Debate has strong showing at GW tourney

By BILL MEYER

The LU debate team has put itself in a strong position to get a national championship following one national ranking. The squad bolstered itself by winning the most recent tournament at George Washington University. The team garnered the most overall points with the junior and senior teams winning their divisions outright as well.

With the latest ranking solidly in place, it’s tempting to speculate whether Liberty will be number one again. Debate team member Rochelle Ringsmuth predicts that it will.

“This year, I’m positive we’ll be number one again,” Ringsmuth said. “I think we’ll be number one by a large margin.”

This marks the fifth tournament in a row that the debate team has won. The George Washington University was provided by members of the debate squad, including Shanna Twigg and Kelsey Walker, who won the national championship. The MSU team also had the distinction of having the top three native speakers. Twigg was the top speaker, Casey Gordon and Walker were second and third, respectively.

“The team has certainly earned the spot number one again,” Lawrence said. “We’re putting ourselves in a good position to get the national championship in all three polls.”

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Liberty Debater

The two varsity debate teams recently won the regional qualifying tournament for the National Debate Tournament, and both made it to qualifying. Liberty was the only school in the region to qualify two teams. The LU team of Matt Acker and Hannah Vick won the tournament. The top three in this division were all LU students as well. Acker was the top speaker. Jared Woodard placed second and Nick Yngst was third.

All of the four LU teams at the tournament advanced to the elimination rounds. The teams participating in 15 preliminary debates and they won 24 of them.

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NEAL SEITZ

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The 1998 Junior/Senior banquet, scheduled for Friday, March 6 in the North Banke, promises many differences from banquets past.

The organizers of this year’s event have worked very hard to make this year’s banquet distinct from any of the previous years’ formulas. According to the event’s coordinator, Jeff bunny, the event is based during dinner and is being presented by the Student Government Association.

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By LANCE OLSONOVSKY

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the path of history and walking
in the same place where
Jesus walked, stumbling through
the Holy Land... and getting six
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First-year Bible

is the trip to include England. But, the trip
is running over three one-week
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will be given first-hand
accounts of the history of the
Old and New Testaments
as well as the life of Christ as they
visit and participate in the venues.

Place such as the Old Testament capital of David's
and the New Testament site of Christ's
correlation and resurrection
will be steps along the way. In addition to
Jerusalem, these will also be a step along the trail, along
with Capernaum, Cana, and Bethlehem.
Students to minister abroad over break

BY ERICKA MADDOX

From India to India to the rest of the world, light ministries are teaching people everywhere with the gospel of Christ. Rather than spending their spring break lounging on the beach, some Liberty students will minister in Jamaica and India.

The part time missionaries to Jamaica will work with the Christian Concern Center in the island of Jamaica. While the Jamaican students will read schools, churches and an orphanage in St. Thomas, the testimony of Liberty student Annette Del Feo will speak to the church. According to Light Ministries Director Gary Adkins, the spring break missionaries will be "dressed similarly to physically. They will have to get up every morning and they won't get bed until late, but after class students have been more contented to Christ after each of these trips."

"There is too late to register for the spring break mission trips. Night Ministry has already placed students in hundreds of missions during their spring break. Although some students that the dates of the missions vary from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Adkins encourages interested students to travel with a friend. "Don't be afraid. If the Lord wants you there, he will provide the way and he will protect you." The majority of students send out proper letters to everyone from family members to businesses. Business are asked, "If the students really believe in the right place, God will work out the rest." According to Adkins, the benefits of going not only vary from hundreds to thousands of dollars, Adkins claims because students don't know about them.

Adkins also feel the need to touch people's hearts and lives. One of the main benefits of going not only because they usually don't include an application, only an address or phone number. "There is a shadow of a doubt about the scholarship," he said. "Sometimes they don't include an application, only an address or phone number.神仙 also require a Higher GPA to be eligible for an internship." According to Career Center Coordinator, Shelby L. Seibert, the center's primary responsibility is to send out the paperwork. Most internships are actually supervised by faculty the student's field of release. There are several sources for students to find internships. The FastWEB site asks several questions about the applicant and then lists scholarships giving away more than 750 million dollars. The number of scholarships applicable. It also e-mails appropriate departments. Keys said that "because they usually don't include an application, only an address or phone number.神仙 also require a Higher GPA to be eligible for an internship."

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According to Tom Keys, the assistant director of the Christian Concern Center, "It is not nearly as tedious as going to the library and looking through all the books," Keys said. "They give you an e-mail box and send the e-mails. A student can shop at the store online and select what he/she wants to purchase. The website called "FastWEB" is the best method for finding these.
LU aims for 10,000 by 2000

By CHEROKEE RAISE

Champion Reporter

Liberty University is trying to attract new students to the next century, with a projected enrollment of 6,679 for next fall. This is up from the 5,000 students that are currently enrolled in classes. 

Admissions is expecting an 18 percent growth rate in enrollment from the fall of 1997 to the fall of 1998. As of now the admissions office is 400 percent over where it was at this time last year. Liberty also sent out 56,000 mailings last year to high school students who requested information about the university.

We are receiving requests from students who are only in the eighth, ninth and tenth grade," said Vice President for Enrollment Management Jay Spencer.

New accommodations are also being planned for the increased student population. According to Spencer, Liberty is talking to contractors about building a new dorm. 

Overall, Spencer is experiencing hiccups idea

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LU offers free trip to freshmen

University recycles idea from 1971

By LANCE OLISH

Champion Staff Writer

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**Students to minister abroad over break**

**By ROB TAYLOR**

Champion Reporter

Flights leave to the rest of the world, Light Ministries is reaching people everywhere with the gospel of Christ. Rather than spending their spring break lounging by the beach, some Liberty students will minister in Jamaica and Honduras.

The part-time missionaries in Jamaica work for the Christian Caribbean Center for the Deaf (CCCC), while the Honduran students work in schools, churches and an orphanage in Tegucigalpa, the headquarters of Liberty student Annette Del McDUFFIE.

In Jamaica, the group works in group home ministry, both during the day and after school. Del McDUFFIE said, "We could do a lot more to help them. They need our help, our direction and our love." The students help them with daily living and group home ministry, but they want to see them get up early every morning. They want them to get used to being up at dawn and wake up early morning. They want to see the students have become more committed to Christ after each of these trips.

"Though it is too late to register for the spring break mission trips, Light Ministries has already planned to visit Haiti in April, according to Antwan Adkins. The team will have to plan the trip and apply for a visa. The students will be able to fulfill their mission, but there's like only one for the whole United States," said Ray Garglulo, volunteer director at the Christian Caribbean Center for the Deaf.

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The FastWEB website asks several questions about the applicant and lists scholarships that are applicable. It also e-mails applicants on scholarships that are found. FastWEB alone finds more than 275,000 scholarships. The number of scholarships offered is unknown. "I don't know if anyone has an accurate number," Keys said. "Because they usually don't include an application, only an address or phone number."

In the Feb. 17 issue of USA Today an article on scholarships by Robin Farmer discussed unusual awards. These include scholarships for left-handed violin players, scholarships are hard to come by and that students have to trust in the Lord, their dreams will come true, but time after time students have become more committed to Christ after each trip. Seibert's vision of the world and his part in it," Grady said.

**Career Center establishes internship deadlines**

**By CHERI RAIDER**

Champion Reporter

Liberty's Career Center is reminding students to prepare themselves for summer internships. The initial application to begin is due in the career center by April 10. The initial paperwork will enable the applicant to be considered for internship eligibility. The applicant will be checked by Student Development and the Community Service Office to see if they are up to date in their community service credits. Some majors also require a higher GPA to be eligible for an internship.

According to Career Center Coordinator Shelley L. Seibert, the center's primary responsibility is to send out the paperwork. Most internships are actually supervised by faculty in the student's field of interest.

There are several resources for students to find internships. The Career Center has already received 64 requests from companies for internships starting the beginning of the semester. "About 150-200 companies try to find interns through the career center," said Seibert.

"They may not go on your transcript but an internship will look impressive on your resume," Seibert said.

Seibert stressed the importance that an internship can have on finding a permanent job. "A lot of organizations depend on students having experience in college," said Seibert. "Internships will set you apart when you're looking for work and employer expectations.

A total of 447 students found internships through the Career Center. Student information on internships during the spring, summer and fall is available from the career center every day from 8 until 4:30.
Child pornography charge is a serious issue.

Once again, Liberty finds itself in the world of national moral debate. First, Dr. Jerry Falwell sponsored attention when Thomas Road Baptist Church affiliated with the Southern Baptist and then borrowed from the group's liberal wing. Now, Liberty is facing the center of controversy.

A grand jury in Richmond has indicted Barnes & Noble bookstores on 50 counts of child pornography. The charges are related to the online sales of ten books involving adult-oriented children. The state of Tennessee has also charged 61 defendants with distributing obscenities harmful to minors.

The book chain has denied selling the books, but it argued earlier what defines child pornography. It should be that hard to figure out. The average decent citizen, and certainly the average Liberty student, should understand that what real, sexual depravity is.

The наvппч of the US Supreme Court is not in question. The charge is that Barnes & Noble, not selling on Barnes & Noble, is the source of the material.

The University’sConclusion to this? The decision to protect children is not in question. The charge is that Barnes & Noble is guilty of lending legitimacy to these practices. Or even more importantly, can we trust our institution to reconsider who will run our bookstore for the future.

The only issue is whether we want to continue a relationship with BN now. If indeed we do, perhaps we need to redefine the very nature of our relationship to the institution, including any relevant rights or duties.

What the argument continues to be made that LU has veto power over what will happen after this point. We realize the center of controversy.

Why the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty (2 Corinthians 3:17)
Standards apply to everyone

**COMMENDATION**

Oprah becomes sweetheart of the rodeo

**BY JASON EISEN**

Editor in Chief

"Oprah Winfrey's development as a star in promoting the cattle industry has only just begun," said the American Academy of Equine Dentistry's director, Dr. Benham, 67.

"She has a unique ability to connect with individuals at a personal level," Dr. Benham said. "Her rapport with cattle owners is unparalleled."
GIVE YOUR PRAISES TO THE LORD (Upper left) — LU senior Lisa Patterson leads the rest of the Lady Flames and several hundred LU students in a Christian prayer before the start of the Lady Flames' 0-32 victory over UNCA in the final game.

STRONG TO THE HOOP (left) — Freshman Carol Thompson gets the ball up and over the defense against the UNCA Flames in the final game. Thompson scored after hitting a three-point shot with 3:30 left on the clock. The Flames go on to win the game and the conference title.

ROGINIAN MANGLE (left) — Senior Sinil Euferno of the Lady Flames, wearing in one of his two Kangaroo shoes in the ladies' final. Euferno had 25 points in the Flames' victory over UNCA in the final game.

TAKE A BRAEHER (above) — The Liberty Flames' bench takes on a humorous look during the Big South Tournament in order to engage.

LAY UP (left) — Luann Wilkinson tosses the ball up to the hoop in the Flames' victory over UNCA in the Big South Tournament. Wilkinson ended the game with six points and six rebounds.

NEXT GAME ALWAYS (below) — Justine Lu fans roll the Flames to the final game against UNCA.

WELL DESERVED (left) — The Lady Flames gave the Flames the victory after capturing four straight BSC titles.

NEXT TEAMiever (right) — LU senior Jay Copeland scores a basket of the Flames past UNCA as the Flames secure the final game in a four-point lead.

ANOTHER SOUVENIR (right) — Luann Wilkinson sets her second point of the game in the final game against UNCA.
By JESSICA MILLER
LIFE REPORTER

Mail. It's the anticipation of every college student. Reading letters or receiving a special back-home presenting a couple of bucks tucked in a card. But no one experiences this joy more than the students.

Arrington has worked at the LPU almost from its foundation, beginning in the Old-Time Gospel room in December of 1990. At the time, her husband was an unemployed Liberty student, and the family needed money. When Pastor Jerry Fahvell asked for workers to help in the now-turned Old-Time Gospel House mail room, it was a decision in disguise for the North Carolina native.

"Jerry asked for help in the mail room in church," Arrington said. "I'd put me in here because I wasn't looking for this type of work. The 'Help' job provides needed money for supporting her children."

While at the Old-Time Gospel House mail room, Arrington moved to its present location, so did Arlington.

This experienced postal worker acquired the position of assistant manager in 1993, and is responsible for the actual receiving, metering and sending of the more than 1,000 daily letters and packages.

A temporary family-

At Thomas Road Baptist Church, an agreed friendship with the room. This family of three ears and three daughters ranging in age from 13 to 26.

Arrington also holds a part-time job at the Hospice Volunteers of New Mexico.

One of our employees combined her environment and uniqueness with her new work environment to help others.

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Lady Flames lose bid to NCAAs

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After Shanes's opening second-half trey, the Flames maintained at least a 10-point lead throughout the remainder of the contest. With five minutes on the game clock, Liberty led by 21.

Shanes, Wilkerson netted 14 points and four rebounds in the game. LU, senior Elena Kisseleva looked sharp from the floor, nailing six of eight field goal attempts. She matched her career high score of 13 points.

Skaters lose in tourney

— Contributed from Page 12 —

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Quarterfinal #3: #7 Winthrop vs. #2 Radford

Winthrop (9-23) came in seeded 7th, but it gave Radford a healthy scare. After the Eagles grabbed an 18-12 lead early on, the game came down to the wire. Despite having the ball on the boards 55-55, Radford advanced with a 77-75 win.

Jennifer LaRue scored a huge game for Winthrop, finishing with a double-double of 26 points and 12 rebounds. She also snagged four steals. However, the squad that was the regular season sent the Lady Flames into overtime with a strong performance from the perimeter couldn't hold a single lead vs. the Highlanders.

“I hope it was apparent that we certainly don’t play like a 7th place team,” Winthrop’s head coach Robin Miller said. “A shot here or there and it could have been ours.” Winthrop’s Leigh Ann Pantall said.

Poor of Radford’s starters talked double digits. Win’s Willis Watson finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Radford boasts a 3-0 all-time record vs. Winthrop.

Quarterfinal #4: #8 Charleston Southern vs. #4 Coastal Carolina

In the tournament’s only overtime game, Charleston Southern (12-15) rallied to defeat the Buccaneers 71-70 on Thursday night, capping an upset run to the quarterfinals.

The game was tied at 59 when the index buzzer went off. Senior Amanda Dunning added a two-point shot to tie, then finished her Retriever career as the school’s all-time three point shooter. She recorded the game high 18 points.

After splitting Coastal Carolinas in the quarterfinal round, the UNC Asheville Lady Bulldogs were poised to take home the No. 2 seed. Radford Highlanders.

Tournament MVP Emily Hill racked up 29 pts. and nine boards for the Lady Bulldogs, who, as a team, hit it up for 51 percent shooting. Radford fell behind for good, 43-44 at the 17 minute mark. All conference selection Last Mitchell hit a jumper to cut the deficit to one, 71-72 with two minutes left. Radford then executed a 3-2-1 run to seal the upset, 81-74.

WILL OF A WILKERSON — Sharon Wilkerson leaps for a scoring jumper in her second Big South Touranment. The WIlkersons rock.

Top

1. For God so loved Liberty. He gave us the Winckemans.
2. There is a time to dance, Kol.3/4, and the time is now (Aldag)
3. Even Rocky can’t stop our Russian Rocket.
4. All back and no hate.
5. The Wilkemans rock the house.
6. Elena is in the bomb.
7. Tennessee who?
8. Dancing days are here again.
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BSC Tournament Basketball Signs

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Robinson's buzzer-beater sends Radford Highlanders dancing' 

By MATT KEENAN

Senior forward Kevin Robinson's baby-hook jumper with no time remaining lifted No. 2 seed Radford University over the No. 1 seeded UNC-Asheville Bulldogs 63-61 for the 1998 Pepsi Big South Basketball Championship. Radford overcame a 17-point first half deficit to earn their first-ever trip to the "Big Dance." Back to back double by BG's Chuck Johnson gave the Bulldogs a 17-point lead 13:50 into the game. "They had a bigger front line than us, but we felt going into the game with 5:36 remaining," senior Eric Parker said.

The Highlanders pulled away from Asheville, going up 51-50 with 2:16 remaining, but Asheville's Kevin Martin answered the call. Martin's trifecta with 15 to go tied the game for the fifth time and forced Radford to call a timeout in the last minute. BG's Chuck Johnson brought the ball down-court and released a jumper over Big South player of the year Josh Pittman which rolled off the rim as time was about to expire. But Robinson snatched for the loose ball and was able to complete the miraculous comeback which sent the Radford fans into pandemonium as they ran onto the court.

"I can't really remember what happened," Robinson said. "I lived through these 11 games and the longest in the school's history at the Division I level. Radford was able to complete the magnificent comeback which sent the Radford fans into pandemonium as they ran onto the court.

"Kidnapped. "Kevin asked me jokingly added, "Kevin asked me to stay in dormitory room. Contact Jenny McQueen 520-579-0395, call collect to staying aide for Fall 1998. Salary negotiable. 24 hour care. Willing to come."

Check raising can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application. Any campus organization can raise up to $1,000 by earning a whopping $5.00/VISA application.
The best of the women’s tourney

By LAURELEI MILLER

Thursday, March 5, 1998

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Second Intentional Exposure

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"I hope it was apparent that we dominated at both ends of the court," UNC Asheville's Tournament MVP Emily Hill said. Hill, who led all scorers with 28, showed in this contest as UMBC played in six Big South games this year, scoring a team high 16 points and 12 rebounds. Freshman Kennedy learned that the Lady Bulldogs team high 18 rebounds. She also did a 2-0 all-time record vs. Winthrop.
Robinson’s buzzer-beater sends Radford Highlanders dancing’

BY MATT BRENNAN

Kevin Robinson’s baby-hook jumper with no time remaining sent No. 2 seed Radford University over the No. 1 seeded UNC-Asheville Bulldogs, 63-61, for the 1998 Pepsi Big South Basketball Championship. Radford overcame a 27-point half deficit to score their first ever trip to the Big Dance. Back to back shocks by junior varsity Eric Parker gave the Highlanders their first lead of the game at 36-35. "They hit one hard to lose that game that we could play with anybody," Parker said.

The Highlanders pulled away from Asheville thanks to a 51-41 lead at the 2:16 remaining, but Radford’s Kevin Robinson scored the putback, putting the game at 2-10 to go and the game on the 5th time and forced Radford to call a timeout for the first time in the game. UNC-Asheville brought the ball into court and released a jumper over Big South player of the Game Taylor which rolled off the rim as time to expire. Robinson grabbed the ball and was able to complete the game-winning backcourt which sent the Highlanders into the championship as they ran onto the court.

“I can’t even really remember what happened,” Robinson said. Big Head Coach Ron Bradley quickly added, “Kevin called me in the locker room after the game if he shot when. We all continued their 11 game winning streak, which is the biggest in the school’s history at the Division II level and also competing to first second Big South tourney that year when they lost to Wisconsin-71-66.

SURE SHOT — Radford center Ryan Charles goes for two against UNC-Asheville in the tournament final.
LU men nearly upset top "dogs"  
No. 1 seed UNCA eliminates Liberty in tournament semi-finals 46-2

By MATT KEANAN  
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The Liberty men's team rounded to avoid a season finale in the semifinals as it dropped a 27-16 decision to the top seeded UNC Asheville Bulldogs. Both teams had sub par performances setting the new Big South Tournament record with all points were

"Obviously this was a tough loss," Assistant Coach Randy Dunton said. "Unfortunately it wasn't the team that scored the most points that was going to win, but it was the team who scored the most points with the least points. The two teams combined for another tournament record low 26.5 percent shooting from the field. The Flames were able to turn the tide up in the turnover in the first half as they held their biggest lead of 10-7 and 21-12 in tries to lead 5-0. The 0.665 percent in the Fatherhood was starting to believe that an upset was in the making, but Asheville was put to test by getting the lead back of 14-9 at half time 23.

After two lead changes and ties, Asheville concluded the lead good when Keith led the Flames on a driving lay-up at the 13:06 mark. Asheville nearly by more than seven points in the game. The story of the game was free throw. The Bulldogs made 18 of 20 from the charity stripe while Liberty only earned six attempts up to the free throw line. "I wouldn't have the other way around," Tim Dunton said. "It's unfortunate that you have a personal foul total of seven to two.

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Champagne Bottles

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The Liberty men's team committed five turnovers in a tough first-half offensive effort as the No. 1 seed UNCA Asheville Bulldogs knocked the Flames out of the Big South Tournament. Both teams had sub par performances, but it was the team who scored the least that was going to lose. "It was the team who scored the least that was going to lose," Interim Head Coach Randy Duntont.

The Flames' fire. In less than 13 seconds of the second half, Asheville went on a 20-0 run to put the game out of reach. "It's unfortunate that you have a personal total of 35 to 10 if we could have gotten to the line a little more, I think it would have been the other way around," said Coach Duntont.

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