Mount falls to LU comeback

ONE!—LU freshman point guard Stephon Leary cuts through the defense during the Flames' 87-78 comeback win over Mount St. Mary's.
News Briefs: By Steve Sitzai

Communist rebels in the Philippines threaten to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt. In an exclusive interview with UPJ, a spokesman for the rebels said "preparations are ongoing" for the killing of the ambassador. He said the rebels will strike when the opportunity presents itself. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Manila says the Americans are taking the threat seriously, but Platt will not leave.

President Reagan pushed Congress to approve more aid for the Nicaraguan rebels, arguing his case in his weekly radio address. The Democratic reply was from Congressman Richard Gephardt of Missouri who says the Contras are not fighting the Sandinistas, he is fighting the Sandinistas. He says the Central American Peace Plan is accomplishing its goals for that country.

El Salvador's government is taking the Nicaraguan government to task. Officials in El Salvador say they have proof that left-wing rebels are being armed and trained in Nicaragua. Salvadoran officials demand that the bases be dismantled under the Central American peace plan. An official protest has been filed with the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Nicaraguan officials have unexpectedly released an American whose private plane was shot down by Sandinista troops last month. James Denby flew home to the United States last night. Nicaraguan officials accused Denby of supplying arms to the Contra rebels—a charge he denies. The farmer from Carlinville, Ill., says he was just flying to farms he owns in Costa Rica. Denby says he is happy to be home in time for the Super Bowl.

The Miami Herald says the Reagan Administration has contingency plans to continue aiding the Contras if Congress rejects sending the rebels new aid. The Herald says one plan calls for contacting foreign governments to ask them for financial help.

Student views: church and state

First Amendment

PRO

By Mike Sparks

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Notice there is no mention of any "separation of church and state." If anything, it points to a separation of the state from the church.

The separation myth is something people have concocted from later writings of a single founder—Thomas Jefferson. This preposterous lie has been used as an excuse to rid the influence of God/religion from politics, allowing politicians to do whatever they want. Is it a wonder that politics and society in general are corrupt?

So today, when the Rev. "Pat" Robertson leaves the ministry and runs for public office, the separatists cry "Foul!" Even if Robertson wins the presidency, he will have to take an oath to abide by the entire Constitution, including the First Amendment. If he should try to "impose his religion" on us, the Congress and the courts will be there to override him.

What are we afraid of here?

Is it that we think anyone can be President except a Bible-believing Christian? Past presidents came into office with evangelical Christian faith. What's the difference with Robertson?

Is it because he believes in his faith enough to become a minister, and the others did not? Don't we want a man of conviction in the White House?

If Robertson was a liberal minister, would he be getting this same criticism? No. Just look at the Rev. Jesse Jackson. He's a liberal, but no one's crying church/state separation here.

Why?

To be blunt, Jackson doesn't threaten anyone's lifestyle with his morality. Robertson does.

The bottom line is that a double standard is in effect. Religious leaders can be involved in politics as long as they don't start calling sin "Sin."

Robertson's foes are not really worried about a state church telling people how to live. They're afraid of morality. They fear the example of a strong moral leader as president, one who's not going to publicly tolerate scandals like Gary Hart/Donna Rice, Biden/plagiarism, Congress/Contras and the like.

Our duty as Christians is to be our society's "saint preservative" in every walk of life. Politics desperately needs Christian leadership to restore ethics in government. But we don't need to stamp our brand of Christianity on the government. We need to bring God back into our schools and government and stop denying Him because we fear a state church will be formed. We need to push the concept that there are absolutes in the entire Constitution.

CON

By Chris Lambert

Separation of church and state was a major concern of our forefathers when they penned the Constitution.

Today, we use this principle to guard against opening the presidency to someone like the late cult leader, Jim Jones. Unfortunately, the only way to make sure of that is to close the political arena to all members of the clergy. Only then can we ensure that the United States doesn't become another Iran.

The Constitution allows Christians to be fully involved in politics. If it were illegal, Robertson would not be allowed to run.

As long as we don't overthrow the Constitution and try to form a state religion, we can influence our government just as much as the atheists.

In fact, it's our God-given duty to do so!

Should members of the clergy run for President?

Man on the street

Brian Zabroski—"I think they should, if they're called of God to run; but they're going to have a hard time getting votes from non-christians. They would have to compromise their beliefs to win."

Mark Thomas—"It depends on why they're running for president. Are they running for the fame and glory, or are they running because it's God's will?"

Todd Bolt—"It would be nice, but it would depend on if the pastor is running for the right reasons; but a Christian president would be better."

Tami Smith—"Yes, because they're Americans; and Americans shouldn't be able to do whatever they want."
By Jeanine Richardson

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. —Matt. 6:33

Delight yourself also in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. —Ps. 37:4

Why am I at Liberty? What do I want to do with my life? Am I right to make friends?...to get out of the house?...to get a husband/wife?...to get a degree?

It’s easy to get distracted by the “sideshow” of college life. Too often, we forget why we’re here. Sports events, dorm activities and dates seem to take up all our attention. Schoolwork gets shoved aside for our “spare” time.

Many of us find someone special while we’re in college and end up spending all our time and energy on that relationship. Others spend all our time looking for a special person.

Whatever the distraction, it takes our eyes off the priorities and our goals.

So what?

We need to nail down the specific areas in our lives that seem to interfere with reaching our goals.

Keeping an eye out for these distractions will help keep the priorities in order.

We need to daily remind ourselves of our goals. For most of us, one goal is getting that piece of paper that says we can go out into the world and make some REAL money.

The next thing to do is to set some short and medium range goals. What do we want to accomplish in two days?...two weeks?...two months?...two years?...the future? If we re-examine ourselves for reaching these smaller goals, we can finish them step-by-step and keep a proper view of the priorities.

Of course, we shouldn’t throw our social life, extra-curricular activities or dating life out the window. No way! All those things can be our little rewards.

We should remember our reason for coming to college, keep our goals in sight and work hard. All other things will then fall into place.

We have a responsibility to our parents, ourselves and, most importantly, to the Lord to make these years count. God expects us to work at being the best we can be for Him.

The Way I See It

By Robin Brooks, Editor

Being a native has its privileges. For one thing, I have been a “townie” my entire college career. Instead of dealing with roommates, I’ve gotten to deal with daily hikes from Worthington Field. Oh, the sweet memories of college life.

But, I also have the pleasure of knowing about interesting places in Lynchburg. Places that the average, out-of-state student may not be aware of—yet.

Like most college students, I search for bargains when I shop. The Hill City offers a lot of places to hunt for values. There are a few thrift shops including the Etcetera age, out-of-state student may not going out of style. As any fashion-

By Chris Lambert

Part of being a college student at LU (or any other school) is the pursuit of the opposite sex. A few lucky souls find this an easy game, but some of us have considerable trouble.

For instance, I know several girls here who wouldn’t give me the time of day if I brought them a watch.

Why is this? Haven’t they heard that old cliche, “You can’t judge a book by its’ cover”? I’ve spent hours lying awake at night wondering what I could do to make myself more attractive. I’ve considered everything from plastic surgery to packing my face with beauty products, but the latter option being more attractive simply because plastic surgery involves pain and plastic surgery. Besides, more likely than not, I’d come back with white hair.

So, what could I do?

I finally decided that clothes make the man. I would make myself a man with the help of my local Dollar store. So I spent my entire saving account on a new wardrobe. All $19.99 of it!

Now I don’t mean just plain ugly. I mean mirror-shattering, birds-go-ing-into-coro-nary-when-they-fly-over ugly. I mean mothers-drag-their-children-off-the-street-when-you-walk-by ugly.

I was so ugly that when my mother told me the story of the ugly duckling, she told me that the duckling stayed ugly all of his life and learned to accept it.

Now that I had finally realized what my problem was, it was easy to figure out why girls didn’t like me. They just didn’t like ugly! If my social life then was a ship, it would have been the Titanic. I was sinking fast. I had goldfish nibbling at my earlobes. Davy Jones was fixing a locker.

I had to do something. I put on my thinking cap and thought. I thought so long that people thought I was that statue by Rodin.

Finally, after many hours of deep concentration, I realized that beauty comes from the inside as well as out. Beauty is as much a state of mind as it is a state of physical being. I realized that God doesn’t make second best.

So, if you were one of those girls who wouldn’t give me the time of day, look at your watch. Time is running out.
Feature

Bobby Richardson: One of LU’s great finds

By Doug Waymire and Pam Windham

Berra...Mantle...Ford...Stengel. These names are baseball legends. They comprise an honor roll of unforgettable talent.

However, added to this list of former New York Yankee greats is another name, that of second baseman Bobby Richardson.

Richardson’s consistent play helped propel the Yankees to eight World Series appearances in nine years from 1957 to 1966. During that time, the Yankees reached the Championship Series five straight years, and Richardson played in a league record 30 consecutive World Series games.

Now, more than 21 years later, the man who was referred to as “the human vacuum” for his ability to sweep balls out of the infield finds himself coaching Flames baseball.

But how did this star infielder who was named Most Valuable Player of the 1960 World Series end up at Liberty?

Following a successful seven-year coaching career at the University of South Carolina, Richardson accepted a coaching position at Coastal Carolina College. While there, he was approached by Dr. Jerry Falwell, who told him that while there, he was approached by Dr. Jerry Falwell, who told him that while

Richardson currently serves as president of Baseball Chapel, which has expanded to include every major league team every Sunday.

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Richardson not only lives according to the philosophy that Christ should be first, he instills it the lives of the young men he coaches as well.

Richardson recalls sitting down with his players at the University of South Carolina and asking them their purpose in life.

“I knew what their answer would be: They wanted to play professional baseball,” he says. “But that’s where the Lord comes in, because not everyone can play professional baseball.”

The former Yankee continues to stress God, academics and athletics in that order, at LU as well.

“Certainly academics take priority over athletics for my players here. All of our student athletes are monitored by an academic advisor. If they drop below what is right and what is good, then they drop out of baseball.”

Richardson, however, hopes that won’t happen.

“When a player comes to me as a freshman, I would like to see him mold into the image I am expecting of him as a player. I want him to learn the fundamentals of baseball and mature physically and spiritually. Then, by the time he is a junior or a senior, he will be a much better ball player,” he says.

Reflecting on his greatest responsibility as a head coach, the five-time Golden Glove Award winner says he has to “challenge the young people concerning their relationship with Christ.”

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“He and I have written a book called Grand Slam. This book has sold a whole bunch of copies. It has some real insights into the impact that he had on my life. He’d be the one that’s had the greatest influence on my life.”

Speaking of his future, the former second baseman says the Lord has opened doors for him throughout his career, and he will continue to seek his guidance concerning the future.

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“You need the discipline in order to be successful.”

And, as one of the only Christians in the Major Leagues during the 60s, Richardson learned to live a self-disciplined, Christ-honoring lifestyle.

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“But I believe that if you say something, your life needs to bear it out. As a professional athlete, you are in the limelight. Everything that you do is expected on.

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Even today, Richardson realizes he has opportunities to share the Gospel that most people don’t have.

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He also feels that he has a responsibility to oversee his players’ activities.

“If they are moving in a direction that would be dishonoring to them or to the Lord, then I have to use whatever resources I have to bring them back in line.”

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Watchful Eye—Bobby Richardson studies his players in action.—Staff photo.

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Companies recruit on LU campus

Large companies are coming to Liberty University looking for employees, and they go through the Office of Occupational Guidance to find them. Several companies have interviewed students and made serious job offers already this year. Employers such as the Air Force Audit Agency, the Office of Personnel Management in Atlanta and the FBI have been to LU, interviewing students and making 20 job offers, says Judy Howe of the Office of Occupational Guidance.

Howe is looking ahead as other large firms are plan to visit LU in the near future. Cardone Industries will be on campus Feb. 10, interviewing 14 students for employment in the areas of accounting, business administration and computer science.

The United States Air Force Officers Program will be interviewing potential pilots Feb. 11. Those interested must have a 3.0 GPA.

Howe is also planning a "Career Day" for Mar. 3. Companies such as XEROX, IBM, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Cooper & Lybrand will visit to talk with students. Howe stressed that students interested in finding jobs with such firms should have their resumes ready and with them in case they are offered a job.

Computing dept. gets new VAX

By Robert Pitts

When the Liberty University administration decided that it needed a new mainframe computer, the result was "shot-in-the-arm" for the school's academic computing department.

The VAX 11-780, which the administration gave to the department this summer, may soon give students the experience needed to compete for jobs that require work with a large computer.

"I expect our students to be really competitive with graduates at other institutions," Fred Spearin, director of campus computing, says. "We're going to have a tremendous little system here."

The new system, which is housed in the reconstructed secretarial typing rooms of SH 101 and 103, will accommodate three goals for students and the university, Spearin adds.

The computer will make LU computer science graduates more employable by companies such as General Electric and Babcock & Wilcox, both of which use VAX's of some type.

This, senior Mike DeLong says, is a very important benefit of the new system. DeLong, a double-major in mathematics and computer science, said that the experience gained through using the VAX will give LU grad one less "strike" against them as they apply for jobs.

"Everybody's really looking forward to having it up and running," DeLong said.

In addition, the VAX will also expand the possibilities for hiring graduates for employment at the university itself and could attract many upper-level students who would have gone to other schools that had more sophisticated equipment, Spearin says.

The expansion of the academic computing facilities had been planned since February 1987, but details weren't released until the end of the spring semester that year. Three months and about $5,000 later (minus equipment), the new lab was finished—just as students began classes last fall.

Spearin says that the VAX, which stands for the computer's Virtual Acceptor Computing System, probably makes LU the top school for undergraduate computing resources in the region. "Many other schools don't come near competing with it," Spearin adds.

With the new computer, Liberty is one of only three Christian schools nationwide that have a separate computer system for their math and business students, the director explained. The other schools are Azusa Pacific College in California and Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma.

Most Christian colleges and universities, and many secular undergraduate schools, have a single hybrid system which is accessed by students in both fields.

According to Professor Richard Burnhart, the VAX is a standard machine for colleges. "People that usually have computer science usually have a VAX," he says.

When the computer is operational, possibly by the fall semester, it should meet the needs of LU "until it melts down," Spearin says.

The VAX is part of an eight-year plan, split into three-year and five-year segments, to upgrade LU's computing facilities.

Spearin says that the ability to "cluster" several VAX's, and use the same software through the improvements, will allow the computer to serve future programmers indefinitely.

"We'll never outgrow it," he adds.
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**Jocks hit books at Liberty University**

By Robin Brooks and Pam Windham

"Dumb athlete." It's a worn-out cliche that almost everybody uses. But Liberty University athletes are proving they can play the game and make the grades, too.

Mike Hall, athletic academic advisor, compiled last semester's academic statistics on the 273 LU athletes participating in NCAA-sanctioned sports. He says that 51 percent of the athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or above for the fall semester.

The statistics do not include student-athletes, cheerleaders or club athletes.

The overall average GPA for athletes was 2.63. Of 34 athletes on the dean's list (3.5 GPA or higher), six had perfect 4.0 averages. They were Rodney Carter (baseball), Earl Layne (football), Rodney Fisher (wrestling), Susan Stahl (track/field), Robin Vestal (women's basketball) and Todd Seeling (tennis).

One hundred-six other athletes (38.8 percent) had GPAs between 3.0 and 3.5. The top team academically, Hall says, was volleyball (11 members) with a team average of 3.13 and three members making the dean's list.

Soccer (18 members) placed second with a team average of 3.02 and seven scoring high enough for the dean's list.

Hall says the football team, which has the most demanding schedule (20-30 hours per week) had an average of 2.3 for its 86 members. He added that this is the highest collective GPA ever for the team and that three team members made the dean's list.

He also notes that, for the past two years, the NCAA has enforced freshmen eligibility standards for athletes, better known as Proposition 48. All incoming freshmen must have scored at least 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT. They must also have a 2.0 high school GPA.

Hall feels that these academic restrictions have helped LU coaches recruit a better quality athlete. Of the 61 freshmen athletes recruited for this year, their SAT score was 787.

All 273 athletes averaged 14 hours per semester. Most take between 15-16. This allows them to drop one class, if necessary, and still retain their eligibility.

The NCAA requires a minimum of only 12 hours per semester for its athletes.

Contrary to popular belief, the leading major among LU athletes is not physical education. Business tops the list, followed closely by psychology, Hall says.

As academic advisor, Hall says the LU athletic department has nothing to hang its head about academically; and the coaches are recruiting better athletes—spiritually. They are trying to recruit character as well as athletic ability.

"Student comes before student-athlete at LU," Hall says.

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**Just the facts...**

**Lady Flames beat Roanoke**

By Frank Banfill

Following a shaky start, the Lady Flames basketball team managed to down Roanoke College 69-61 Saturday in the Multi-Purpose Center.

The win raised the Flames' record to 7-8. Roanoke was 14-2 on the season coming into the match.

Annetta Parham struck first, for Liberty, giving the team the early lead. Flames Head Coach Mike Good said his team might have been a little tired, having played for the second day in a row.

The first period was marred with excessive fouls and sloppy ball handling by LU. The Flames compensated, however, with good defense; and the extra hustle helped edge them past the Lady Maroons.

Settling down midway in the first, Liberty managed to keep control throughout the game.

Kristi Mercer broke up several Maroons' plays and managed three critical assists.

"She (Mercer) plays hard all the time, but sometimes too hard," Good remarked. Apparently Mercer was on track Saturday with six points and a blocked shot.

With the game tied at 16, Liberty missed a crucial lay-up, but excellent rebounding by Pam Stanfield put the Flames back on top. They held a three point lead at halftime.

Stanfield led the Flames with 11 rebounds and 20 points. Liberty outrebounded Roanoke 43-33.

Good outside shooting by Stephanie Williamson, Bertrice Morgan, Kristi Mercer and Pam Stanfield were the "off the glass," the decisive move. Some of these dunks and dunks and good offensive pressure by Pam Stanfield.

"Student comes before student-athlete," Good noted. "I appreciate everyone cheering for me, and it helps me to do better knowing people are supporting what I do," Wilson added.

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**Sports Calendar**

*Just the facts...*

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Services yield to Super Bowl

By Bruce Stanton

Sports Editor

Praise God for last Sunday night's short service. I'm not sure if the Super Bowl had anything to do with that or not, but I was overjoyed to get in front of a television set at my friend Vic Green's apartment just a few minutes after kickoff.

Being an avid Redskin fan since conception, I was in shock to see the Denver Broncos on top 10-0 by the time I figured out which channel the game was on. Super Bowl records including a 35 point second quarter to destroy the Broncos 42-10.

I was in "hog heaven," but I must admit that I was slightly envious of LU student Toby McKeehan who flew out to San Diego for the game.

But going to church did allow me to miss possible tempting situations by watching Denver score.

I was really amazed that several churches back home in Tennessee were planning their services around the Super Bowl. First Baptist Alcoa was meeting an hour early so fans could watch the game.

Even more radical than this was Maryville, Tenn., native Jay Ogle's church. Her church was holding its services in the gymnasium so members could watch the game. They held the service at the half (in between beer commercials probably) and continued watching the game in the second half.

Are churches hurting so badly that football games are more inviting than fellowshiping and worshiping with God's people?

I don't know. Maybe it was just because the Redskins were playing.

LOOK OUT LONGWOOD! Monday night's game at the Liberty gym should be a grudge match. Sure, Monday night is a school night, but who would want to miss possibly the most exciting game of the season for LU?

Obviously the players are tired of hearing about the

Hockey club sweeps Terps

By Robin Brooks

The Flames burned the Terrapins this weekend in Vinton when the LU hockey club defeated the University of Maryland, 6-3 Sunday and 7-4 Saturday.

During Sunday's match-up, the Flames led 6-1 with 2:00 to go when the defense let up and the Terrapins hit two quick goals.

The intense rivalry of the teams flared Saturday when they accumulated 50 minutes of penalty time, mostly for roughing or elbowing.

The game was tied at three near the end of the second period Saturday when LU goalie Jon Ohlhauser was called for misconduct and penalized 10 minutes.

Senior Dan Davey stepped in as substitute goalie for the final 30 seconds of the period.

When the third period began, junior Steve Griffin took over goal protection in Ohlhauser's absence. Griffin deflected several Maryland shots-on-goal before he was relieved of his post by Ohlhauser.

The fans showed their support for both players as they shook hands and embraced before Griffin left the ice.

Later, Ohlhauser commented that the penalty may have done more good than harm. He noted that following his penalty the Flames played nearly flawless defense, allowing only one Terrapin goal while racking up four themselves in the final period.

The Flames have six games left against the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech and Roanoke College.

Ohlhauser says that, if they win the final games, they will finish in second place for the season and qualify for the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association play-offs.

"Longwood jinx." A convincing win Monday night would put those rumors to rest.

Another close game slipped away from LU in the waning seconds last Tuesday night when the Lancers cashed in on Flames' mistakes after a miraculous Liberty comeback.

The Flames are recuperating from mid-season injuries, with Tim Scarborough coming off the bench in his last two contests to give the team a shot in the arm.

The spectacular comeback win over Mount St. Mary's showed that the Flames have a "don't quit" attitude. With a win over Longwood, LU can stay in contention for the M-DAC crown.

"I've always said that to have a chance at winning the conference, we must go undefeated at home and split on the road," Coach Jeff Meyer says.

"Longwood is the best playing team in the league right now. We had them down by three with under two minutes left and didn't win. They view playing us as their most important games."

Monday night's match against Longwood will also mark the first time that LU will be televised nationally on LBN.

"I encourage the students to set a couple of hours aside to show the country what it's like at LU gym on a game night," Meyer said.

Letter of Apology

To the Office of Athletics at LU:

We were appalled and embarrassed by the immature actions of one of our fraternities and several of our other students.

We just want to reassure your school that not all of Longwood's students can be that petty and immature.

We also want to extend our admiration for the way you've handled those nasty situations. Again, our apologies for our school.

Sincerely, Karen Estes and Marian Martin

One on One—LU guard Tim Scarborough looks to get open against Mount St. Mary's Saturday night. Scarborough scored 19 points off the bench.—Photo by Tim Lyons.

LU climbs Mount

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For the second year in a row, the LU Flames overcame a 15-point second half deficit to defeat Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference rival Mount St. Mary's at home, winning in overtime 87-85.

Tim Scarborough and Jim Pearce combined for 42 points off the Flames bench to pick up a struggling offense that shot only 33 percent in the first half.

"I felt like that was the key of the game," Coach Jeff Meyer said after the game.

These were new roles for Scarborough and former starter Pearce. Scarborough has mainly been used to back up Bailey Alston this year, while Pearce has been suffering from ligament damage.

"I thank the Lord for giving me my health. It means a lot to be back on the floor," Pearce said.

"I've done all of this in practice, but I've never done it in a game," Scarborough said. "I'm just glad I had the opportunity."

LU trailed 38-30 at the half and fell behind 49-35 with 13:48 remaining. The Flames then went on a monstrous run, outscoring the Mount 20-5, to go up 55-48 with 7:49 remaining.

"I was impressed, no doubt," said Mountaineer Coach Jim Phelan, who is in his 34th year as head coach at Mount St. Mary's.

"It was a game of peaks and valleys. I knew it would be nip-and-tuck to the end. It was a case of foul trouble and trouble shooting foul shots for us," Phelan said.

The Mount shot 37 percent at the free-throw line (10-27) for the game and only managed 30 percent from the field (13-43) in the second half.

The win raises the Flames' record to 8-10, dropping Mount St. Mary's to 12-6.

HIT THE DECK!—LU goalie John Ohlhauser saves a goal against Maryland on Saturday. Liberty swept the weekend series.—Photo by Aaron Hanrick.