Lady Flames capture first conference title

By LAURENIE MILLER
Champion Reporter

No. 1 seed UNC Greensboro unashamedly asserted the role of favorite in the Big South Tournament title fight. The Spartans giant powerhouse had cruised conferences competition throughout the season.

It may have taken more than one rock to deliver the fatal blow, but in a contest full of twists, turns, and mild showers, the Lady Flames earned LU its first ever Big South women's basketball championship.

"The Lord has really blessed us," Flames Head Coach Vicki Brown said. "It's always been a dream of mine to coach in the NCAA tournament."

Going into the match, the Lady Flames knew it had its work cut out. In last year's conference post-season, the Spartans annihilated LU 84-44 in the first round, and in both regular season meetings, the Spartans dealt the Flames double-digit defeats.

After losing to Radford in the finals, See Flames, Page 9

Students honored at banquet

By MATT WISHERMAN

University's version of a professional advertising agency, the Ad Team was presented with a $500 check from the Lynchburg Marketing and Advertising Association last Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Cedar Street restaurant in Lynchburg.

"We really appreciate the support of the Lynchburg Marketing and Advertising Association," said Ad Team Advisor Goodman.

Without their support, Goodman added, we'd be unable to compete at the level we compete at now.

The winning campaign was "Marketing our City," which the Ad Team created to improve the city's perception and image.

The campaign, which took the top prize for the Liberty University Ad Team, was chosen from more than four teams instead of two really receiving the final.

The Big South Conference was in its inaugural record popularity, with more than 40,000 spectators.

Goodman said the donated money will go directly to the cost of remodeling the campus. Among the organizations that have been selected by the AFA in the past are American Airlines, Visa, Kodak and American Airlines.

Of the previous four, the highest an LU team has placed is fourth (by the National Student Advertising Competition). This year's national competition will be held in Kansas City, MO.

"The company's support is significant," Goodman said. "We're competitive... that says something about our program."
Satellite service. In case of inclement weather, the following stations will announce any changes:

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Call for entry: In the field of American education, a decade of recognizing and honoring individuals who have improved student learning in the field of American education, the Liberty-Moore Companies announced the launching of the nationally recognized Harrell M. Wheat Prize for Excellence in Educating Students for 1997. Nomination applications will be available by contacting Elizabeth Doyle at (757) 212-3553.

March Madness main feature: Friday, March 7. From 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., the college department of Thomas Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg and the Carpet Shop of Lynchburg are sponsoring a night full of basketball fun and contests including a slam dunk competition, three-point shootout and basketball slam dunk. Contest winners will receive a 40" flat screen television in a raffle.

Vital Roller Skate Center: Students can discover what it feels to be a Christian in every aspect of life, including sports and recreation, at the Vital Roller Skate Center. This week, students can register for the skate center's January 15th through March 20th skate camp for 6th-12th graders crossing tracks, with emphases in:

- A Christian worldview
- Community Counseling
- School Counseling

Photos of the top photos taken in 1997 will be published in the Liberty Champion. Photographs must fall into one of the following categories: landscapes, sports, people/sunsets. Photographs can be in color or black and white. Entries may be submitted via email to the Liberty Champion. You may send one entry per week to the Liberty Champion. The $3 cost includes pizza, coffee, Circadium Rhythm and game Virtual Roller Coaster: Center Manager and Assistant Manager. Experience is required. Applications are available in the Student Life Office. Deadline is 6 p.m., March 29.

Next Issue's Deadline: March 6.
Harvey Hartman selected as Adviser of the Year

By JASON INGRAM

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Adviser of the Year. The award named Liberty University's School of Religion has been Advising Association's Outstanding Adviser of the Year. Several of Hartman's students sent to NACADA for review. NACADA selects 13 advisers each year, an honor no Liberty nominee has ever won. Seven LU advisers have received the Outstanding-Adviser Certificate of Merit, the most recent being Dave Touvel, who took home the award in 1986.

Hartman has been a professor and an adviser at Liberty since 1979. Despite his visibility with the School of Religion, Hartman's transcript will be reviewed by his peers. The Biola University review committee selected 13 advisers from around the country as Outstanding Adviser Award winners, on honor no Liberty nominee has ever won. Seven LU advisers have received the Outstanding-Adviser Certificate of Merit, the most recent being Dr. Dave Touvel, who took home the award in 1986.

Hartman said that of the five advisers nominated for the Outstanding Adviser Award, "broadened his horizons in the faculty advisers, said that of the five advisers nominated for the Award, I think every one of our artists are getting the ears of the youth through vulgarity and sensationalism."

Hartman said, "I arrived in town three or four days before school began to help the students stay on course, but I think they have a much more difficult task, and I think they deserve Adviser of the Year." According to Hartman, the key to fruitful relationships with his advisees is to "try to make sure that the students study on courses."

"I try to make sure that the students study on courses," Hartman said. "I try to guide them into classes where other opportunities are open to them. But the students that I advise have already expressed an interest in religion. I feel that those who work with the students have a much more difficult task, and I think they deserve Adviser of the Year." According to Hartman, the key to fruitful relationships with his advisees is to "try to make sure that the students study on courses."
Those crazy fans:

HYPED UP — Isaac Ring shows off his seniority, in black and red (far right). Jason Barchuski an avid clash-day fan doesn't even belong on the ground (above right). Julie Ainsley and Vivian Rogers display their spirit with flashy headbands and knee-high boots (below right). Brothers Mark and Colin Werner went all out for red, white and blue day (below).

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Millions spot mystery bird during tourney

"Let's hear it for the Liberty Thrillers!"

"No, look at the peppers, Flames. We're the Peppers.

"No, let's hear it for the Flames!"

Combination engine more often, the board noted not the minor discrepancy between our mattress and our mattress' name: "Go Liberty Flames" the huge Liberty crowd rescued in the lack-kitted West Zone Center, for the TV camera zooms in on a wildly wearing... bird... on our sitsuit.

Possibility one: We could change our team's name. Liberty Flames is a fine, unique name for our stellar athletes, expert receptionists and professional-quality press. However, that turkey on the home court and bird (don't look too much like a fire!) Should we change our name to the Eagles or some other prison sports Eagle? Eagles isn't such a bad name, it fits to well with the "Liberty" part, and the bird could remain an icon of our triumphs on court and field alike.

Possibility two: We could change our mascot. Who wants to deal with chang­ ing all those posters, signs and stationery from "Flames" to "Eagles"? Sure, you'll have to change the uniform, but the players still look like the American football team. And in the locker room, the mascot may be the most absent other wouldn't have an identity crisis as he does whenever the LU logo fost.

Possibility three: We could just ignore the problem. Maybe the flocks just a little. We don't change our name, or our mascot, our uniforms or our slogan.

There are a lot of freshmen who are as confused as the ESPNers, and con­ sidering that means almost half of the student body is lost on this issue, it qual­ ifies as important. Fix the bird!

Oh, good and good job, Flames, in the Big South tourney!

Try that again.

What does this mean to you, Joe/Jane Christian? The stylebook, taste, and the Liberty University mission state­ ment to The Spirit of the Lord, there is Liberty" 2 Corinthians 3:17.

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Could the death penalty save your life?

By RACHEL ELIZABETH

Champion Editorialist

Kirkpatrick, believes that George took the easy way out, dying by "lethal injection." He said he did not believe that George had "any moral fiber" at all.

"If the United States has a choice to make," said Kirkpatrick, "it should be a choice to save the lives of those who have the least."
**IT’S TIME TO START WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS**

**C**ould it be possible that there are college students from LU who aren’t going anywhere for Spring Break? It’s more than possible — it’s happening. This means that there are a courageous few who will forego the fun and sun and stay right here in the Burbs. And, just as it does every year, Spring Break will in fact provide these students an opportunity to do something worthwhile;

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Trip to March Madness next on Liberty’s agenda

Team feels blessed to win

CSU stuns Liberty in men’s final

Hourruitiner cans 24 as Bucs make first trip to ‘Big Dance’
ROUGH AND TUMBLE — Jennifer Jess, Genie Stinnett and Erin Wall scramble for a loose ball in the Lady Flames’ win (top left). Larry Jackson lets it be known what number he thinks the Flames are (top right). Elena Kisseleva takes an elbow during the game versus UNC Greensboro (right).

GOING FOR THE GOLD — Erik Sorensen reaches for a defensive rebound in Liberty’s victory over Radford (right). Peter Aluma and Larry Jackson cope with the realization that they will not be in the NCAA tournament (bottom). Erin Wall and Melinda Goodson struggle for a loose ball (far right).

— Photos by Matt Cuda and Ted Woolford
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Radford 73

By RICH MACLONE
Sports Editor

Radford University Head Coach Art Bradley planned a different man-to-man defense for the Flames to use against No. 1 seed UNCA in the semifinal game of the Big South Conference semifinals. Bradley said the Flames' defense had been Aluma man-to-man. Aluma dominated the game from the outset, scoring 14 of the Flames' first 16 points. Radford center Kevin Robinson was clearly overmatched in the first half. Robinson put up only a fight as he was pounded in 20 points in the opening half.

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"In our minds, Pete is clearly the best post player in the league," Bradley said. "Rufer just wasn't hitting the free throws and the defensive play came as a pleasant surprise."

The guard scored 10 points in the contest while playing on a sprained ankle suffered earlier in the week. "Anthony gave it everything he had," Bradley said. "He just wasn't 100 percent. He was more like 50 percent."

The point guard hit three three-pointers on the Panthers to attempt to tighten the game in the waning moments. His best shot came in the final minute as he hit a 13-foot triple to pull the Flames to within 79-74.

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Kisseleva lights up Winthrop in semifinal

 Flames earn first-ever Big South championship game on Feb. 28, in one of the most improbable upsets in the history of the Big South conference.

By LAURELEI MILLER

The seventh-seeded Chanticleers forced 31 turnovers as they overpowered Winthrop, 70-50, in the semifinal game of the Big South Women’s tournament.

"We’re one game away from our goal," said UNC Asheville Head Coach Ray Arechiga. "That kind of took the wind out of our sails.

Winthrop held a lead for less than one minute of the match. Once six minutes ticked off the clock, Liberty took over. LJ’s Michelle Wyms led the way to a 20-point run, and the Lady Flames never looked back.

"We’re one game away from our goal," Muller said. "When we’re hot, we can beat anybody."}

Box Score

Winthrop 50 (11-17) 
Mitchell 1-3 2-5, Franklin 1-5 0-0 2, Bell 0-0 0-0 0, Castle 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Richards 0-0 0-0 0, Cox 0-0 0-0 0, Turner 1-0 0-0 2, Bennett 0-0 0-0 0, Tull 0-0 0-0 0, Goodson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 26-70 13-20 70.

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Attendance: 1,287.

HALFTIME: Winthrop 31-22. 
PERIODS: RU: Kitchin (0:39); LU: none. 
TOURNEY RECORD: Because of RU’s post-season disadvantage as it returned to the court after intermission.

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Wilkinson battles back to help win the war

By RICH MACLONE

It was the afternoon to compete against UNC. Flames took the court on Saturday theme to "Rocky" into the tape. Wilkerson battles back from what seemed to be an insurmountable deficit to knock out the WVU women's basketball team in hat at half time, and the coach asks if she can start to get back into the game. "Wilkerson said.

/OUT TIE-UP

Wilkerson drubbed up-court after her injury. With 11 points, "We came to the locker room and they wiped all of the blood off, she said. "It was very possible to get me back into the game," Wilkerson said.

"Lady Flames" trainer Andrea Schnelle said that, for the most part, the medical team felt good about its first game. "We were ready to play," Coleman said, "As soon as she stepped onto the court, we knew she was ready to play."

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Despite the injuries, Sharon Wilkerson came back to help the Flames' trainer Angle with her injury. And they wiped all of the blood off, then she was taken to the locker room. "That would seem to be the case," Rick Reeves said, "You almost want to see a player get hurt so you can see her get back up."

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Softball team sweeps first double-header of the season

By AMY BENNET

The Lady Flames were victorious in a doubleheader on Wednesday, but not in basketball, also. While most statistics on Wednesday were being reported by some, others were watching the basketball championship game. Wilkerson started the second half in a new smile to the game. It was her most memorable day in basketball.

While most students on campus are concentrating on the NCAA tournament berth, WVU won the first game 6-0 and the second game 7-3.

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By LAUREL MILLER

What a way to go.

Elena Kisseleva went out and earned a big-South Conference's Rookie of the Year, leading her team in scoring and rebounding.

Sports Editor

Kisseleva dominated the tournament, the second highest for Liberty. She also contributed three crucial baskets when the score was tight.

Both seniors gracefully took a back­seat to the new crop of freshmen, but their return experience proved to be a vital, reliable weapon in some of the Lady Flames' crucial moments. They stepped up to the plate and hit the extra tough times, including pivotal moments when the Lady Flames were tipped toe in the zone.

After fighting back from serious shoulder injury which required surgery, and Wyms struggled with tendonitis in her knees.

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Wyms laughed and said, "I was going to go out with a bang, regardless." After fighting back from serious injuries, Stinnett and Wyms both gave their best performances of the year against UNC Greensboro at Saturday's championship game.

"When I thought this could be the last game," Stinnett said, "I knew that I had to just go out there and play my gun out. Stinnett launched the bombs from the perimeter, four of which were right on target, to tally 14 points in the championship game.

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Along with Stinnett, both Sharon and Sarah Wilkerson were also named to the All-Tournament team. Rounding out the tournament victory teams were tipped toe in the zone.

Over Here - Lady Flames guard Genie Stinnett lets her teammates know she is open.

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