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**Candidates call truce**

**By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS**

The results of the 1997 SGA elections are in, and the candidates have agreed to work under the guidance of the new Student Senate. The two candidates, however, also differing accounts of a "gentleman's agreement" between the campaigns to not report infractions, which could lead to the disqualification of one candidate. The resolution was approved by the Senate, and all candidates accepted it.

**SGA requests casual dress, student surveys**

**By BATTY SNECHERT**

New Faculty

There are recurring themes in the forthcoming Student Government Association's up-coming events. Student Senate has been working on several technical issues. I don't think we can do it without my help," said Eric Hemati. "I don't know who we, as senators, are concerned with." According to the resolution, "we are currently required to spend one hour five times a semester enforcing class dress codes, which contributes to "the negative stigma as guards instead of their normal role as mentors."" The resolution was passed unanimously.

**CAFW draws 450 in recruit effort**

**By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS**

Almost 450 potential students and parents attended on campus April 13-15 for the last CFAW of the year. "Attendance at the CFAW was the largest of the year," Spencer said. "Workorders stayed in dorms despite initial plans to lodge some at the Holiday Inn. "The only problem is that we can only take so many kids this year," Spencer said. "We're telling them they must apply, they must conform," Spencer said.

**Alger award recipient addresses LU**

Tom Harkin, the Senate, Texas businessmen who own the Coca Cola and Cafe restaurant chains, addressed the student body on April 14 in convocation. A recipient of the Harkin Alger Award in 1982 talking with Henry Kingston, Professor Kaya Angel and Supreme Court Justice Thomas Clance, Harkin is best known for his for most of the business world. Since receiving the award, Harkin has delivered more than 204 motivational speeches on overcoming personal adversity and has been the subject of several books, speeches and newspaper interviews. The biggest complaint from town students is that they don't feel part of campus," he said. "They never will be."
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Special Olympics: The LU Student Life special events area will sponsor the local Special Olympics event April 19. Anyone interested in volunteering or helping out by “shadowing” athletes on Sat., April 19, should contact Connor Swinehart c/o Liberty Champion.

State College Republicans elect new officers: State College Republicans elected their new officers on April 14.

The newly formed Liberty COMS (Communications) Club sponsored its first event on Saturday, April 12, in DeMocker 105. Dubbed COMSfest ’97, the gathering was open to students from all majors and to students participating in College for a Weekend. The event featured keynote speakers, faculty- and guest-speaker panels, and the first-ever awarding of the COMS Professor of the Year Award. Senior Computer Science major Katie Carico presented the award to Dr. Stephen Tread, who was previously recognized with an honoree mention for Adviser of the Year by the National Academy of Arts and Letters.

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Missionaries forced to leave Albania

By JASON INGRAM
Champion Reporter

Two Liberty alumni were forced to leave the impoverished nation of Albania early this month, when the Albanian government shut down the financial scheme erupted into a wave of hostility.

According to Jim O'Neill, director of the Center for World Missions, a group of Albanian businessmen, under the auspices of the government, established a pyramid scheme that promised investors an almost instant profit. The businessmen then took the investors' capital and left the war-torn country in early April.

Heather Ely, elected to remain in Albania, said O'Neill, "(Investors) were cocooned, really — for so many of them. It's turned to chaos rather than coming home."

Heather said that she feels it's better than Ely, who opted to remain in the school year in the hospital. By JENNIFER PILLATH and LEIGH LEWIS

Science department seeks Alzheimer's grant

The Liberty University Science Department has applied for a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Conference on Aging that could lead the way to a possible treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

The $16,500 grant would become effective on July 1, 1997, and would fund the research of a recently discovered protein in the brain that may or may not have an effect on the loss of memory in Alzheimer's patients.

"But if their presence is going to be of no use to the brethren through torture, then that's a problem," said O'Neill. "We're not going to let the Albanians be used, just to stay and be a comfort to the orphans in demonstrating God's protective care for them through staying on the line and watching over their running home."

The current state of unrest in Albania, where the U.S. has not designated a country, is unknown, said O'Neill. "We never get other students in the next two years who want to go to the Albains and minister," said O'Neill. "That now really means it's very much small and we, of course, are desirous in going in there and helping and providing care and service and all the rest by the fact that you're an American."

O'Neill said that the US missionaries were working with orphans in Albania, but that the environment surrounding even this option was volatile.

"There are several factors that we've studied and that are very much, very much, very much, and some of them are very hard to say. The specific threats were — the specific threats were..." said O'Neill. "We're not going to stay if the Albanians are letting (the missionaries) stay."

According to O'Neill, an organization deals primarily with foreign organizations.

"It's been an option for several years, but for Albania, we have not been an option," said O'Neill. "It's turned to chaos rather than coming home."

"A biking trip was nothing out of the ordinary for King. He had been taking lessons on ATV trails outside of Madison Heights on Tuesday, April 6. After a few jumps, the normal thrill turned to panic and pain as he lost control of a jump and landed on his back.

"As X rays were taken, Randy soon found out that he had crushed his T8 vertebrae in the fall. "The injury has left Randy in bed for the last week because he's unable to move without vertebrae surgery."

"Doctors first thought that the injury would heal on its own, but now the option of surgery has entered the picture. If it was either six weeks in bed, or surgery, and I would rather have the surgery," said King. "Randy was moved on Monday, April 14, to UVa for the surgery. From there we have a very long period time before he's able to come up with a reasonable treatment. It's hard to treat a disease when you don't know what causes it." In addition to the possible Alzheimer's disease, the $16,500 grant would allow the department to conduct a research that could lead to a possible treatment.

"There are two principle lesions that pre-exist in the brain, and the research group of one of America's most crippling diseases is "the disease when you don't know what causes it." In addition to the possible Alzheimer's disease, the $16,500 grant would allow the department to conduct a research that could lead to a possible treatment.

Rich says goodbye... see page 14.
Arrests follow scuffle

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Editor In Chief

The incident occurred on University Drive at the intersection of Brigg and Timberlake at about 4 p.m. The intersection is near the old Ford Caprice stopped his car and got out along with another passenger. The driver of a Bulck 88 Leopard Ford Caprice stopped his car and got out along with another passenger. The driver of a Bulck 88 Leopard Ford Caprice stopped his car and got out along with another passenger.

The driver of the Caprice then approached the Le Sabre driver, asking "so it looked to start something," the Le Sabre driver said.

Two Juveniles were taken Into official assistance from the International Missions Board.

APPEARENTED — An unidentified juvenile is questioned by Lynchburg police in front of Religion Hall last Sunday, April 13, 1997. Two Juveniles were taken into official assistance from the International Missions Board.

Southern Baptist students gain support of SBC

BY JASON INGRAM
Champion Reporter

Liberty University students who are members of Southern Baptist churches and wish to join the foreign missions field may now to be able to receive financial assistance from the Southern Baptist Convention. Director of the Center for World Missions Jim O'Neill said that there are two qualifications for missionary consideration within the context of the SBC's International Missions Board. "Number one, you have to be a member of a Southern Baptist church," O'Neill said. "The second qualification is that you have to have two years of proven time. They are very strict in considering (Liberty students). But again, you have to be a SBC member."

"We paid a visit to the Southern Baptist Convention and we are just interested in helping our students who are interested in missionary work. "We have already got two guys up there through the SBC's foreign missions board. Also, students currently attending Liberty who have not attended Southern Baptist churches and are seeking missions work would be encouraged to stop by at the Liberty International Missions Board, and if they want to start something," the La

Investment club named No. 5 in national ranking

BY CHERY RANKIN
Champion Reporter

According to the latest Investment Challenge newsletter, the LU Investment Club is currently ranked fifth in the nation; however, the club is merely one of ten Southern Baptist churches and member of Southern Baptist Jubilee Plan. The highest that Liberty has been ranked is tenth, but not this year. "No one was interested in seeing Liberty doing well to represent the school," said Kevin Harvey, President of the School's Investment Club. "No one was interested in seeing Liberty doing well to represent the school."

World Missions Jim O'Neill said that students currently attending Liberty who have not attended Southern Baptist churches and are seeking missions work would be encouraged to stop by at the Lincoln International Missions Board. "We have six teams, consisting of five to six people, participating in the challenge. Four of the teams have been in the top 25 percent of the teams, which is really about $15,000 or first place in the challenge, which ended on April 14. Leading the Liberty teams in both measures, Head Coach, Vito & Beverly DeMonte, said "It gives us through our Master of Arts degree here."

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Republicans select state leaders

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candidates. He highlighted endorsements from former GOP congressional candidates George Sweet and George Landrith, for whom he volun­
teed extensively in Land­rith's failed 1996 campaign.

Ferguson's platform stressed building the party's "grassoots," volunteers and workers
on the local level. He also
called for the establishment of
Republican clubs at colleges currents without clubs.
After their defeat, in a show
of unity. Young and Ferguson
pledged their support to the
winners and called on the del­
egates to make the results
unanimous.

Ferguson thanked applaud­
ing supporters from Liberty's
delegation after the election,
noting their willingness to
drive from Lynchburg and
thanking them for "staying up
real late" Friday night to help
him campaign.

Ferguson, who has worked
in numerous Republican cam­
paigns around Lynchburg,
kept the experience in per­
spective. "It was definitely not
a loss," he said. "Our (Liberty)
delegates led three people to
Christ, and that's the ulti­
mate." Also, because of his
campaign efforts, he said,"they (the Cobb-Totin ticket)
definitely realized the need to
expand the College Repub­lican Federation.

Hemati drops campaign charges

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"A copy of the rules are not given
to all 300 volunteers," Hemati said.
He refused the agreement because he wouldn't
benefit by it. "I had already
observed violations taking
place," he said. "When he pro­
pposed the agreement, I hadn't
committed any violations and
would be handing over rights in
return for nothing."

Infractions
"Several of the infractions
alleged by both campaigns deal
with early campaigning.
According to the Election Rules,
candidates cannot begin cam­
paigning until the Wednesday
before the election.

However, hats, T-shirts and
signs linked to the campaigns
began appearing around campus
several weeks before election
day. Both candidates said they
previewed the clothing items
with members of the Elections
Committee and were told that
such things fell into a "grey
area."

Some of the infractions also
deal with signs being placed in
illegal areas, including some
hung by Coleman's mother.
"Mom put some of those signs
up," the president-elect said.
"Some of those infractions came
from Mom being overeager."

SGA CREDIBILITY
Both campaigns say they want
the Election Committee to allow
the candidates to get on with
their lives and let Coleman begin
his tenure as President.
"None of the charges are sub­
stantial errors that will affect the
final outcome of the race,"
Coleman said. "Eric and I
expect to be/ipposed at the
numbers we arrived at."
The president-elect said that
he feels the student body has
received some respect for the SGA.
"By dragging the process out, "there is a chance for the credibility of
Student Government would be
diminished," Coleman said. "It
would be a huge shame the new
administration would then
have to clean up the mess."
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A few more pet peeves

Week now since the change. Is it that difficult to update the clocks? We’ve been on weird hours all semester long? Some are off by an hour, and some aren’t even close. As of now, the DeMoss clocks are of little practical use at all. It’s about time to set them straight. When your life and or not?) and to the losers on a hard-fought campaign, All the other can’t allow the walk to be used as intended—for pedestrian traffic from the Dorm 3 and the Vines Center? It looks as though it will be wide enough .

While we’re on the subject, why have several of the campus timepieces Classes will not be on the steroid plan. Getting through a class hour next with student attention spans. Since every minute after a hour spent in class feels like an eternity, some of those Tues-Thurs classrooms began .

Secondly, we’ve noticed all those white poles in the courtyard. There’s "What a long, strange trip it’s been. That was the news according to us, and .

"And let us not be weary In well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we .

"The Egg-Man
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Matt "Love Pig" Swinehart
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Julie "Jewels" Cozby
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Ted "Don Juan" Woolford

For all of us, the challenge now is to not get Into "hazy, lazy" mode to . Just one request: Please don’t take that accumulated stress out on the .

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"After three years, I am going to end mellow ...

"In no particular order, I’d like to thank...

"Thanks for making this year so much fun. Rich, weVe had fun the last couple of

"Looking back over 4 years

Almost four years ago and I set down a computer much like this one and began work on a message to the graduating seniors. I wrote for the Liberty Champion. A few days later, this page was sitting on the front page of the school’s newspapers. I should have looked back earlier.

During the course of the last eight semesters, I have moved through the ranks of the Champion, going from reporter to editor-in-chief, going from greening, learning, developing.

And the beating... Just 18 days from now I’ll be on the street with a diploma in one hand and a response in the other. I’ve been through a lot. I’ve been able to deal with most of the life-changing, paradigm-shifting experiences of a university education. I’ve been able to pay my way through college. I’ve been able to add to my personal life through dating. I’ve been able to develop a close relationship with a woman. I’ve been able to attract others and to give you my best and share my ideas. All the other can’t allow the walk to be used as intended—for pedestrian traffic from the Dorm 3 and the Vines Center? It looks as though it will be wide enough.

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Wrong priorities used in fight vs. crime

By SUZIE FULKS

Fearful of crime, many people now believe they have a right to buy your house that you were unable to save six months ago. Besides, the higher the crime rate in an area, the fewer the number of businesses that will provide services. This causes lower job availability and forces area businesses to raise prices.

Crime produces poverty everywhere, just look around. In Dayton, Ohio, the percentage of the budget spent on corrections climbed from 4.4 percent in 1987 to 8.2 percent this year. Yet at the same time, education spending decreased from 3.7 percent in 1987 to 3.5 percent this year.

"We support a group of people who made their own free choice to turn to crime. In effect, they are reorganizing criminals for their horrific assault upon society."

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By JESSICA MILLER and MARY BARTLETT

TOKYO (AP) — Last month, the Japan Society, a local

American cultural center, hosted an art exhibition called

"Art in Motion," which featured works by Japanese

and American artists. The exhibition included paintings,

sculptures, and installations, all of which explored the

theme of motion and movement.

The opening reception was attended by a diverse

audience, including local artists, cultural enthusiasts,

and art lovers from around the world. The event

provided an opportunity for guests to view the

exhibit and engage in conversations about art and

culture.

The exhibition was part of the society's ongoing

commitment to showcasing and celebrating the

diversity of cultural expressions. By bringing together

works from different traditions, the exhibition

highlighted the universal appeal of artistic expression

and encouraged visitors to explore new perspectives

and ideas.

The exhibition will continue through the end of the

month and is open to the public. Visitors are invited to

explore the full range of works on display and

experience the dynamic energy of "Art in Motion."
SPRING IS PEEKING OUT EVERYWHERE — The Vine's Center roof reflects the welcomed sunshine that Spring brings to Lynchburg. The landscaping around campus erupted as soon as winter snow bid farewell (right).

MMM ... FRESH STRAWBERRIES — Right, Tony Bonavita bites into a little bit of Spring. The Spring weather causes many students to flee indoors.

WHAT STATE IS THAT FLAG FROM? — Danny Love decides to spend the day living the life of a rug (below). Crazy antics were a common sight around campus.

GETTING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE — David Chen tries to view things in a whole new way (above).

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Football team takes on Liberty alumni

By MARK HOGSED

The unusual Liberty alumni football game was held on Saturday at Williams Stadium before a crowd of Liberty students, both present and past. The alumni team, which consisted of former Liberty football players, scrimmaged against the Flames team for 75 practice minutes.

The game was not played as a normal football game where each team would earn at least ten points. Instead, each team could put the ball in the possession of the ball. Instead, the alumni team would gain possession of the ball after the Flames team put it in play.

The alumni roared back late in the game runs. It's a lot of fun. It's a new thing. Many teams did not like being taught to have,
Flames lax slaughters Hampton Sydney 17-6

By PAUL PIERSON

It is said that the best defense is offense. Liberty's lacrosse team proved that statement to be true with a 17-6 offensive field day against Hampton-Sydney on Sunday, April 13. Although Sydney held all scorers with six goals, ripped through Ham-Sy's lethargic defense like he was "in the zone." With precise passing and effective execution, Liberty's offense was not to be stopped. The Flames' romping of HS which brought Liberty's record to 6-3 in the Big South Conference.

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LU All-Stars shine on lacrosse field

By PAUL PIERSON

All-Star, a fitting definition would be something like... he that is the best in his field, accomplishing that which is impossible and being dedicated through and through. All-Star, An honor that has respect, pride and admiration written all over it.

All-Star. The Liberty University lacrosse team has a handful of them. Senior Adam Denholm can name any ball thrown at him. Senior Brad Thomas' physical presence and rocket-shots are consistently powerful on the field. Junior Jeremy Kortright has more finesse and quickness than a combination of Carl Lewis and a Russian ballet dancer. Sophomore Kyle Brenon displays more moves than the Lakers' coach to his top. Sophomore Ryan Swisher is accurate and calm than an assassin and he always hits his mark. All are being recognized for their brilliance on the field as well as for their sportsmanship.

Kortright will be playing in his third All-star game, Brenon his second, but for Denholm, Swisher and Thomas the honor and opportunity is a first time experience. This quintet of LU laxers tallies almost 90 percent of the team's goals. The National College Lacrosse League selects the All-Star teams and determines which All-Star teams meet in the post-season. "Each year this game means more to me than the last one because I truly appreciate the competitiveness and the need of respect that everyone is given," Kortright said. "I love this game."

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NALLA SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK — Flamesman Dan Crane carried the ball upfield in the scoring hey-day against Hampton-Sydney.

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By AMY BENNETT
Champion Reporter
The Lady Flames softball team finally showed their first signs of wear and tear after having played 41 games in 40. Big South Conference leader East Carolina University (40-18) swept Liberty (26-17) in a doubleheader on Saturday 14-1, and 9-1. LU ended a week that included two games for the '97 season as they take on Coastal Radford University in both games, 9-0 and 8-0.

By Rich MacLone
Sports Editor
The Liberty Flames baseball team had two losses in their last game against Winthrop after April, April. The team ended its 15-6 run against Winthrop University.

Casey Roomer was the first batter to come to bat. The ball was then pitched to the right side of the mound. Roomer promptly lined it up and hit it. The runners were ready to score. With no idea of what was going to happen next, the first baseman stepped up and picked up the ball. The runners were ready to score.

E. Carolina hands LU two losses on Saturday

The schedule-makers did not show the Liberty baseball team many breaks when the Flames' 1997 date of games was compiled. The bulk of the Flames' (17-5 Big South Conference) opponents have been played away from Winthrop'sRadford. The first three games of the season were away from home. The team has posted a 1-4 record at Radford and is 11-9 away from the friendly confines of Liberty field.

They're going to have to take over the scheduling in the next year, Head Coach Johnny Harbison said. "Next year we were going to play at least half of the games in home, with the exception of the spring trip to Florida."

Unlike home, games seemed to be the place where the bats came alive. The Flames averaged nearly two runs per game at West Virginia Shutdown. Through April, the team had averaged only 1.6 runs per game on the road. The team has scored an average of 1.5 runs per game. However, the team has averaged 3.3 runs per game at home.

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LU catcher David Benham came out of the game after two batters when he suffered a back injury. Benham took a deep breath. All I want to do, Harbison added, "is move the man along, nothing more."

"We don't get the best crowds, but we all try to do our best for the Cause. We do this for the Cause, and I believe in the Cause." Harbison said that the team has to remember that it is only playing a "10 years, most of us couldn't even play anymore." He said, "We have to give them and have a good time."

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