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Liberty anticipates mid-term exam arrival

STUDIOUS?—Dave Collins seems ready to face his upcoming mid-terms.—Photo by Donald Hayden.
News Briefs:

By Steve Strai
From UPI Newswire

A Soviet newspaper (the Komsomolskaya Pravda) says dictator Josef Stalin was left dying from a massive stroke for up to four hours. Stalin’s bodyguards were reportedly too frightened to enter his room without permission. His body was discovered by his cook.

Drug Enforcement Agency officials say six people were nabbed yesterday on drug charges. They say three of the six officials were leaders of a distribution ring that smuggled $165 million in heroin into the U.S. Israeli troops have shot and killed a 12-year-old boy in an occupied area. The Palestine Liberation Organization and the Israelis both maintain the boy had been shot while playing near his home in a refugee camp.

Florence, Italy, officials have banned most traffic in the center of the city. Experts say polluted air is eroding Florence’s priceless Renaissance art and architecture.

A 76-year-old Houston grandmother, Sally Hubbard, has been given a week to prepare to go to prison. A judge sentenced her to five years for peddling drugs. She told her she set a poor example for her grandchildren.

Vice President Bush says he favors continued arms-control negotiations with the Soviet Union. But Bush said it will be decades before Western nations can trust the Soviets enough to agree to major reductions in the West’s defensive strengths.

Secretary of State Shultz arrived in Moscow Sunday. Shultz will be preparing for a Moscow summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. U.S. officials say they do not expect any breakthrough on arms-control talks during the Secretary of State’s two days of meetings with Soviet leaders. However, Shultz says he plans to discuss arms control as soon as Shultz arrived in Moscow, he headed to a meeting with Soviet foreign minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Experts and church officials say Jimmy Swaggart’s admission of impropriety could seriously harm the religious broadcasting establishment. Swaggart helped cause the fall of two other television preachers with his accusations of adultery.

Kemp vs. Robertson

Which Should Be The Republican Nominee?

By Todd Sorenson and Kevin Allen

Congressman Jack Kemp has long been the standard-bearer for the conservative movement in this country. In fact, Kemp’s conservative roots go way beyond the day in 1980 when Ronald Reagan was elected President and popularized the cause.

Since he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1971, Kemp has pushed an agenda of pro-life, pro-family, pro-defense, pro-freedom and pro-economic growth policies.

Kemp is the only candidate who can boast a 100 percent pro-life voting record and is the only candidate who has always supported a constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

Kemp has a long record of strongly supporting this nation’s military. He has made his campaign a referendum for the deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Jack Kemp is not satisfied in having freedom for America alone, as he has sponsored legislation to support those around the world—whether they be in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola, Mozambique and elsewhere—who are striving for the same freedoms given Americans.

Clear back in 1978, Jack Kemp was already preaching the gospel of supply-side economics and economic growth for America. He sponsored his first legislation for cuts in personal income taxes and later sold Ronald Reagan on this policy. Reagan made Kemp’s economic policies the centerpiece of Reaganesque.

Kemp has led the way to once again make the dollar “as good as gold.”

While many candidates are still talking of bitter medicine and austerity, Kemp still preaches growth and opportunity for all.

In 1980, George Bush and Bob Dole ran against Ronald Reagan, while Pat Robertson was still a member of the Democratic Party.

Where was Jack Kemp? He was backing Ronald Reagan and leading the cause for life, freedom and justice.

The choice seems clear. Jack Kemp has led the Republican Party and the conservative movement to its pinnacle. Now, we owe Jack Kemp our support and the Republican nomination.

By Martin Fisher

He says, “I am stretching forth my hand to all Americans. This will not be a campaign of a small, well organized minority. It will be a campaign to capture the hearts of the American people.”

Who is leading the way for this crusade of spirited people? A believer, a man tested and tried in the service of God—Pat Robertson.

Where did Pat Robertson come from?

When the nation’s education system was declining through the ’70s and ’80s, Pat Robertson was organizing “Sing, Spell, Read and Write,” a literacy program that changed the lives of multiplied thousands.

“Operation Blessing” brought help for the needy nationwide.

The Christian Broadcasting Network ministers family-centered religious broadcasting for millions of homes.

On that show Pat Robertson took an unashamed stand for godly values denouncing humanism in churches, schools and both political parties; he accused Senator Ted Kennedy of corruption, former President Jimmy Carter of betrayal of Christian values and Senator Lowel Wicker of Connecticut of compromising Republicans.

He founded a university; a legal foundation; a library that is concerned with his leadership in the service of God—Pat Robertson.

Which candidate do you think should be the next U.S. President?

David Thompson—“I really want Reagan to run again. I don’t like either candidate. But when the time comes, I guess I’ll vote for Kemp.

Matt Martin—“I’m really for Bush because of the experience he has. He has more knowledge. I’d vote for Bush or Robertson, but I don’t agree with all that Robertson stands for. He does, however, have a good moral standard.”

Oliver Gheit—“I’m for Jack Kemp because of his stand against abortion and on all the other moral issues and because of his experience in the Congress. He also has a well-balanced program for controlling the deficit and for dealing with the Soviet Union.”

Steve Bonar—“I’d have to go with Kemp because he’s more like Reagan. Reagan has done a good job the last eight years, and Kemp has the same ideas and philosophies. I don’t think he’d do a good job. Why is Robertson stepping down a notch to run for president Dr. Falwell could run just as easily, but he has his priorities in order.”
Editorial

Not Really Relevant

By Ivan

There is a popular television talk show host that often gives his "Top Ten List" on various subjects. Not to be outdone, I've come up with my own show host that often gives his "Top Ten List About Things Here at Liberty." The Miss Liberty Pageant.

4) Bella Abzug
2) Cher
6) Joan Rivers
5) Geraldine Ferraro
3) Jeanne Dixon (she could predict the weather)
7) Raisa Gorbachev
9) Jessica Halm
1) Amy Carter

I've requested the co-ed dorm for next year. I heard that Boy George is singing in chapel next week!

The Liberty Champion wants to remind you where to park and when you can park there to avoid getting parking tickets. Below is a guide to the campus parking system by type of permit.

Silver:................. Executive
Red:................ Admin
Green:................. Official Vehicles
Blue:................ Faculty/Staff
Purple:.............. Commuting Students
Orange:............. Sophomores/Seniors
Yellow:............. Juniors/Seniors

Silver, Red, and Green Diamonds are NO PARKING AT ANY TIME. This includes fire lanes.

Blue Diamonds are open for parking from 5 p.m. to midnight on weekends. This includes fire lanes.

By Ivan Boesky
3) "That was really good - I wonder if I could get the recipe."
4) "Can you believe we're playing in the Rose Bowl?"
5) "I saw Sumner Wemptom getting his hair cut the other day."
6) "I can't believe it! It's 9:30 and I found a parking spot!"
7) "I saw 'All In The Family' on LBN.
8) "I didn't know this dorm came with a fireplace!"
9) "You have to admit it - the new campus subway system is really great!"
10) "The dorm is on fire and Security is here already!"

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Prospective Champions check out LU campus

By Scotta Morris
Liberty University hosted about 600 high school students here last weekend for its thrice-yearly recruitment bash, College for a Weekend.

The opinion of the visitors, in general, seemed to be a good one. David Landrum, a senior from Peachtree High School in Atlanta, Ga., said, "The people here are really nice. It has a very good Christian atmosphere. I hope to come here next year."

Some had their doubts when they first arrived. Landon Payne, a senior from Ontario, Canada, said, "My first impression of the room was that these aren't my type of people, but once I got to know them, they were alright."

Most Liberty students tried to give the prospective champions a good impression of the school. Confirming this, Kathryn Winn, a psychology major from Cleveland, Ohio, says, "I think college for a weekend is good because they get a chance to see the college, and to see what it's like. We should be nice to our weekenders, because it's hard enough coming to a new place, and it's even worse when people are mean to you."

However, the members of one particular room seem to have a different opinion. They felt the only way they would be able to have two to a room next year was by taking matters into their own hands. Meaning, not to have all the estimated 2,000 new students next year.

These gentlemen went to work on their room. They hung pictures of Jerry Falwell and Billy Graham, replacing the other somewhat less "religious" posters on their walls. Then, they boarded, stole, and used quartet album flats, hanging them at various places around the room, and, of course, playing the music, so the incoming weekender would be sure to hear.

They also placed concordances around the room and hung up a sign with posted hours for responsive readings and prayer meetings. They turned their heater into an altar, and bad candles and incense burning in their room.

The weekender made his stay in that room one of the shortest on campus. He took a quick look around, and within 10 minutes, he had found another room.

Study begins for mid-terms

By Scotta Morris

It's midnight. Tomorrow you have tests, all of which make a big impression on your final grade.

You passed your first two tests in your 9 a.m. class, so you've decided to blow it off. The other two tests are another story.

You went out tonight with your special someone, and you were sad because you're going away for spring break. You won't get to see her for at least nine days.

And so, you stay up all night. You miss your 9 a.m. class and flunk the other two tests because you couldn't think clearly.

It's familiar.

And on top of all that, all your clothes are dirty, and you don't have time to wash them.

Sick! You have to pack dirty clothes!

There's a solution to this problem of the mid-quarter blues. First of all, think of that well-deserved vacation and realize there are only three weeks left.

God made you a wonderful resilient human being; and you are capable of holding out—no matter how hard the trials are you face—for three more weeks.

And second of all, God gave you a verse—"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Romans 12:1-2

"Looking unto Jesus." Imagine the intense suffering He endured. Here we compress about the studying we have to do.

So let's look at Jesus, who loved us and gave His life for us and praise God for the great privilege we have in taking mid-term exams.

Selah staff thrives on pressure

By Robert Pitts

"It's a love that I have, and I can't explain it. If I could explain it, maybe I would understand better why I do what I do." "Selah" editor Dan Dombak said.

But what Dombak and his staff love to do can be a high-pressure, nerve-racking endeavor much of the time.

To publish "Selah," the yearbook of Liberty University, is normally a three-semester affair. The small staff, however, is trying to finish the work in one semester this year.

A normal work load for any of the five editorial staff members is at least 20 hours a week, Dombak said. But as the Christmas break production deadline approached, 40 to 60 hours a week was not uncommon.

The difference between working a high school yearbook and a university yearbook is the location of the pressure.

In high school, most of the production pressure rests on the advisor, Dombak said. But the university advisor acts as a supervisor and final editor. The university yearbook, Dombak said, is truly student published.

This responsibility puts added pressure on the staff, making it difficult to keep experienced staff members from year to year.

"Our yearbook has always had a problem with retaining staff members because it's a lot of hard work, and the money is not enough to draw them," Dombak said.

Only two staff members, Dombak and assistant editor Mary Ellen Siegfried, continued working for Selah after the production of the 1987 book.

The remaining eight staff members are new to the yearbook this year, although about six of them have had prior yearbook experience.

The work for this small staff, which Dombak said should have a core of at least 12 to 15 members, begins with ideas for a theme and decisions about the content of the pages.

Once pictures are taken, text is written and layouts are drawn, editors for these three areas review the work. Layout sheets are then sent to Jostens of America, where the first proofs are printed.

The staff and the advisor, Prof. Dick Bolter, examine the proofs for errors and make corrections. Prof. Mike Suvant considers the quality of the pictures. The pages then go to Mrs. Mavis Hinton for administrative review. Final approval is given by the office of the president.

The corrected proofs are returned to the plant, and a second set of proofs, called a brownline, is printed.

Selah staff thrives on pressure

Cast gears up for opening

By Allison Troy

Work! Work! Work! That is what the students involved in "Oklahoma!" have been doing for the past two months. Practices sometimes last after curfew.

Repetition of scenes not done just right causes frustration and sometimes boredom.

Eric Ellis, one of the cast members, said, "You're tired. You've done the scene hundreds of times already, you've got a million other things to do after practice, and the director wants more energy!"

The performers have been eating, sleeping and breathing this musical.

It seems no time is left for other schoolwork and activities, Caren Sharpe, another member of the cast, said.

So, why do they do it? Perhaps for the enjoyment of performing the musical that has become so much a part of their lives. The pieces all seem to fit when opening night comes. Everything is set in motion.

Each one is at the right place at the right time. They've become a team.
Students travel with LU graduate

By Frank Banfill

Evangelist Johnny Wilson, a 1979 graduate of Liberty, is making an impact on people's lives world-wide. He is also impacting current LU students by giving them first-hand experience in traveling evangelism.

In 1986 he attended the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists in Amsterdam. Being in the midst of thousands of evangelists from around the world impressed him greatly.

"After Amsterdam '86, I was encouraged to get students to travel with me. I want to train people in evangelism. I want to try to help students who are going into evangelism and encourage them and to show them what they are up against," he says. He did not have anyone go out of their way to help him develop, but he wants to do it for others.

"I learned because I went after it," he says. Some evangelists may be fearful of having students work with them. Wilson isn't because he knows Liberty. "I trust Liberty. I know that the type of people who would search me out, I could trust. I know I can trust the institution."

"Some pastors are a little afraid, if they don't know Liberty. I tell them I'm going to bring a college student with me, and they are leery at first. Once they've seen the students, there's no problem," he says.

Wilson enjoys taking college students with him. He feels their testimony really helps the churches. There is more, however, to training students than many would realize.

"There is a price for deep ministry, and that's the price of exposure. I am exposing my own short-comings, problems, failures and personal situations. I feel, however, it is well worth the investment. It is an investment in lives," he says.

Wilson announced in LU's Ministry Chapel last week a new approach he's taking to help students. "We're looking now at something a little different. Instead of taking one student for a weekend, we're taking ten. They will get personal time with me, as well as involvement."

"Anybody who wants to win souls, I'll take them. I am looking, however, for people who want to be a support to an evangelistic team." He is planning two of these weekend trips for each semester.

The first, this weekend, will go to Pennsylvania. The last for the semester will be April 29-May 1 in Richmond, Va.

Interested students should sign up with Gerry White in the Christian Service Office. Also, students contemplating full-time evangelism can travel with Wilson individually as well. They should contact him at: Johnny Wilson Evangelistic Association, P.O. Box 456, Morganton, N.C., 28655.

The Liberty Champion accepts letters to the editor. Please limit letters to 100-150 words.

Mall to LU box 21519, c/o Robin Brooks.

Dear Liberty Champion,

In my opinion, your pro and con column needs to be a bit more reasonable. Case in point is last week's answer to why rock music is so popular.

Don't get me wrong, I think that Mike is earnest, intelligent and really cares about the issues; but can he think that we are naive enough to think that rock music is merely a "language of despair."

Common knowledge tells us that music has become increasingly abstract over the centuries. Gregorian chants gave way to baroque forms, then to classical, followed by jazz. Now the popular form is rock. Call this degeneration, culture-adaptation, narcissism — anything you want — but don't show us with a "language of despair."

Editor, have you really listened to the lyrics of (Debbie) Gibson, Tiffany, or Bryan Adams All three have recorded songs with hidden, or not so hidden, messages of sex, and these are three of the mellowest "top 40" artists! If I might rewrite your conclusion: Take each category and examine the lyrics, then make your choice.

Sincerely,

John Knaus
Sports

Seven wrestlers qualify for Nationals in Omaha

By Bruce A. Stanton
Seven LU wrestlers qualified for Division 2 Nationals last weekend at the Regional Tournament at Pembroke State.

The National Tournament is scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Omaha, Neb. Region winners will be the only wrestlers in this competition.

Making the trip for LU will be Loren Baum (118 lbs.), Warren Stewart (126 lbs.), Roy Roberts (134 lbs.) and Rusty DeVos (190 lbs.). DeVos and Roberts were Jeff Lester (126 lbs.), Roy Roberts (134 lbs.) and Rusty DeVos (190 lbs.). DeVos and Lester each finished second at Regionals.

Not qualifying for nationals were Jeff Lester (126 lbs.), Roy Roberts (134 lbs.) and Rusty DeVos (190 lbs.). DeVos and Lester each finished second at Regionals.

Seven wrestlers qualify for nationals in Omaha

LU lacrosse is building with new players and encouraging schedule

By Bruce A. Stanton

Some teams want to win them all. The LU lacrosse team wants just one. The team is in its third year of existence as a club sport, and even though it is winless in 26 attempts, the players are optimistic about winning this season.

"Most of the guys we have are new," says third year player Jerry Wages. "And we don't charge admission, lining the fields and travel expenses," Wages said. "We have to raise all our own money to pay for uniforms, referees, lining the fields and travel expenses," Wages said. "And we don't charge admission."

The starting attackers will be Scott Hawkins, Rich Brennan and either Darren Malone or Wages.

The team will have two midfield lines. The first one will consist of Eddie Hill, Ron Wright and Jerry Padgett, while the second one will be H.B. Atkinson, Tim Wright and Brian Summerville.

While inexperience is evident, the strength of the team might be its defense. "Our defense has been practicing well, and our goalie is looking good," Hill said.

The lacrosse players also take on a great deal of personal sacrifice to play. "We have to raise all our own money to pay for uniforms, referees, lining the fields and travel expenses," Hill said. "And we don't charge admission."

The National Tournament is scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Pembroke State.

"We need three of our returning Ail-Americans to get into the finals and have someone else to do very well to have a shot at winning," he said.

LU cut the lead to 90-87 on two Eric Stewart free throws. But three straight turnovers put the Flames down by seven with two minutes left. Even two late three-pointers by Jim Pearce couldn't stop the Flames from dropping to 11-13.

"It was a disappointing loss," said Coach Jeff Meyer. "We didn't do the job defensively. When a team averages 91 a game and we allow 61 in the first half, that tells the story. We're more humble now that we know we can lose here at home," Cunningham said. "It's tough losing two in a row here at home but now we know we can't lose anymore here with the (Mason-Dixon) tournament coming up."

The Flames last regular season home game will nationally televised on the LBN network, Friday, Feb. 26 against Ferrum College at Liberty. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.
Lady Flames take one from NC-Greensboro

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro's women's team invaded the LU Multi-Purpose building Feb. 16 and was ambushed by the Lady Flames in a wild shootout 96-90.

UNC-Greensboro couldn't keep up with the Lady Flames, who were coming off a road win the night before at West Chester. Liberty shot a sizzling 55.6 percent for the game, including 57.1 percent in the second half.

Tracey LaRose led the LU bombardment with 27 points on 12 of 15 shooting from the floor and nine rebounds. Overall five LU women scored in double figures.

Besides LaRose, Annetta Paraham had 18 points and led the Lady Flames in rebounding with 12. Kristi Mercer added 13 along with seven assists. Saundra Bridges chipped in 12 with a team-leading 11 assists and Stephanie Cox had 10 points.

With the win the Lady Flames improved their record to 11-12.

The Lady Flames will be back in action Friday, Feb. 26 at Randolph-Macon.

UNC-GREENSBORO (89)- Tompkins 3-9 2-2 4, Durrill 4-17 1-3 9, Carter 1-4 0-0 2, Saufert 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 2-9 0-1 5, Weaver 4-10 4-4 12, Jordan 7-7 1-2 15, Polk 9-13 0-2 24, Snead 5-8 2-2 13, Mannon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-72 15-21 90.

LINDA VIDOVICH

Let's get rowdy!- Chip Peterson and Matt Owen, part of the section K crew, show off their new makeover and "rowdy towels."-Photo by Tim Lyons.

Mercer honored by M-DAC

By Bruce A. Stanton

Kristi Mercer has been named the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 21.

"I was really surprised," Mercer said. "I couldn't believe it. I just did my part, and everybody else did what they did best.

In two games last week against West Chester and UNCGreensboro, Mercer averaged 17 points, 8.5 assists, 3.5 steals and 3.0 rebounds.

The freshman guard from Alpena, Mich., also set school records for the most free throws made in one game and best free throw percentage in one game with a 15 for 15 performance against West Chester.

Mercer was 20-23 at the line for the week and shot 6-14 from the field.

She ranks fourth nationally with a free throw percentage of 97.2 percent and leads the M-DAC in that category.

Mercer also leads the conference in assists at 8.5 per game and is second on the team with a 13.3 scoring average.

With 198 assists for the season, Mercer needs only two more to break the single season assist record set by Sheila Ford (199) in 1983.

"Assists are two-person play and my teammates came through," Mercer said.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK- Kristi Mercer was honored by the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference for her performance last week.-Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

Lady Flame track members qualify for Nationals

By Keith Miller

Highlighting this year's Lady Flame track team have been three women who have qualified for nationals in four events.

Annie Fairchild is the Division 2 national leader in both the mile (4:56.6) and the 3000 meter run (9:57.4). Delethea Quarles is ranked fourth in the 55 meter hurdles and Lori Lingenfelter is also ranked fourth nationally in the 800 meter run.

On Feb. 20, the Lady Flames track team traveled to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg for the Marriott Indoor Invitational and came away with four first places finishes, two individuals and two teams.

Leading the way, was the 4 x 400 meter relay team of Besty Saenz, Lori Lingenfelter, Jamie Logan and Annie Fairchild that set a new school record with a time of 4:02.13.

Lingenfelter also placed first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.7, while Chris Swanson won the shot put with a toss of 38'2".

The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Robin Currie, Gayle Fauber, Monica Carmona and Traci Tidwell took first with a time of 8:52.52.

Second place finishers in the meet were Fairchild in the 3000 meter run at 10:14.86 and Fauber in the mile at 5:24.2.

Placing third was Tidwell in the mile in 5:25.06 and Susette Saenz in the shot put with a throw of 35'2".

"In this meet we had many of our team members show good improvement," said Coach Ron Hopkins. "It was a very positive meet with which to go into next week's conference meet.

The next meet for the Lady Flames track team is the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Liberty will be the host school.

Men finish fourth at state track

The Liberty University men's track team placed fourth at the Virginia Intercollegiate Men's Track Championship at Virginia Tech on Feb. 13.

The meet was composed of state Division 1, 2 and 3 schools. LU finished behind Division 1 schools Virginia Tech, Virginia and Virginia Military Institute.

Ray McClanahan claimed the Flame's only first place award by running the 1000 meters in 2:30.3.

A second place finish for Liberty was Gerald Swan (48.2 in the 400 meters which qualified him for Nationals).

Also qualifying for Nationals was the 4 x 400 meter team of Scott Queen, Henry Elliot, Trevor Strachan and Swan.

NATIONALS will be held March 11 and 12 at Vermillion, S.D.
Meyer stands tall above most in coaching field

“AOIPE! A TREE! HANG THE REFEREE!” Some student cheers at LU are acceptable and sometimes even appropriate. But... “FIRE MEYER! FIRE MEYER!”

Some cheers are stupid and unprecedented.

True, the Flames have not played up to all of our wildest expectations, but does calling for the firing of Coach Jeff Meyer solve any of our problems? Liberty has just come to the end of its toughest college basketball schedule in school history and still in coaching field under Lee Rose at Purdue during the consecutive NIT with a 123-77 record. He was also an assistant coach coaches such as Bailey Alston, Jim Pearce, Eric Cunningham and Charles Richardson to the LU program.

Plus, the Flames do not have to play a first round game in the M-DAC Tournament for the first time in school history. Does that not count for anything? If on-court accomplishments are not enough, how does Coach Meyer stack up against other college coaches?

First of all, Meyer is a born-again Christian. He believes in recruiting Christian young men to LU to play basketball and will not sacrifice Christian principles for talent.

Secondly, Meyer sets an example for his players AND student body to live by. If you are not impressed by Meyer, look at just a few of the things that other top coaches are doing.

•Just two hours south of here in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech’s basketball coach was arrested for drunk driving last week. What kind of example is that for college-age men?

•Think of Bobby Knight’s players. They not only have to put up with being cursed harshly, but have to live with the embarrassment of having their coach throw a chair on the court during a game a few years ago and his walking out of a game against the Russians this summer. (Who ever thought that basketball might be the cause of Armageddon?)

•Look at last year’s mudslinging match between Tennessee Coach Don DeVoe and LSU’s Dale Brown. Brown hired the father of a great high school player to insure his enrollment at Louisiana State. DeVoe said that this was “unethical.” Brown shot back through the media that “divorce was unethical.” DeVoe was recently divorced.

•And finally, look at the corruption of college basketball as a whole. It starts with the coaches. Basketball programs such as Oral Roberts and Virginia Tech have been investigated and put on probation by the NCAA for illegal recruiting. Others like Memphis State and Tulane have been penalized for gambling.

Are these the types of coaches and principles we want at LU?

Obviously not. Support Coach Meyer. And support him and our team at the M-DAC Tournament this weekend.

VUU destroys Flames

By Frank Bunfill

Bruised and bloodied, the LU Flames basketball team lost 64-85 to NCAA Division 2 10th-ranked Virginia Union Friday in the Liberty Gym.

The Flames’ Brad Hamersley probably got the worst of it. He was taken to the hospital after the game to get stitches for his left eye. It was swollen and bleeding at the end of the game.

The Panthers’ size advantage helped them defeat the Flames.

Center Terry Davis (6’10”) racked up 28 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. Tim Price (6’9” forward) had 11 rebounds for VUU.

“Our game plan was to force the inside,” Davis said.

Flames coach Jeff Meyer knew the only way to win would be to prevent VU from getting inside.

“We needed to shoot the ball quickly and try to keep it off the glass. ‘We felt going in we would be limited to one shot per possession,” Meyer said.

The Flames managed to stay close during the first half, hitting four three-pointers.

The lead changed five times in the first seven minutes.

By Bruce A. Stanton

The Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Tournament, originally scheduled to be played at PItt-Johnstown, will be hosted by Liberty University next weekend.

The semi-final games will be played on Friday, March 4 at 7 and 9 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be $3 for adults and $2 for students. Students will have to pay to comply with conference rules.

Advance tickets go on sale this week at the Hancock Athletics Building.

“We are very pleased with the opportunity to host the tournament,” Coach Jeff Meyer said.

“I would have to credit the administration at UPJ for having the best interest of all of the schools in the conference in making a decision to host this tournament.”

Pitt-Johnstown finished last in the M-DAC with a 1-7 record. With dwindling home attendance marks, the conference stands a much better chance to make money because of the outstanding fan support we receive,” Meyer said.

“Should we also have some Randolph-Macon and Longwood fans make the trip. The conference definitely stands to benefit.”

This will be the first time LU has hosted the M-DAC Tournament. LU leads the conference in attendance this season, averaging more than 3,200 in M-DAC games.

“Randolph-Macon, Longwood and Mount Saint Mary’s have all run quality post-season tournaments. We are looking forward to making the M-DAC tournament a positive experience for the players and everyone involved,” Meyer said.

Rams buck LU 100-97

By Keith Miller

When a team averages 91 points a game, the idea for the opposing team is to stop that team from getting their average. If you do, you usually win. But if you don’t, watch out.

The Flames found out that the hard way Saturday night when the Bluefield College Rams stormed into Liberty and took a 100-97 win in front of 2,450 partisan LU fans.

It looked like a rout early on as the Flames used its superior height advantage inside to pull out a 10-2 lead at the 16:12 mark of the first half.

But the Flames could never quite put the Rams from West Virginia away. Everywhere the LU would charge ahead, Bluefield would put on a little charm of its own and stay in the game.

With 6:45 left in the first half, the Flames had just taken their first ten point lead on a steal and dunk by Bailey Alston. Then, due to turnovers and cold shooting, Bluefield pulled to within four at half, 43-39.

The key to the game was the start of the second half. Bluefield outscored the Flames (8-2) to take its first lead of the game, 47-45. LU was never in command as the game tightened back and forth until the last five minutes.

With 3:30 left in the game and down by seven, the Flames managed their continued on pg. 6