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Liberty University acquires north campus

NEW FACILITIES—LU students check out the new north campus acquired Saturday.—Photo by Rob Pitts.
**Political Issues**

**News Briefs:**

**By Steve Sitzai**

The Nicaraguan government and Contra leaders say Sandinista forces shot down a DC-6 cargo plane carrying supplies to the rebels. The defense ministry says one crewman was captured and at least three others died. But a Contra spokeswoman in Miami says the 11 Nicaraguans aboard the aircraft were killed. The Contras say the incident is an escalation of their 6-year-old war with the Sandinista government.

In New York, about 400 Jews demonstrated today to protest media coverage of the unrest in Israel's occupied territories. The protesters, waving blue and white Israeli flags, chanted "tell the truth" and "kids with rocks kill." Confrontations between stone-throwing Arab youths and Israeli troops have left at least 38 Palestinians dead over the past seven weeks.

The World Health Organization estimates that between 5 million and 10 million people worldwide are infected with AIDS. The Organization added that unlike a year ago, most nations are now reporting cases of the deadly virus. But the group says estimating the numbers of those with AIDS is a guessing game at best. A spokeswoman says no country, including the United States, has a "really accurate estimate."

Western diplomats say the Soviet Union is sending word that it is ready to pull out of Afghanistan this year. The diplomats added the United States and Pakistan to be flexible regarding a withdrawal schedule to make it easier for the Soviet pullout.

A Vietnamese mother who says she made 22 attempts to escape from Vietnam was re-united with her dying son in San Jose, Calif. Vietnamese officials allowed her to leave last week. The 20-year-old son is dying of a rare form of spinal cancer.

The White House says President Reagan will chart a course for his final 12 months in office in his State of the Union address. One administration official declares, "It's not going to be the last year of a lame duck." Before Reagan delivers his address, a Senate panel will open hearings on the intermediate nuclear forces treaty with the Soviet Union.

**Congress gets hot potato, finds equal pay, equal worth not equal**

**By Jeanine Richardson**

Five bills in Congress have turned the whole concept of comparable worth into a hot topic. As a service to students, The Liberty Champion offers an explanation of the issues at stake.

What is Comparable Worth Pay Equity? The terminology refers to the concept of equal pay for work of comparable worth.

Under this theory, every job has a worth that can be measured and given a numerical value so that different jobs held mainly by women can be compared with jobs held mainly by men.

Presently, wage-setting is the system of the free enterprise forces of supply and demand. However, under comparable worth, market factors, such as the availability of qualified workers and the wage rates bid by other employers, are disregarded.

Comparable worth is not the same as equal pay for equal work. It would require equal wages for jobs that are dissimilar, yet thought to have the same worth. Equal pay for equal work is already the law under the federal Equal Pay Act of 1963.

Under the free enterprise system, jobs have no absolute value. Jobs are an exchange between an employer needing work done and an employee-someone willing to do the work.

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On the other hand, under comparable worth or pay equity the value of a job would be determined by some form of job evaluation.

Yet who determines it? Under this system the value would have to be determined by a third party or, if determined by the employer, would be subject to review by a third party. Therefore, the value of a job would not be an employer-employee decision.

Supporters of comparable worth believe it is the solution to the earnings gap.

Evidence of an earnings gap comes from the statistic that a woman earns only $5.99 for every dollar a man makes. Yet the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 1984, the median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers show that women earned 65 percent as much as men.

Statistics show that the gap is narrowing, and a Rand Corporation study confirms it.

The reasons for this gap are several: The main factor is the difference in family roles.

Women continue to have a major responsibility for the care of children at home. This means women move in and out of the job market and do not get to build seniority. Thus, their earnings are affected.

Also, women are concentrated in a few occupations in which pay rates are low for all their workers. Women seem to prefer certain types of jobs that involve less physical risk and effort. Also, they are not as motivated to spend time in training for higher paying jobs.

Comparable worth would not increase employment opportunities for women. In fact, since it is an effort to raise wages in jobs held mainly by women, that pay increase would result in increased competition for fewer jobs.

Thus, comparable worth would actually work to attract more people to these predominantly-female jobs instead of encouraging women to consider careers in higher-paying jobs traditionally held by men.

There are practical alternatives that can narrow this earnings gap. One is the equal-opportunity approach that assures women equal access to all jobs—including the higher-paying technical, professional and managerial jobs mainly held by men—an approach that guarantees women will be paid on the same basis as men.

Although comparable worth is labeled as a woman's issue, it is not. The dispute is over whether wages should be determined by our free enterprise system or by the government bureaus or courts.

**What do you think about Equal Pay Equity?**

Pam Windham—I think everyone should get a fair shake. But I do think they should be paid according to the job they do not just on whether they rank with the men or not. I do not think it should be enforced.

Robin Brooks—People need to be paid on the basis of the work they do, not just the fact that they work. The government would do better to ignore this legislation.

David Nickerson—A person should be paid according to his education and work experience. It should not be enforced because everyone does different work and should be paid accordingly.

Robert Pitts—If I were an employer, I would not want to be told what to pay my workers by some third party. I think equal opportunity employment under free enterprise is more than enough incentive to ensure equal pay for women.
Editorial

Liberty Champion

We must answer to our publisher, Liberty University. It is a factor that will not change, and we were aware of it prior to joining the staff.

We acknowledge that this regulation for free speech is inconsistent with the U.S. Supreme Court last week in a case involving a Missouri high school newspaper. The court ruled that a Missouri school newspaper was not a public forum and therefore could be censored.

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Hear Ye!

By Robin M. Brooks, Editor

To rezone or not to rezone? That was the question before the Lynchburg City Council and the city Planning Commission Jan. 12.

The land in question was the 50 acres belonging to Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation in Lynchburg, a company that is bankrupt and that needs to sell the property to pay its debts.

Enter Liberty University. LU made a generous offer to buy the property in order to ease the overcrowding on campus. However, the land must be rezoned before it can be used for anything other than industry.

I can see what a tough decision this must have been for the council members who had to decide the fate of that land. Should they vote "yes" and let LU buy the property and then lose the annual property taxes? Or should they vote "no" in hope that another buyer will come along soon who will be able to pay those taxes?

Granted the council should be concerned with tax revenue, but what about the revenue LU and its students bring in?

Sure, it's not property tax; but it's revenue from sales taxes, meal taxes, hotel taxes, and entertainment taxes. It's revenue that the city could be getting this fall rather than waiting for a buyer to come in.

But that's not the only thing at stake here.

Lynchburg covers approximately 50 square miles. Within those boundaries there is a certain amount of land set aside for industrial use. Those 50 acres that Craddock-Terry sits on are part of that industrial land. Get the point?

If City Council let that land revert to business, then it would lose some prime land on Route 29. As one council member put it, "The boundaries of the city are not going to expand so we need to hold on to all the industrial property we have."

This is another viable argument, but while the boundaries of the city aren't changing, the suburbs are changing and growing.

For example, Forest, Va., is becoming more popular and many people that work in the city commute each day. More and more people are moving outward and that includes businesses.

Currently major car dealers in the city of Lynchburg are moving their businesses outside the city. Jim McQuade Pontiac and Kenneth Hammonsley Motors are building new facilities on Route 221 in Forest and Vauhnan Chevrolet and Cadillac moved its showroom to Route 291 last year.

I guess no one knows for sure why City Council denied the rezoning of Craddock-Terry, but the members did and that's the way it goes. I only hope that the council's decision isn't going to leave that empty building and vacant land wasting simply because Liberty University turns out to be the only prospect willing and able to buy them.

A mind may be a terrible thing to waste, but so is valuable land.

By Pam Windham

Number one, Craddock-Terry has been HAD! Number two, Liberty University has been HAD! Finaly, the city of Lynchburg has been HAD!...HOW?

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Finally, the city of Lynchburg could lose money and face some serious drawbacks if drastic action is taken.

Face it, we as Christians can see the benefit to the work of the Lord that would occur if LU is allowed to purchase the building. Young Champions will be molded and souls saved. The whole world could be changed by the constructive use of this building for the Lord's service. However, those in the secular world doesn't understand this. Their whole issue is the money.

Satan has a way of blinding eyes with dollar signs.

The city of Lynchburg will receive $68,000 in tax money providing someone else buys the building for industrial use since the property is in an industrial zone.

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Surely the council members opposing this rezoning will see the good sense of this move and reconsider their vote. After all, the city of Lynchburg deserves the benefits, added income and good will such a move would bring.

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Sign-up for the check ride WEDNESDAY at the USMC table in the DeMoss Hall. If you cannot be there to sign up for a time, call the Marine OSO at 1-800-542-5851.

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Feature

Not Really Relevant: by Ivan

The “bald spot” on Liberty Mountain—we see it sit there getting baldier every day. Well, I have come up with a perfect solution on how to put that eye-sore to good use.

How does the phrase “Ski Liberty” grab you?

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First, we would have to rename the mountain to Mount Lynchburg, Mount Candlers, Mount Baldspot or even the ominous sounding Mount Liberty.

Second, we should go first class all the way and cover the “lower elevations” with beautiful chalets and condos. Naturally each room would come with its own outdoor jacuzzi. What could be more enjoyable than, after a long day of skiing, sitting in your own hot tub enjoying the twinkling city lights of Lynchburg from the slopes of Mount Liberty?

Third, the mountain would have to have a wide variety of runs. There would be beginner slopes (for Southerners and small children) and then naturally more advanced runs for us Northerners and Westerners who have been “around the mountain” a few times. We could promote these ski runs on television and ask people to help build the ski resort by donating money. The best part of this whole deal would be that people could have an actual ski run named after them!

As far as lifts go, in the beginning I figure we would have to start small. I can see a tow-rope or two at first, but in time I picture double-chair, triple-chair and even gondolas criss-crossing the mountain!

With the LU campus so close at hand, I imagine a lot of students would love to work there. Maybe they could work out a deal with the Christian Service office for credit.

I’m sure this place would be just as popular with students as it would with tourists. All you would need is a few lights on the trees and you’ve got night skiing! This would no doubt soon replace Late Skates, Late Bowls and Late Putt Putts as the “hip” place to be on weekend nights.

Where would all the snow for this place come from? It’s simple…we make it! Maybe if we had as much snow as we did last year, we wouldn’t need a snow-making machine. However, Lynchburg doesn’t usually get winters like last year’s, so a snow-making machine would be a good investment.

Personally, I would much rather have the snow up on a mountain where I can ski on it and not on the streets and sidewalks where I have to walk on it!
No. 7 UPJ passes Lady Flames test

By David Nickerson

The Lady Flames basketball team lost a Mason-Dixon Conference game 87-78 to Division 2 number seven Pitt-Johnstown Friday night in battling back and forth, each playing tenacious defense. Neither team shot more than 40 percent.

The teams fought to a tie in the first half, going into the locker room at halftime with a 34-34 score.

The second half began with both teams trading baskets, after which LU halted with a 34-34 score. Pitt-Johnstown went on to lead by as many as 17 points.

Kristi Mercer fouled out at the 8:45 mark, hindering the Lady Flames' points. Point guard and leading scorer shirt freshman center Tracey LaRose made her return to the field, improving with the addition of 6-2 redshirt freshman center Tracey LaRose. LaRose has averaged 12.6 points in her six games with the team, including a career high 27 points against St. Paul's College.

The Flames, however, came back to cut the lead to as low as five points, but there wasn't enough.

The Lady Flames were led by Tracey LaRose with 22 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots. Mercer, Stephanie Cox, and Annetta Parham had 12 points apiece, with Cox also handling six assists. Lynn Atwood had seven assists.

The Lady Mountain Cats were led by Bridget Hale (18 points), Sally Mosay (17 points), Dee Slater (14 points and 12 rebounds), Jill Halapin (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Lynn Ashbridge (12 points).

LU's inside game has been greatly improved with the addition of 6-2 redshirt freshman center Tracey LaRose. LaRose has averaged 12.6 points in her six games with the team, including a career high 27 points against St. Paul's College.

The Flames have been limited by a lack of outside shooting, with only one three-pointer made in the last two games.

Scott receives Brewer award

By Bruce A. Stanton
Sports Editor

Ramonn Scott was named the recipient of the Vernon Brewer Inspirational Award at the First Annual Liberty University Football Awards Banquet on Dec. 7, 1987.

This is the highest honor a player can receive," Coach Morgan Hout said.

"It really means a lot to win this," Scott added.

Other honors at the banquet included:
- Two new inductees into the War Eagle Club: Donald Lindsey and Paul Almuyan.
- Academic Achievement Award: Andre Sims.
- Most Improved Defensive Player: Jim Hampton.
- Most Improved Offensive Player: Richie Wilson.
- Defensive Special Teams Award: Matt Backus.
- Offensive Special Teams Award: Ernie Antolik.
- Most Outstanding Def. Lineman: Tim Smith.
- Most Outstanding Receiver: Scott Queen.

In addition to these awards, LU released the schedule for the 1988 season.

1988 FLAMES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3 at EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

No Greek spoken here

Deposed CBS prognosticator Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder would be very disappointed if he saw the final results of some college bowl picks at LU.

Athletics Director Al Worthington and Head Football Coach Morgan Hout picked 12 games correctly out of 24 for 66 percent. That's a 'D' on anyone's scale.

However, these picks looked very good compared to the ones made by Sports Information Director Chuck Burch and Liberty Champion Sports Editor Bruce Stanton. Burch and Stanton managed only nine correct picks each for a 30 percent ratio. That's major failing.

Fairchild sets new mark

Amie Fairchild set a new school record in the open mile with a time of 4:56.6 at the Kodak Invitational at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

Fairchild finished sixth in the race. LU's next meet is Jan. 30 at the Naval Academy.

HEMMED IN- Lady Flame Lynn Attwood is guarded closely by two Pitt-Johnstown players during Friday night's contest. Liberty lost to the Division 2 seventh ranked Mountain Cats 87-78.—Photo by Don Hayden.
The LU basketball team must have felt like Humpty-Dumpty. They appeared to have fallen off of its graffiti wall of high hopes after two players quit and four players went down with injuries during the Christmas break.

LU was facing with playing three Division I teams on the road in the next two weeks without six players, plus a tough conference schedule with the depleted depth.

Who was going to put the team back together again? Bailey Alston for one. The sophomore guard has raised his scoring average to 27 points per game while scoring more than 30 points in his last six games.

That includes a season high of 43 against Indiana University-Southeast, the most points by a Flame since Karl Hess scored 43 on Jan. 8, 1979, against Valley Forge.

"Alston is a big-time player," Coach Jeff Meyer says. "He has made us competitive. Since returning from the break, he has been very special."

Also helping Liberty put the pieces back together are Charles Richardson and Eric Cunningham (both junior forwards).

Richardson is averaging 14.7 in six games as a starter, while Cunningham is the new team leader in rebounding with a 6.3 average. Also giving the Flames a big lift have been freshman point guard Stephen Leary and freshman center Mark Tellechea.

These two rookies have stepped into starting roles and are growing in enthusiasm and experience with each contest.

"If we can maximize the abilities and potential of our healthy players, we can be competitive with our schedule," Meyer says.

Competitive is exactly what the Flames have been. LU lost a squeaker to Towson State 70-69, lost 72-62 to Campbell U., and lost to George Mason 92-83, all of these teams being Division I.

LU's winning con vince over Randolph-Macon is a great step for the Flames, and it also gave the home fans a chance to see how the team is pulling together.

Another player on whose shoulders may rest the key to LU success is Eduardo Soldesi. The seldom used, 6-10 senior center scored 12 points and yanked down seven rebounds against GMU.

Continued strong play in the post by Soldesi could make LU very formidable in the conference.

Senior forward Brad Hamersley tore ligaments in his knee and missed two games. He has been playing sparingly in two more games.

Senior forward Tim Scarberlough suffered an ankle injury and missed one game. He has also been playing sparingly since the injury.

Senior forward Dan Perry has missed four games with an ankle injury and is on a day-to-day basis.

Counting the injury to Jim Pearce, this gave LU four sidelined players. Pearce had an auto accident while traveling home which caused ligament damage to his knee and a form of whiplash. He has missed six games.

"The injuries have forced us to play with very limited depth, affecting our substitutions and patterns and flexibility during the course of the game," Meyer says.

"All along, I've maintained that we've had the pieces of the puzzle to compete successfully." 

Flame notes:

- Bailey Alston second in the MDAC in scoring behind UPJ center Tyrone Doleman, who is averaging a cool 29 points per game.
- Alston has led the Flames in scoring in all but three games.
- Being of the Flames has come together, which truthfully mystified our coaching staff.
- When Gerald and Rodney made decisions to leave, our players, for whatever reasons, seemed to come together and begin to play with the kind of intensity and passion and commitment to our team that is necessary to compete successfully.
- We are naturally disappointed with the decision to leave, our players, for whatever reasons, seems to come together and begin to play with the kind of intensity and passion and commitment to our team that is necessary to compete successfully.
- The home crowd of 3,150 at the Bristol College game on Dec. 7 was the fifth largest in Flames history, the largest being 4,134 on November 11, 1985, against West Chester.
- Six different Flames have led the team in rebounding this season. Mark Tellechea had a season high of 15 against UPJ.

Alston, LU defense stings Yellow Jackets

By Bruce Stanton

Sports Editor

Bailey Alston is sort of like American Airlines: he's something special in the air.

Randolph-Macon College found that out Saturday night as Alston brought down nine rebounds and wowed the LU gym crowd with two dunks to add to his total of 35 points, leading the Flames to a convincing 82-59 Mason-Dixon Conference victory.

Alston was 14 for 25 from the field and 5 of 6 from the line.

"When you look at it, 25 shots seems like a lot of shots, but Bailey does it all within the structure of our offense," Coach Jeff Meyer said.

"My teammates make me better," Alston said. "When I'm hot, they try to get me the ball.

"But for that matter, anybody's hot, they get the ball."

LU carried a 45-25 lead into the half in front of a vocal crowd of 3,100.

"The school came out and supported us and really got things rolling," Alston said.

Who could blame the fans? The game was full of exciting fast break action ignited by Alston, point guard Stephen Leary, forward Eric Cunningham and center Mark Tellechea.

And when things slowed up a bit, Charles Richardson was bombing three-pointers (4-7) to break up the Randolph-Macon defense.

Giving the Flames a lift off the bench was Brad Hamersley, who scored 12 points despite suffering from a previous injury.

ELBOW ROOM- LU guard Bailey Alston nudges his way past a Randolph-Macon College player during the Flames 82-59 win over the Yellow Jackets Saturday night. Alston led all scorers with 35 points.—Photo by Tim Lyons.