Alston, Hamersley make All M-DAC team

TWO YEARS RUNNING—LU senior Brad Hamersley was voted second team All M-DAC for the second year in a row.—Photo by Tim Lyons.

By Bruce A. Stanton
LU sophomore guard Bailey Alston is the 1987-88 Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Alston, already one of the most prolific scorers in Flames history, averaged 26.4 points through 27 games to win the conference scoring title.

"Obviously we're very pleased with Bailey," Coach Jeff Meyer said. "His performance throughout the season has certainly been instrumental in any success that we have enjoyed as a team this year."

This season, Alston set personal game highs of 46 points (vs. Ferrum), 10 rebounds (vs. Virginia Union and Wilmington), eight assists (vs. Ferrum), six steals (vs. Davis and Elkins) and three blocked shots (vs. Longwood).

Alston also holds the sophomore scoring record (714), the single game scoring record (46), the record for consecutive 30 point games with six and ranks third for single season scoring.

Joining Alston on the First Team are Longwood's Daryl Rutley, Mount St. Mary's Mike Tate, Pitt-Johnstown's Tyrone Doleman and Randolph-Macon's Brad Meyers.

The second team consists of LU's Brad Hamersley, Mount St. Mary's John Moore and Mike Grimes and Randolph-Macon's Todd Bowden and Charles Boyd.

Hamersley is on the second team for the second year in a row. He finishes his career with 793 points, ranking him twelfth on the all-time Flames scoring list.

Hamersley also pulled down 468 rebounds to rank eighth for his career.

The senior from Dana, Ind., had career highs of 23 points (vs. Pitt-Johnstown and Davis & Elkins), 12 rebounds (vs. Mount St. Mary's), seven assists (vs. King's College), four steals (vs. Rockford and Assumption) and five blocked shots (vs. Bluefield).

Liberty faces Mountaineers in semifinal

Liberty University will play host to the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

LU, 4-4 in the M-DAC, will play conference co-champion Mount St. Mary's (6-2) at 9 p.m. on Friday in the second semifinal game. Co-champion Longwood College (6-2) will play the winner of Tuesday's first round matchup between Randolph-Macon (3-5) and Pitt-Johnstown (1-7) at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The championship game will be played on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $3 for general admission and $2 for students.

Liberty has split its games with the Mount this season, winning at LU Gym 87-78 and losing to the Mountaineers 77-80 at Emmitsburg.

"They (Mount St. Mary's) have played as well as anybody in the league for the past month," LU Coach Jeff Meyer said.

"Certainly we have our work cut out for us Friday night. They have an excellent blend of players.

"But the post-season is called the second season. Every team is playing in a sudden-death situation."
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Patriotism is virtually dead at Liberty University. Our flag means nothing to most students. If you don’t believe me, just go to a Flames basketball game.

During the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, few fans respond with proper respect. They should stand at attention, face the flag, put their right hands over their hearts and sing the words.

Instead, most students talk to their neighbor, look around, throw toilet paper or simply fidget. Few know the words. The lack of respect for Old Glory is disgraceful.

As a veteran, I am ashamed by this lack of patriotic respect for our flag. I spent eight years on active duty in the Army between high school and LU, and I am presently in the Army Reserve.

I never spent a minute in combat, thankfully, but thousands of military personnel have died through the years in defense of our country, our freedom and our flag. Military members are still killed every year by terrorists.

Hearing the National Anthem still sends goosebumps up and down my spine. I hope it always will. As a soldier, I am prepared if necessary to die for my country and my flag. I think the rest of you could at least show proper respect.

God bless America!

Tim Pinkham

Dear Editor

Is God impressed with numbers? Is God going to reward Christians at the judgment seat of Christ on the basis of how many "souls we have won?" Here are some thoughts from Scripture on evangelism.

First, we as Christians are not commanded to be "soulwinners." The Lord commands us to share the gospel and he will save those he chooses to save. Romans 9:15-16 states, "For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So, then, it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God who showeth mercy." God does the saving or "soulwinning," if you will. In John 6:44, Jesus said, "No man can come to Me, except the Father, who hath sent me, draw him..."

What will be the basis of our reward in Heaven? In Matthew 25:21, does the Lord say to the servant, "Well done because you have been faithful?" or "Well done because you have built a large church?" No. The Lord says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." In 1 Corinthians 3:9 states, "Moreover, it is required in stedards, that a man be found faithful. "If I am faithful in my relationship to God, and doing what I know is right, God will bless and use me as he sees fit," Dr. Francis Schaeffer said, "God has not called us to be successful, but to be faithful."

Let's look at some examples of Bible characters. Numbers were given to people of God's coming judgment to the people of Judah for 40 years, but saw only possibly one convert, his scribe Baruch. Were these men unsuccessful? Possibly, from the modern "numbers philosophy" perspective. But they were faithful to God, and that is what counts.

People like this will probably receive more rewards because they were faithful in spite of the fact that they saw few converts. On the other hand, someone who seeks but once to the people of Ninevah, and the whole city repented. What was the difference? A convert is not God who chooses to bless as he sees fit. It is God who "gives the increase." (1 Cor. 3:5-9)

How should we view evangelism then? Certainly, we need to do all we can to see people saved through prayer, speaking to people and being an example with our lives.

However, it is ultimately God who saves people and God who blesses our faithfulness. John 15:5 states, "I (Christ) am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me, ye can do nothing."

Anton Mataal

Dear Editor

I was greatly interested in your "Pro and Con" column on Kemp vs. Robertson in last week's Champion. As this debate wages on, I believe there is on question that "Our Righteous Judge" should answer in picking a candidate.

Who has been in Washington DC trying to push forward the agenda of the conservative movement and the Reagan Revolution? Any American can burst on the political scene with ideas and pronouncements on what he or she would do as President, but unless there is a platform to put ideas into action, your ideas are meaningless.

As I have followed Jack Kemp the past 7 1/2 years, I know he would do as President, unless there is a platform to put ideas into action, your ideas are meaningless. As I have followed Jack Kemp the past 7 1/2 years, I knew one day this opportunity for Jack Kemp to become President of The United States would come to pass. As the process is now under way to select the Democrat and Republican nominees, I have one question for Christians and active conservatives in America. Why are you unwilling to stand up and fight for the man who has fought for you the past 18 years?

Sincerely,

Curt Olson
Falwell loses to Flynt

By Robin Brooks

Satire, even the pornographic variety, is protected under the First Amendment.

So ruled the United States Supreme Court last week when the justices handed down a unanimous 8-0 decision in the Falwell vs. Flynt libel case.

The case centered around a 1983 ad parody that appeared in Flynt's Hustler magazine. The liquor ad portrayed Falwell as an incestuous drunk. Falwell sued Flynt for $45 million in damages on the basis of libel and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

A federal jury dismissed the libel charges, but ruled that Falwell in fact had suffered emotional distress and awarded him $200,000 in damages. A U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the ruling, and Flynt appealed to the nation's highest court, which agreed to hear the case last year.

The eight justices overturned the lower court's verdict with Chief Justice William Rehnquist writing that the court needs "to protect the free flow of ideas on matters of public concern."

Talented students perform in annual talent show

By Steve Sitzai

DELVIS—the man, the mystique, the legend! Students will catch a glimpse of him at Search '88 on March 5, 1988 in the Multi-Purpose Center. Youthquest Club, its sponsor, is promising that Search '88 will be "a hot show," Dean Francis, club president, said.

Basically a talent show for Liberty students, the event will "give students an opportunity to use the talent God has given them."

Prof. Del Rey Loven and Kelly Wick will host the show. Twelve to 15 students have been chosen to perform.

Among the acts: Mike Allen will do a comedy routine, Brian Webb will perform on the piano, and Gary Bartlett will do a magic act. Also scheduled is a band, a rap number, a vocalist performing an original song, along with many other performances by students who want to show their fellow students what they can do.

All prospective performers in the show had to first audition before a selection committee consisting of Dean Francis, Bev Buffington, coordinator of student activities, and Mark Cobbett, assistant show coordinator.

The committee based its decision on talent and what they felt added more variety to the show. This year, 30 people or groups tried out for 12 to 15 places in the show.

"Stage Sound," a company in Roanoke, rented concert sound equipment to the university for the event. Also, Youthquest hopes to have a 10' x 10' screen on stage for one of Delvis' videos. Francis said.

The show will be videotaped by WLBU for showing at a later date.

Whitt reviews SGA promises

By Jennifer Ferrell

Liberty's 1987-88 SGA cabinet under the leadership of President Jim Whitt and Vice President Darin Waters has kept 70 percent of its March 1987 campaign promises.

Whitt received 44 percent and Waters received 50 percent of the student body vote in that election.

Whitt says, "I gave my promised 100 percent. I work 25 to 40 hours a week for SGA plus an additional 25 hours a week at Eckerd Drugs." Darin Waters puts in 50 hours a week with SGA.

Whitt promised Liberty a more active voice in issues in the community and at the national level.

Nationally, SGA along with the College Republicans and Liberty Federation helped sponsor Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court by sending bus loads of students to picket in Washington, D.C.

Locally, SGA held a record-breaking Thanksgiving food drive when LU students gave 1.25 tons of food to Lynchburg's food drive.

Whitt proposed in his campaign speech to nominate a student committee to represent the student body in community and administrative matters.

Whitt now says there was no need for the committee because of the spiritual maturity of the student body, especially the freshman class. His committee was to rid students of the hassle they were receiving from local business establishments about cashing out of state checks during the 1986-87 school year.

He says, "The students are showing good support of the athletic teams, and the chapels have improved. We're trying to discourage toilet paper throwing at ball games by pushing the fanatic towels." The dry cleaning system has improved, and Whitt's push for micro-waves in the dorm was a success.

The promised new refrigerators never arrived. Why? SGA rented more used refrigerators to make up the money it lost on them in previous years.

Waters proposed that better relations should exist between the students and the business office.

Whitt says, "The relationship has improved some." There is a weekly meeting between the SGA officers and Dean Baker.

Waters promised to alleviate the other one student complaint—parking.

The administration has passed a proposal for the 1988-89 school year that will drop the car registration fee to $25 per semester instead of the present $50 per semester. The school has also considered limiting the number of cars freshmen can bring in to school.

Whitt said that Terri Martin, the activities director, did an excellent job of making the activities more interesting.

He says, "There's only so much you can do with LU's facilities."

Whitt said in his first presidential speech, "I think it's going to be a great year for the two of us (Whitt and Waters)."

Whitt agreed Wednesday with his campaign statement that he and Waters had a good year running student government.

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Richardson is excited about '88 Flames

By Frank Banfill

The LU baseball team is excited about the new season, says Coach Bobby Richardson.

“We will be a lot better than we were last year. I feel we’ll have a winning percentage.”

LU was 12-26 overall for the 1987 season.

“Last year, we were hurting pitching wise. This year I feel we have a chance in any game we play,” Richardson says.

He’s enthusiastic because of the addition of eight pitchers to the staff, including LU quarterback Paul Johnson.

“I feel he has a good chance of moving into our pitching rotation,” Richardson says of Johnson.

His pitchers will certainly have their work cut out as they face a tough schedule.

He says his Division I ball club will get its greatest challenges from Clemson, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Virginia Tech and Old Dominion.

Richardson, in his second year at LU, has just completed his first recruiting year for the Flames.

“Last year, the Flames were hurting for power, this year Richardson feels he has five guys who can hit the ball out of the park.

However, he feels the primary trait of the 1988 Flames will be speed.

“I think we’ll be hit-and-running a lot and stealing a lot of bases,” he says.

Last year, the Flames hit only six home runs, while giving up 43 to the opposition.

“I think the power will just come. I think by the end of this year we will have more home runs and really be known as a power team.”

He looks for Beasley to be his primary base stealer and John McClintock, Mike Rivas and Chris Robbins to provide speed for the Flames.

While most of the preparations have been for this year’s team, Richardson is already looking forward to one of next year’s trips when LU will be in a tournament in California facing the University of Calif, at Los Angeles (UCLA) and other major west coast teams.

Additionally, Richardson has other goals for Liberty.

“I would like to be in a conference and be a serious contender to win that conference, which means we would get a chance to take part in regional play.

“The thrill of baseball is playing in the college world series. That’s the highlight and that’s our aim,” he says.

Richardson has experienced that thrill. He took the University of South Carolina to the College World Series in 1975.
Mike McClintock is hoping for consistency, wins

By Keith Miller

After a summer in which he competed for AIA (Athletes in Action), John McClintock is back to lead the Flames this year in their quest to reach the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

McClintock, who was chosen Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman last season, batted .341 and won All-Tournament honors at the Florida International Tournament last year. He also led the team in hits (46), at bats (147) and runs batted in (17) and on-base percentage.

Coach Richardson calls McClintock "a team leader" and plans to bat him third in the lineup. "Playing for AIA was really awesome," McClintock says. "It gave me a chance to play against good competition and it was good because it taught me a lot about my faith in Jesus Christ.

"Also, I had a chance to be a witness for Christ on a daily basis. McClintock feels that the baseball program is improving too. That really means a lot." "It seems like the Liberty baseball program is improving every year and it looks like will be a top program in the East, the next couple of years," says McClintock. "Next year we are going to California and that will really help the program to get some visibility.

He also hopes to make strides for himself. "Individually, I think I need to be more consistent this year and I would like to improve in all my offensive categories," McClintock says. "I still need to improve my fundamentals and I hope to continue to improve." Off the diamond, McClintock is majoring in business management and plans to enter the business world if he can not play professional baseball.

"It's really something else," Richardson says. "When I sit someone on the bench, instead of their getting jealous, they root for the other guy."
Baseball Preview

LU pitching staff is out to destroy 'rag arm' image from last season

By Bruce A. Stanton

"We want a pitcher, not a belly-itcher!"

The LU pitching staff probably did a lot of belly-itching and head-scratching last year after putting together a combined 12-26 record and a team ERA of 5.93.

"Last year we really had only one pitcher," Coach Bobby Richardson says. "Other than Randy (junior left-hander Randy Tomlin, 5-5 with a 3.77 ERA), we didn't have much."

But this was Richardson's first year of recruiting at LU, and he recognized the need for improvement. Tomlin returns for his junior season as the staff ace, while Johnson and Brady will pitch on second and third days.

"There's no question that Randy is the staff ace," Richardson says. "We haven't decided between Brad and Paul for the second spot."

Robert Townsend is battling for the third spot. "He and Brooks will see a lot of action in relief," Richardson says.

With all of this new talent, LU appears to have its pitching problem under control, especially when you throw in senior Mike Hammond (0-1 and 6.75 ERA) and sophomore Brooks Lowe (1-2 and 6.75 ERA).

"Mike gives us real senior leadership. He and Brooks will see a lot of action in relief," Richardson says.

Tomlin will be the number one pitcher, while Johnson and Brady will pitch on second and third days.

"There's no question that Randy is the staff ace," Richardson says. "We haven't decided between Brad and Paul for the second spot.

"Robert Townsend is battling for the third spot and should see action as a spot starter."

The Flames will start with a three-man rotation, but will adjust according to the schedule.

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Flames banking success at short on junior college transfer Beasley

By Keith Miller

After an outstanding junior college career at Louisburg in North Carolina, Tony Beasley is now ready to show his prowess for the Liberty Flames baseball team.

At Louisburg, Beasley led his team to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., with a two-year pitching record of 14-1, including a 3-0 playoff record.

"Playing shortstop for the Flames last fall, Beasley batted .496 and impressed Coach Bobby Richardson so much, he will continue to play at shortstop for LU this spring."

"There were several schools that were after me but I chose Liberty because here I could play quality baseball and give the glory to God," Beasley says.

"The guys here have a really great attitude, a winning attitude, plus we depend on the Lord to take care of any problems we might have," comments Beasley.

A business management major, Beasley hopes to play professional baseball after his career here at Liberty.

"If I perform up to the best of my abilities, then I feel that I have a good shot."

"There are still some things that I need to work on, like hitting to the opposite field and being more consistent at shortstop but I feel that I will improve in those areas of my game," he said.

"I am looking for a winning season this year and the team has high expectations so I am looking forward to a good year."
Baseball Preview

Baseball offers chance to see school's best

Just give me a sack full of peanuts and a pair of shades, and I'll be ready for baseball season. You just can't beat a day at the ballpark on a spring or summer afternoon (if the Reds are winning).

I'm sure everyone has their favorite pro baseball team. In fact, I'm sick of hearing about some of them (i.e. Sean Smith and his St. Louis Cardinals).

Traditionally, the Flames have the best winning percentage out of the "big three sports." The baseball stadium, Worthington Field, is located on campus and is a beautiful setting for a day at the ballpark. The seating capacity is only 1,000, but don't shy away. Maybe some strong attendance figures could force additions. The part I like best is the chair-back benches. No more hunching over like at basketball and football games.

"BUT ARE THEY WORTH GOING OUT TO WATCH?" you might ask. Of course they are. The baseball team has successfully competed against Division 1, 2 and 3 schools and boasts the strongest schedule of any sport at Liberty.

Baseball is definitely the showcase sport for the school. This year's schedule includes 53 games against 31 different teams. That's including Division 1 schools Clemson, Virginia, Virginia Tech, N.C. State, Wake Forest and Old Dominion just to name a few.

More universities will see the Liberty baseball team than the men's basketball, women's basketball and football teams combined. Plus, LU has the most impressive figurehead of any sport - baseball Coach Bobby Richardson.

Richardson was with the New York Yankees for 12 years and played on five World Series Championship teams. He also has a head coaching record of 294-155-2 at South Carolina and Coastal Carolina. That's impressive in any sport.

"BUT WHAT ABOUT LAST SEASON'S 12-26 RECORD?" you may ask. This is Richardson's first recruiting year at LU.

He has brought some quality freshman and transfer athletes to the program this season. Last year's depleted pitching staff has been given new life with the addition of LU quarterback Paul Johnson and South Carolina AA Player of the Year Brent Brady to help staff ace Randy Tomlin.

The infield has been solidified with junior college transfer Tony Beasley at shortstop and freshman Phil Kulp. The team is acting as a unit, Richardson says.

Come out to the ball game this year. And if you can remember, bring me a sack of peanuts.

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SO THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT? - Pitching Coach Al Worthington gives a pointer to junior pitcher Randy Townsend. - Photo by Bruce A. Stanton.
Track teams claim crowns

By Bobby Bunn

BLACKSBURG — Veterans are expected to give their teams winning performances. The Liberty track teams’ veterans are no exceptions.

Both the men’s and women’s teams relied on strong veteran performances to win the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Indoor Championships held Feb. 27.

For the men, Most Valuable Performer Gerald Swann led the way. The All-American junior from Orlando, Fla., won four individual events, set meet records in the 300-meter run, 500-meter run and long jump.

Swann also anchored the second place 4 x 400 relay team and place fourth in the pole vault.

Other first place finishers for the LU men were Ray McClanahan (1500-meter and 1000-meter run) and James Wilson (high jump).

As a team, the Flames scored 195, while its nearest competitor, Frostburg State, scored 111.

While the men were having few problems, the Lady Flames had to win the meets final two events to claim the title over Christopher Newport.

Lady Flame victories in the 4 x 400-meter relay and the 4 x 800-meter relay, along with one, two, three finishes in three distance events, sealed the championship.

Liberty was led by senior All-American Annie Fairchild. Fairchild, who was named the meet’s Most Valuable Female Performer, set meet records in the 800-meter and 1500-meter runs and anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay team.

The Flames also got help from Pam Fauber in the 1000-meter run and from Debbie Klittich in the high jump.

MEET STANDINGS

Men

Liberty 195
Frostburg State 111
Catholic U. of America 26
Christopher Newport 25
Mary Washington 16
Maryland-Baltimore Co. 18

Women’s

Liberty 140
Christopher Newport 130
Frostburg State 48
Maryland-Baltimore Co. 32
Mount St. Mary’s 30
Mary Washington 20
Catholic U. of America 7

Six LU men’s track records fall at Marriot Invitational Track Meet

By Michael Wilson

When the LU men’s indoor track team competed at Virginia Tech in the Marriot Invitational Meet on Saturday, Feb. 20th, Coach Brant Tolsma said, “This was definitely our best performance to date. We should do well at nationals, and we’re looking forward to a great outdoor season.”

The track team competed against 15 other schools, broke five school records and had three members qualify to compete nationally.

Many school records fell when:

—Gerald Swann placed first in the 400-meter run (at 47.7) and ran the 55-meter hurdle semi-final run with a time of 7.55.

—James Wilson, also known as the school’s slam dunk champion, jumped 7 feet 1 1/2 inches in the high jump for another record.


—The 4 x 400-meter relay team of Scott Queen (at 49.8), Henry Elliott (at 49.0), Trevor Strachan (at 48.7) and Gerald Swann (46.4) placed second.

—Kevin Love placed second in the 35-pound weight throw with 51 ft. and 1 inch.

Three members qualified for the national competition in this meet.

McClanahan qualified in the 300-meter run, Wilson in the high jump, and Swann in the quarter-mile run and hurdles.

3 on 3 champs going to DC

By Mike Sparks

LU is sending three intramural teams to the National Three on Three Schick Basketball Tournament at George Washington University on March 6.

“Beach Club” is representing the women, and “Jam session” for the men.

One other team slot is being fought over by “the Apostles”, “Boyzzz” and the “Heels” who are in play-offs this week.

The winner of the Washington D.C. tournament will play at half-time at the Washington Bullets professional basketball game on March 24.

Regular season three on three basketball will start March 2.

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“Silver Beetles”, “Free Enterprise”, and “The Lawyers” are 1-1, while the “Heels” are 0-2.

In women’s indoor soccer action, “Mikie girls” are 3-0, “Coy n Racs” are 1-2, the “Flamelettes” are 1-1, and “Our team“ is 0-2.

ONE FINAL NOTE: The deadline for softball sign up is March 3.
Ax women's sports

Let's get rid of women's sports at Liberty University. No one will miss them, believe me. Why should funds be wasted on sporting events no one watches or cares about? The money that the athletic department now squanders on scholarships, uniforms, equipment, officials and other expenses for women's sports would be better spent on things of real importance—like men's sports.

The school could then provide financial support to the hockey and lacrosse teams. A much-needed 15,000 seat athletic facility could be built for basketball, wrestling and indoor track.

The only negative thing that would result from banning women's sports is that LU could not move up to Division I-AA. The National Collegiate Athletic Association requires all Division I schools to field a minimum of six women's teams.

A women's soccer team is scheduled to begin play next fall, which would fulfill the NCAA requirements. Terrific, another women's team everyone can ignore. That's the last thing we need.

Intramural play for women provides good exercise, but intercollegiate sports are not necessary. The proper place for Christian women is in the home, not on the athletic court or field.

Paraham leads Lady Flames to win in final home game

By Keith Miller

Playing the last home game of their Liberty careers, Annetta Paraham, Robin Vestal and Pam Stanford led the LU basketball Lady Flames past the Ferrum College Lady Panthers 69-56 on Feb. 22 at the multi-purpose center.

Paraham led LU with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman Kristi Mercer pumped in 15 points, while Stanford and Vestal each added six.

The Lady Flames won the opening tip and jumped out to a 14-9 lead at the 13 minute mark of the opening stanza. LU dominated inside with the 6'2" Paraham pounding the boards and a host of Lady Flames bombing away from the outside.

Ferrum kept close with some aggressive defense and some sloppy turns by the Flames. Still, LU scored the last six points of the half and led 27-20.

After a halftime show that saw the twin towers, Paraham and 6'2" freshman Tracey LaRose, pump in 15 points, while Stanfield scored the first two points of the second half to lead nine, 29-20.

A conference championship would be a great ending to this season, but Cox has her sights set higher for the future.

"I want to go to the National Championships of Division I," she says. "Then everyone can look at LU and see what we did as a Christian school.

"When I said I was coming to LU, they laughed," Cox says. "But I said, 'I'll prove y'all wrong.'"

"To try doing everything my best, and however it turns out is the way it turns out," she says.

Things have definitely turned out well for Cox and the Lady Flames, who have the possibility of having a winning season for the first time in years.

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Sports

Liberty fries Wesleyan by twenty

By Bruce A. Stanton

If the scoreboard at Liberty Gym doesn’t fall apart on its own, the Flames will short circuit it themselves if they have any more games like the 117-97 win over West Virginia Wesleyan last Tuesday night.

LU had six players in double figures, led by Bailey Alston’s 37 points. Brad Hamersley added 18 points for the Flames.

“Coach wanted us to push it up and get all we could get by scoring on the transition since they were a good half-court defensive team,” point guard Stephen Leary said.

LU missed the nets in the second half on 22 of 31 shooting from the field for 71 percent (66.7 percent for the game).

“We shot the ball very, very well,” Meyer said. “I thought we gained back some respect tonight.”

ALSTON HAS SCORED 714 TOTAL POINTS

The ‘Man without socks’ overcomes hardships

By Keith Miller

All right, you Liberty basketball nuts, name the LU player who comes off the bench, leads the conference in assists and looks like he doesn’t wear any socks.

Well, the last part of the question gives it away. If you haven’t guessed by now, we are talking about Number 33, Jim Pearce.

“I don’t like socks,” Pearce says. “But I do wear them. I just roll them down and it looks like I don’t wear any. Off the court, I like to go casual or do not wear any at all.”

Born in Baltimore, Md., Pearce attended Cardinal Gibbons High where he played basketball all four years.

After spending one year at Fork Union Military Academy, Pearce who hails from People, Virginia, began his college basketball career back home at the University of Maryland in Baltimore County. But there was one problem.

“I was saved while I was at Fork Union, and I just wasn’t fitting in at UMBC,” Pearce says. “I was looking to transfer when we played Liberty here. I looked around and liked what I saw and the people were nice. So I came here.”

After sitting out a year for transferring, Pearce played the last two years for the Flames. But he says that this season has been the toughest.

“Two games before the Christmas break, I ran into a blind side pick and hurt my back. Then after the break started, I had a car accident and reinjured my back and hurt my knee. That set me back another month.

“It’s been a funny year for me,” Pearce says. “With all the injuries I’ve had and the adjustment of coming off the bench, it’s been a struggle. But I enjoy playing basketball too much to stop.”

Leading the conference in assists is no small feat for a starter, yet Pearce leads the Mason-Dixon conference with a 6.3 average per game off the bench while also averaging more than 12 points per game and shooting the 3-point field goal well enough to be ranked in the top ten in the conference.

“It’s really not that hard,” Pearce says. “When you get guys who can score like our guys can, you just pass them the ball and they will score.”

“Plus, the three-point goal is a big part of our offense and Coach Meyer wants us to shoot it,” Pearce says.

“The three-point shot has become such a very important part of the game that every team needs someone who can shoot it from 19 to 20 feet. I just thank the Lord I have that ability.”

“Teamwise, the season hasn’t been what the players or LU fans have expected.”

“We came into the season with such high expectations. We’ve had to overcome some injuries and some other things, but we’ve been real competitive at times,” says Coach Leonard B. Richard.

“We played four Division I schools real tough after we came back from the break (Christmas) so it looked like we were really coming on. But then we lost our last two here at home (Feb. 17 and 19 against Virginia Union and Tusculum College), and they were tough to take.”

Off the court, Pearce likes to relax with friends and just be around people.

“It’s the people who makes any place special, and that is especially true here at Liberty. The people here mean so much to me. You can just see the love of Christ come through here. That is the big reason I came here was because of the people.”

“I think that in our society, athletes are looked up to especially by the young and I try to honor and glorify the Lord by being the best witness I can through the gift that God has given me of playing basketball.”

“As a team, we pass out tracts; but I think the best way to witness to the fans or other teams is to get their respect on the court first. Then maybe we can witness and be effective for the Lord,” Pearce says.

“I’m proud of Liberty, and I’m proud to represent this university. It’s something I’ll always remember.”
Flames lose to hockey
Blue Devils

By Robin Brooks

Winning two consecutive championships is tough in any sport or in any league. Even the New York Giants couldn’t do it.

So the Flames shouldn’t feel too badly after their 3-2 loss to the Duke Blue Devils in Sunday’s Southern Collegiate Hockey Championship.

“We did the best we could,” Coach Gary Habermas said following the contest. “We were first last year and any league. Even the New York Giants couldn’t do it. We were first last year and we’re second this year. That’s better than any team’s ever done.”

The Flames battled the Blue Devils down to the wire after getting off to a slow start. In the third period alone, LU took 16 shots on goal while allowing Duke only three during the last 25 minutes of play.

It began as a battle of the defenses as the two teams fought to keep each other out of reach of the goal. But, with 8:05 left in the first period, Duke’s Lincoln slipped one past LU’s Jon Ohlhauser for an early lead.

After the initial goal, the battle of the defenses heated up once more as the icers fought for possession and a chance for a shot. Then, at the 8:22 mark of the second period, Duke’s Smith managed to smack one in on an assist from Hubbel. It didn’t take long for Duke to strike again. Duke’s Frazee bagged another Blue Devil goal and it was 3-0.

The third period, however, belonged to LU. The Flames took to the ice, and Duke felt the pressure. Darren Richards got the Flames, and the fans fired up when he hit his goal at the 1:45 mark. A little more than five minutes later, Rich Hill netted his own goal and pulled the Flames to within one.

During the last minute of play, an LU goal was recalled due to a checking penalty against the Flames. It would turn out to be a costly call. When time ran out, the Blue Devils had beaten the Flames, 3-2.

In Saturday’s semi-final match, the Flames defeated the North Carolina State Wolfpack, 2-1.

After a scoreless first period, LU finally got on the board when number 10 Rich Hill connected on an assist from Jeff Schmidt at the 7:07 mark of the second period.

Neither team would score again until the third period. LU’s Darren Richards hit on an assist from Dan Davey at the 13:00 mark, but NC State quickly answered with one of its own as Brian Teague scored the Wolfpack’s only goal with 12:44 left in the match.

The Flames held on to the lead sending them into Sunday’s championship game with Duke University.

Following the championship game Sunday, Duke’s Hubbell was named the tournament’s most valuable player.

‘Jonny O’ gave LU winning tradition

“A hockey team at Liberty will never go anywhere!”

This is what my freshman roommate told me three years ago. A year before that, I watched him sell all his hockey equipment because he didn’t think any college in Virginia, of all places, would ever have a hockey team.

Fortunately for Jon Ohlhauser, he was wrong.

When Jon told me that three years ago, I agreed with him. A hockey program here was unlikely.

Equally hard for Jon to believe, though, would have been someone telling him he would graduate as the Liberty University Hockey Club president with a SCH (Southern Collegiate Hockey Association) championship, three winning seasons and a personal record of 30-5 to his credit!

Each member of the Flame’s hockey team and support staff rightfully deserves a tremendous amount of credit. In my opinion, though, no player is more deserving of this than Jon Ohlhauser.

Jon grew up on a farm near Carlson, Alberta, Canada. He began playing hockey on local ponds at an early age. Jon played hockey there for eight years until the family moved to Edmonton. In Edmonton, he played with the University of Alberta’s Junior B hockey team, the Edmonton Cougars. After one season, Jon wanted to play Division I hockey, so he transferred to Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota. He played hockey for the next three years.

After graduation, Jon ended up here at Liberty, minus all his hockey gear. When Flames hockey officially started a year later, Jon bought some more equipment and was ready to play goal again.

As club president, I’ve seen my senior roommate put in hours upon hours of hard work. Win or lose, Jon was responsible for making sure everything was running smoothly. Everything from wrestling with crucial decisions to typing chapel announcements at 1 a.m. (and then not having them read!) was part of the job for Jon.

Jon, congratulations on an outstanding record--both on and off the ice. Thanks for helping hockey at Liberty go from a spark to a Flame!

Golf team began season ranked fifteenth in Division 2

Liberty University’s golf team began its spring season Monday ranked 15th in the NCAA Division 2 Golf Coach’s Association Poll.

Coach Mike Hall believes this is the team’s best chance in four years due to the cooperative weather. Coach Hall says, “The team has had three and one-half weeks of good practice, after an early, cold snap. The weather has been cooperative and one-half weeks of good practice, after an early, cold snap. The weather has been cooperative.

In addition, the team’s practice sessions have been unusually productive due to the cooperative weather. Coach Hall says, “The team has had three and one-half weeks of good practice, after an early, cold snap. The weather has been cooperative.

These factors are important, considering Liberty’s schedule, which includes a number of tournaments ranked among the top teams in the country.

FAN SUPPORT—A contingent of Liberty hockey fans make the trip to Lancaster in Visnot for LU’s SCHA championship game loss to the Duke Blue Devils 3-2 on Sunday.—Photo by Pamela K. Windham.