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Mills initiates growth
By Greg Bagley

Rapid growth has forced Lib­erty Baptist College to become Liberty Baptist Construction Site.

As and the college is readied for the coming influx of new stu­dents, Dr. Earl Mills is responsi­ble to oversee the preparations.

Mills holds the official title of vice president of institutional re­search and planning. With the title come responsibilities rang­ing from public relations to fund raising.

His job is a high-pressure one. The new students are coming, ready or not. He must develop a place to keep them.

"Growth is always exciting, and it is challenging to accommo­date the needs placed before us," Mills said.

At his office the vice president seems engulfed with his job. Blueprints stacked in the corners, on the desk and on the shelves make this obvious.

Pressure and headaches are part of the job, and nobody realizes that more than Mills. "There’s always pressure trying to develop the best educational environment possible within the financial restraints of the col­lege," he explained.

"But I’d rather be involved in a growing program than a de­creasing one," he added.

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Spring Arts Festival slated this weekend
By Denise Floyd

Neilson and Young, a piano duo, will highlight LBC's annual Spring Arts Festival, a three-day event, in which artwork, lectures and concerts will be available for both students and the community to participate.

The festival begins Thursday, April 11, and will run through Sunday, April 14. Various artwork, including ceramics, photography, paintings and pas­tels will be on display in the old­gym.

LBC faculty members and in­vited guests will also conduct lec­tures in the Fine Arts Hall during the event.

Bey Buffington, coordinator of student activities, feels the festi­val will help students familiarize themselves with the fine arts in a cultural manner.

"Students need to be educated in fine arts and learn to appreciate them," Buffington said, describing his first visit to LBC.

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Earl Mills
A week later, Mills returned to the same church and accepted Christ. As one of the many people at LBC who work behind the scenes, Mills is unique. He does not work directly with students, but the students do influence his job. It was the students who in­fluenced him to come to Liberty.

"The students were so much more outgoing, vibrant and zeal­ous for the things of Christ than the other campuses I had vis­ited," Mills said, describing his first visit to LBC.

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Spring Arts Festival
A Sign of Change—This sign is one of many on campus which will need renovating when LBC becomes LU, May 6.

Sudan coup
Missions still on
By John Peters

Despite the Sudanese govern­ment being overthrown, LBC plans to go ahead with the planned mercy mission, Dr. Jerry Falwell stated on the most recent edition of "Jerry Falwell Live.”

Officials with the mission were unsure at first what the coup in Sudan would mean for the proj­ect, but the new leader of the Sudanese government, Gen. Abul-Rahman Hassan Swareddahab plans to continue good re­lations with the United States.

According to Associated Press reports, Swareddahab also "ex­pressed appreciation for the as­sistance the United States has provided Sudan in recent years."

The report also quoted sources in Sudan as saying that support­ers of deposed President Gaafar Nimeiri were being arrested, though some were only being placed under house arrest.

Nimeiri remained in Cairo, Egypt, where he was at the time of the coup.

Reports that Col. Moumar Khadafy, military dictator of neighboring Libya, supported the military coup were denied by Swareddahab. According to AP reports Swareddahab stated that the overthrow was strictly an in­ternal affair.
I think; therefore I am

This is how many thoughts travel through the mind. Hundreds, thousands, maybe millions of thoughts travel daily through our minds. How much do Liberals study what we really think?

During the year school they’re constantly bombarded with opportunity for thought in classes and chapels and church services and called meetings and prayer groups and hall meetings and the list goes on.

Yet, how much do they truly think about what they’re hearing? How much do they consider the truth in God’s word as it’s spoken? Do they believe in others thinking or spend their thinking? Could they really prove what Descartes believed—I think; therefore, I am. Most people in the outside world fall prey to an “unthink” philosophy. They accept the media’s bias as truth; they believe anyone who can speak the loudest with the most charisma; they follow after gory-clothing-the-naked issues—stolen from them by liberal ministers and politicians who pointed the finger of blame more than they filled the bellies of the poor.

But thanks to Falwell and Robertson, liberals will no longer be able to claim a moral monopoly on concern for the poor.

Robertson plans to provide free food and clothing for millions of Americans next year, and Falwell hopes to ease mass starvation in East Africa through a food distribution program there.

Both men have a distinct advantage over the average pastor, who is often not able to do much for the poor on a large scale. The average pastor can only influence one small congregation. But the great television evangelists can mobilize multitudes for a united effort.

The church has a distinct advantage over government.

Unlike the federal programs which aren’t flexible enough to deal with individual situations, Christians can deal with each person, each family one-on-one.

The government just throws money at the poor. The church can give both money and that which poor people need most—hope for the future, hope that things can change, hope in God.

And the public relations payoffs from such programs may be worth every penny put into them. The world is no friend to grace, but most men will support those who feed the hungry.

Already some officers at the Lynchburg Police Department have sent up an appeal for $500 to be spent in East Africa. Both Falwell and Robertson should be congratulated. Their new programs for the poor could start a movement that could not only eliminate poverty, but also evangelize the world.

Broken homes

Divorce brings pain, questions

By Jennifer Steele

Though “by the way, my parents are divorced” hardly works its way into many conversations, the problem and heartache of broken homes exists at LBC.

Nationally, America has a higher divorce rate than any other civilized nation in the world; and the percentage of divorced Christian couples is only slightly lower than that of non-Christians, according to James Dobson, host of the radio broadcast “Focus on the Family.”

LBC senior Jean Black’s parents are Christians. Five years ago their 18-year marriage ended in divorce.

Though Jean’s mom “bent over backwards” to make the marriage work, her dad wasn’t happy with his life and his marriage.

“I think a lot of men go through (this) middle-age crisis,” Jean explained. “He said he didn’t love Mom anymore.”

Jean’s mom went through feelings of frustration and “Why me?” while converting their two-parent home into a one-parent home. Jean, then 17, and her brother, then 18, lived with her.

“Before she was depending solely on her husband. Now, she was depending on God,” Jean said.

For Jean, her parents’ two-year separation was worse than the divorce. “When he first left, it was total devastation. There’s that feeling of rejection. Dad was the spiritual leader. I patterned my life after him,” she said.

Her salvation made a difference during the separation. “I was 15. Through all the hurt and pain I remember thinking, ‘What do I have to live for?’ I realized I had Christ to live for.’”

It took her five or six years to adjust. She and her dad began really to communicate again last Christmas. He has remarried and lives in Salem, Va., near her home in Roanoke. His wife and children are unsaved.

Though children never really get over the effects of divorce, they can learn to love in spite of it. Jean believes. Whether parents are saved or unsaved, Jean said it’s important that they see Christ’s love in the children.

“Rely on Christ as your strength, and He’ll help you get through it. He’ll heal the hurt and give you the right kind of love for both of your parents.”

“The one thing I learned is that God allowed me to go through it so I can relate to others,” she said. As a member of the Youth Quest Singers, she is amazed at the way God leads her to counsel those going through the pain of their parents’ divorce.

“As far as my own life (is concerned), it’s important that I really know the person I marry and am absolutely sure he’s the right person. Once I marry, it will be for a lifetime,” she said.

To sum up her experience, she said, “Even through tragic situations good can come—and it has.”

Vangie asks...

What’s the greatest problem facing the nation?

CARLA PAIST—Lack of the acceptance of the reality of God.

KENT STRADER—Spiritual need for a awakening.

DEIDRE BENNETT—Abortion should be made illegal. The morals of the nation have been seriously changed through young men and women.

Men don’t expect perfection from females. They just wish they weren’t so much like women.

Men have always harbored certain traits in women. These characteristics involve both the outward appearance and the inward thinking of females.

In the area of women’s appearance, men hate too much makeup. If women who spend hours creating their facial masterpiece would take an easel, people like Picasso would be relegated to painting shopping-mall portraits. Guys would like just once to see the woman behind the makeup. Then again, maybe they wouldn’t.

Women also have a bad habit of wearing too much perfume. There’s nothing quite like walking past a woman and getting that nauseating feeling you’ve just stepped off a plane in Bhopal, India.

A few other appearance-related feminine features that make men cringe include wearing tube socks with dresses; dying the hair any color other than blonde, brown or black; arraying oneself in oversized jackets and slacks (one size fits none); and displaying a Mr. T supply of jewelry.

Although women possess enough outward quirks to drive men to the foreign legion, the emotional work­ings of females are much more.

There are few women alive who don’t nag. Women are notorious for bending their brains around what they should have done last week, instead of realizing that it’s too late to be concerned with masculine procrastination.

Men hate having to read women’s minds. When a woman is obviously bothered by something, she’ll always claim “nothing” is the matter. Kleenes Tissues Inc. has made millions of dollars over “nothing.”

Women get too caught up in minute details. While men are worried more about finishing a 12-page term paper the night before it’s due, women can’t sleep knowing they had a comma splice in one of their footnotes.

Men get sick of hearing about women’s diets. Why is it women think men are impressed if they try to lose weight? Most guys would be impressed if they put the weight on to begin with.

The most abominable of all feminine traits is “leading on.” Women flirt with men, hoping it will get them dates; but when a man shows a little interest in the lady, she becomes convinced he’s about to get married. Presto, El Dumpo! Beside a few inconveniences, women are great. Men marry them all the time.

Next Week: What Women Hate About Men
President’s forum

By Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin

Liberty Baptist College frequently fields criticism for sheltering its students from the “real world.” Because our graduates are trained in a protected environment, opponents of Christian education contend that they are somehow ill-suited to face life’s pressures. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Granted, involvement in the subculture presents itself as a virtual impossibility for LBC students. But who would argue that encouraging young people to abstain from alcohol and drugs renders them incapable of coping with reality? I strongly believe LBC graduates possess tools for adjustment to life which are far superior to those received at secular universities.

Furthermore, I might add that one cannot equate the subculture with the “real world,” then indirect Christian educators for inadequate preparation of their students. Just because an educational institution has omitted the subculture from its extracurricular activities in no way implies it has omitted skills for success in life from its academic curriculum.

For instance, if dealing with stress is an element of the “real world” (which it is), then LBC students rate highly. Because almost 11 hours each week are required by such activities as church attendance, prayer groups, Christian service and ball meetings, students face the pressure of wise time management. They are forced to develop effective means of reducing stress caused by studies and work which vie for their time as well.

Competition, another obvious element of 20th century society, also thrives at LBC. Students compete for top honors within and without the boundaries of Liberty Mountain. Athletes contend for much-coveted trophies. Aspiring politicians immerse themselves in school elections to see who can rally the most support.

Relating to others also definitely rates as a skill integral to life. In response to this need, LBC provides an atmosphere rich with opportunity for expanding one’s ability to deal successfully with others. Teacher to student, roommate to roommate, and coach to player are just a few of the numerous categories in which relationship skills develop.

Finally, in the area of academic integrity, our college once again provides adequate preparation. Though professors teach and emphasize truth in all disciplines, secular philosophies are not excluded from the classroom. I feel that when a student learns and refutes that which is contrary to the truth, he or she can cope more successfully with life.

— Corrections —

VOLLEYBALL TEAM—In last week’s paper, a cutline incorrectly identified the members of the LBC world record setting volleyball team. The kneeling members from left to right are Tim Dubois, Karen Murname, Mike Snare, Phil Morgan, and Kevin Snyder. The standing team members are Steve Moser, Anthony Benitez, Jeff McKracken, Russ Lewellen, Danny Nixon, Jeff Jack and Brett Miller. The photo was provided by The Picture Place, not Melinda Hoffmann. In the story accompanying the photo the correct amount of games played should have been 321 instead of 391.
Approval of the new status has been verbally confirmed, according to Dr. Henry L. Ashmore, interim executive director of the Commission on Colleges with SACS. The association accredits the programs of many colleges and universities throughout the southeast.

According to Dr. Earl Mills, vice president of institutional research and planning, the administration is ready to turn the sign at the entrance on graduation day if the board approves. Liberty University will appear on the diplomas of 1985 graduates.

The college will drop the word “Baptist,” but Falwell stated, “Liberty Baptist Seminary will retain Baptist in its title.”

External Studies
The other announcement involved the September opening of the Liberty University School for External Studies.

The school will provide a quality college program for adults 25 years and older. Video taped programs, workbooks and textbooks will be designed and produced by personnel at Liberty University. These students, who would otherwise be unable to do work through their local colleges, will be able to take classes in the confines of their own home or local church, Mills explained.

“This development could be tremendously advantageous not only to students external to the campus but also for instructional segments to be offered on campus,” he added.

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Traditions are important for Bream family

By Marsha Wilde

Flames shotstop Dave Bream is a family man. Holding many vivid memories, he is truly com-
mitted to traditions and considers his family, including first cousin Sid, to be his biggest inspiration.

Dave has fond memories of growing up in rural Pennsyl-
vania. "My grandparents owned a little country store," he recalls, "and every Friday night we
would get together and get groceries there. My parents
would go in while the kids would go to the backyard and play what-
ever sport was in." Baseball was "in." Dave
explained that his father wanted one son to play for the pros; therefore he and his older
brother, Doug and Dwight, usually
found themselves playing baseball with their cousins at
every family get-together as the
adults cheered them on.

The family still cheers for Dave. At the outset of the season
he was disappointed in his perfor-
mance; and Doug called to give
him advice based upon his own
experience. "He helped me put
baseball into perspective," Dave
did.

Another relative whom Dave holds in high regard is his first
cousin, Dodgers’ first baseman
Sid Bream. "I'm real close to Sid," he
said. "He's not only a good ball
player, but he's a good example.
Away from here he has stayed true to his Christian life." Dave
recalled one incident in which Sid and his wife poured champagne out and replaced it
with 7-up at an LA party when he began to play for the Dodgers. "It took a lot of guts for him to
do that," Dave commented.

Dave always keeps in mind the advice given him by one of his
cousins. "When you get to
heaven, God is not going to ask
you how many hits you had in a season
but how did you live for
Him." He feels no pressure to
match his cousin’s reputation.
"Everyone thinks that because
Sydney hit home runs I should hit home runs too, but he makes
sure I don't get that (idea) in my
mind." He explained that they are
different ball players. Sid hits the
ball over the fence while he is a
line drive hitter concerned with
stealing bases.


Cabbell named All-American

By Don Clunas

"The biggest thrill of my life," is the way Eric Cabbell referred
to making All-American last
month. Cabbell placed fifth in the
nation in the NCAA Division 2
indoor track and field meet at
North Dakota State. The top six
in each event in the nation are
recognized as All-Americans in
track and field competition.

Cabbell, a fifth year senior at
LBC, will be graduating in May.
In his first two years he partici-
pated in football and the last three
years he has participated in track
and field.

Cabbell competed in the 35-
 Pound hammer throw in indoor
track. Cabbell is now participating in
the outdoor track and field season
which began with the Liberty
Open in late March. In the out-
door season he is competing in the
discus and the hammer. He is trying to qualify for the
NCAA Division 2 Nationals
which will be held in Los
Angeles on May 22-23. To qual-
ify for the Nationals Cabbell has
to throw the discus 164 feet and
the hammer 167.4 feet.

In reference to this year's out-
door season he commented, "I
feel through the hard work in
practice and weight training that
this is going to be the most suc-
cessful year that I have had here
at LBC in outdoor track."
The track and field team has
three meets left to qualify for the
Nationals: one at Virginia State
on April 9, another at Appalac-
chian State and the third at the
Mason-Dixon Conference
Championship.

Cabbell confidently stated,
"By the time the Mason-Dixon
meet comes around I should be
at the peak of my career here at
Liberty."

He is a television and radio
major who is hoping to work for
WSET, a television station here
in Lynchburg, when he gradu-
ates. His ultimate goal is to work
with CBS sports covering major
basketball and football games.


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Nine-game winning streak snapped

By Steve Davis

The LBC Flames baseball team had a nine-game winning streak snapped Saturday as it fell to Campbell University, 5-4. The loss made the Flames record 19-6 on the season. Campbell climbed to 21-12.

LBC sent nine men to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, but only three runs scored when the Flames left the bases loaded.

The Flames have been led of­fensively so far by first baseman Pat Sipe. Last week Sipe hit five home runs to raise his season total to 14. Sipe is one homer short of the school record for a career (36) and five short of the single season school record for a career (31). Sipe also turned out to be the last key to the Flames' success this season. The win in the background has had a lot of impor­tance, however, as LBC batters have hit 40 home runs in 24 games this season.—Photo by Bryan Burton

Wednesday was double-dipper day at LBC. Liberty played a double-header against two teams and gained two more victories. In the first game LBC defeated Middletown College, 12-6. E.H. Kennedy picked up his second victory of the season against one defeat.

The Flames were led once again by the booming bat of Pat Sipe. Sipe clubbed three home runs and eight RBI. The eighth RBI tied the school mark.

In the second game Liberty beat Point Park College 11-3. Niles Creekmore (3-1) got the win.