Renovations come to David's Place
By MATT SWINEHART
The Dragon

Students have used several excuses not to go to David's Place. "It's practically dark and unsafe," etc.

To the students who don't want to go to David's Place. "It's practically in your face every time you walk past it., etc.

The parking lot is dark and unsafe, according to Dean of Student Life Mike Stewart, making it "an very 90s looking building."

In an effort to make it easier for students to get to David's Place, the administration has begun negotiations with the Greater Lynchburg Transit System. If successful, the GLTS bus will stop at David's Place upon entering and leaving the building.

"We've had a fully campus shuttle system at that point," Stewart said. "We'll also be integrating with GLTS some type of pass, with which the students could pay a monthly fee to ride unlimited on campus."

Currently, the possibility of a $1 subscription fee is under consideration.

Please see DAVID'S PLACE, Page 5

Library adopts new check-out procedures
By CHRIS EDWARDS
The Champion

Students are required to pay for any overdue library materials, the advent of the separate card created a hedge of privacy for students (which are also Social Security numbers) on a computer," said Behrens.

"This is a little break for students and creates an awareness of cultural and ethnic diversity then it really is a march for unity," Pearl said.

The month-long celebration climaxes with the annual "For the Love of Us." Special emphasis will be placed on blacks in America."

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By JASON INGRAM

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The Means

Associate Professor of Health Sciences Dr. Joseph Mix recently returned from Germany with a possible $60,000 grant from Dr. Wilhelm Schwabe Pharmaceuticals to study the effects of the herbal medicine ginkgo biloba on memory function in the elderly. “(Schwabe) was impressed with my trip to Germany,” Mix said. “They had 2000 researchers of ginkgo. The world’s largest producer of ginkgo’s possible use as a memory-enhancing drug. We would like to do world-class research, on scale with the JAMA study,” Mix said. “It’s like Dr. Fickel being up for the Nobel Prize, and the stars, and if you don’t make it, at least you know you dream a dream really. Mix said, “my group must get the Schwabe grant approved and pressure additional funding, possibly from private grants.”

“We are looking for private grants,” Mix said. “We are currently working through the Institutional Review Board to approve the Schwabe grant and to meet Liberty University requirements.”

The Method

Ginkgo was first used in the Orient (thousands of years ago). Oriental physicians believed that the herbal medicine enhanced memory function, a theory that was not discussed in the United States until last October, when the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) published an article detailing ginkgo’s possible use as a memory-enhancing drug. “That’s where our assessment is different from the JAMA study,” Mix said. “Although Schwabe will provide the researchers with the ginkgo and the placebo, the study may utilize electroencephalography (EEG) and other measures of cognitive function.”

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The Motivation

Despite the obvious medical benefits of such a study, Mix stated that the primary focus of the research was to make a name for Liberty University. “The motivation for the whole thing is to get Liberty’s name in the scientific literature,” Mix said. “If nothing else comes of it, at least we will have introduced the name of Liberty University to the international scientific community.”

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A short-term solution

A Liberty professor stands ready to meet Liberty University to the international scientific community.

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Lynchburg Major Jim Whitley. Other participants in this year’s celebration include Lynchburg College, Virginia Military Institute, Sweet Briar College and University of Virginia.

Senate votes to reduce speed bumps

By JENNIFER PILLATH

Copy Manager

If this week’s student Senate actions are any indication, the proposed speed bump reductions at the University of Lynchburg have met with mixed success.

The recently installed speed bumps have been a topic of discussion in the Student Senate, the class of 1999, and on Thursday, Feb. 5, on the floor of the Student Senate. After some discussion over wording and specifications, the Senate opted to pass a bill which calls for the reduction in the height and width of the six speed bumps located across campus.

Currently, the speed bumps range from four to five inches in height and exceed 36 inches in width. The Senate bill calls for the reduction in those inches in height and width to three inches and 30 inches, respectively. These reductions were based on Lynchburg business such as Lynchburg Asphalt & Maintenance.

It is a wild bill concern over campus,” said Michael Kostiew, the Senate’s Transportation Chair, of the Senate’s vote to reduce the speed bumps, which have made a new appearance on the previously empty streets of Lynchburg.

The students have provided input on the reduction in the speed bumps, but have not contributed to the decision process, according to Stewart. “The students have put their two cents in, but their opinions were not heard.”

If you’re looking for a career in federal law enforcement, a career that offers tremendous benefits of such a study, Mix said. “We are looking for private neuro-psychiatric assessment,” including tests that gauge the “components of competition”: orientation, language, concentration, etc.

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By BRYAN SHRIVER

The admission skills. They also attend training, or for more information, call (804) 582-2308.

A nurse and a doctor will be on site, and a volunteer will be on call at all times.

The climax of this training is an interview process. Students will be interviewed by a committee of three who will then discuss their qualifications.

The main thing that the selection committee looks for when 

The ldcst is because the people involved realized what kind of impact the applicants will have on the campus. It's an important part of the application process.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at (804) 582-2308.

Special Ski Program Announced
For Liberty University Students, Faculty and Staff

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a special Liberty University Ski program which is being made available by Winterplace Ski Resort, near Beckley, West Virginia. Liberty University Students, Faculty and Staff wishing to take advantage of this special ski program need only show their Liberty University identification card when purchasing lift tickets or renting ski equipment. Specials will be held to FA 101. The registration fee for all three sessions is $2.00. For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at (804) 582-2308.

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This year West Virginia added the Big Cool Ridge Snowtubing. If staying overnight, enjoy our sister resort, Glade Springs, or in other student's lives the same way God had worked.

In the words of Campus Pastor Rob Jackson, "God is a BIG, BIG God." One student commented, as he did all week, "This is what I prayed for." Pastor Earley expressed his gratitude to the students for the way God had worked. 

"This is what I prayed for." Earley said he was thrilled with the phenomenal week; God met with us.

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According to Mix, the professor must return from Germany in person, “to come over there and do the research.”

Schwabe Pharmaceuticals is the world’s largest producer and researcher of ginkgo. The company invited Mix and Dr. David Crow, a neurophysiologist at Westminster Canterbury Alzheimer care facility, to their headquarters in Kathareau after hearing about Mix’s desire to conduct research using ginkgo to stimulate higher brain function, especially memory, concentration, memory, etc. on elderly patients.

Mix, a former dentist, became interested in the herbal medicine after August. Later that year, during a faculty meeting, Liberty President Dr. John M. Borek, Jr., challenged the professors to contribute something to the scientific literature.

The Method

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President Dr. John M. Borek, Jr., encouraged the group to look into the research. "It’s where our assessment is different from the JAMA study." Although Schwabe will provide the researchers with the ginkgo and the placebo, the study may utilize electrophysiology equipment (EEG) and other equipment that the professors have on the campus.

"We can’t please everybody but we want to be able to do as much as we can," he said.

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A long-term solution

If students are deeply concerned about their voice, they can sit in the form and play the games.

"We Just felt like — we couldn’t wait to do as much as we can," he said.

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The awards ceremony recognized those minority or international students who have not only met academic and social criteria as set by the MSAC office. This year’s speakers included Virginia Delegate Paul Harris and Virginia Military Institute, School Board Delegate Mario Mart, who said, “It is a well felt concern over campus.”

"If students are deeply concerned about their voice, they should make sure that somehow to be heard in administration," he said.

Some people work in a big fancy office. Others can’t wait to get out of the building.

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March 6, 7:30 p.m.

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We made John D. Rockefeller feel like a million, provided Amelia Earhart with first class service, and gave the presidential treatment to General Eisenhower. Wait 'til you see what we'll do for you.

Tickets will go on sale February 6th for seniors only, and on February 13th for juniors and seniors. You can purchase your ticket in the SGA Office located in DeMoss Hall from 9 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. every weekday until March 3rd.

Dress: Formal
Seniors — $15 each
Juniors — $20 each

For more information call ext. 2323

If your invitation passed you by, just stop by the SGA Office with this ad.
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- Mar. 9 - Manager’s Meeting
- Mar. 27-28 - Tournament Dates

### Softball
- Feb. 16 - Manager’s Meeting
- Mar. 2 - Start Date

### Golf Tournament
- Mar. 9 - Manager’s Meeting
- Apr. 10-11 - Tournament Dates

### Coed Tennis
- Mar. 9 - Manager’s Meeting
- Mar. 30 - Start Date

### Indoor Soccer
- Feb. 16 - Manager’s Meeting
- Mar. 2 - Start Date

### Volleyball (Mens 4 & Womens 6)
- Feb. 16 - Manager’s Meeting
- Mar. 2 - Start Date

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**David’s Place will receive a face-lift**

Building and the facilities to be renovated

Student Life would like to ask students for their input on the overall design and furnishings of the building that will soon take place.

Students are requested to give input on the form provided below and turn it into the SGA office in DeMoss or send it to Student Life through intracampus mail by Friday, February 13. From this information, 100 students will be asked to participate in an open forum during lunchtime on February 18 & 19. They will be treated to an all you can eat pizza buffet compliments of Student Life.

### David’s Place Renovations

- **Name:**
- **Box#**:
- **Classification**:
- **Check as many as apply:**
  - More Video Games
  - Weekly Movies
  - Better game equipment (pool tables, table tennis, etc.)
  - Various food options
  - Special Activities (tournaments, etc.)
  - More Attractive Interior
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Please list ideas for the interior design of the building. Use separate sheets if necessary:

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**Skiing**
- February 10, 17 & 24

- $15 Lift Ticket
- $16 Ski Rental

The deadline to sign up is 4pm the Friday prior to the Tuesday date with a non-refundable $15 deposit. Vans will be leaving the David’s Place parking lot at 3:30pm each Tuesday.

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**Call 582-INFO for more information**

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James Anderson, Jr. and Miriam Eskridge plan to be married on July 25, 1998 at Tangier Island, Va. The two met at World of Life Bible Institute. Anderson, a biblical studies major from Jacksonville, Fla., and Eskridge, an English major from Tangier, Va., plan to tour the East Coast and visit Disney World on their honeymoon.

The couple was engaged on Thanksgiving Day, 1997.

Charles Edward Barker and Lydia Janelle England are proud to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding. Barker, a math/computer science major from Lake Linden, Mich., and England, an English major from Clovis, Calif., plan to be married on August 8, 1998 in Clovis, Calif.

The couple says their honeymoon will be the "two weeks of fun together."
Tuesday, February 10, 1998

**Engagement Announcements**

**Timothy Raymond Douglas & Ericka Lynn Stockmal**

Timothy Raymond Douglas and Ericka Lynn Stockmal are proud to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding, planned for June 20, 1998 at the Believer's Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Va. Douglas is a pastoral studies major from Gainsville, Ga. and Stockmal is a nursing major from Portsmouth, Va. The couple plans to honeymoon in the Poconos of Pennsylvania. As the Douglases, the couple plans to serve as missionaries in the Ukraine.

**Eric Ferguson & Shanda Ramsey**

Eric Ferguson and Shanda Ramsey proudly announce their engagement and wedding scheduled for May 7, 2000 in the Pate Chapel of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. Ferguson is a psychology major from Yakima, Wash, and Ramsey is also a psychology major and is from Huntsville, Ala. The two have not yet finalized their honeymoon plans.

**Jonathan Geukguezian & Felicia Gadomski**

Jonathan Geukguezian and Felicia Gadomski are pleased to announce their plans to be married on May 9, 1998 in the Pate Chapel of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Geukguezian is finishing seminary in May and is from Menlo Park, Calif. Gadomski is a junior nursing major from Lynchburg, Va. The couple is planning to spend their honeymoon under the sun in Jamaica.

**Paul Kenneth Grubb & Tracy Marie Arel**

Paul Kenneth Grubb and Tracy Marie Arel are proud to announce their plans to be married on June 13, 1998 in Pine Mountain Valley, Ga. Grubb is a criminal justice major from Pine Mountain Valley, Ga. and Arel is an elementary education major from Kennesaw, Ga. The couple plans to honeymoon at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

**Ryan C. Jasper & Emily E. Spinelli**

Ryan C. Jasper and Emily E. Spinelli plan to be married on June 20, 1998 in Columbus, Ga. Jasper is a communications major minor in youth ministry from Vidor, Texas. Spinelli, an education major, is originally from El Paso, Texas. The two plan to indulge in a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean for their honeymoon. Engaged while on a Light Missions trip to the Philippines in 1998, the couple plans to return as missionaries.

**Zack Felter & Heather Blain**

Zack Felter and Heather Blain are proud to announce their engagement. A wedding date of June 12, 1999 is planned. Felter is a religion/minority studies major from Texas and will be graduating this May. Blain is an elementary education major from Pennsylvania and plans to graduate in May of '99. The couple plans to spend their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.

**Kevin Gerber & Amberlyn Fizinger**

Kevin Gerber and Amberlyn Fizinger are proud to announce their wedding, planned for July 25, 1998 in Los Angeles, Calif. Gerber and Fizinger are both government majors from Toronto, Ontario, and Los Angeles, Calif., respectively. The couple's wedding plans remain a surprise at the time of this publication.

**David Goodward & Becky Buckner**

David Goodward and Becky Buckner proudly announce their plans to be married on May 23, 1998 at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. Goodward is earning a business degree from Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids, Mich., while working full time. Buckner is a nursing major at Liberty. Both are from Ada, Mich. The couple is undecided on their honeymoon plans, swinging between traveling to Florida and taking a cruise.

**Jeffrey Kapusta & Michelle Kelly**

Jeffrey Kapusta and Michelle Kelly are pleased to announce their wedding, planned for June 6, 1998 in Hollywood, Md. Kapusta is a youth ministry major from Ammonia, Md. and Kelly is an accounting major from Hollywood, Md. The couple plans to spend their honeymoon in Saint Martin.

“**How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...**” - Elizabeth Barrett Browning
Matthew Robert Knell and Tabitha Kathryn Peterson are pleased to announce their plans to be married on Dec. 19, 1998 at Calvary Bible Church in Berne, Ind. Knell is a youth ministry major from Berne, Ind. and Peterson is an English major from Dillingham, Alaska. The couple had not finalized their honeymoons at the time of this publication.

Rob Lawrence and Jennifer Ward are proud to announce their upcoming wedding, planned for Aug. 1, 1998 in Clinton, Md. Lawrence is a physical education major from Dover Plains, N.Y. and Ward is an elementary education major from Cheltenham, Md. The couple is planning to take a cruise for their honeymoon.

John David Lowden and Penny Lorraine Smith are pleased to announce their recent engagement and forthcoming wedding, planned for Aug. 1, 1998 in Beckley, W.Va. Smith, who is from Beckley, W.Va., is a former Liberty student currently majoring in education at Concord College in W.Va. The couple, who were engaged on January 31, 1998, have not revealed their honeymoon plans.

Kenneth Martin and Krystal Reed proudly announce their plans to be married on Sept. 16, 1998 in Marietta, Ohio. Martin is a paramedic studying pre-med at Marshall University in W.Va. Reed is a youth ministry major from Marietta, Ohio. The two plan to divide their honeymoon, spending one week in a secluded, Smokey Mountain cabin and another week either on a cruise or in New York City.

Michael McCusker and Noelle Gernert are proud to announce their plans to be married on June 13, 1998 in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. McCusker, a 1997 Liberty graduate who majored in business management, currently manages LU’s Sound Reinforcement. McCusker is from Chepachet, R.I. Gernert is an elementary education major from Greensburg, Pa. The two plan to spend their honeymoon on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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Morris, a 1996 Liberty graduate in sports management, presently works for the Atlanta Braves. Morris is from Conyers, Ga. Little is an adolescent psychology major from Andover, Minn.

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Eric Scott Wright and Heather Noel Mason are proud to announce their forthcoming wedding, set for June 20, 1999 at Shawnee Baptist Church in New Jersey. Zipf, a 1997 Liberty graduate, is from Pennsylvania, Westcoat, who is graduating in May, 1998, is originally from New Jersey. The couple have not revealed their honeymoon plans.

David Schrondt and Kay Maxfield proudly announce their wedding, set for June 20, 1996 in Fairfax, Va. Schrondt, a 1995 Liberty graduate who majored in church music/theological counseling, is currently in full-time ministry as Christian recording artist with the group, "Memphis Swing" based in Memphis, Tenn. Maxfield is a family and consumer sciences major from Fairfax, Va.

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Let's stop focusing on our racial differences

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February is Black History Month, set aside to recognize the contributions black Americans have made to our country. I would start with John Harlond Barnett, the legally recognized for the origonal design of Washington, D.C. and end with our very own Richard Holmberg, the architect largely responsible for the original design of Washington, D.C.

But let's quit the labeling game. Let's quit the systematic segregation of individuals and groups. There's too much potential in all of us to single anyone out. Let's get over it. We need to see through magnifying our differences, not our similarities.

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Ability, not "equality," is most important

By CHRYSTIE BENZING

Tuesday, February 10, 1998

Men and women are not equal. They are not meant to be. Before getting carried away however, let's examine the vocabulary.

Feministic advocates "women's rights" never have been and they never should be. On the surface their arguments appear fair and valid. A closer examination will prove them false.

America has long been referred to as "the land of opportunity." Americans believe that anyone can rise to any job and status if they are willing to work hard enough. This is a very good system and it has been so since the founding of the nation. It is the reason why America is a great and prosperous country.

Yet, recently, there has been a movement to change this system. The movement is known as feminism and it is gaining strength. Feminists believe that men have traditionally held too much power in society and that women have been discriminated against. They believe that women should have equal opportunities with men.

On the one hand, I sympathize with the feminists. I believe that they are fighting against a system that has traditionally favored men over women. However, I disagree with their methods.

Feminism is based on the idea that men and women are equal. This is not correct. Women and men are not equal. They are different. They have different abilities and strengths.

Women and men can both be excellent parents, but they cannot both be excellent at every task. A woman may be excellent at one task and a man may be excellent at another. This is not inequality. This is simply the way that people are.

Abortion is a hot topic in the feminist movement. Feminists believe that abortion is a woman's right. They believe that women should be able to make their own decisions about whether or not to have a child. However, I believe that abortion is wrong.

Abortion is the act of ending a pregnancy before the child is born. This act is morally wrong. Life begins at conception and abortion is the act of ending that life.

However, there are some circumstances in which abortion may be justified. For example, if a woman's health is in danger, or if the child is expected to be born with serious disabilities, abortion may be justified.

In conclusion, I believe that feminism is a movement that is fighting for an end to women's rights. Women and men are equal in the sense that they both have equal opportunities. However, they are different in the sense that they have different abilities and strengths.

As for abortion, I believe that it is a morally wrong act. Life begins at conception and abortion is the act of ending that life.

I hope that this debate will continue and that we can have a rational discussion about these important issues.
Batters ready to take a swing at '97 record

By MARK HOGSED
Champion Reporter

The beginning of the 1996 base­
ball season was just around the cor­
er, and Liberty has the talent and
confidence to make this an excit­
ing and successful year.

Last season, LU joined the disappoin­
ting 25-32 record. After a slow start, they used the Spring Break Horizonte Chal­
lenge Tournament in Pinalta as the catalyst to a solid second half of the season.

"If we don't work hard and keep our number one, we will let," said Dave Pastors, assistant coach to head coach Dave Daulton.

"We're a totally new program," Benham said.

The 98 roster includes 12 seniors, along with several key underclassmen, "We will rely on our experience this year. Any of our seniors can come in and play at any time," Benham said.

Dave Pastors' advancement from pitching coach to head coach brings a new dimension to Flames baseball, "Coach Pastors is very strong oriented. He's intense during prac­
tice which keeps us focused," second baseman Ben Barker will also

"return his talents at second base. The Benham brothers, Jason and
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"success, this year, will be

"Job done. Steve Wright, Liberty's
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"as the best looking staff since I've

"to rough up our league," senior third baseman Phil Kojak is out of

"the Big South, this season will be a
game. Any of our

"season.Chris Tieve, Liberty's clos­er. Skype joins the Flames for a second
season. The 1998 season looks to be a
tough to keep him,

"toughen the Flames is evident even In prac­

"a temporary hole in the rota­

"toughest opponents of the year,

"Our heads Just weren't in the game."

"Steve Wright commanded LU's goal. Duke demolished the Flames 7-1 Friday, Feb. 6.

"The Flames played at least one man

"the league in assists per game with 5.7.

"The penalties hurt us. I'm lost as to how we could be losing at any point in the game," Tattrie added, "We were slow out of the gate."

"contests pose them against

"conference run as four of their last

"LU's star trio each con­

"among the Lady Flames' top scorers. Sarah Wllkerson led the group

"violated in every pos­

"too often. They were

"to make the tag in a one of best seasons' games. The Flames 

"their season. Friday, Feb. 15 at UNC Greensboro vs. the nationally ranked Spartans.

The Flames ready for a final conference run as four of their best five players have scored against the

"LU's star trio each con­

"40 games and counting. The season will be a disappointment," Barker said.

"Every point and possession counted. Liberty took advantage of their

"The Flames persevere. We were slow at the start of the season.

"LU's star trio each con­

"our league game where

"up, we didn't get many shots. Our hands just went in the game."

"We were slow out of the gate. We didn't play as a team," Liberty Head Coach Carmelo Puglisi said. "We are in the playoffs, but we didn't play like a playoff team."

"Our heads Just weren't in the game."

"LU's hockey team will attempt to defend its ACC Championship Title in Charlottesville, Va Feb. 28.
By MATT KBBNAN
Assistant Sports Editor

A couple weeks before the 1998 Winter Olympics were scheduled to begin, Olympic organizers in Nagano were worried that they wouldn't have enough snow.

Winter storms and heavy fog have forced the first two events to be cancelled.

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Lady Flames narrowly escape Eagles' talons 

By LAUREL MILLER 

Sports Editor

David Bailey's game-haltering block and Liberty's 10-point lead in regulation had been lost at 75: The Lady Eagles had one last shot at opening up the score in the final minutes of regulation.

Trailing 75-65, the Eagles had 12 seconds to work on a desperation shot. They put three straight on the board, pushing their lead to 81-65. But that was far from the end of the season for the Liberty Lady Flames.

In the first OT, the Lady Eagles (1-6, 3-16) shot their way to a 10-point lead in regulation, but with Lubbock Christian (4-3, 16-7) leading 81-65, the Lady Eagles were able to reign in the game for the Lady Flames' first overtime loss of the season.

The Lady Eagles were able to overcome the deficit, scoring 10 points to Liberty's 6, and winning the game 81-75.

The Lady Eagles (1-6, 3-16) are now 2-0 in OT, while Liberty (2-2, 5-14) is 0-1. The Lady Flames' next game is against Radford (2-2, 5-14) on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Flames Arena.

Devils devastate Flames 7-1 in LU hockey's season opener

By PAUL MONROE

Sports Editor

The Devils' best effort was the Flames in Friday's hockey game. The Flames put up one goal in the first period to take a 1-0 lead into the second period.

The Flames scored three goals in the second period and held onto the lead to win 6-0.

The Flames' season opener was against the Radford University Highlanders. The Flames won 7-1.

The Flames' next game is against Liberty University on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. at the Flames Arena.

Track succeeds at VMI

By KERRY RHODICK

Sports Editor

The Flames' men's and women's track teams had a successful weekend. The teams both placed in the top six at the Virginia Tech Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Virginia Tech.

The men's team placed third, while the women's team placed sixth. Both teams are looking forward to their next meet.

The Flames' next meet is against the University of Virginia on Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Flames Arena.