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Debate tops NDT rankings

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
News Editor

It's not easy getting to the top, it's even harder staying there for an entire season. The Liberty debate team has been able to do just that. This year, the Liberty debate team has secured its first place National Debate Tournament association rankings for the entire season. The team is tied with Wake Forest for the number one team according to the most recent rankings released. The in-coming competition will be the American Debate Association National Tournament, in which the top teams compete.

"We've been number one all the way through the year," said local debate coach Brett O'Donnell. "That one tournament will decide it all."

The rankings are not set to determine who goes on to the National Debate Tournament — the Super Bowl of the sport. However, they do provide some indication of who the top teams are.

"The rankings are entirely separate," explained. "You must do well at the open tournament to get qualified for the national tournament."

O'Donnell acknowledged that the first place spot was a hard one to maintain on the team since they achieved it in November.

"Being number one early on means being kept up," he said at that point.

"It may have been what made the competition so great for us. It's a tighter race than I ever seen," the coach said. Only 10 points separate the top five teams.

The squad was able to continue holding on to the top spot through hard work at all levels of competition, quality rivalry and novice.

For example, at their last open tournament, held at George Washington University, U.D. debaters from all divisions claimed the elimination rounds. "Every team won above JV," O'Donnell said. "No other team does that."

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By ANDREW LYONS
Champion Reporter

Squire Parsons, a world renowned singer and songwriter, performed Friday night at the new "Supeh Liberty Champion." Sunday, Feb. 25, at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

"I can't say "thank you" enough," said Rev. Jerry Fishbein in his introduction.

Born and raised in West Virginia, Parsons has been singing for 28 years in the music ministry. "I was raised in a Christian home and I've been singing ever since, as long as I can remember," Parsons said.

"Squire came out of a music education background. It's a wonderful songwriter, communicator and musician," Fishbein said.

The Newsboys are currently on their promoting their latest albums, "Going Public." When asked by Calendar magazine what made the hard work worth it, founder Peter Furler replied, "Looking at the audience singing songs like 'Shine' or 'Not Ashamed' and knowing that the words are a outline of their lives... sometimes in church you don't do the latest song, but you sing along from way back. "That's my favorite of this release, that's what we're praying for... at least some of these songs do for people."

Several years ago the Newsboys were performing in Australian pubs and playing for four minutes and the audience said, "You never leave us. And we do the same thing in America." The emphasis of the evening was on each of our diversity and individuality and our overall unity in Christ," said Furler.

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McFarland speaks to students in convocation
By MARIA SWAYRA
Champion Staff
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Britain, Ireland, approach peace

BY MARTIN SHEFT
Washington Times

BELFAST — Ireland and Great Britain, working to bring peace to Northern Ireland, right now have the power to end the conflict that has dragged them into a cold war, Prime Minister John Major said yesterday.

"We are at a turning point," he said, "one that we must not pass up to achieve a lasting, viable peace in Northern Ireland."

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In an act that has been described as a "positive move," the British government announced a new authority to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

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Scientists try shocking research

BY KEVIN DAVISON
Washington Times

If Franklin could see what the scientists are doing with lightning bolts, he would be surprised.

The experiments are being conducted in a laboratory at the University of Oklahoma, where researchers are studying lightning.

"The idea is to study lightning and how it behaves," said Dr. Robert M. Wilson, a professor of physics at the university.

His experiments are part of a larger project that is trying to understand how lightning works.

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Student concerns lost amid SGA restructuring

We are too soon to see in some officers and that some senators volunteered (or were volunteered), but where are the actions and bills that we expect of SGA? Apparently, efforts to improve the organization have superseded the need for efforts to define the student body.

The most significant bill passed last semester (from the students' point of view) concerned parking. The bill reallocates parking in the dorm parking lots in an effort to secure some reasonable parking for upperclassmen. However, safety was an unresolved issue when the bill passed through Senate. The controversial bill is currently making its way through the different offices of the administration. According to SGA officials, it appears the bill will pass.

SU President Matt McMurray said that if the bill does pass, safety concerns will most assuredly be addressed. While this is an appreciated effort, in reality it should have been finally hashed out the first time around.

If this is the only bill that is passed is the high water mark of the year so far. Sure, there were some other bills — clothing worn in the cafeteria (voted), and that back enhance bill (mysteriously disappeared). And there was a puzzle that mainly applied to SGA and its Student Court has been the restructuring of Senate and the SGA Constitution. Vice President Andy Pederson, McMurray, and other involved officers are to be commended for trying to raise the quality of bills presented, and the rest of the students, it heeds to buckle down.

"I don't know. I mean, 'Again?' Is such a negative word.

Libertarianism's ideals don't fit Christian mores

I believe it is important to make great distinctions in terms of behavior, law, and government. While they claim several opposing political philosophies, there are some sticky points with which I have a problem. I believe there is a specific object on two points: one philosophical and one practical. It is understood, the argument under a libertarian government people would be able to do as they please as long as their actions do not negatively affect others. However, this applies to society, society is bound to itself, but if, in correct, would not want our government to be commended for trying to raise the quality of bills presented, and the rest of the students, it heeds to buckle down.

What the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. II Corinthians 3:17

Final responsibility for campus crime prevention lies with student body

C campus crime matters, even to the student who is not aware of them. Thirty students a year are murdered. More than 30,000 documented cases of theft and robbery are committed annually. Students' chances of being affected by a campus crime are higher than any other demographic. Students themselves represent the only barrier to their own safety.

It seems to me that the only barrier to their own safety is the student. However, they would limit their moral war to the campus' treasures. If Christians are members of a given society, why not use the government arena to act on their beliefs as well? Remember, libertarians advocate for the reduction of those laws to its most extreme form, and just because those who are not Christians are not part of some final, absolute decree of authority. As the Bible or, with around the audience. The Constitution. Even the inalienable rights in the Declaration of Independence were seen as being endowed by "our Creator."

The point is that this unfinished bill is the high water mark of the year so far. Sure, there were some other bills — clothing worn in the cafeteria (voted), and that back enhance bill (mysteriously disappeared). And there was a puzzle that mainly applied to SGA and its Student Court has been the restructuring of Senate and the SGA Constitution. Vice President Andy Pederson, McMurray, and other involved officers are to be commended for trying to raise the quality of bills presented, and the rest of the students, it heeds to buckle down.

Spring Break is a chance to line up summer jobs

Spring break. Job-hunting. The two don't seem to go together. But the truth of the matter is that spring break is the time when we can start looking for a job is really not too late. A good bet would be on the odds that many, even of you who know already through experience. Employers are impressed by the initiative this shows, and it gives students the ability to really relax, knowing what they will be doing during summer break. Spring break is also a prime time to be looking into internships. Many graduates will tell you that internships are a key to getting started on a career, and the more internships the merrier. Even if you are a sophomore or junior, don't hesitate because one summer job could make all the difference.

Like many, Spring break is a good time for seniors to begin interviewing for jobs in the real world. We know this sounds like a Tim Lakey column, but the truth of the matter is that the break is indeed the single best time of the second semester to line up your summer job/internship/summer for the soon. Enjoy your break, but make good use of it as well.
Art remains in bounds for creative Christians

BY SARAH PARSHALL
Champion Reporter

Art remains in bounds for creative Christians, accompanying a Tchaikovsky bal­
doing sonnet? Thank goodness mankind has never sacred? Are we, while called to be
empty void, so we, our simi­
"ex nihilo" out of the darkness of
forms of art and music in Western
Renaissance music, painting, sculp­
the difficulty? (Revelation 5:12).

The overwhelming majority of
art and music in Western
Christianity. 500 years ago, artists
were not regarded as artists, but as the servants of the Church. Today, the role of artists has changed. The arts are now recognized as a vital part of the body of Christ, providing worship, education, and social change.

Christianity and the arts are inextricably linked. The Bible itself contains numerous references to art and music, with the Psalms being a prime example. Jesus himself affirmed the importance of art and music, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

However, the arts have not always been upheld within the Church. During the Reformation, many Protestant leaders condemned the arts, seeing them as idolatrous and worldly. This led to the destruction of many artworks and the suppression of music, especially during the Counter-Reformation.

But as the modern Church has come to understand the importance of the arts in proclaiming the Gospel and reaching the lost, it has become evident that the arts are indeed a vital part of the body of Christ. This has led to the creation of numerous arts organizations and groups within the Church, dedicated to using the arts as a means of evangelization and social change.

For example, the Catholic Church has long recognized the importance of the arts. The Vatican's Pontifical Academy of Arts, founded in 1666, is one of the oldest and most prestigious arts organizations in the world. It is dedicated to promoting excellence in art and music, and contributes to the Church's efforts to proclaim the Gospel.

Similarly, the Southern Baptist Convention has recognized the importance of the arts through its Arts Commission, which seeks to promote the arts within the Church and society. The commission has produced numerous resources and events to help churches incorporate the arts into their ministries.

The arts are not just for the benefit of the Church, however. They are for the benefit of the whole world. The Bible says, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, the light inside you is not hidden. It is the same way that Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see the good that you do and glorify your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:14-16)

Therefore, the Church has a responsibility to use the arts to proclaim the Gospel, to edify its members, and to bring glory to God. As Christians, we are called to be "a light to the world." (Matthew 5:14)

This is not to say that the arts should be glorified above all else. The Church must remain committed to its primary mission of proclaiming the Gospel and saving souls. The arts should be used as a means to that end, not as an end in themselves.

The arts are a powerful tool for evangelization, social change, and church growth. As Christians, we are called to use this tool wisely and faithfully, as Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see the good that you do and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)
The lost art of public humiliation

H ells class and welcome to this evening's seminar "How To Humiliate Yourself" from front of important Public Figures: An Overview." At the end of this session, you will be well-versed in the art of public humiliation, equipped with all the knowledge neces­

sary to look like a complete waste of skin in front of an admiring public figure.

This weekend I attended a journalism conference in Virginia Beach. In it, we were told that I gained extensive experience in the area of public disgrace, which will shine with you today.

The Purpose of Humiliation

Working my way through the breakfast buffet, I noticed that the food had placed these small, gold sugar packets beside the plates. — and, yes, they were clean. Only, once I tasted them, I realized Mornor I consider it a successful meal if I'm still sitting at the table and relaxing.</p>

Students give Bible studies a new twist

By ANNE CLAY

T here's something for almost everyone when it comes to on-campus Bible studies, and that's what made the hard work of a few students who saw various needs and tried to meet them. Their often-overlooked efforts have served as an encouragement to many.

On Tuesday nights, for example, 10 to 20 girls gather in the home of Stephanie Long for a class group study on Becoming a Woman of Purpose, while a large group of men and women gather in DeMoss 161 for music, devotions, and sharing during Student Shine. Both Bible study offers something different and tries to meet different needs, although the group leaders agree that their ultimate purpose is the same — to encour­
gage students in their walk with the Lord. "Our goal is to minister and encourage people," Justin Ricklefs, one of the founders of Student Shine explained, "We just want­ed to praise to the Lord." Carol Frosting and Stephanie Long, co­

leaders of the group's study in DeMoss 161, agree. "We always wan­t to be maturing in our walk with Christ," Stephanie said, "It's been a time of encouragement for the girls.

What makes the groups unique, though, is their emphasis and organization. Stephanie and Carl, S.D.s, began holding weekly meetings during the fall semester to challenge the girls to follow the example of Christ and then to be examples for others to follow. That flowed naturally into the topic for the spring semester — learning about God's purposes for life. "We will fill our purpose is fully in looking to God to find His purposes in our lives," Carl explained. For the small group study on the same topic — God's purposes — but different visions. God is different in His purposes for each person. The small group setting has worked well because it is a more comfortable environ­

ment for sharing. Sometimes students may feel lost in a big service, especially if they come from a small church. "They enjoy sharing what they've learned," Stephanie said. "If In a big setting they can't do that."

For students inter­
ested in sharing their talents in the fields of music, drama, or the larger Student Shine provides an oppor­
tunity for that. Started just last fall, this Bible study is designed to show students can be involved in music, arts, and "anything that anybody wants to do for us," Justin said. "I want to start a praise and worship group by the students for the students," James Bechtle, one of the founders, said, explaining that Student Shine is NOT intended as a replace­
m\nt for campus church services.

"What a powerful message can be carried throughout campus by students learning their parts give public professions of faith, determination, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

"Everybody has a chance to be involved," Justin said. "Everybody minis­
tery to everybody. We want to make it as diverse as we can, each week have some­thing new.

Both Student Shine and the Becoming a Woman of Purpose study groups have been a success, in part as a result of the dedication and hard work of the leaders in their effort to meet the different needs of the LU stu­
dent body.

"The Lord has really blessed us," Justin concluded. "We're just thankful for what He's done.

Help the world embrace God once again

The MOUTH

What has been your strangest experience since coming to LU?

"Overhearing my roommate's phone conversation" — Chad Regnier, Sophomore Santa Cruz, Calif.

"Hearing my roommate talking in his sleep about going to a tool sale at a church." — Chris Ovran, Senior Greensboro, N.C.

"The adventures of dating a Southern American boy." — Regina deMoras, Senior Sao Paulo, Brazil

"Seeing my friends sled down a hill with their boxers short on." — Jeremy Dony, Sophomore Memphis, Tenn.

"I saw Elvis running around DeMoss." — Stephen James, Junior Lynchburg, Va.
A night at the

S in opera were presented by the Liberty University Opera Workshop Feb. 16-18, 21, and 23-25. The production plots ranged from comedy to despair. The cast brilliantly brought to life the following works.

1. Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdink—In this age-old tale, modernized for the Liberty University stage, two unscrupulous candy-loving youngsters happen upon a sweet surprise. As they pilfer the candy house, the witch appears to gobble the children. Overcoming her charms, Hansel and Gretel toss the witch into the oven and dance merrily away. Hansel, played by Alison Post, and Gretel, played by Cindy Wilcox, outwit the witch by shoving her into the massive black oven.

2. Susannah by Carlisle Floyd—Orphaned, Susannah and her brother Sam were outcasts of the mountainous New Hope, Tenn. community. The mayor's son Little Bat, age 14, idolized the two. Susannah's best friend, Rosina coaxes Hansel to be the main treasure they have found. Later, the evil witch Rosina, played by Jennifer Roberts, charms them into staying for dinner. Rosina coaxes Gretel into helping her prepare Hansel to be the main course. Hansel, played by Alison Post, and Gretel, played by Cindy Wilson, outwit the witch by shoving her into the massive black oven.

3. The Medium by Gian Carlo Menotti—The hysterical drunk Baba beats her mute slave Toby, played by Scott Grimm, in one of her fits of rage. "It was a privilege to work with him," Chelley Bickel, who played Baba, said of her co-star Scott Grimm. Little Bat played by Scott Grimm. In this age-old tale, modernized for the Liberty University stage, two unscrupulous candy-loving youngsters happen upon a sweet surprise. As they pilfer the candy house, the witch appears to gobble the children. Overcoming her charms, Hansel and Gretel toss the witch into the oven and dance merrily away. Hansel, played by Alison Post, and Gretel, played by Cindy Wilcox, outwit the witch by shoving her into the massive black oven.

4. La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini—The two candy-hungry children sing about the treasure they have found. Later, the evil witch Rosina, played by Jennifer Roberts, charms them into staying for dinner. Rosina coaxes Gretel into helping her prepare Hansel to be the main course. Hansel, played by Alison Post, and Gretel, played by Cindy Wilson, outwit the witch by shoving her into the massive black oven.

5. The Magic Flute by W. A. Mozart—In this age-old tale, modernized for the Liberty University stage, two unscrupulous candy-loving youngsters happen upon a sweet surprise. As they pilfer the candy house, the witch appears to gobble the children. Overcoming her charms, Hansel and Gretel toss the witch into the oven and dance merrily away. Hansel, played by Alison Post, and Gretel, played by Cindy Wilson, outwit the witch by shoving her into the massive black oven.

6. Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi—An act of vengeance results in despair in this melancholy tale of passion and revenge. Rigoletto the jester plots to kill the duke of Mantua who had defiled the jester's daughter Gilda. Spanisch, the innkeeper's sister, and Papagena, his new wife, are the only two characters of this opera of love. Papageno and Papagena are the only two characters of this opera of love. Papageno meets Papagena, his new wife who was provided for him by the gods. Daniel Vinersar plays Papageno, the bird catcher, and Laura Layne portrays Papagena. Later, the two discuss the pleasures of being together. They also take time to quarrel over their future little Papagenos and Papaginas.
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whipped the field into a frenzy.
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to the Highlanders. 
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Season ends with wins
Johnson's season, career end

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NEW YORK — Steve Howe checked into the New York Yankees training center on Monday, March 5, looking for work. Howe finds job, but not pitching in the majors.

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Lady Flames lose two despite Holloway's stellar showings

Lady Chanticleers (10-13, 6-8) could not match the Lady Flames (18-2, 10-2) as Coastal Carolina dropped its two opening contests of the Big South Conference season. Against Coastal Carolina, Liberty could not match the Lady Flames in hitting well yet, "The Flames are looking to turn early-season slump to the team's advantage," said coach Matt Swinheart.

The Flames will be back in action on Monday, March 2, at UNC-Greensboro, and will close out the season at Radford University on March 4, at the Dorrance Center. Following will be the Big South Conference tournament at Radford.

Liberty University

March 3, 8 p.m.
— Away at UNC-Greensboro on Thursday, March 2, at 3 p.m.
— Away at Radford on Saturday, March 4, at 4 p.m.

Fastball fans in Virginia grew excited last week when they learned Northern Virginia had been promised a major league franchise. Now, according to a Virginia Baseball announcement, they will get a chance to pitch the team name.

Virginia Baseball, headed by telecommunications executive William G. Collins, is one of two Northern Virginia groups vying for the expansion team. Fans can call the name the Turn Team (701) 941-4355 for suggestions on new or from a list of five proposed names — the Virginia Fury, Diamonds, Monuments, Gray Sox or Bats. Callers can also submit their own choices.

LEFT: The Flames will be looking to solidify the team's starting five against UNCG on Friday.

Lady Flames lose first two matches

The Flames jumped out to an early lead in the first period, and never looked back. Liberty was able to cut the lead one midway through the game but came up on the short end of the stick, losing the last game of the '94-'95 season.

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Sports Wrap-Up

Hockey Finale ends in loss

Liberty Hockey closed the season with a loss to the Radnor Crusaders on Monday, Feb. 27. 11-5 to the Radford University of Virginia Tech, 4-2.

The Flames are looking to turn around their slump. The team expects what it will take to get things on the winning track. "It's going to take hard work, dedication and diligence," I think we can do it," singles player David Sykes said.
**McDaniel battles back**

**By NIKKI KEZNOR**

Champion Reporter

Morgan surgery, resulting in an injury suffered earlier in the year, has not stopped Angie McDaniel. The Lady Flames junior forward, experienced muscle pain behind her knee during the first part of the basketball season, but she returned to practice Jan. 30, however, Angie's knees gave out on her.

"All season I had thought that my knee problem was just a pulled muscle, and I would just lie it to a lot of other practice. But when it gave out on me, they said that it wasn't my muscle, it was my knee pinching something," she said.

The injury devastated Angie because she had always felt that if she ever needed to have surgery she would be forced to sit back, she said. "I just wanted to play so badly. I really prayed about it. I guess it was God's will for me to get through it. I tried not to be frustrated and tried to deal with it," she said.

Despite the injury, Angie has earned a reputation of being a fine athlete on the court. She has become extremely loyal and very synonymous with the Lady Flames. "It's a natural instinct to play this way. I have played the game since I was eight years old. I won every ball, and every play has to be the best. It's just in my game. I have never been taught to play this way. Sometimes I think I am out of control. It's just a God-given ability," said Angie.

Before choosing Liberty, Angie had many opportunities to go to bigger schools, however the doors never opened for her to come to Liberty. "I kind of wanted rules and discipline just like what I had when I was younger," she said. "There is a Christmas atmosphere, and the people here care for you and not just do business. It's really amazing that I came here. I wanted it, it was not planned and I'm glad I came," said McDaniel.

McDaniel will begin her senior season next year. She holds her final season with both anticipation and regret. She finds cheer is a lot of pressure and sadness accompanying it, but she doesn't know what she is going to do after her college career. "God gave me this gift to play this game as though it was the game. If I could do it for three minutes to two hours I would play the same as I always do," said McDaniel.