Falwell named chairman of PTL

By Denise Floyd and Marsha Wilde

The Rev. Jerry Falwell was named as the new chairman of the board of the PTL television network and Heritage USA last week.

Falwell accepted the position following the resignation of Jim Bakker, the chairman and founder of the 2,500-acre Christian retreat located near Charlotte, N.C.

Falwell explained that Bakker, a "personal friend and brother in Christ," asked him to take the position when they met in California on March 17.

Jim and Tammy Bakker are in Palm Springs, Calif., where Tammy is undergoing her 11th week of therapy for prescription drug dependency at the Betty Ford center in California.

The Bakkers opened his heart to me and shared some personal problems," Falwell stated. "He told me that he felt God had led me there and had led him to ask me to become chairman of PTL and to establish a new board," he continued.

New Board

The new board of directors includes Sam Moore, board chairman of Thomas Nelson Publishing Co.; Dr. Bailey Smith, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Jerry Nims, president of Liberty Broadcasting Network; James Watt, former Secretary of the Interior; the Rev. Rex Humbard, television evangelist; and the Rev. Richard Dortch, former senior vice president of PTL under Bakker.

Dorch, who was chosen as the president of the new board, is the only remaining member of the former board.

He is the transition person on the board of one of PTL’s television programs.

Dr. Charles Stanley, who was originally chosen as a board member, resigned Friday because of the time commitment it required, Falwell said.

Former Board

Before the new board was assembled, the former board of directors removed PTL from the Assemblies of God, even though it is currently not a member of any denomination, Falwell said.

"If they (Bakker and Dortch) had not told me they were going to take PTL out of the Assembly of God, I would have requested it.

"I could not in good conscience suddenly become a member of a church whose doctrine we have differences," he said.

Mark DeMoss, Falwell’s spokesperson, explained that Falwell selected the new board, which was unanimously approved by former PTL board members.

Falwell added that he accepted the position because he felt the whole cause of Christ would suffer if the ministry was removed. Even though the church is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, "a Baptist or a Methodist or a Pentecostal of God does not crumble," he said.

A new eight-member board of directors along with Chairman Jerry Falwell will meet tomorrow in Charlotte, N.C., to discuss reorganization plans for the PTL Television Network and Heritage USA.

"We will launch a very intensive working relationship with this ministry," Falwell said.

He explained at a press conference Friday night that the working board will organize an executive committee and finance committee and commission a lengthy audit and study of the ministry.

Although unsure of the exact statistics involved in the studies, Falwell said that he was optimistic about the meeting and added, "Hopefully in the first 30 days we will be able to have a good picture of where we are.

The board will attempt to determine the ministry’s financial condition, the possibility of bad practices, and whether there are people who should not be there.

Falwell claimed that he wants to get to the business of preaching the gospel and reaching people for the Lord. "As quickly as we can we want to get the negative things behind us and start going forward.

"We want to keep it family-oriented and stated: "When I resigned Friday morning I knew many would say I had hurt Christ. I love Christ. I feel I have respected God and the class would suffer spiritually.

"We are very sorry about going and also very excited because there is only one place to be, and that is in the center of God's will," he said.

"Over the last nine months it has become evident to me that God called me to do one thing; that is to preach the Word," he continued.

"When I stand before God I want Him to say I faithfully preached the Word.

Falwell stressed that his decision was unrelated to the recent PTL situation and stated: "When I resigned Friday morning I knew many would interpret my resignation as a protest, and I told Dr. Falwell I had to do what God wanted me to do. I love Him.

"I am 1,000 percent behind what he is doing now and hope to maintain that relationship through the years," Falwell stressed.

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He added: "I do not think that many members of the Assembly of God feel that I cannot be a part of PTL and cannot support it because it does not belong in my denomina­

Dobson

announced the promotion of Dean of Students to vice pres­ident of student affairs. John Baker, associate dean of students, will be­come the dean of students.

Dr. Elmer Towns will become the teacher of Dobson's Sunday school class.

Because Brewer is a preacher, Dobson he recommended him to Guillemin.

"In my opinion he has the utmost respect of the student body as a spiritual leader. That is really all I am concerned about," he explained.

Reflecting on this year at Liberty, Dobson said he believed the student body had become more intellectual and had begun to pursue a greater diversity of careers outside full-time ministry.

His role, he said, was one of encouragement. "I would hope that I was their pastor and kept encouraging them toward continuing their spiritual growth. If I did that, then I accomplished a lot," he said.

Looking to the future, Dobson said he has confidence in the university regardless of the outside activities of the chancellor and changes in staff.

"I have supreme confidence that God is at work in all of these cir­cumstances, and I have supreme con­fidence in the integrity and future of the university," he explained.

"Very sad," was the description he gave of the reaction he received from the student body.

In his closing message, Dobson left the student body and the Thomas Road class with four thoughts which he said had become evident to him during his time with the ministry. The words were as follows:

1. Pay attention to the depth of your life, and God will take care of the breadth of your ministry (Acts 6:4).

2. The greatest of these is love (or 1 Cor. 13).

3. Our ultimate allegiance is to God and His Word (Romans 14:12).

4. Our goal is to win the world for Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18).

### Spring Break

Pastors visit Florida

By Doug Wamire

While most students traveling to Florida over Spring Break will be "catching rays" and relaxing at the beach, a team of 10 LU students will "catching rays" and relaxing at the beach, a team of 10 LU students will be preaching God's Word in a Tampa-area church.

The team, comprised of nine pastor­al majors and one journalism major, is conducting revival services every night for a week at the Hillsboro Christian Community Church in Tampa.

Team leader Donny Hargett explained: "Our purpose is to help meet the churches' needs and to give our guys a practical small church preaching experience. This is much more realistic than what they experi­ence at Thomas Road."

This will be the second year for Hargett and his team to travel to the church. "Last year eight of us went down and we really made an impact," Hargett said.

The church was averaging about 120 per week in attendance before we went down, and now they are up to about 150! A week, primarily because of us," he added.

Hargett explained that his evangelism team attracted many younger couples to the church, which is located in an older, suburban area. He also noted that his team was invited to return this year. "Their par­tor, Glen Reinger, called and asked us seven months ahead of time if we could fit him in on our schedule again this year," he said.

For the second year in a row, church members will open their homes to the students who will be provided with two meals a day and a place to sleep. Second-year team member Frank Banfill commented, "The people were really great. They took a love offering for the school and really made us feel at home."

Banfill also explained his motivation for spending a week working in Florida instead of going home and relaxing. "I decided to spend Spring Break with our crusade team because of the impact I can have on the lives of others. It's neat to watch people get excited about God."

Banfill, who will use his ven­tilogism and puppet skills to reach children with the Gospel, said the trip isn't all hard work. "We have a lot of time to relax too," he said.

"We went to the beach a couple of times last year as well as to Busch Gardens. There's a good balance of work and relaxation." The evangelism team's effort last year even gained local media atten­tion. As an unexpected highlight of the trip, team members were inter­viewed on a local television station.

"It was a great opportunity for us to explain our purpose and present the Gospel," Banfill stated. The team is scheduled for a return appearance on the same network this spring.

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be one of the thousands of college women suffering from bulimia or anorexia.

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By Greg Bagley

Liberty University lost to Slippery Rock University Saturday by two touchdowns and a field goal, 24-7. But it wasn’t spring football; it was baseball.

The Flames defeated the Rockets in the first game of the double header 4-3 in the 11th inning before the Al Worthington Field became a launching pad.

In the second game, LU could only sit back and watch the Rockets orbit the bases en route to the 24-7 victory. Three homers fuelled the Rockets’ victory flight as LU’s pitching struggled to cool the Slippery Rock bats. The NC State launching sent Head Coach Bobby Richardson beyond the bullpen in search of a stopper.

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The Flames host Kent State University for their next home match-up on March 28 at 2 p.m.

Liberty splits two with SRU

By Doug Waymire

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Lacrosse team drops game to VCU

By Doug Waymire

The LU lacrosse team squandered a 4-0 halftime lead Saturday en route to a disappointing 5-4 loss at home to Virginia Commonwealth University.

With the loss the Flames record fell to 0-4. The defeat also extended the team’s losing streak to 17 games so long.

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SPORTSWATCH with Greg Bagley

During the recent SGA election one of the presidential candidates said we need a school fight song. Although he came up a little short in the vote department, I thought his idea was commendable.

There’s nothing like a musical rallying point to get the fans fired up. I’ve taken it upon myself to try to follow through with the candidate’s plan and challenge my fellow students to come up with a tune that will fly.

My first idea was to name our eagle mascot Lucy (get it? U/Cly), and we could sing the Flames rendition of “Louie, Louie.” Unfortunately, I don’t think that one will fly.

So I started thinking back to my high school days at Fendy High, home of the fighting Scapegoats. Our fight song is almost unchanged our losing tradition during my senior year.

We were wireless going into the homecoming game. The fans must have sensed our team’s lack of confidence. They broke out in unison with a verse of our fight song, “Come on and go, Scapegoats, go!” It sounded like a mighty tidal wave coming over the stadium as our 12 fans began singing. “Come on and go, Scapegoats, go! There’s still hope, don’t be downhearted! Come on and go, Scapegoats, go! The game hasn’t even started.”

Our team had really picked up by kick-off time. I’m not sure if it was the song or the fact that our opponents hadn’t shown up yet.

We were so fired up we decided to play without the other team. A fumbled on our first possession and the fans got restless. Verse two of the fight song showed a bit of frustration: “Come on and go, Scapegoats, go! You’re embarrassing your fans! Come on and go, Scapegoats, go! Get the game over quick.”

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We held the Scouts to a meagre 48 points, but they held us to zero. We left the field after the final gun with our heads hung low, but our fans were still there. I said ALL that to say this: Let’s write a fight song and build a tradition. Send entries to me at Box 23563. The winning entry will be published in The Liberty Champion. Think about it, Flames fans. A tradition could start with you.

UP, UP AND AWAY—Freshman Teresa Stremavitch worked on her jumping skills during a cheerleading clinic Saturday. The clinic provided prospective cheerleaders with extra practice for jumps, flips, stunts, and routines before tryouts April 25. —Photo by Don Hayden.

Hopefuls attend cheerleading clinic

By Kyle L. Knowles

Approximately 40 LU cheerleading hopefuls got a chance to learn how much preparation goes into building a squad on the collegiate level during a clinic hosted by two Appalachian State University cheerleaders last Saturday.

“The clinic is basically a chance for cheerleading prospects and former cheerleaders to learn some new moves and perfect some old ones,” cheerleading sponsor Bov Buffington explained.

During the clinic the newcomers along with the returning cheerleaders learned new cheers, chants and a fight song in order to make the competition fair.

During the next four weeks they will perfect the routines and be tested on them during tryouts on Sat., April 25.

Dedication plays a key role in preparation for the new squad. “Between now and tryouts, all the cheerleaders, new and old, have to be prepared to eat, drink and sleep the routines and stunts they learned during the clinic,” second-year cheerleader Lu Dougla said.

The prospective cheerleaders will practice from 7-10 p.m. in the wrestling room every Monday night for the next four weeks.

“But most of the perfecting has to come on their own in front of the mirror, or with a friend,” junior cheerleader Ron San said.

Freshman prospective cheerleader Amy Bagley noted that things get harder, the pressure increases and the competition intensifies as tryouts get closer. “Sacrifices have to be made, like giving up your favorite foods to maintain your weight,” she added.

Buffington explained that she wants the squad to reach greater heights during the next few weeks.

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"A breed apart"

By Doug Waymire and Frank Banfill

Heritage USA, one of more than 125 companies represented during Career Exploration Week on March 24-26, was dramatically effected by the LU students who spent last summer working at the South Carolina based ministry, according to the Rev. Richard Dortch, president of PTL.

"Liberty University students are a breed apart," Dortch stated on a March 26 PTL Club broadcast. "This ministry was changed and effected by the lives of the 40 or 50 students (who worked at Heritage USA last summer). We’re glad they’re coming back this year."

Sandra Gripper, employment interviewer for Heritage USA, explained that she has already received 236 applications this year from LU students seeking summer jobs. “Last year we only received about forty applications from Liberty students, she said.

Gripper felt that participating in Career Exploration Week this year, rather than recruiting alone as the employment staff did last year, made a tremendous difference. “The turnout this year was extremely good,” she said. “Being a part of a large group probably generated a much greater response.”

She also stated that she was pleased with the quality of the applicants interviewed. “The students really impressed me,” Gripper said. “After talking with all the students, I could hardly believe that so many young people could be so friendly and so polite. I thought they must have been putting on some kind of act for me,” she explained.

In addition to LU the employment staff also recruits for summer workers at Oral Roberts University and Columbia Bible College as well as approximately 14 other schools.

“We recruit mostly from Christian schools,” Gripper stated. “We have graduated from her Heritage USA employment office. “But we’ll hire born-again Christians from secular colleges or universities as well.”

In order to facilitate the more than six million vacationers who visit Heritage USA yearly, approximately 1,200 workers are employed year-round, according to John Campbell, staffing coordinator for the Christian theme park.

He added that in the summer about 400 additional workers, primarily college students, are employed and paid $4 per hour.

"The college students will be housed at Eagles Landing, a condominium complex located approximately 10 miles from Heritage," Campbell explained.

Bloodmobile slated for April 13-14

By Trish Stirmann

The Lynchburg chapter of the American Red Cross will be at Liberty University with the Bloodmobile, soliciting donations from students on April 13 and 14.

The Bloodmobile will be set up in the DeMoss Hall parking lot on Monday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood Services Director of Metropolitan Lynchburg Noel Draper said the Red Cross has a goal of gathering 200 pints of blood. One hundred students are need each day.

In order to give blood, a donor must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be free of respiratory ailments. Also, a donor cannot be an insulin-dependent diabetic or take antibiotics. In addition, he must have not donated within the last eight weeks.

With the epidemic of AIDS some students may be afraid to give blood, but Draper assured students that blood is drawn with a new sterile. “You absolutely cannot give AIDS or any disease from giving blood,” Draper emphasized.
Heritage USA at a glance...

Heritage USA, a 2300-acre family retreat center, was visited by 6.1 million people last year, making it the third most visited theme park in the nation next to Disneyland and Disney World. (Clockwise) The Heritage USA sign marks the entrance of the park. The Heritage Grand Hotel’s atrium gives a relaxing atmosphere with its two pools, restaurant and fountains. The Heritage Grand Hotel, with its grace and elegance, is the largest hotel between Atlanta and Washington. The $10 million Heritage Water Park contains thrilling water rides for the entire family.
Is there a parking problem?

By Robert Pitts

Although many students are dissatisfied with the current on-campus parking situation, the remedy doesn’t appear to be in sight.

One administration official feels that the number of parking spots is not the problem. “We have provided more than enough spots for everyone,” Carl Schreiber, vice president for planning and research, said. “They may not be ideally located where everyone would like them to be, but I don’t think they ever will be.”

Personnel director William Barton agreed: “If you go to any school, you can’t have parking in any place; to walk several hundred yards, or even a quarter mile, to class is not justified.”

“Everybody wants to park right beside the building, that’s just not possible.”

While he admits that the proximity of the parking to the dorms is a problem, Barton also stressed the need for additional spaces. “I still think we need more parking,” he said.

“We don’t have enough spaces for the amount of cars we have on campus. That really is the main problem; everything else is a symptom that results from that.”

One of those symptoms is manifest in the complaints Barton has received from students, faculty and staff.

Students sometimes complain when they are ticketed for illegal parking, Barton said. He reasoned that because the parking is inadequate, students feel that they are justified in taking any available space.

A lack of security personnel also aggravates the problem. The personnel director said: “With the problems that security has with enforcement and consistency because of the fact that their work force was cut with the new layoff, they don’t have the necessary people to be really effective.

“When you have inconsistent enforcement, people tend to take the chance.”

In addition, the faculty and staff are unhappy when the students park in spaces reserved for them.

Barton explained how the school copes with the situation: “We’re trying to accommodate through flexible hours, such as the DeMoss lot, where the actual lot changes characteristics, depending upon the time of day,” he said. “It’s the only way we can accommodate the amount of traffic we have.”

“I don’t see any plans on the horizon for a new parking lot,” Carl Schreiber said.

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Senior Mike Klefeker, it depicts the story of the life of Joseph.

“The play’s music is modern contemporary with rhythmic rap inserts, yet the characters are portrayed in biblical settings,” Dale Gustafson, who plays Jacob, said.

Another attraction is Explosion ‘87, a spring style show produced and performed by LU students. The program will feature six Lynchburg area merchants: Celebration Bridal, Mitchell’s Formal Wear, Casual Corner, J. Riggs, Parklane Hosiery and Mr. Sport.

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“Fanny Crosby” the true story of a blind woman who wrote inspirational hymns including “Blessed Assurance” and “To God be the Glory,” will be shown April 10 and 11 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

“The King and I,” starring Yule Brynner, will be featured at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on April 17 and 18.

The music department is continuing its talents to the festival by presenting student recitals, a woman’s chorus concert, a Concert Band spring concert and a Chamber Choir concert.

The week also gives a chance for amateur photographers to be rewarded for their efforts. Those students interested in entering the photography contest must stop by the Office of Student Activities for an application.

The application and all entries must be turned into the office by 4:30 p.m. April 9. First place winners will receive $100; second place, $50; and third, $25.

NEW ACQUAINTANCE— The Rev. Jerry Falwell talks with visitors at Heritage USA during a tour of the grounds March 26. —Photo by Aaron Hamrick
Jerry Edwards: The voice behind Flames athletics

By Linda Fields

Fans of Flames athletics may have wondered at some time about the man behind the voice that brings LU games to them on WRVL. He covers basketball, both home and away, as well as baseball. Well, the voice belongs to Jerry Edwards, better known as the “Voice of Flames Athletics.”

Edwards can also be heard at away games as travels with the athletic teams and covers the play-by-play broadcasts. “It’s exciting to travel and be a part of the game,” he says.

If you have been a hermit all your college life and still don’t think you have heard Jerry Edwards, then tune in to WRVL every morning from 6:30 to 9:30.

Edwards is also the general manager for WRVL, the 50,000 watt FM station that broadcasts here in the Central Virginia area.

Edwards began his broadcasting career in 1967, working only with secular media.

Edwards came to Liberty from Canton, Ohio, in 1979 where he attended the Canton Baptist Temple served as Sunday school teacher and assistant administrator.

Edwards was impressed by Dr. Wilkinson’s teaching and his intentions at Liberty were to get a degree from the Bible Institute. During his second year, Edwards began working as Wilkinson’s administrative assistant. The next year, 1981, WRVL went on the air and Edwards joined the staff.

In March of 1982, Edwards accepted the position of manager for WRVL. Some of his duties as manager include: morning scheduling, covering shifts, fund raising, the Flames Sports Network as well as game production and planning.

He says of WRVL, “We are not a student run college station, but an outreach ministry of Liberty University.”

ON THE AIR—Jerry Edwards broadcasts another Flames home basketball game on WRVL. He also covers away games and provides play-by-play for LU baseball live from Al Worthington Field. Edwards has been at Liberty since 1979 and with WRVL since 1981. He also works on the Flames Special 5.85 5.30 $2.00

The employees of the station are either Liberty students or graduates of Liberty. “This is an opportunity for me to have a part in the lives of young broadcasters and to work with some outstanding young people,” he said.

“We can make a mark in the world through the medium of radio. We have a very good tool.”

With the “Voice of the Flames” and 20 years broadcast experience, who could ask for a better teacher? Almost all of the Edwards’ family is involved with Liberty in one way or another. His wife, Faye, works as the Pell coordinator in the financial aid office. “Most of the students know my wife better than they know me,” he jokes.

His daughter, Melanie, is a graduate of Liberty. She and her husband Kyle live in Virginia Beach where he is a youth pastor. Edwards’ son, Mark, is a junior broadcasting major at Liberty and works at WRVL as a board operator.

The Flames acquire 15 new recruits for ‘87-88 season

By Robin Brooks and Kyle L. Knowles

The Liberty University football team will acquire approximately 15 new players next season thanks to the recruiting done this season by Coach Morgan Hout and Company.

Seven of these football protégés are from Virginia, including L.G. Parrish from Lynchburg’s Heritage High School. The 5’9”, 163-pound senior plays both defensive back and wide receiver. Another defensive back is Eric Carroll, a 6’1”, 170 pounder from Byrd High School in Richmond, Va.

Other Virginians include: Mark Thomas, 6’2”, 230 lb., tight end, Cheshire High School; Staff Harrington, 6’, 215 lb., wide receiver, Woodbridge; Keith Binson, 6’1”, 185 lb., running back, Chesapeake; and Joe McClean, 5’11”, 195 lb., line backer, Danville.

The remaining players hail from various parts of the nation including Florida, Georgia and Texas. They include: Scott King, 6’1”, 200 lb., center, Tampa, Fla.; Brian Dixon, 6’2”, 200 lb., offensive line, Gainesville, Fla.; Chum Payne, 6’3”, 235 lb., defensive line, Powder Springs, Ga.; Matt Baldwin, 6’3”, 245 lb., offensive line, Canton, Ga., and Terry Toford, 6’2”, 225 lb., defensive line, Plano, Tx.

Hout stated that there are no plans to use freshmen as starters, but it could happen. He added that there are eight scholarships left to be worked with for next year that could mean even more local talent.

The competition intensifies as tryouts draw near

By Kyle L. Knowles

The competition isn’t talked about at all, and it’s barely noticeable to an onlooker, but it’s there. Everyone is watching everyone else to make sure no one does it better.

It’s a Monday night and approximately 40 people are in the wrestling room listening to cheerleading adviser Rev. Buffington explain the agenda for the evening. Buffington is talking to prospective cheerleaders for the 1987-88 school year.

Time is spent practicing stunts and working on individual work outs. In short, it’s a time to get together with the other prospects and work on technique as a group. It also allows current cheerleaders to share their past experiences with next year’s hopefuls.

The main concern of the Monday night workouts is movement. Buffington tries to pin-point certain moves and perfect them for the routines which the prospective cheerleaders may not be able to pick up on their own.

Buffington plans to start a junior varsity squad next year. Members of the junior varsity squad will be moved up to varsity in case of injury or if a varsity member leaves the team.

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The competition intensifies as tryouts draw near. Be sure to sign up for your tryouts now!
LU’s Hatch hopes to spread gospel with Athletes in Action

By Doug Waymire

The true impact of heavyweight Mike Hatch’s wrestling career may not be felt until long after the senior All-American graduates from college.

Hatch, a three-time NCAA Division II All-American, hopes to join Athletes in Action in Action after graduation and use his wrestling talent to carry the gospel to communist countries.

“Athletes in Action is a Christian athletic team that travels to other countries to wrestle and spread the gospel,” Hatch explained. “I would especially like to get into the communist countries. The need is so great for Christianity to be taken there. Sports is one of the few ways that Christians can easily get into those countries.”

Although Hatch’s work with Athletes in Action has a far greater eternal significance than his wrestling career at LU, the heavyweight made a tremendous impact at Liberty as well. This year he headed home for 10 fun-filled days. Following the strenuous 15-minute drive (I got stuck in G.E. traffic), I needed some real sleep to prepare me for the full week ahead.

After a nap, I called my best friend Mary, and we headed for the Fort Hill Bowling Center and an evening of moonlight bowling. It was quite a thrill.

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SPORTSWATCH

with Greg Bagley

Welcome back fellow Spring Breakers! I trust you all had a glorious vacation and that you are now ready for classes to get back into full swing. (ha ha)

By the way, this week’s SPORTSWATCH is coming to you from a guest columnist—me, Robin Brooks. Greg got too wrapped up in his break, and I volunteered to help out with his column.

I don’t know about you, but my break was the ultimate in college excitement. After classes, I headed home for 10 fun-filled days. Following the strenuous 15-minute drive (I got stuck in G.E. traffic), I needed some real sleep to prepare me for the full week ahead.

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Charlottesville. Lots of doctors, lawyers and business men. I know because I saw some drive by in their BMW’s, Porches and yes, I even saw a Lamborghini. It’s true! (I mean that black bug sounded like a Lamborghini).

Once I had regained my composure, it was off to the mall and more excitement. We even saw Rambo there. At least I think I can be never sure without the M-16 and ammunition belts. His camouflage pants, army boots and steroid-induced biceps were convincing enough.

After all that I didn’t think I could take anymore, so we called it a day and headed home. “What could there possibly be left to do?” I thought to myself. You know, it almost seems unfair that I get to have so much fun while my friends had to suffer there-for my sake and the encouragement of God. To spend the week here and not be able to share the beach, sun and surf of Florida. A few poor souls even had to force themselves to spend the week in the Bahamas. I really felt sorry for them.

So in order to make myself feel a little less guilty, I have made advance reservations in Fort Lauderdale for Spring Break ’88. It’s only fair since I had ALL the fun this year that I should have to suffer through crowded beaches and 90 degree weather next year, right?

Anyway, it was a good break but I’m glad everybody’s back.

Thanks, Greg, for letting me fill in at SPORTSWATCH, but your vacation is officially over. Now it’s back to work and that’s an order. (ha ha)

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