Speaker for graduation announced

By Jake Belue

On Monday morning, the Chancellor's Office at Liberty received a call confirming that Karl Rove would be giving the commencement address.

"I wanted either President Bush or the Senior Advisor to the President," Dr. Jerry Falwell said with a laugh, "to head up number one or number two.

Karl Rove has been the president's chief political strategist for the past 15 years. Rove oversees the strategic planning, political affairs, public liaison, and intergovernmental affairs office of the White House. He is integral in George W. Bush's race for the Texas governorship and has been with him ever since. Noted "Person of the Week" by Time magazine in November of 2003, Rove was dubbed the "strength behind the GOP victory" that gave control of Congress back to the Republicans.

Rove, 50, went to the University of Utah, the University of Texas at Austin and George Mason University, but he never received a degree. According to a profile of Rove on ABCNews.com, he was Chairman of the College Republicans while George Herbert Walker Bush was chairman of the state Republican Party from 1973. Rove, hardly involved with the College Republicans, was ready to pursue a political career.

Rove became Senior Bush's campaign advisor when he ran for the presidency in 1980. Rove then set up a consulting business, Karl Rove & Co., which was to become the Bush 1988 campaign. Rove will speak on Saturday, May 8 in the Vines Center. "Right before I turn on the microphone, I am going to have tears of excitement," said Falwell.

Karl Rove"s opening salvo before the crowd, singing the national anthem, started the excitement building. Rove then sat with each other while the band played. He has had the audience on its feet.

State legislators are still in budget limbo

The General Assembly has been deadlocked in debate over the new state budget for the last month, and Virginia universities are beginning to feel the effects.

Members of the House and Senate have been trying to iron out plans for a two-year budget but have reached an impasse because they are unable to agree on how the revenue should be raised.

However, time is growing short. Lawmakers must come to a conclusion before local governments and schools will know how much state funding they will receive so that they can draft their budgets accordingly.

The budget impasse has created a special problem for public universities that depend on the state budget to determine such things as tuition prices and weather salaries. This time, most universities are sending out award letters, but so far they have been unable to do so, according to a report from the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Legislators from the House and Senate, It is in somewhat of a better situation especially for kids who want to go to public colleges, it could be a big problem," freshman Amanda McComb said.

While colleges and students wait in limbo, legislators are still trying to reach a compromise.

"Negotiations are ongoing," Kevin Hall, Governor Mark Warner's deputy press secretary, said over the phone. "We're still in a position where there's a lot of jockeying."

Legislators from the House and Senate, as well as Gov. Mark Warner, have made budget proposals and some negotiations are working towards a compromise.

The debate stems from a proposal made by the Senate to increase spending by roughly $4 billion.
The Price is Right

By Chris Price

"It is around this time every year when people have returned from spring break, a bright smile and a better attitude, but you look around and see tons of potential dates that you did not see in the winter."

With warmer weather in the area, and bright sunshine all around, springtime love is in the air. It is around this time every year when people have returned from spring break, a bright attitude, but they were pale, miserable and hidden away like the hunkerbach of Notre Dame.

So with everyone on the proof, I thought yet again I would throw out some advice to help you in your quest for love.

"Guys, if a girl asks you something, she doesn't really want your opinion, she just wants you to tell her how beautiful she is, and that she could wear a paper sack and she would still be the prettiest girl in the world. They don't care what we really think. That question is a test with only one right answer. I know this from experience."

"When you start dating, keep a running journal of dates and times things happened. Girls know when the first time you touched her right ear on a Tuesday while driving on Timberlake, and they want to celebrate it monthly."

"I always say, "Wow you were worth the wait." "That works every time."

"Guys, don't laugh when your boyfriend tears up at the TV show Extreme Home Makeovers. Maybe he's just sensitive and also more sure of themselves. One of the goals of this preparation is giving them a chance to shine in front of their peers in an otherwise competitive job field."

"In the spring and fall it is a good weekend for农田 exercises..." We do not know if a girl is going to be ready in half an hour. She can even pick a shirt out in half an hour. They have no concept of time."

"Girls, when I ask you what's going on, I'm going to be looking for a tenth grader sing a song badly that she didn't even try to do. When I ask you what's going on in the world and listen to a tenth grader sing "I can only imagine"..."

"Girls, give us the music in our own cars. I want to stab him in the neck. I want to stab him in the ear. Sorry, that was to my girlfriend."
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ADORATION: Bringing it before God

commitment to sexual purity and challenged the crowd of young people to do the same. "I've spoken to a lot of groups now," she said. "I just said before, I'm here to worship. "Wait for me," God knew what he was doing when he said," she said.

"I think this generation is so hungry for worship," said St. James after the concert. "I want to be part of it because it's hard-core, because it's real." Camp talked about coping with his first year of confetti. At one point in the concert, Camp, "I still believe," said Fuller, as he challenged the audience members to give you a hope and a future. Lyndon, who visited LU for College for a Weekend, "It was great. It was praising this tour," said Jonathan Born, a Liberty student and part of the planning committee. Each Relay also has a Luminaria Ceremony, which is a candlelight ceremony that takes place at dusk to remember and honor the loved ones who have died. According to Wallis and the American Cancer Society, 1.3 million new cases of various forms of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2004. Wallis explained that the mission statement of the American Cancer Society emphasizes volunteerism, which is why students, faculty and staff are hosting the event according to Wallis. These volunteers have formed a Luminaria Ceremony that is a small part of the relay that takes place at dusk to remember and honor the loved ones who have died. An interesting aspect of the relay is the symbol and portrayal of the news; fighting cancer, conquered the disease, and also those who have lived.

What's at Milano's?

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Relay for Life raises money for a cure

The University will be hosting its first Relay For Life event on April 5 at 6 p.m. and ending April 7 at 6 a.m. The American Cancer Society uses the money raised from the relay to fund cancer research. In addition to being a fundraiser, Relay for Life is an educational and awareness event," said Sheila Walls, the Community Income Specialist for the local branch of the American Cancer Society. The event will take place on the Matthews-Hopkins Track and will be a night of entertainment including games, music, announcements, special ceremonies, team competition, and educational information. Local bands will be included in the entertainment, and area restaurants will be donating food to purchase as concessions. Wallis explained that people think that it's something hard to do, but it's something that really is possible. He said, "I really learned to trust isn't in the band, just like me and "I've just been through some tough times," said Zach Hodges, the keyboardist for Jeremy Camp. "I know needed me to be here spiritually." Bryan Oleson, from the band Cast Kids, "It was great. It was praising the White House with us," Oleson added. "If you join a tour a worship tour, people come in with different expectations," said Paul Joel, the Newsboys' bassist. "They expect to meet God. They expect something new, fresh and exciting."
Soldier finds love in midst of war

while war can cause pain,
has learned his greatest life
the midst of war.
"normal citizen again," he
efforts to coming home
from working in civil
affairs and peacemaking
in Iraq and knows that
it. Having what he calls
in Iraq and knows that

Hall talked about being
up front and in the middle
of heavy combat during the
beginning of the war. As a Specialist (E-4) with the Army, Hall was with one of the first
groups to storm Baghdad.
His group took Baghdad
international airport and
even some of the palaces.
The combat could be so
intense that he would often
go days without sleep and
privacy. "We were never
alone. That wears down
his job. "We all knew our
father, she's working for
America, and she's beauti­
ful," he says. Hall tells how
work for America in Bagh­
dad. Hall said and how

Hall's wife Vivian lives in Baghdad, and he
hesitates to admit how much he worries about
her. "She's living in Bagh­
dad, she's working for
America, and she's beauti­
ful," he says. Hall's voice

the heart of a war-torn society.
He praised that which is most lovely
in his own eyes. But the only thing
where glory is due.
He praises that which is most lovely
in the case of salvation for someone's heart. Lost Joe can
choose to open the door and receive Christ
or leave the door shut and reject him.

I believe that this is a good anal­
ysis, as long as we don't start
to think that Joe is ultimately in the
driver's seat. Joe, Christ will knock and
have the door opened. "We will
reveal the prayers of those who call
for a FREE Consultation
Call for a FREE Consultation

BUDGET: proposed plan in works

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According to Hall, in November, Warner proposed a budget that would increase state revenues by $1 billion over the next two years. Warner's proposal planned to raise the money through a blend of tax breaks and decreases.

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Warner's proposal planned to raise the money through a blend of tax breaks and decreases. The House believed that this plan would be more fair to all citizens.

One of the latest sugges­
tions from the House is to establish an inter­departmental budget review. However, lawmakers seem to be divided on this issue as well.

The proposal is still under discussion and is scheduled for a vote by the end of the month.
KEYES: 'A moral America begins with us'

He said that Christians do not have to sacrifice discipleship to Christ to be a good American citizen. Instead, the exercise of "Christian Patriotism" is one facet of fulfilling Christ's call to love one's neighbor, both daily and follow Him. Keyes praised Dr. Falwell for bringing the audience to accept these "two very different things," and sacrifice for His love.

"It is not in love to people live as if nothing is worthy of their 'worry,'" he said. He stated that the problem in general, and Liberty student in particular, must accept this call to follow Christ through involvement in the political process.

"A return to a moral America won't begin at if it doesn't begin here, with us." Christian patrons must actively seek 'what is best for the nation,' he stressed, the American Assembly to that end. He said that a return to a moral America will only be if the students, but also to the faculty and administration," Dr. Bruce Green, Dean of the School of Law, commented. Green added that Keyes "painted a bleak picture of America's constituted enjoyment of freedom" but a realistic one. Unless there is a very serious taking of the nation, law becomes a very dangerous three times ahead," Green said.

Sophomore Jordan Stone agreed, saying from Dr. Falwell's "If being politically-minded, we are not careful; it is dangerous," he said. The morning's session was very important to many of the attendees.

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In case you haven't heard, Richard Clarke just wrote a book called "Against All Enemies" that criticizes Bush and his actions against terror. A few days after the book was released, the media was all over him, and the Clarke bandwagon was unstoppable.

It was just another of Clarke's good fortune that Clarke's testimony in front of the 9/11 commission fell within days of his book release and at a critical point in an election year. One of Clarke's major assertions is that the war in Iraq was a diversion, an act that was far from what the focus should have been. Clarke denies any knowledge of ties between Iraq and Al Qaeda.

With the mixed-up messages flying around, Americans are confused. Why did we go to war with Iraq? Why are we still there? Was Bush lying the whole time?

History reveals that Iraq has always been a major, if not the biggest threat to the U.S. Following the Gulf War, Saddam was given every opportunity to come clean, and he refused. Instead, he continued to harbor his own citizens and hide weapons programs from inspectors.

According to an article by Robert Kagan and William Kristol in *The Weekly Standard* magazine, President Bill Clinton was mounting a case for war against Iraq in 1996. Clinton said that America's biggest threat was an "axis of evil" consisting of international terrorists and outlaw states.

There was, Clinton declared, "no more clear example of this threat than Saddam Hussein's Iraq. His regime threatens the safety of his people, the stability of his region and the security of the rest of us."
The decision to deal with Saddam Hussein's巴达斯�行動 was a dangerous move, because, as September 11, 2001, Saddam's ties to Al Qaeda only further solidified America's resolve to bring the regime to justice.

Vice President Dick Cheney told the Rocky Mountain News in an interview that the best source for information on Iraq-Al Qaeda ties was an article by Stephen F. Hayes. In his article he was asked classified information to outline the case for Iraq's close connections with terrorist factions.

According to a top secret U.S. government memorandum written by Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas F. Feith: "Obama has Ladies, and Saddam Hussein had an operational relationship from the early 1990s to 2003 that involved training in explosives and weapons of mass destruction, logistical support for terrorist attacks, Al Qaeda training camps and safe houses in Iraq, and Iraqi financial support for Al Qaeda."

Now, the Bush administration is under fire. Clarke stood before the special panel, which is investigating the government's actions before and after 9/11, and said that not only was there no connection between Iraq and the World Trade Center attacks, but also that Bush was doing a heavy job on the war on terror.

Under the Bush administration, Al Qaeda was eliminated in Afghanistan. The Taliban was one of the biggest contributors to international terrorism and specifically to Al Qaeda.

Under the Bush administration, Iraq was freed from the oppression of the Hussein regime, a government that made a practice of terrorizing other countries in the Middle East, violating former friends with assassination and funding terrorist operations that could have ultimately been the cause of 9/11.

Clarke also says that Bush knew of the potential threat and did not act. Clarke asserts that Bush neglected to take serious action against terrorists prior to 9/11. Even one of Bush's staunchest opponents won't buy this line. Howard Dean said in an interview with Wolf Blitzer that no one could have known what would happen on 9/11. In fact, according to George Tenet, director of the CIA, the Bush administration concluded that terrorist organizations were an immi­grant threat to the U.S. and applied the necessary sense of urgency to the goal of national security.

The war on Iraq was not premeditated. It was based on falsifiable evidence that Iraq was capable of attacking the U.S. either directly or indirectly through the use of its weapons, or by using its ties with Al Qaeda.

The question is not "Why did we go to war with Iraq?" but "Why did we not act sooner?" By sexting Saddam Hussein, and laying the groundwork for democracy in Iraq, Bush effectively set a standard in the Middle East. The volatile country of Iran is now between the two legitimate governments being set up in Iraq and Afghanistan. Iran will soon feel the pressure to rid itself of extreme Islamic rule. The Middle East and the world is a lot safer now than it was four years ago to here.

There have been casualties in the War on Terror. Rem­nants of Hussein's regime Islamic extremists are a constant threat to U.S. operations to restore Iraq. The goal of U.S. presence in Iraq is clear. We are not at war with the people of Iraq. We are at war with their government. Our purpose was to ensure that government and put another one: the U.S. must stay until the job is done. Bush is steadfast in his resolve to see the bush ends and accomplish the goals set out from the beginning.

The assurance that Bush has been destroying the country is ridiculous. He has been more straightforward with the country than almost any other official wanted him to be. The truth is, there is no much more the Bush has to say. "Where are the WMDs?" The Bush administration did not base their decision to march to Baghdad solely on Saddam Hussein's possession of weapons of mass destruction. Iraq posed a terrorist threat. Saddam Hussein's connection to 9/11 is not arbitrary, it is evident.

I am sure that there is much legitimate criti­icism on Bush's foreign policy these days. Most of the criticism comes out as deep public tricks to add hue or boost the Demo­cratic filmmaker's reputation, a repu­tation that is about as solid as a Jello pudding mold, I might add.

The Democrats, however, are doing a pretty good job of running a perfunctious campaign against the cas­trated president. Why should we expect anything more during an election year? While Kerry and his cronies are lacing up Bush-bashing rhetoric, the president and his advisers are band­ing down deadly terrorist factions and refurbished a corrupt government. They are continuing the fight for national security and accomplishing the task at hand.
The Democratic Party has a major problem it has been ignoring for years. A quick glance at the multiplicity of candidates that were running for the party nomination this year reveals that there is no longer a united Democratic Party. Judging from news coverage as well as the Democratic National Convention coverage on TV, it seems that the Democratic Party is trying to make a new party for the purpose of removing President Bush from office because he is destroying our country with his tax cuts and war on terror. It seems the Democrats are trying to remove the leader America has needed over the last three years, and he is the leader America needs for the next four years, according to www. gobush.org.

Miller started "Democrats for Bush," an organization of Democrats who have decided to support Bush. In his promotional speech, Miller explained why he will vote Bush. Those who are frustrated with the direction our party has taken over the last few years. National leaders today are moving further and further away from the principles that made our party great," he said. For years, Democrats have been striving for prosperity, equal opportunity, national health care, and freedom, Miller explained. "Through the last few years, just as this country was emerging from recession, on adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, and most importantly on the war on terror" President Bush has supported these traditional Democratic ideals he said.

Miller is right, and it is encouraging to know that being in a different party is not preventing him from giving credit to the President. Frankly, Bush is doing a great job. His economic policies make sense and are stimulating the economy. While making extraordinary statements to the contrary by some Democrats, Bush also works with a terrorist attack, and quietly declared a war on terrorism because he believes in freedom for Americans and others.

So why is the Democratic Party so flawed that some of its members want to support another party? One problem is that their ideas have become too left leaning for average Americans. In an article on cbsnews.com, Jim Routh, farmer and cardboard maker from Hawaii, wrote that issues like gay marriage and abortion are not issues that concern our constituents. The average American "doesn't want his taxes to go up and he trusts terrorists deserve a good whoppin'" Routh explained. Too many Democrats fail to understand this. They are supporting leftist special interest groups like the gay rights, abortion rights, gun control, they do not see that many people do not agree with these positions. The second problem with the Democratic Party is that it is too partisan. As Miller said in speech, "They see it as a物流公司 in our party are more by partisan politics than by national interest."

The truth is that many Democrats only care about defeating their perceived enemy instead of working for the American people regardless of party distinction. Since Democrats are responsible for a constant flow of criticism against Bush that would make it seem that he is a bumbling buffoon... In so doing, they are creating an image for themselves as haters of the Republican Party and everyone in it, and instead of supporting the American people.

Panama City Beach improves image, gives 'Girls' the boot

An Associated Press article on March 28 reported an interesting controversy that was current in some college towns. As many college students know, Panama City Beach is a popular spring break getaway. According to reporter Bill Kasarda in the March 10 article, "the city has devised quite a reputation as a 'hustled, bearded spring break capital.' In fact it was featured in a video series, 'Girls Gone Wild,' which has appeared on countless television shows. The "Girls Gone Wild," has been exposed to its current audience of young televisions, a video series that pander to those who enjoy this type of imagery. The city has projected out by college ads on spring break and every commercial during the Super Bowl. According to www.itsgonnawild.com, the mayor of Panama City Beach, Joe Francis, and his crew were arrested on charges that they are violating a city ordinance that prohibits rampant drug use and alcohol consumption by college coeds on spring break and Mardi Gras. The mayor, Leon Sullivan, finds the label the city has received as the wide world is embracing the example of Mayor Sullivan, don't use that freedom. Our country affords us the liberty of independent thinking, our modern thought process is to accept these types of twisted argumentation, and overall as an attorney with questioner's ability to produce pornographic material, criticized for pushing boundaries, setting precedents in which we see sexually charged images, that the First Amendment is being used as a defense for a constant flow of criticism against Bush that would make it seem that he is a bumbling buffoon. They are creating an image for themselves as haters of the Republican Party and everyone in it, and instead of supporting the American people.

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"Our perspective has been narrowed to accept this imagery in our media as the status quo, to the point that many, especially attorneys and television producers, clutch their hands over their mouths and gasp at the audacity we should assume a retroactive stance on our moral structure ...

Our country affords us the liberty of independent thinking, as well as freedom. It's too bad that more people, following the example of Mayoral Sullivan, don't use that freedom.
The joys of off-campus living

Lif e

H alf meeting, prayer group, room
sheds and curl all of these are
great opportunities to make
meaningful life at Liberty University. As freshmen we
are required to move off-campus,
giving us more independence
and the opportunity to
be closer to being on our
own, and living with our
friends. However as the
semester goes by, many students
become dissatisfied with share-
ing shower stalls, not being able
to fix their own meals, walking
two parking lots to
laundry, and sharing three power
cords with two roommates.
It is at this point
when many students opt to move off-campus.
Meet Ashley, Jessie, Jennie, and four
friends hoping to switch their dorm rooms.
Two bedroom townhouse
process started back in February, when
Alyce Jones found herself
curious to search for an
apartment that was
summertime. According to their
schedule, they headed to IHOP early one Saturday
morning in order to
get through available apartments for rent.

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L ooking for a place to live off-campus?

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For Emily Scheck:

By Emily Scheck

Looking for a place to live off campus?

A fter living on campus certainly has
its perks. However, the last four
girls are obviously excited about the
change they have been looking for.
For the past few months, they have
been looking for a place to live.

The past few months have
been filled with many aerobic
and sounds of construction.
That’s right, over 15 new
housing will be completed
within the next few months.
When the leases have been
signed, its end will be
the sudden rush of residents moving into
the new homes. Students
planning a move off-campus are being
offered a prime opportu-
nity, not only to get off
campus, but to move into the
privacy of a brand new townhouse.

For Joy Abbott:

Looking for a place to live off campus?

A typical off-campus home.

Looking at a number of apartments decided
that Indigo Run was
the winner. Upstairs holds two moderate
bedrooms, complete with
its own sink and mir-
row. "It’s nice to have our own sink
and mirror," said junior Laura Rhodes.

For Delilah Scheck:

Looking for a place to live off campus?

A well maintained neighborhood.

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Let us discuss the perks of living off
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ZACK SMITH

Major: Youth Ministries

Hometown: College Station, N.C.

My ideal Saturday at home would include: Doing work around the house and then sitting on the porch.

Favorite verse: Matthew 7:7-11

Favorite superhero: Spiderman

Favorite junk food: Chicken in a Basket, a little restaurant from Manassas, Va.

Moving off-campus is very appealing to me because...I'm not sure, some of both. What about electricity and gas? Speaking of electricity, is there a cap on the budget or can you exceed the budget as much as you like? What about water heater run time for an energy-efficient type of water heater? Can you be quite inexpensive in the winter when the water is hot, but so expensive in the summer when you're cooking.

Many property rental agencies include all utilities in the rent, however, some do not. Water, sewer and garbage fees are generally fixed, however, are they? What about electricity and gas? Speaking of electricity, is there a cap on the budget or can you exceed the budget as much as you like? What about water heater run time for an energy-efficient type of water heater? Can you be quite inexpensive in the winter when the water is hot, but so expensive in the summer when you're cooking.

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Feenstra's honors continue to pile high
Junior center named Richmond Times-Dispatch state player of the year

Megan Fatkin
SPORTS REPORTER

Women's Basketball star Katie Feenstra continues to receive honors for what may be the greatest single-season performance in Lady Flames basketball history.

Feenstra has been named to the Associated Press Honorable All-American Team. Only fitting after she was named Honorable All-Division by Street & Smith at the start of the season and then proceeded to play the best basket­ball of her career.

Feenstra’s list of individual honors from this past season continues to prove why she deserved the recogni­tion gained by being named Honorable All-American mention. For the second season in a row Feenstra was named the 2003-04 Big South Player of the Year, including nine Choice Hotels Player of the Week, winning regular season player and the 2004 Advance Auto Parts Big South Tournament MVP for the sec­ond-straight year.

This past season, she was named Big South Player of the Week on more occasions than any other player in the conference. Feenstra was also named to the Kodak/WBCA Region II All­American Team.

Adding to her list of accolades, Feenstra has been named 2004 Virginia Player of the Year by the Richmond Times Dispatch.

This is the first time that the Richmond Times Dispatch has design­ated a player, in any sport, as the best player in the state. One look at her statistics will show just why she has received top honors.

Feenstra averaged 21.0 points, 11.0 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game this season, the best 65.7 percent from the field and posted in double­doubles.

Liberty's new single-game scoring record of 40 points was set by Feenstra on February 3 against Winthrop as she became the sixth tech­nique player to reach the 1,000-career- point mark in Lady Flames history. Feenstra is also the only Lady Flame to have 1,000 points and 1,000 career rebounds.

The good news for Liberty is that Feenstra is only a junior and will have one more year to come back, break all her records, and add to her list of career honors.

Maddox next year she will have all the marks that will then be named the greatest sin­gle-season performance in Lady Flames history.

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FLAMES: Bechtold nearly flawless in Sunday's win
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The Flames scored one run in the third and another in the fifth to make the score 2-0, then caught on fire in the sixth. Michele Garica led off with a double against the leftfield wall, went to third on a Hartley Mary's sacrifice fly and scored on Todd Anglart's groundball. Laurel Hunter later knocked a double off the center­field wall, scoring two runs.

The Panthers then piled on, scoring in the fifth as they doubled in the majority of the six runs.

The Flames were listless at the plate, giving up 13 runs in the game. They scored only one more run on a Garcia double. In the bottom of the third, the Flames increased their lead to four when Wells drove in the bases loaded run against Anglart, and a second run was put down on the bases.

Bechtold got the win (3-0) for Liberty.

Reliever Michael Schaffer (2-0) took the loss for Lynchburg.

It was a slugfest, as Lynchburg was shut out as they hammered away with repeated scoring threats. Lynchburg had five runners in scoring position, and Lynchburg threatened at the plate.

Butcher to win the game for Lynchburg.

Royer said, "We're happy to

SUSAN WILLIAMS

Hillcats show off $6.5 million work on opening day April 9

2004 SLAYS — The newly renovated City Stadium will be opened on April 9. The project, now in its final steps, has been in production 14 months.

According to Sunwall, the project is on schedule. "It will be fully completed by April," he said.

Sunwall expects that day to be big. With interest pour­ing in from businesses want­ing to lease one of the right­field- full-service skyboxes and the expected fan attendance, the first game should be a sell out.

THIS IS A VITAL time for the Lynchburg Hillcats. Sunwall was unke­nown to fans of the Sky Sox but relied on studies done on other minor league stadiums in the minor leagues. Attendance had doubled in the majority of cases.

Sunwall believes that it won't be long until the rev­enue from ticket sales, con­cessions, and merchandise will put them right on the track to making good the $6.5 million in renovations, $3.5 million of which was originally offered by the city of Lynchburg.
Women's Soccer seeks improvement from fall season

By Megan Fatkin
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The Flames are having to deal with a field that's lack of grass puts it in a less-than-ideal condition. When a player tries to trap an easy ball but it takes an unexpected bounce right in front of her, or one of the few clumps of grass, and rolls off her shin, the team just shrugs and continues playing. Maybe they know if they can play on that field, they can play anywhere.

Their practice on a rough field seems to have taken these few weeks out of their game. "It's an inexperience quote, "when better is possible, it's good enough," says Mott has become a "goal-scorer" for the Flames. The team threatened to score all afternoon, having three hits in six innings of play. Mott led the Lady Flames, as she came in to close the game. She went 3-for-4 with a home run and a breakaway. "We defended well," Price said. The team was clicking as CSU's Amanda Noble was dominating as she helped to keep CSU in the BSC cellar. Noble led in scoring as they went 3-for-4 with a home run and a breakaway. "We defended well," Price said. The team was clicking as CSU's Amanda Noble was dominating as she helped to keep CSU in the BSC cellar.

The second of their back-to-back games saw Liberty playing crossover rival Lynchburg College. It was a physical battle as both teams wanted to show their strength. Lynchburg opened the scoring in the first half on one of their quick strikes from theLiberty defense and found herself on a hunch. "We defended well. They only broke us down once, but they scored on that play. It is a lesson," Price said.

After getting scored on, the Flames picked up the intensity and started to play like they can but were unable to find a goal. Going into the last half, Lynchburg was about 1-0. Liberty's answer came in the second half when Mott scored her second goal of the day. Playing two games in a row allowed the team to show its fitness. They were tried, but with each play it was apparent. She was in control. She was in control. She was in control. She was in control.

"This second half was some of the best soccer we have ever played," Price said. The team was clicking right and everyone was on the same page. If Liberals can continue to build on this weekend, next season will go the way they had hoped, the Liberty women's soccer team is looking to turn things around. With many morning workouts and intense practice sessions, the team is working harder than ever.

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Track dominates LU Invitational

By Andrew Martin

Both the men’s and women’s track team captured overall victory in the 2004 Liberty Invitational, held at the Matthew Hazen Track and Field Center in Durham, N.C. on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The women’s team scored 168-107-54 points to take first place, while the men’s team scored 143-120-64 points to win second place.

The women’s team captured convincing overall victory, with the women winning 10 1/2 events and the men winning six.

On the women’s side, Myrtle Robinson ran a 12.82 second 100 meters to give the Lady Flames the 10-point first place points. Robinson also captured a second place finish in the 400-meter dash.

Kellie Heckerman was the only Flame to run the 800-meter dash and the did so in a shade over 2:17 to win the event.

In a race that features the weightlifter, the 3000-meter steeplechase, Sally McEnany beat her nearest competition by over one minute, with a time of 11:59.95.

In the main distance event of the competition Samantha Polietier ran the 1500-meter with a time of 4:36.24 to win another first-place finish for Liberty. The Lady Flames dominated the 400-meter hurdles, scoring a one-two-three finish with Athens Examination winning the event and Danielle McKinley a full tick on the clock behind to pick up the second place points.

In the field events, it was once again the Lady Flames who continued to rack up the points, putting the other teams even farther behind.

Krisa Buett was the high jumper, clearing the tape at 5.67 meters. Tom Boemmel finished in second place, 1.50 ticks below the winning mark.

The pole vault went the same way, as Sheree Murray captured first place with a vault of 12'7" and Aimee Riley finished a second place finish with a vault of 11 feet.

Shane Littlefield from the men's team recorded points in the javelin throw, out tossing the next closest competitor a full four feet, with a throw of 184’9".

The final points came from Anna Goudeau who won the heptathlon with a seventh place points finish.

The men's team continued the dominance, which they displayed in the 800-meter run and the 410-meter hurdles where a Flames trio picked up the first, second and third-place finishes in both events.

Christian Nichols won the 8000 with a time of 15:34.3, Travis Campbell finished second and Jassen Brown, third.

In the 110, it was Micah Brinkley winning, finishing the race in 15.26 seconds, while Jeremy Groves and Mike Hogan finished third place behind in second and third.

The men's high jump champion was Thomas Brindley. Brindley won the event at 7'0'.

Tyree Higgins and Andy Masser come up short in the shot put. Higgins placed third place and Masser finished in fourth place.

Eric Landis tallied a jump just inches over at 23 feet to win the triple jump competition and a first place point for the Flames.

Liberty’s Jordan Crawford won the four-meter high jump in a time of 1:10.07.

The Flames make it four in a row behind team's offensive spark

By Maggie Jackson

At the advent of the season break in late February, Coach Matt Breyer and everyone involved in Flames baseball thought that pitching would carry the squad. No one thought that the team batting average would be over .300. No one thought that, at this point in the year, the team would be battling it out offensively on the diamond.

But, so far, the season has panned out that way. Bechtold was unhittable on the mound. The junior southpaw only allowed five hits, and though three runs crossed the plate while he was in control, only one was earned. Michael Schaffer and Stephen Williams then came on in relief and held the opposition hitless.

The least concerned remained the Panthers Big South winning streak. They are now 9-0 in the conference. For Liberty, the win brought Bechtold’s record to 1-3. Liberty lost Chris Zuchowski to the mound for Panther Josh Cotten on Saturday. The Flames were bunched for five runs in the first inning. Two errors landed the base for Rey Reyes to score and for a Josh Dunn grand slam. Although all five runs were unearned, Zuchowski ended the inning with three pitches. Lots of fasted pitches kept driving the Flames split

Swov throws shutout as Flames split

By Ken Celes

In two games that were decided by the beneficiary, the Lady Flames emerged from an all-day softball slate at Charleston Southern on Saturday with splitting a double-header. The games brought the team’s record to 3-34-1, and picked up its first Big South win of the season.

The first game favored the Flames, as Swov threw seven innings of nearly perfect softball to capture the win. Bear, 8-0 the race, gave up only four hits on the afternoon, while walking two and striking out five. Her ERA improved to a low 2.39 on the year. The shortest game saw Bear a total of four on this.

Sunday saw the Flames offense, driving in the run of the game. With two outs in the bottom of the fourth, Amanda Maska struck a fine drive up the middle for a single. Swov then came up to bat and hit the diving throw that glanced off the right field wall, bringing in a first base.

The Flames only managed four hits themselves.

Swov bounces back: Flames split

By Ken Celes

A total of 26 schools competed in the Drew U. Invitational, a Memorial Tournament at the Blue Hen Softball Classic on March 27 and 28. Liberty, who finished in first place, captured the title by five strokes over the Towson University.

On the first day, the Flames went down by six strokes in Towson. But they created a one-stroke swing, going into the final round of the day's finish.

Walterson's team leader to hold that lead in the final day, losing a 20, three over par to Sunday to secure the victory.

Senior James You, Liberty’s top performer for the weekend, led the Flames to victory by shooting 77-78-75.