendell—"No! Because they dug into his personal life. He did desire legal counseling to earn money which went to pay for his wife's hospital bills, and they accused him of using the law for his own benefit."

Heather Born—"No. Because I feel he was attacked in a personal manner; it was more a personal vendetta."

Teddy Kennedy should get

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A: Young people can get actively involved in the conservative movement and read, read, READ! We don't just need soldiers and troops; we need informed and educated soldiers and troops.

Q: What can Liberty students do after graduation?

A: I believe one of the most important things we all can be doing is getting actively involved in state politics. The Democrats outnumber the Republicans in the House of Representatives 2-to-1. This is because of political gerrymandering. The state legislatures decide the makeup of the congressional districts. Therefore, whoever controls the state legislatures also controls the political makeup of the House of Representatives.
Editorial

Hello, boys and girls! This week we are going to discuss student recreation. Can you say "recreation"? I knew you could.

It seems we have more couch potatoes than usual this semester. Now isn't that special? And who told you to be a couch potato? Seriously, though, finding things to do in Lynchburg can be futile at times. But never fear! When Moonlight Bowl has lost its romance, and your roller skates shine no more, the sultan of Saturday swing will save the day (or night)!

First, for the history buffs. You don't need my recreation tips. Just walk down the street or drive a few miles to Appomattox, and you'll be in history heaven.

For the more adventurous, get a car or make friends with someone who has one and within an hour you can be hiking in Jefferson National Forest or the Peaks. There's even hang gliding on Roanoke Mountain.

Biking on the Blue Ridge Parkway is a total blast in the fall - if you have a bike.

And, oh, brothers and sisters, we can't forget the beach! A mere three and one-half hours away! What a weekend retreat!

Hockey games are always fun, but I encourage you to "Fire on Ice" fans to wear red shoes to the games. It's good luck. Ask Jon Olhauser.

"Circus Fire-Eater Starts Blaze by Belching in Hotel!" Did you hear about this? You probably didn't see this guy on Nightline with Ted Koppel, but it really did happen. At least, I think it did.

This is the question plaguing the minds of the American public. Should we believe these bizarre headlines? Allow me to analyze some of them and then you can decide for yourself.

Let me start with our fire breathing friend in the hotel. Frankly, this headline leaves me with some unanswered questions that would have to be addressed before I could believe it.

First of all, I was always under the impression that when these circus guys "swallowed" fire, the flame eventually went out. Is it possible for a flame to burn inside of one's body? If so, would it be correct to say that this fellow was "on fire" for the circus? Maybe he had some serious "heart burn." Anyway, I could be wrong. But I don't think a fire can burn in your body. So where did this guy get the flame? Did he eat some hot Mexican food? Did he get into some bad jalapena peppers? And what was he doing burping on (or even near) flammable materials in the first place? Like I said before, this one just leaves me with too many loose ends.

Often a popular theme with these newspapers is birth. If a woman isn't giving birth to an alien's baby (let Planned Parenthood explain that one!), she is giving birth to any number of various farm animals. Poor old Sasquatch usually gets tied into these birth stories somehow too.

One of my favorite headlines about birth is, "Woman Gives Birth During Parachute Freefall!" Let's look at this one for a minute. Now even assuming that this woman gave birth to a human baby, this is still quite a story. I am far from being a parachute expert, but I do know one thing, when you are freefalling, you are going at a considerable rate of speed! I also happen to know that it takes most women a fair bit of time to give birth.

The way I see it, this woman must have been dropped from the Space Shuttle to have enough time to give birth while freefalling! I won't even begin to get into the posture problems she would have had to deal with! Call me a skeptic, but this one is just a little too much to swallow.

A headline that recently caught my eye was, "Power Blackout Thaws Frozen Wife." Just where was this woman when this power blackout happened? Maybe she fell into the freezer one day and nobody bothered to look for her there when she was noticed missing. Maybe she was part of some bizarre scientific experiment. All of this aside, was this woman thawing out good news or bad news for the husband I can certainly imagine his surprise. Since this woman thawed out during a power blackout, I would assume it was dark when she crawled out of the freezer or wherever. That would be kind of scary if you ask me!

Did the guy start a fire by belching? Did the woman give birth during a freefall? Did a man cut off his own head and live to tell about it? Did the woman really thaw out when the power went out?

Enquiring minds want to know!

See the Photojournalism projects on display in DeMoss Lounge outside the library...
Romanian students talk of home

By Tim Saint

"Don't take (America) for granted. Be thankful for having the religious freedom, all the opportunities and a president who believes in God," Titus Chira, a Romanian student, said.

Growing up in a communist country before coming to the United States has given the Romanian students at Liberty University a broader view of freedom.

According to native Romanian Christian Chirla, Romania was once prosperous but has now withered under communism. "In the past Romania was the breadbasket of Europe. Now, their food is rationed," he commented.

"Why do Romanians immigrate to America?" Basically, people come for religious purposes or to better their future," Chira said.

Christians in Romania have to pay for their faith. Chira remembers when he was called in front of his class by his teacher who asked him why he believed in God. The teacher then attempted to make a fool out of him.

"It was for religious purposes that Chira's father immigrated to the U.S. However, it took three years and many arguments with authorities before Mr. Chira was granted his passport to the States.

"To come to America, you have to have a good reason," Chira said. It is virtually impossible to immigrate unless the one immigrating has a family member residing in the United States.

Michael Gingham obtained a passport because his mother had already left Romania. However, her method of emigrating involved a high risk. She escaped on a train by hiding in a box carried underneath the car.

The effects of communism are clearly apparent in Romania. "The majority of (Romanian) citizens are not communists," Romanian Tudor Vidican said. "Two or three percent of the communists lead all the riches from the poor people." Romanian Paul Lucian explained.

Do all of these negative aspects keep Romanians from getting homesick? "You will always miss the country where you grew up," Chira said.

Overall, the Romanians agreed that America is a land of opportunity. They also said that it would be a good idea for every American to visit Romania.

LU students study parliamentary rules

By Pam Havey

"The meeting will come to order." Students open their parliamentary procedure class three times a week where students learn the laws that govern all types of meetings from small clubs to United States Congress.

"Knowing Robert's Rules of Order can make a person dangerous," Professor Donald Harrison, said. Knowing the rules of conducting business will make it easier for a leader to accomplish his goals, he explained.

Each day the students conduct every part of the "meeting" because "the best way to learn is by doing," Harrison proposed.

Students plan the agenda which includes the call to order, opening ceremonies, recognizing visitors (total of 28 thus far), committee reports, reading of the minutes, roll call, discussion of business and then the program for the day.

Committees are formed to plan weekly programs. The programs include a variety of guests emphasizing professional speakers, such as Bobby Richardson, Andie Simms, Jennifer McLeod, Dr. Ben Alpert and Jay Sibel, a member of the National Speakers Association.

Students in parliamentary class represent many professions: business, political science, professional speaking and the gospel ministry. The class includes Curt Deiner, executive chairman of College Republicans.

"This class has done more for me personally than any other class I have taken," he said.

Pastoral major Jack Barrett added, "Every pastor should be required to take this class."

Students take the class very seriously because they are not accountable to Harrison but to one another, Harrison explained. Knowing that every member has certain responsibilities puts pressure on everyone to fulfill those duties.

Adhering to the rules allows them to conduct the class in a professional manner. Near the end of the lecture, students remind the teacher of the five minutes remaining.

After his lecture, Harrison turns the meeting back to the student leader who then asks for any other business.

At precisely 1:10 p.m. the chairman raps the gavel and declares, "The meeting is adjourned!"
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Flames fight, fall to Virginia in rain

By Bruce Stanton

CHARLOTTESVILLE - The LU soccer team defeated 1-0 by Division I second-ranked University of Virginia, Oct. 27.

Mike Jarosi scored the only goal of the game at the 56:06 mark on an assist from Butch Gelovatch.

The two teams played a scoreless first half in a steady drizzle. UVA had many shots on the goal, but the Flame defense held its own.

Freshman goalie George Ninno made many stops in the match and held the Cavaliers in check except for one shot.

"It is unfortunate the way they beat us. It was a mistake," Coach Bill Bell said.

"I'm not complaining though. George played a great game. The kid's only an 18-year-old freshman." L U's offense struggled throughout the game as the Cavaliers played tenaciously on defense.

"We gave everything we had. That's been the story of our season so far. One goal short against Division I teams," Bell said.

Because the game was played on astro turf, heavy rains earlier in the day made the playing field slippery.

"Both teams were at a disadvantage due to the ground. The rain made things tough. I think they had selected the proper shoes for the field, and we didn't," Bell said.

With the loss the Flames drop to 5-10-1 while UVA raises its record to 15-1-2.

"This game was encouraging. I think we gain respect every time we play a Division I team that doesn't know us," Bell said.

The Flames final regular season match is Nov. 7 at the University of the District of Columbia.

Dickens ‘worked up ladder’

By David Nickerson

Liberty soccer player Chris Dickens knows how to “work himself up the ladder.”

From the time he came to LU, Dickens has watched the soccer team progress from Division 3 to Division 1 by getting talented international athletes.

“It is fun seeing how soccer is played around the world,” Dickens said.

“The program has worked its way up; and if we had not had such hard luck with injuries this year, the people would have been able to tell,” Dickens said.

Dickens said the quality of Coach Bill Bell’s leadership is one reason for the team’s success.

“He has held this team together through all the injuries we have had all season. To me, he has to be considered one of the best coaches here on campus,” Dickens said.

The player added that his experience in coaching and playing the game has paid off personally this season.

“The experience that has helped me this year is that I have played at so many levels and positions,” Dickens said.

“My experience that helped me at goalie this year came from my junior year in high school.”

As each level of soccer becomes more difficult, Dickens said, experience becomes more important.

“The experience that the team has gained this year with such young players will pay off when post-season play comes and definitely in the future,” Dickens said.
Flames don't lay any eggs

They are at every college football and college basketball game. They get the crowd excited and lead cheers. They make fun of the opposition and act crazy. Some of them even look like freaks.

No, we're not talking about cheerleaders. We're talking about mascots. Almost every college and university has them. Almost every college except LU, that is.

Doesn't it seem as if something is missing out there on the sidelines? (I mean besides 10-300-pound linemen.)

You've seen them. Notre Dame has the little Irish man running around the field. Alabama has the big elephant. (How they ever got an elephant out of Crimson Tide is beyond my knowledge.) And even Newberry College had an Indian out there throwing water on LU fans.

Mascots fit right in with that old college spirit.

So why don't we have one? Maybe it's because no one can figure out how to resemble a Flame. What would one do? Make like a match and set everyone's head on fire? Or how about this? We could get someone to dress up in one of those fire-resistant uniforms they use in movies and have another guy walking around behind him lighting him up with a blow torch.

We could even hire one of those guys from the circus that eat an elephant out of a Flames jersey, and they would be ready to go.

Maybe we could even borrow a big Bunsen burner from the biology lab, if Mr. Damoff wouldn't mind, and strap it to someone's head. It will not be an easy task to find the right mascot for LU. But if anyone does try, PLEASE don't bring back the eagle.

After all, we are the Flames.

Willie's happy as a Lark-ins

By David Nickerson

The word "talent" can be used in many forms. It can be a skill by which one can make a living, or it can be a natural gift, such as writing or playing sports.

There is also one type of talent that an individual works everyday to enhance. Senior tailback Willie Larkins has this kind of talent.

Larkins, a physical education major from Crestview, Fla., is one of the strongest Flames on the football team. His maximum is 280 pounds on the bench press and 525 pounds in the squat.

Although the Flames have a 2-6 record, the season has not been a total loss for Larkins.

"We have been in a rebuilding stage the last two seasons with the program getting ready to go Division 1-AA next season," Larkins said.

Because the team is in a transition, Larkins said he finds it hard going at the routine week after week.

"But that is where my job comes in as a senior: to pick the team up and keep them tough in spirit," Larkins said.

The player added that he finds it encouraging to see Head Coach Morgan Hout constantly praising his team in public.

With many young players on the team, Larkins said it is hard to put a team together that can play on the same intensity level. He added, however, that recruiting should help relieve the situation.

Life at LU is demanding for Larkins because he has to fit in study time between practices.

"The academics has to be the hardest because of all the practice time and traveling," he said.

Larkins said he has been helped greatly by his assistant coaches.

"They are a great group of coaches," he said. "They tell us to give 100 percent at all times for the cause of Christ."

The player added that he appreciates facilities for athletes at LU.

"The training facilities here at LU are some of the greatest. They rank above all I have seen," Larkins said.

Larkins also knows that the most important ingredient in any team is the players themselves.

"The coaches do a great job of putting us together so there will always be that unity on the team," Larkins said.

Volleyball team playing for national berth

Nothing has stopped the Lady Flames volleyball team, with its "awesome setting and power spiking," from reaching its 1987 season goal of being nationally ranked.

20th in the nation?

"It means we're one of the best in the country," power hitter Kathy Guterman said.

The volleyball team's record stands at 20-6 this season, compared to 23-21 for last year.

LU travels to Annapolis, Md., to play in the Navy Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

Navy has defeated the Lady Flames in two contests this year. Navy is ranked second to Liberty in the Atlantic Region. A Flames victory in the tournament would secure the first place regional ranking with a probable bid to the national tournament.

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