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Phil Driscoll blows trumpet for God's glory

TRUMPET FOR JESUS—Gospel trumpet player Phil Driscoll performed at Liberty last week in the Multi-Purpose Center.—Photo by Don Hayden.

The Liberty Champion
**Political Issues**

**U.S. presidential candidates: The Facts**

**BUSH**

By Bradley Taylor

Once described by Ronald Reagan as a “Yalie, a preppy, and a sissy,” George Bush is now the clear front runner in the bid for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Knowing that Bush will be the Republican nominee, it would do one well to know where this man stands on the issues, that are taking front stage in election year.

Examining the positions which Bush has taken on the predominates issues, one would have a hard time seeing the difference between George Bush and the man who is currently occupying the Oval Office.

Abortion is the most controversial and most avoided issue in any election, nevertheless, Bush has taken the position that the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision should be overturned. He opposes the use of any federal funds to subsidize an abortion except in cases where the mother’s life is in danger.

Wanting to be remembered as “The Education President”, Bush has called for a complete overhaul of the present educational system. His proposed reforms include: merit pay for teachers, testing of pupils to assure competency, “back to basics” curriculums, and more vigorous graduation requirements. Bush supports voluntary school prayer and also supports tuition tax credits for those who opt to educate their children outside of the public system.

Bush is convinced that more should have and could have been done to cut the nation’s multi-trillion dollar deficit. He has called for a balanced budget within five years after he takes his oath of office. Like Reagan, Bush has promised he will not raise taxes as a means to eliminate or reduce the deficit. He also supports the Presidential line item veto.

In dealing with the Soviet Union, Bush is a backer of the INF Treaty which the Senate Armed Services Committee has just recently approved. Bush warns that he will not support any treaty with the Kremlin which is not completely verifiable. He also does not support any arms reduction treaty which would place the United States in an inferior military position.

Bush favors a strong military and the continuing development of SDI, better known as “Star Wars.” The Foreign Policy of the Reagan Administration will not be any different in his own administration, according to Bush.

Like Reagan, Bush is a staunch supporter of Israel, opposed to a PLO State and supports the Nicaraguan contras.

If the American people are content with the present Administration, then George Bush is the candidate they should support.

**GORE**

By Keith Miller

Well Iowa, New Hampshire and Super Tuesday are all over and with the Republican nomination is all but wrapped up, the Democratic race is still wide open although the field has been narrowed to Michael Dukakis, Jesse Jackson and Albert Gore, who could be the Democrats see-in-the-hole.

Even though Gore is running third in most polls, he remains very important to the Democratic chances of regaining the White House.

Why? Because he is from the South (Tennessee, white, well educated, a Harvard grad) and is viewed as a moderates-to-conservative who could pull the conservative Democrats back into the Democratic fold that they have strayed from the last two elections.

Gore won five border states Super Tuesday (Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Carolina and Oklahoma) and finished second in all the Deep South states behind Jackson and in Texas. But he is yet to prove that he can win outside the South so his chances of winning the Democratic nomination are remote.

So where does that leave Gore in ’88? As the perfect vice-presidential candidate. If he could carry the South like the Democrats think that he could, the Democrats could conceivably win the South and the Northeast with the only question mark being the West.

Could this happen? Well according to a recent ABC News exit poll among Democrats who voted for Reagan in 1984, Gore won 35 percent and Dukakis won 25 percent so a Dukakis-Gore ticket would be very appealing to Democrats as a whole.

How electable is Gore? Very! He appeals to whites and blacks, women and men and he will pick up a lot of minority votes as Democrats generally do. The key is, will he appeal to the conservatives in his own party. With a quick check of his voting record, you will find that Gore is to the left of Ted Kennedy, which doesn’t sit well with a whole lot of “southern boys.” Yet lately he has been talking about a strong national defense and destabilizing arms control. Which is to say that he doesn’t favor reductions in arms that give either of the major powers an advantage.

What does it all add up to? Possibly a closer election in November then the Republicans care to see.

**DUKAKIS**

By Jeremiah satinso

The "Duke" of Massachusetts is back in the lead after winning Connecticut with a landslide 2-to-1 over Jesse Jackson recently.

Gov. Michael Dukakis, who won the delegate lead over Jackson in the primaries, has already won enough to secure the nomination. He has also won 13 states including Michigan, Washington, and Maine. He is now leading in the delegate count with 672 delegates, while Gore has 648 delegates and Jackson has 633 delegates.

Dukakis won primarily because more money and superior organization. He has demonstrated versatility by winning in every region of the country. He has also won in states where he is not expected to win.

Dukakis is the Democratic answer to the anti-war, anti-big government, anti-business, anti-corporate, anti-rich candidates of the past. He is a moderate to conservative who could win outside the South so his chances of winning the Democratic nomination are remote.

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**JACKSON**

By Lorri Skudder

President candidate Jesse Jackson seems to hold liberal positions on most issues, saying that his views are the opposite of Reaganomics.

Jackson advocates putting less money into arms and more into saving the country’s farms. He opposed U.S. intervention in Grenada and Libya and currently opposes intervention in Nicaragua.

His platform calls for tapping $2 million in pension funds to “rebuild America” including “financing affordable housing, energy-efficient transit and job creation.”

Jackson favors a health care plan that would give medical aid to all people regardless of their age or economic status. He also supports annual cost-saving increases for Social Security recipients.

He advocates legislation giving homosexuals the same minority legal status as blacks or other minorities.

Jackson does not support restrictive action against high-risk groups for AIDS.

On the abortion issue, Jackson is satisfied with the current legal status, not desiring to change the present abortion-on-demand position. He does not oppose federal funding used for abortion services, research, or counseling.

He is not against the sale of adult pornographic magazines at drugstores, supermarkets and convenience stores.

Concerning his lack of political experience, Jackson has responded by saying he has been a leader, in his church, for 25 years. He says he has had experience in dealing with world leaders.

A critic said that one could judge Jackson’s administrative skills by examining his organization called People United to Save Humanity (PUUSH).
Painful
On Good News

Editorial

Over Spring Break a couple of weeks ago, I spent a day at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. It was my first visit to the Magic Kingdom and I couldn’t help but notice the striking similarities between Disney and our very own Liberty University!

Keeping the Disney theme in mind, I think it would be relatively easy to transform the campus of Liberty into a world-class amusement park.

Let’s start with Adventure Land. I think Liberty has the makings for a really great Jungle Cruise in our infamous ravine. We have the charming rapids, lush greenery and exotic wildlife (I’ve seen enough snakes and rats down there to keep even Indiana Jones happy!). All we need is some head-hunting natives (easy Christian Service points) and a few boats in the creek and away we go!

Another Adventure Land ride we could easily duplicate here is the Pirates of the Caribbean. Put a Spanish galleon in the Business Office and it’s “pay your bill or walk the plank!”

On to Frontier Land...

If it’s one thing we have here at Liberty, it’s plenty of Frontier Land. In fact, we have over 4000 acres of it! Since the only way to get to where the new dorms will be is by horseback, I guess they can be classified as Frontier Land too.

Disney created a roller coaster with Big Thunder Mountain Railroad. We can do even better. How does Big Bald Mountain Railroad sound to you? Can’t you just see a railroad car full of screaming people racing around the top of Liberty Mountain?

I am beginning to get irritated. Actually, I’ve been getting irritated all semester. It’s about time I let it out, don’t you think?

You see, people love to criticize this newspaper. They enjoy raking on what they call censorship. I prefer to think of it as publisher’s prerogative. They also rag on our coverage.

Some of my fellow students (and some people outside this university) seem to think that there is an evil administrator lurking with red pen in hand, assigned to destroy any exercise of free press we may attempt.

This evil being shows no mercy toward my staff, allows no critical thinking, and purposely restricts our freedom to express our own opinions as journalists, right? In fact, some of you probably even wonder why we have a school newspaper, don’t you? You think that The Liberty Champion is just a propaganda sheet. Guess what?

You’re wrong.

I really hate to burst all those bubbles and shatter all those illusions, but there is no evil administrator waiting to rob me or my staff of our rights. In fact, we have been far more controversial and critical than ever this year. That doesn’t sound like censorship to me. It kind of sounds like a little bit of creative freedom.

After all, we are ASPIRING journalists. We aren’t up to the level of Woodward and Bernstein yet. We may tend to get carried away with our writing, but the paper IS read before it goes to press. The school has to protect itself and its image.

I mean, if you were going to sue for libel, would you sue me or an organization like LU?

I rest my case.

Now let’s talk about those who aren’t very happy with our coverage of campus news. They think that The Champion comes down too hard on students and not hard enough on administration, security, Marriot, etc.

Why should we chastise anything other than students? The Champion is a STUDENT newspaper. We are the watchdog of student government and student life. Anything within those parameters is our jurisdiction. It is our job to applaud as well as to criticize.

Could it be we’re stepping on toes here? Is The Champion doing its job too well? Are we making any of you think about what you’re reading?

I know that this column won’t stop all the censorship comments I hear, and it may not stop the complaints about student coverage. But, that’s okay.

I KNOW I can’t please everyone all of the time. I’m a journalist and I stand up for what I believe.
Students address concerns

By Bradley Taylor

The new student Union, changes in the Liberty Way, and car stereo theft were discussed last Thursday evening at the SGA sponsored Student Forum. Dean Bakker, Dean of Student Affairs, Glen Belden, the university’s Director of Development, and Lieutenant Pinkerton, the Chief of Security, were present to address these and other issues brought to their attention by the student body.

Lt. Pinkerton was kept busy during the hour long session answering questions concerning the recent rash of car stereo thefts that have occurred on campus. Pinkerton stated that the situation is currently under investigation and suspects have been questioned.

One question directed towards Lt. Pinkerton pertained to an investigation in the dorms, the Chief of Security said the number one problem was that “students are not properly securing their property.” Lack of manpower was cited as a reason that many theft reports are left uninvestigated.

Director of Development, Glen Belden, fielded questions relating to the physical expansion of the school. Belden unfolded plans for the proposed new dormitories that are scheduled to begin housing students this fall. Plans call for “suites” that consist of five bedrooms that are situated around a lounge area and a kitchen facility. A television set will be provided in each lounge area.

Belden assured that there would be only two students to a room in the new dorms, and said that a maximum of three to a room will be the limit for upperclassmen in the existing dorms. Belden announced that the Student Union building should be ready for use by early Autumn. The existing building, which is located on the opposite side of the soccer field, is currently used to house equipment for the grounds and maintenance crew.

The building will be renovated to include three television rooms, a recreation area that will include ping pong tables, pool tables, video games and a snack bar. Plans call for a large “multipurpose area” that can be used as a theatre, and for such activities as aerobics. The administration is currently working with the Student Activities office to assure the Student Union will meet the needs and desires of the student body.

In other matters relating to the physical aspect of the university, Mr. Belden stated that another entrance to the campus would not be a reality by the fall semester. He added however, that the administration has seen the need for an additional entrance and is considering one in the near future.

Computer access to other regional universities will be another reality this fall. A terminal in the LU library will link students up with millions of volumes located at various schools. Belden said that he thinks one day in the near future this type of access will be made available from each dorm room. Belden added that the fiber optics in the telephone system are already in place for this to be accomplished.

Dean Bakker stressed that no major changes were planned for next year addition of the Liberty Way. "After twelve years of revisions it (The Liberty Way) is practical to the student body," he said. Bakker also added that "Liberty does not want to lose its distinction as a Christian university."

Belden interjected by stating, "There is a market out there for a university such as Liberty." He went on to say that college bound students have a wide range of other schools to choose from, but that there are only a few that are distinctly Christian.

LBU on the air

By Jennifer Ferrell

WLBV - TV (channel 11) broadcasts on-campus Christian programming including original student productions, music, talk shows and teaching.

Students can view the station on the DeMoss television monitors Monday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Original programs that the students produce include:

- LU-Jams - a half-hour music program featuring student talent is aired on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. It is hosted by Jeff Carlson and produced by Matt Hall and Mo Woon.
- Sports Club '88 - a half hour sports program aired live on Sundays at 10:00 p.m. and rebroadcasted on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. It features Liberty hosts Scott Stovyan and Brad Vanley and is produced by Tim Haines and Alan Gentry.
- News 11 - a half-hour campus news program aired on Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. It is anchored by Shirley Drago, Mark Edwards and Scott Stovyan with sports. It is directed by Lisa Reichenbach and produced by Judy Harris and Pam Miller.

Activities Calendar

Thursday, April 7-College For a Weekend
YouthQuest Conference '88
SGA Senate Mtg. 3:05pm DH 133
SGA Activities Council Mtg. 3:05pm DH 144
Intramural Volleyball Coaches Mtg. 4pm
Intramural Frisbee Coaches Mtg. 5pm
Zeta Tau Meeting 7pm
Student Aerobics Class 7pm
Multi-Purpose 2
Friday, April 8-College For a Weekend
YouthQuest Conference '88
Film Festival "A Man Called Peter" 7pm & 9:30pm DeMoss 160
"Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory" 7pm & 9:30pm DeMoss 160
WRVL Club 88 Appreciation Day
Concert 7pm Multi-Purpose Center
"The Big Chill" 10pm Deli
Saturday, April 9-College For a Weekend
Wanted: Female telemarketer needed, exp. preferred, 10-20 hours weekly. Comm. salary, must have own phone.
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Feature
Student ministers through his talent

By Scotta Morris

In the world today, there seems to be a great amount of Christian entertainment, and one of the exciting ministries that God is using out of Liberty University is Frank Banfill.

Frank Banfill is a pastoral major from Hemmit, California. He was saved at the early age of 6, and recognized God’s call in his life to preach at age 12. However, it wasn’t until the “late” age of 13 that Frank dedicated his life to the preaching of the gospel.

Banfill now is a nationally known ventriloquist, having won several awards, including First place, male ventriloquist 1983 A.C.E. International Student Convention.

Traveling approximately every other weekend, Frank manages to pay for his schooling and other expenses that come with being a Christian entertainer, conducts seminars, holds children’s rallies and youth rallies, and even works with Senior Saints.

Banfill said that at the moment he does not want his own church. Instead he said, “I just want to be a catalyst for the church - to fire-up Christians and win souls.”

If you could watch your program all evening,” was one person’s perspective. “I have seen God work in the heart’s of adults, teenagers and children. Souls have been saved, Christians have been challenged and moved to better serve God.

Young people relate to Banfill because he understands what they are going through. His parents divorced when he was young. One little 11 year old girl wrote to Dudley, the ventriloquist doll, and who consequently gets letters from all over the country, and said, “Please pray for me. You see, I am like you in a way. My parents separated. It was hard to face at first. I think God sent you to preach at my church because He knew you were like me. You are changing my life. Thank you for coming. Please write.”

In addition to working with the dummy, Dudley, Frank has many other opportunities. He is a Christian entertainer, conducts seminars, holds children’s rallies and youth rallies, and even works with Senior Saints.

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By Jennifer Swanson

“Once you’ve achieved something,” states Timothy Albury, “it increases your desire to achieve more.”

Albury, a 19-year-old graduating senior, has recently accepted a position at Arthur Anderson & Company, C.P.A.’s, Miami.

Arthur Anderson & Company is the top C.P.A. firm in the nation and possibly one of the finest in the world. It is the only C.P.A. firm with one firm concept.

Albury has a one concept mind that is to achieve. He is a member of the Liberty Dean’s List and the National Dean’s List. He is a Collegiate Scholar All-American, a Who’s Who in America’s University and Colleges, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and a Tennis Academic All-American.

Even with all these American honors, Albury is not an American Citizen. He was born in 1968 in Nassau, Bahamas. He was led to the Lord by his father at age 7 and came to the States when he was 10-years-old.

He feels Liberty has given him a good quality education. “It is better to be surrounded by an aura of Christianity,” says Albury, “than to go to a secular school and not be edified by the surroundings.”

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In May of 1989, Albury intends to have earned his Masters in Professional Accountancy from the University of Miami. That will make him 20-years-old. In five years, he hopes to be a Manager in the Miami office of Arthur Anderson & Company, C.P.A.’s. His long term goal is to be a C.E.O. or Vice-President of Finance of a major corporation and a respected Christian member of society.

“My main goal” states Albury, “is to change things or to be a catalyst of change.”
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Late inning home run gives Flames 14-13 comeback win

By Frank Banfill

It looked like it was all over for the LU baseball team last Wednesday.

The Golden Rams of West Chester University stormed into Worthington field scoring 12 runs in the first five innings.

With the Flames trailing by eight in the bottom of the fifth, many Liberty fans thought it was over.

The Flames answered however, as Doug Reynolds cracked a double to left field. Reynolds' hit scored Cary McKay, Randy Tomlin and Tony Beasley, who had already reached base.

West Chester scored again in the second, but again the Flames answered.

With two outs, Mike Rivas belted a homer over the left field fence and tied the game.

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A Flames pitching change moved Beasley from short to pitcher, replacing reliever Mike Linch.

That was a good move for the Flames, as Beasley proceeded to strike out Antall swinging.

The Flames were jubilant as they squeaked by the Golden Rams 14-13.

**Statistics (Thru 25 games)**

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It's been an exciting year in college basketball this year, and this year’s Final Four should be just as exciting as last year’s thriller when Indiana beat Syracuse at the buzzer.

This year's field includes two teams from the Big Eight which is finally getting the attention that it deserves nationally. The Big Eight was the only conference that had three teams make the final eight. It also had the national player of the year in Danny Manning and had four other players (Harveys Grant, Oklahoma; Mitch Richmond, Kansas State; Jeff Grayer, Iowa State and Derrick Chievous, Missouri) who were on some All-American teams. Move over Big Ten, ACC and Big East we have a new kid on the block.

It is springtime once again, and with spring comes baseball. Each year it seems that it becomes harder and harder to pick the winners in each division, but I am going to try.

American League West: People continue to laugh at the West and say that it is the worst division in baseball, but remember that two of last three world champions have come from this division. Minnesota, the defending world champs have one very good weapon in their arsenal, the Metrodome, where they posted the best record in baseball last year. Is that enough? I don't think so, especially since they didn't improve themselves in their one big weakness, pitching. Who? I think Kansas City may rebound this year to take the title. They have improved themselves at shortstop and relief while still maintaining the best starting staff in baseball with Bret Saberhagen, Mark Gubicza, Charlie Leibrandt and Floy Plais Bannister. With a possible fifth starter in Bud Black, the Royals pitching could be enough to get them into the World Series. They also have the biggest soap opera in baseball in the multi-talented Bo Jackson, who is possibly only All-Pro football player that could develop into a baseball All-Star. Which sport will he play for keeps? Only Bo knows and he isn't talking but by the way, he will be in left field on opening day for the Royals.

American League East: Traditionally this division is the strongest in baseball but even since the playoffs have been expanded to seven games they have had trouble with the Western Division's better starting pitching. Again pitching will be the issue, but who has the best pitching? The best bet is probably Toronto with the Yankees and Tigers right behind. The Yankees made the most noise during the off-season with the Jack Clark signing.

National League East: Whitby Herzog continues to pull the rabbit out of the hat with his Cardinals, last year getting St. Louis into the World Series with Jack Clark out of the line-up and with no offense to speak of. This year he won't have to worry about Clark, as he has moved on to the Mets and Bob Horner, the former Atlanta Braves slugger who played in Japan last year has moved in to take his place. Can Whitey pull another one out? I don't think so, not unless the Mets have the type of injury-filled year that they had last year, and that isn't likely. The Mets have the best pitching and starting nine in the National League. If manager Davey Johnson doesn't win, barring a major catastrophe, he'll be long gone.

National League West: This year used to be the proud home of the LA Dodgers and the Big Red machine, now it probably is the weakest division in baseball. Look for the Dodgers to rebound this year as they made major overhauls in acquiring Kirk Gibson and Mike Davis along with some badly needed relief pitching. Plus the Dodgers are out to prove that last year was a fluke. Expect LA to get some competition from the Reds and Giants but Tom Lasorda should be bleeding Dodger blue this year.

Netters improve record

The Liberty University tennis team is on a roll after winning four out of its last five matches.

LU defeated Mary Washington 7-2, King's College 5-4, Bridgewater and Ferrum College 7-2. The only loss in the stretch came at the hands of Division I Radford.

Winners for the Flames against Mary Washington were: Scott Graves, 6-4, 6-1; Dan Balasci 6-2, 6-3 and David Collins. In doubles the winners were: Collins/Graves, Joey Smith/Jay Hibbard and Scott Binion/John Scoggin.

The win over King's was the first one in school history for the tennis team.

Winners included Graves and Balasci in singles and Collins/Graves, Smith/Hibbard and Binion/Scoggin in doubles.

In the win over Ferrum, singles winners were Collins (6-3, 6-1), Graves (5-1, 6-3), Smith (6-1, 6-1), Hibbard (6-0, 6-0), Binion (6-3, 6-3) and Balasci (6-0, 6-2).

Liberty now stands at 7-6 on the season.

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