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Students minister during break

By IVETTE BASSAN
Charleston, April 19, 1994

While several Liberty students went on mission trips to different cities in the United States, some chose to go to other countries. One of these mission trips included 62 people who went to Charleston, Fla.

The purpose of Charleston Beach Abba (CBA) was "to spread the gospel with other college students," said Scott Debro, Charleston, Fla.

"To share the gospel, we gathered a whole bunch of people to play a tug of war game and asked the people on the beach to also get involved. Then, we sent a Campus Crusade for Christ survey which began by asking general questions about spring break. From there, we got into specific questions about relationships with God," he added.

Overall, 1,125 people were interviewed on one-on-one basis and 100 people made professons of faith.

However, the labor does not end there. Debro continued by explaining that the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks does the follow-up of the people who in fact, left Liberty Crusade for Christ finds them somebody from that state to do follow-up," Debro explained.

Two nights before the 82 people from Liberty arrived, Alfred, a 19-year-old involved in the church service, went to God because we are never too young to go in."

"All of us were on board with our work with the kids, and so we told our own incident with most of the people with whom they share the gospel."

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Restaurant for faculty and staff, re­
sponsored by the student life department on Saturday.

**Campus Calendar**

- **Saturdays**
  - **Saturday Night Fever** — The group "Night Fever" performs during Puntis on the Ball, a lip sync contest sponsored by the student life department on Saturdays.

**Student restaurant strives to serve faculty**

By **JOANNA TEDDER**
Champion Reporter

"Our Place," a student-managed restaurant for faculty and staff, reopened to doors Thursday, March 24. The restaurant is run by the Quarterly Food Management class in the department of human ecology.

"It gives the students a chance to practice the principled food management that they learn in class," Dr. Diane Miller, who teaches the Food Management class in the department of human ecology.

"We want to make the student body aware of the differences on campus among the students and faculty. Differences do that through nature and photos," Adrian Cherry, photo editor added.

Dimensions is open to the Spec­
cialized Publications and Advanced Magazine Writing classes. Through their work with the magazine, stu­dents in these classes learn how a publication comes together from in­
cision to printing. Students are also responsible for publicizing, advertis­ing and selling the magazine.

According to Wharton, the maga­
zine is an excellent collaborative learning experience for students.

"They learn that working on a magazine is a team effort," she stated.

Working on Dimensions also teaches students self-discipline and respon­sibility. It also taught me the

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another Adrian Cherry said.

The staff for this year's maga­
zine consists of Editor in Chief

Amy Morris, Editor in Chief Jim Brown, Creative Director Mike Gilman, Group Photos Michelle De­

Lauren Photo Editor Adrian Cherry and Art Director Jim Haile.

Our "Summer School" Pays You

**Our "Summer School" Pays You**

Liberty University Students — main with our "Buddy Planes" this summer and be back in school this fall. You'll be lean, mean, and have more money you need to spend.

The Virginia National Guard gives you the money, and we give you the time. Following Basic and Advanced training, our members will be one weekend a month and two weeks a year with their local units.

Eligible students can earn thousands of dollars in pay and education benefits during a usual enlistment. We'll offer great programs like the Montgomery GI Bill, cash bonus, student loan repayment, monthly paycheck, and a whole lot more.

Henry, because there are a limited number of seats available in our "Summer School." Call your Virginia National Guard recruiter before you miss out!
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Executive vice presidential candidate Andy Pedersen said if he is elected, he will focus on senate. "As vice president, you have to be able to work with the student senate.

The vice presidential race will be the tightest of the three, Pedersen predicted. "I think it's going to be a fun race," he said. "I think I have a great chance. I'm someone who's not in SGA." Presidential candidate Jason Williams said he is going to focus on reforming SGA. "I want to show what people will can accomplish if they really put their heart into it." The main theme of his campaign will be the reform of the way students think of the people in office, he said. Main issues will be trying to get the students more involved, more business in campus and begin a reality of student service.

Verbal campaigning for office will begin March 28. Candidates have to gather 300 signatures in order to become an official candidate. Active campaigning—posters, buttons and signs—will be displayed on April 16. The election will be held Monday, April 18.

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Dr. Todd MacDowall
CHIROPRACTOR
Liberty University Alumnus

Liberty University Students
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384-8285

Light FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

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Breaking Bats For Christ—Firm Foundation

According to A Center for Youth Ministry report "students who went to Chicago ministered to 2,950 people in just 27 performances. During the week they ministered in five different churches, two schools, one juvenile detention center and one parish church organization."

They walk around saying 'I'll kill you'—it's confronting. However because of the team's ministry, Smyth cited that 20 people made professions of faith. A third group of Liberty people, consisting of 13 students and two staff, went to Herrera, Honduras, on March 12, and returning March 20.

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Two essential ingredients for a perfect date:
A date and this.

Spring Break in a juvenile detention center," Smyth added.

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Bookstore changes to serve students

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
Champion Reporter

The bookstore is a thriving part of campus life, both during the initial rush at the beginning of the semester and later when it is confined to the store in DeMeo.

Dennis Ratliff is the man in charge of the LU bookstore, no matter when it is located. Coming from a background of cash control, business management and finance, Ratliff is responsible for all the store's purchases as well as day-to-day operations.

"We're always interested in anything a majority of students would like to see in stock. We want to keep in here what students would like to have," Ratliff said.

How high is too high?: Textbook pricing explained

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The store space from the university.

The bookstore is run just like a traditional business and others wanting the

Some students said the store should not change as often as in other stores.

"We can't compete with stores like FYE or Marshall's," he said.

Some students said they buy used books from friends, classmates or roommates.

"We're trying to contact bookstores to make sure students can order good books," Ratliff explained.

At the beginning of the semester, students need more textbooks, and Ratliff said the staff tries in hardest to make sure all the books are on hand.

"We don't know how many students there are going to be. We take a lot of cooperation with the Registrar's Office and the General Student Council," Ratliff said.

Besides the approximately 22,000 new books, the store offers, Ratliff also explained that prices are often higher in mini-malls than at colleges.

"Some things are cheaper at Phar-Mor. However, the store is convenient to the students."

Note: The markup on the used books is on the price paid to the student, not the price the student paid to the bookstore. The store receives 50 percent of the current new cost and sold nationwide that sell such items.

"We act as agents for a whole variety of specialty items as small cans of tuna and other treats.

"Students also offered suggestions that the store provide a "penny-save-system." The manager also said that prices are sometimes higher because of being under the bookstore's control. The faculty makes the choice on what textbooks are used, he said.

Some students said they spent $50 or less each semester. Students asked for books, and Ratliff said the staff tries to provide them. The bookstore's shelves—candy, drinks and other treats. These specialty items are also sold as students enter and leave campus. "It's a business. It's getting the businesses more revenue," he said.

Ratliff said Liberty also has an eight-percent commission from the stores that are authorized to sell LU products—The Day's gift shop, Legends and Montgomery Ward.

Even though there are students who may not like the higher prices, Ratliff said the campus bookstore has lower prices on some items.

The bookstores of about $200 worth of oversize items a year, mostly to students in reservoirs, according to Ratliff. "We also do a mail order outlet. We're looking into going a "bricks-and-clicks,"" he added.

Traditionally, the store is succeeding in getting a "penny-save-system,"

Another 30 percent of the students said it was a little easy to find good books and between eight and 10 student helpers.

"It's a lot of work and saving and working," a respondent to the survey said.

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Israeli spy refused pardon

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Congrats to men's hoops!  

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Clinton flounders into deeper water as Starr battle grows thicker by the day. However, this year instead of having their Day Parade marred with cross-dressers in sham clothing, the flames have gained momentum in a short period of time. They are now buzzing with the spirit of the American flag.

Press blame wrong people for causes of political corruption and scandal  

We have allowed our people to blame the wrong government officials for the political corruption and scandal. The American people have been told that it is the government that is at fault, when it is actually the average American who is to blame. The average American is the one who stopped caring about the government and its actions.

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**Commentary**

Men’s hoop triumphs cap long, tough tenure of coach

By JIM BOOTH

When I attended my first Liberty basketball game four years ago, the basketball fans were too excited. After all, it was a 5-2 record needing the team's second victory of the season. I had noticed at one of the games that an older: adult—Monte Meyer—was holding the yellow: folded paper with the team's schedule. The new. The team had been doing it since the school had listened and fired Coach Monte Meyer.

The team most likely would have been on the court the next day and the new players, and perhaps even the old. The next year with an outstanding regular season—Cooper. That was in 1970 when the atmosphere was to win the NCAA tournament.

Basketball team provides inspiration for student development

By DAVE SHEPARD

Dear Dean thanks those who housed area college students

During our one month in Lynchburg, Liberty University was given an opportunity to reach out and assist those who were hungry and needed love. Macon Wallace's (student. Laidahl (student), and John (student) whose campuses were without electricity and heat due to Hurricane Katrina.

I would just like to say which an insp. iration Jeff Meyer and the Liberty team have been to me. I remember the time when Liberty basketball was a new name. I remember the time when the atmosphere was to win the NCAA tournament. The basketball team has emerged and hired a new head coach in a way that never before.

I welcome without much advanced notice. Taking time to remember those who have dedicated themselves to the love of Christ. A great thank you to all who have made the season a success. And a special thanks to Coach Meyer and the entire team for a great season.
Christian band hits the big time

When concert promoter Mike Saunders asked locals what the best local Christian band they knew of was, one responded that Kerygma was "a true good-news band." Band members Kevin Mallway, Josh Sampson and Jeremy Wemp had been singing on the streets and in local churches, but this was their big break. "We're just as excited as you are," band member Wemp said. "This is the big time."

Kerygma consists of drummer Kevin Mallway, guitarist Josh Sampson, bass player Jeremy Wemp and sister Tye-dyed Wine, for example, we challenge you to come away with the feeling that you didn't know what was going on. It's like being brought to life - you're looking back on your own life and seeing it in a new light.

Secondly, to encourage and uplift Christians and Women in the Ministry classes, has a true love for students. Her greatest joy in teaching is talking to and praying with them.

Randlett's fears are like "Kathy's engagements ring since been hoping for an engagement ring we picked out at Teofil's Jewelers. I had just heard a friend of hers get engaged. I thought I'd find the perfect ring for her, and I was sure that she would be suitable."

"I can't do that. I've never taught anyone," Mrs. Wemp had said. "I'll try classes at Liberty." Randlett's fears are like "Mrs. Wemp handed her the list of courses that Randlett would be interested in teaching. She said, "I heard that you had taught me a few things for the Bible study. Her first response was hesitant. Her goals for the future include praying for her students needs. I am always on the lookout for things I think are useful," she said.

"I want to be prepared for my classes to be ready that and thanks the Lord. It's like the disciples that they had life-long bonding and commitment," Randlett said. "Kerygma is a true good-news band." Band member Wemp had said. "We're just as excited as you are. This is the big time."

"Jessenia, will you marry me?" I asked, putting the ring on one knee. Kathy got up to look for sea shells, I got out the picnic basket so she wouldn't see the box. I had buried it deep in the contents of the basket. This was my cue. The moment was right. I thought I'd see the reaction of her face as I set down my picnic basket and pulled the ring out of the box. "Kathy, why don't you say more shell give you your parents," I suggested. "I'm ready to make any questions," Randlett concluded.

"Kings Dominion because of the roller coasters it offers.

"The Dollywood Post because the coffee is superb!"

"The park be cause it's the only place to go for fun."

"The Drowsy Pancake because you can get coffee is superb!"

"Where's the best place to go for fun on campus?"

"Movie 10 because it's the only place we can go without a car."

"N.A.R.T. because it's the only place we can go.

"‘Surprise’ Life’s biggest moments require patience, flexibility

I thought the biggest challenge of being a homemaker would be successfully surprising Kathy, she would be the one full of surprises.

" Chennai, I'm going to Ocean City, Md., to take the seventh grade Wednesday night. I thought about talking to her that day, but there were only two times I could talk to her alone: during the night or when we were both asleep. I couldn't wait until the next day to talk to her.

"Without my mother's help, I wouldn't have made it. I never knew anyone who could take a matter of years.

"My plan was to ask Kathy on Monday night, Tuesday, and prepare by candidly listening to her. This way, she couldn't say no."

"The time of our proposal could take a matter of years. It was important just before proposing to someone. But it wasn't something I saw myself doing. My mother never worked out of the home, and I wouldn't trade it for anything," she said.

"How do you view the resurrection? Do you choose to die and rise again for our justification. Our resurrection marks the beginning of our life in Heaven's court, and is the reason we are here. The resurrection of Jesus Christ: "My Lord and my God." It was a moment of perfect peace and joy."

"What I didn't tell her however, was that I was ready to make any questions," Randlett concluded.

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About Face...

Faces. We see them every day. Or do we? We look at people's clothes. We look at their hair. We even look at their shoes. But how often do we really look at their faces?

Walking around campus, it seems as if there's a silent code of behavior which says, "Keep looking straight ahead and don't let the person catch you looking at him!"

Maybe it's because we're college students and we're so conscious of our own image that we forget the images around us. Real images. Other people. Perhaps we're afraid that if we make direct eye contact with them, they'll think we're staring.

Then again, maybe we don't look at people's faces because we don't like people looking at ours. We don't like people to know what we're feeling. We don't like being vulnerable.

But remember when it was fun to make faces? And it was okay to be in a bad mood? And it felt good when someone looked you in the eyes and smiled?

Some of you do. It's written all over your faces.

By David Hart, Feature Editor
Champion Reporter
RICH
of Maryland-Baltimore County. The doubleheader against the University record to 8-13.
ers taking the first game, 4-3, and Lib­ two teams, with the Golden Retriev­ UMBC resulted in a split between the
ers' club.

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Trackers compete at IC4A Championships

By BRYAN CAMPBELL
Champion Reporter

The men's track and field team placed 10th
overall in the IC4A Championships on March 5-6, at Princeton, NJ.

Senior Todd Pettigrew and sophomore Jason Swinton each won their respec­ tive events, with Pettigrew also adding to the Flames' total with his second place finish.

Pettigrew's victory in the 3000 meter steeplechase 
was the first win for the Flames in the steeplechase
in five years.

Sophomore Mike Connell placed third in the triple jump. He
jumped 16 feet, 7 1/2 inches, tying the field
for the Flames.

Sweat swat to eliminate the field of 25 competitors, he 
was the only Flames' runner to finish in the top 10.

But after much perseverance and a


Liberty

Hwang

Horton

Tully

Morton

fourth runner and his half to

Morton, with an empty base, 

Field select few finished in eighth place from Liberty as the Liberty track and Flames during the upcoming outdoor-

Swinton also gave a credible performance in the run season.

Senior Mike Reed competed in the 55 meter competitors as he won

the Flames grabbed the second, 7-3.

After being stranded at second base, as Edwards finished the com­ plete game by striking the runner in order in the ninth.

The Flames managed to grab the lead the game and bring in the run
in the tenth inning.


The Flames went for their first confer­ ence game of the season, 7-1.

Lu also played times other concerns during the season, but another concern.

The Flames won their first confer­ ence game of the season, 7-1.

Lu exploded for eight runs in the eighth inning to claim a lead they

Michael Jordan, James Wor­

At this point, bringing in Kurt Harris to ground the ball to third baseman

the Flames did manage to get one more run on a walk, a dropped

The Flames won the last two games, only to have results

the Boston organization, Nixon

broke of 55.62 seconds and placed first

in the 100 meters and has aspirations

in the same event.

The Flames went on the road again on Tuesday, March 29, and will play a game against UVA on Thursday at the Rochester Field in New York.

The organization will be holding a send-off party for the Flames on May 2, at which they will be introduced to their school's IDs.

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Sophomore Mike Connell set the field for the Flames.

Our ride to the dance. We will never know what that "one shin­ ing moment" has meant for our school. We

School Stadium.

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Senior Lady Flame reflects on basketball, life at Liberty

Bruce, Orr wrestle with best N.C. by JOANN TUCKER

Tennis drops two, wins one by JOANNA TUCKER

Senior Lady Flame reflects on basketball, life at Liberty

Bruce, Orr wrestle with best N.C.

Bruce's five-minute and, although Liberty brought the score to within two with 5:05 remaining in the first half, the Lady Highlanders went into the locker room with a 46-23 lead.

Radford came out in the second half and never looked back. Eight minutes into the second half, the Lady Highlanders went into the game with an 11-0 run to lead by as many as 18 points, and the Lady Highlanders went into halftime with a 10-5 loss, leading by as many as 25 points.

The Flames beat Sienna, 5-2, in the third period and coasted to win. Hockey lost to Cranmore for a score of 9-5, Cranmore finished in the second place team in the tournament.

"I think every year we are getting healthier and better. Everyone's just gone out for us who have been on the bench in previous years," he said. "The team is much more talented than the team of last year. We're much more solid and well-drilled now."}

Bruce is due to graduate next year, thus making him eligible in his senior year. Bruce's father is a basketball coach. Bruce has not made any decisions regarding his future, but he is currently consideringOptions include playing with the Harlem Globetrotters, becoming a coach, or going into the business world.

Bruce faced off against Bradly Harrington, an Australian University player, and barely lost the decision match by five in the second round.

Bruce finished out his last game at Liberty as one of the top wrestlers to ever have competed at Liberty. He was ranked as the number two wrestler in the nation during this season.

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By DANNY WKNGKR

March 23 Sir Demolition 24, Big Chiles 8

Men's Softball:
March 23 Sirloin 12, Dorm 12 Rednecks 2
March 23 New Confederacy 10, The Fall of Youth 9
March 23 Dorm 1 16, Oikos II4

March 21 KAB 4, Leave It To Beaver 1
March 23 Peaches 29, Blue Diamonds 0
March 21 Groovy Goosenecks 4, Samba Soccer 3
March 22 Fury 4, Fly By Night 3

Men's Tennis
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The intramural schedule left no room for a break as it
continued for league women in soccer and basketball.

Men's Softball:
March 26 Freeze Brain 2, Samba Soccer 1
March 23 The 5 Apaches (forfeit), Cartwright —
March 23 Toast (forfeit), Oikos —
March 22 Thomas (forfeit), Team Butter —
March 21 Cool Runnings (forfeit), Stallions —
March 21 Toast (forfeit), Can-Am Connection —
March 21 Bull Dogs 20, Nicholas 18
March 25 Liberty Alumni 4, Groovy Goosenecks 1
March 22 KOC 5, Women of Soccer 1
March 22 Sensational Six (forfeit), Long —
March 21 KOC (forfeit), La Tigreas —
Men's 4's Basketball:
March 21 Thomas (forfeit), Team Baxter —
March 21 Cool Runnings (forfeit), Stallions —
March 22 Ball Dogs (forfeit), Nicholas 18
March 21 Town (forfeit), Can-Am Connection —
March 22 Righteous Brothers (forfeit), Hugs II —
March 21 Tri 36, The Apaches 24
March 21 Storms 30, Can-Am Connection 16
March 21 Bob Rocks 26, Special Sauce 22
March 21 L2 Beaks (forfeit), Monarch Gang —
March 21 Convenieince Factor 36, Your Mind 34
March 22 Oikos (forfeit), Fly by Night —
March 23 The 7 Apaches (forfeit), Can-Rave —
March 23 Storms (forfeit), Thomas —
March 23 Cool Runnings (forfeit), Your Mind 22
March 22 Town (forfeit), Oikos —
March 23 Can-Am Connection 32, Storm 24
March 23 Special Sauce (forfeit), Monarch Gang —
March 23 Wildcats 12, Temple 30
March 23 Storm 31, Team Better 20
March 22 Ball Dogs (forfeit), Hugs II —
March 22 Fias 23, Righteous Brothers 20
March 23 Convenieince Factor 26, Easy 22

Sports Schedule

Baseball
The team will go on the road to play VMI on Tuesday, March 29, at 3 p.m.
The squad will continue their road trip at UNC Asheville on Friday, April 1, at 3 p.m., and on Saturday, April 2, in a doubleheader starting at 12 noon.

Tennis
The team will compete in the Colonial Relays in Williamsburg, Va., and the J. Jacoby Classic in Lynchburg on Saturday, April 2.

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The map will compete against Coppin State in Baltimore, Md., at 3 p.m., and Towson State in Towson, Md., at 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 2.
The squad will come home to play The Chalk in on Monday, April 4, at 2 p.m.

Softball
The team will be at home to face South Hampton College on Tuesday, March 29, at 3 p.m.
The team will also be home on Wednesday, March 30, to play UNC Charlotte at 2 p.m.
The Lady Flames will play on the road to play George Mason on Friday, April 1, at 3 p.m., and North Carolina A & T on Monday, April 4, at 2 p.m.
By BOB LIPPER
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — Standing outside the room where his North Carolina basketball squad was changing out of its uniforms and showering, coach Dean Smith sipped from a cup of soda and glanced up as his athletic director, John Swafford, approached.

"How are you?" Swafford asked.

"Better," Smith replied.

If you’re Liberty, nothing could be finer than to be on top of North Carolina — and that was the improbable story line after 30 minutes yesterday.

But then the Tar Heels woke up, Smith made one of those game-altering coaching moves that landed him in the Hall of Fame, the Flames wilted and UNC emerged with a 71-51 win and a second-round matchup against Boston College in the NCAA Tournament.

Now 28-6 and seeded first in the East Regional, the Tar Heels came out flat (We might’ve underestimated them, said Rasheed Wallace), allowed the spunky and quicker Flames to stay in the running ("They out hustled us," admitted Kevin Salvadori) and trailed 46-45 with 10 minutes to go.

That’s when UNC erupted for a 16-0 surge — Wallace and Donald Williams each had two baskets — to settle the issue. Thus ahead 61-46 with 4:22 left, the Tar Heels cruised home — but the postmortems focused on the game’s first 30 minutes, not the last 10.

"We were right with ‘em," said Matt Hildebrand, whose scoring (20 points) and playmaking (five assists) didn’t quite lift the Flames to victory after 30 minutes of strong play. "They weren’t out there just to play, they were out there to win.

— Kevin Salvadori (UNC guard)

From the time we spent with our kids last night and today, I had my heart set for a win. I thought we would win.

Jeff Meyer, head coach

"The fade was sudden and fatal. Hardly deadeyes all afternoon — 32 percent in the first half, 29 all told — the Flames couldn’t throw it in the parking lot during the last 10 minutes, when they missed 11 of 13 shots and compounded that sin by committing four turnovers. Fatigue (‘Their depth hurt us," said LU forward and Huguenot High product Darryl Williams) was a factor. So was the 2-3 zone Smith ordered at the 10-minute mark. It kept the Flames from penetrating and kicking the ball off to their spot-up shooters, and it also shadowed the three-point arc.

"He’s (Smith) a great coach, and he knows what he’s doing," Hildebrand observed.

Meanwhile, UNC kept pounding the ball inside to Wallace (18 points, 10 rebounds) and Eric Montross (17 and 10). They combined for 22 of UNC’s 39 second-half points and helped the Tar Heels outrebound the Flames by a whopping 49-31 margin. Williams added 10 points and Derrick Phelps nine — although Phelps also had an uncharacteristic six turnovers.

"I think any No. 1 team would have trouble getting up for the lowest seed," said Liberty’s Williams. "As the game went on, they started to get their character back. They played stronger down the stretch and made some big plays."

They refused to act part, play strong against No. 1 UNC

By GARY CROCKETT
Staff writer

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LANDOVER, Md. — The Liberty Flames have refused to act their part all season, and the NCAA Tournament was no exception.

LU outscored top-seeded North Carolina for 30 minutes Friday before the Tar Heels erupted to finally put the Flames in their place, taking a 71-51 victory in the first round of the East Region at US Air Arena.

A No. 16 seed has never beaten a No. 1, but LU (18-12) began being fitted for the upset when LU fashioned a 9-0 run to take a 20-16 lead with 8:46 left in the first half. Another 9-0 spurt, ending with 15:33 to go in the game, turned a 36-39 deficit into a 40-36 edge.

By then, most of the neutral fans among the sell-out crowd had begun to rally behind the Flames. They remained until Chris Toomer hit a 3-pointer to put LU on top, 46-45, with 10 minutes remaining.

"I looked up with 10 minutes to go and we’re in the game," LU’s Matt Hildebrand said. "I was pretty excited." LU had a game-high 20 points for the Flames, who eventually lost, 61-46.

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Liberty loses game, wins nation’s respect

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LANDOVER, Md. — Perhaps the oddest sound Friday was hearing Dean Smith and his players saluting an unheralded Liberty team that had come in as a 25-point underdog.

Then again, what else could they do? The Flames had thrown a first-round scare at the nation’s top ranked team, leaving an impression not found in the 71-51 UNC win.

“We knew they would...be very enthusiastic,” UNC center Eric Montross said. “For being their first time in the NCAAs, I thought they might have a bit of the jitters.”

LU displayed little of that. And for 30 minutes, the No. 16 Flames made top-seeded UNC look extremely beatable in their East Region opening-round game.

“I was very happy to come out with a win,” Smith said. “I was certainly concerned before the game, and the way they played, they were extremely well prepared.”

LU provided the best NCAA showing by a Big South Conference team since Coastal Carolina pushed Indiana to the limit three years ago in a first-round meeting.

Last year, the Chanticleers were blown out by Michigan in the opening round. Two years ago, Campbell was dismissed by eventual champion Duke.

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Despite loss to UNC, Liberty Flames still keep faith

By BOB LIPPER
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LANDOVER, Md. — It was 12 days ago at Charleston, S.C., Liberty was about to take on Campbell for the Big South basketball title and a berth in the NCAA playoffs, and Jeff Meyer roamed the dressing room, trying to get his Flames in the proper frame of mind.

Understand this about Meyer: He’s a low-key guy who prefers his troops stay on an even keel.

Understand this as well: He knows who signs the checks and calls the shots. This explains why he opened the door and beckoned Jerry Falwell into the room.

“Gentlemen,” Falwell told the players, “we’re two hours away from the greatest event in the history of Liberty University.”

(It’s his school, and he’ll prophesy if he wants to.)

I don’t know what words coach Falwell laid on the Flames before they faced North Carolina yesterday.

I think it was something like, “Remember, Montross and Wallace put their socks on two-by-two at a time, just like you.”

Or maybe, “Say, did I ever tell you the one about how Gideon’s 300 slam-dunked the Philistines?”

Whatever the gist of the pep talk, it worked.

For 30 minutes.

Liberty led in second half

Three-fourths of the way through what figured as another of those No. 1 seed-bops-No. 16 NCAA first-round walkovers, this is how the scoreboard read: Liberty 46, North Carolina 45.

Across America, office workers paused in the mid-bite on their tuna sandwiches and huddled to the nearest TV set. “Hey,” somebody out there probably called out, “this is Maccabees-upset-Romans material.”

See Keeping Faith, Page 9
By GARY CROCKETT
Staff writer

Flames rock Big South, take Camels by surprise

The Liberty Flames needed no ladders to snip the nets, buoyed instead by a wave of emotion and unflagging fan support.

Steve Salter

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“lt’s still hard to believe,” Aluma said. “I give the credit to my teammates. They really gave me the confidence that I could be a factor in this tournament.”

The second-seeded Camels, who are joining the Trans American Athletic Conference next year, closed the four other LU seniors who averaged 10 points a piece, joining the team’s struggle to get a NCAA berth.

No other Campbell player scored more than five points before exploding for 24 in the second half.

After Matt Hildebrand missed a 3-point attempt, Chris Toomer stole the ball from Salaam Hall in the frontcourt and was immediately fouled by the junior forward.

Protesting the call, Campbell coach Billy Lee drew a technical foul on the junior forward.

“We didn’t lose possession. So I didn’t see it (the technical) as stopping it into the stands,” Williams said. “But we didn’t know they had a [technical] foul and we knew we could play off that,” Williams said. “But we also knew Campbell wasn’t going to give up.”

GREAT IS THE VICTORY — Dr. Jerry Falwell partakes in the Flames Big South victory celebration by cutting the final net strands off the basketball hoop.

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LU fans come from far, break Big South tourney record

Students show school spirit, turn North Charleston Coliseum into Vines Center South

By GARY CROCKETT
Staff Writer

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — They gathered in the parking lot before the doors opened, preparing to unleash a spectacle never before seen at this modestly attended event — the Big South basketball tournament.

When the doors opened at 4 p.m. — an hour before the scheduled tipoff between Liberty and the Campbell Camels — they entered by the hundreds, carrying signs, horns and other instruments of noise.

“This should be fun,” said an usher, watching the LU fans file past, impervious to the fact that they would help set a Big South Conference tournament record for attendance with 4,212.

At least three-quarters were LU fans. Given the option of skipping classes to drive seven hours for one of 2,000 school-purchased tickets, droves of students came — and were heard during the nationally televised contest.

They began cheering almost before finding seats. At 4:10 the ubiquitous “LU” chant was first heard, about five minutes before a beaming Rev. Jerry Falwell entered the scene.

“Did you see Jerry?” one male student asked. “Jerry’s got a suit on. He’d probably wear a suit in Africa.”

Dress was unimportant for this party. Some came simply in Liberty T-shirts.

“The strangest creature entered wearing a red cape snapped in front with, yes, battery cables. Blue tights and a blonde wig completed the ensemble.

“It’s school spirit,” he said.

Buses weren’t chartered for the mass exodus, so students came by car. One girl said she pooled with five schoolmates, leaving Lynchburg at 7:30 a.m.

They all converged on the North Charleston Coliseum, transforming the arena into a sort of Vines Center South.

“I think it’s great — fantastic,” said Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, LU’s president.

Flames coach Jeff Meyer said the crowd made him and his victorious team feel like they were playing at home. It seemed that way, with LU even getting support from football coach Sam Rutigliano and his wife.

But it was the students’ day, showing that they were just warming up when releasing a mighty, pepband-accompanied blast as LU’s team came out on the court at 4:20 to stretch.

It was one anonymous LU student, though, who captured the afternoon, standing up 45 minutes before tipoff and beating his chest.

“You darn Camels, hear me roar,” he belied.

Roar, they did. And they were heard.

Bob Sturm

Flames paid price, reaped seed of victory in Big South

They did it! The team that struggled in the early segment of the season to find its identity, and suffered through a ferocious non-conference schedule, has defined the odds and won its first ever conference in the Big Dance!

You have got to be proud of this bunch. Isn’t this the same team that played before small crowds early in the campaign? Isn’t this the same team group of players that were predicted to do little or nothing this season after losing the entire front line to graduation last year? The same team that fell to Coastal just five games ago, despite coming back from 23 points down?

Right. The classic title of calling Liberty under-achievers is now just a faded memory. The questioning of the coach must now be laid to rest. The ignorant comments by fans and media claiming that players do not play to their potential can now be shoved into an un-disclosed place.

They did it. They beat the #5-seed, the #1-seed and the #2-seed in dramatic fashion making one wonder if the word “destiny” should be used.

Examples? How about the way that tournament MVP Peter Alama fell into the mythical “zone” just in time to save the day on sections who came here and absolutely refused to accept defeat, burying a three against Towson State from pro-rage with a second left on the shot clock, and driving another nail into the Ti-gers’ coffin.

This team paid the price, they persevered in a way only a group of unselshful guys could ever hope.

Coach Jeff Meyer, who told me back in November, “This group of guys have the most character of any team I have ever coached. That could make the difference.”

They will now reap the rewards they have sown. Many have spent four years trying to obtain that lofty goal of winning this tournament that sends seven teams home unhappy.

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Matt Hildebrand
6-3
175 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 20
Hildebrand became the 15th member to score 1,000 points for his career earlier this year. He scored a career-high 41 points against Charleston Southern on February 19, 1994, and set school records for free throws made and attempted in that game. For his effort, he was named Big South Player of the Week.

Barry Williams
6-5
210 lbs.
Senior
Forward, No. 5
Williams had a season-high 14 points in the season opener against Virginia Commonwealth, against Winthrop on February 16, 1994, and also against Radford on February 26, 1994. Williams had a career-high 10 rebounds during a December 12, 1992, game against Averett.

Chris Toomer
6-1
175 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 30
Toomer holds the school record for three points made in a contest with seven which came in his college debut against Maine on November 23, 1990. Toomer also scored a career-high 21 points during that game and also against Charleston Southern in January 23, 1991.

Anthony
6-2
180 lbs.
Senior
Guard, No. 21
Anthony tied a career high in points with 17 points against Virginia. He also pulled down a career-high six rebounds against Towson State on January 10, 1994. One of Anthony’s biggest highlights was a three-pointer which put the Flames over Campbell on February 3, 1994.

Darrion Hunter
6-8
220 lbs.
Junior
Forward, No. 33
Providing depth off the bench, Hunter scored a career-high eight points against Virginia Commonwealth in the season opener. He also equaled his career rebounding high with seven during the same game. Hunter averaged 1.1 points and 1.4 rebounds a game this season.

Judy Chapman
6-7
220 lbs.
Senior
Forward, No. 45
Chapman finished with a career-high 18 points against James Madison and UNC Asheville. On January 22, 1994, against Charleston Southern, Chapman pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds and also dished off a second-best-eight assists against Central Connecticut on December 16, 1994.

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Sophomore
Forward, No. 3
Taylor scored a career-high 16 points against Winthrop on January 20, 1994, including six of nine shooting from the field and four of six shooting from three-point range. Taylor also went three for three from three-point range against Virginia Tech on January 18, 1994.

Eric Pothoven
6-2
175 lbs.
Sophomore
Guard, No. 4
Pothoven scored a season-high six points against Virginia Tech. He also finished with a career-high six rebounds against Charleston Southern on January 22, 1994. Pothoven’s career scoring high came against Campbell on January 18, 1994, when he scored 11 points.

Kevin Benton
6-6
175 lbs.
Junior
Guard/Forward, No. 32
After becoming eligible for action at the beginning of the spring semester, Benton debuted with 11 points and eight rebounds against Averett. He averaged 3.2 points and 2.2 rebounds a game during the regular season. Benton transferred to LU after playing for the University of Delaware.

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Petey Aluma
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Freshman
Center, No. 00
Aluma scored a career-high 14 points against Winthrop on February 16, 1994. Aluma also finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds to complete his first collegiate double-double against UNC-Greensboro on January 31, 1994. The performance led to being named Big South Rookie of the Week.
Meyer's glass slipper already fits

By JIM STEINMILLER
Sports Editor, News & Advance
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A violet glass slipper sits on Jeff Meyer's desk. The note that accompanies it comes from Lee Rose, an NBA executive who once coached Purdue into the Final Four.

Many years ago, Rose was given the glass slipper when he coached Purdue into the Final Four. The note that accompanies it comes from Lee Rose, an NBA executive who once coached Purdue into the Final Four.

Back in 1978, after spending two seasons as the basketball coach and athletic director at Landmark Christian High School in Indiana, Meyer went to Purdue and landed a post as the graduate assistant to Rose, then the Boilermakers' head coach.

That season (1978-1979), Purdue reached the finals of the NIT. They finished second in the Big Ten title. The NCAA Tournament field was smaller then and only two teams from any conference were allowed into the event. Purdue had lost twice to Iowa, costing it a berth in the NCAA tourney.

A year later, however, things were different for both Meyer and the NCAA Tournament. Rose had a vacancy on his staff for an assistant coach and he hired Meyer.

The NCAA, meanwhile, dropped its two-team rule. Purdue finished third in the regular season, made the elite field and advanced all the way to the Final Four.

"We referred to the rule change as the Purdue Rule," Meyer said.

That tournament, in the spring of 1980, made a major impression on Meyer. "It was such an exhilarating experience. That was the seed planted in my heart to one day take a team to the NCAA Tournament as the head coach."

Back then, there was no selection show on television — teams were manually selected by the NCAA committee. But now, there's a selection show on television, with teams being selected automatically by the NCAA committee.

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Up in section 5, Jerry Falwell — chancellor, founder father, lightning rod, tub-thumper, No. 1 fan (“My role is spiritual. I don’t send any plays in”), messenger and major domo of Liberty University — sat among Flames roosters.

He was clutching a red-and-white shaker and beaming to beat the pep band. By then, he’d already done a TV-timeout interview with CBS and schmoozed at intermission on UNC’s radio network.

Now, hoping against hope, he watched his boys attempt to pull off the mother of all NCAA-tournament shockers.

“Our boys got up this morning believing they could win,” he’d say later. Which was only a little bit of a stretch.

‘Didn’t know what to expect’

“I really didn’t know what to expect from our team,” admitted second guard Matt Hildebrand, who—if you want to place him in the context of UNC basketball — is Jeff Lebo with moves and an attitude. “I don’t know if I believed we could do it. But as the game went on, I started to believe.”

The Flames couldn’t pull it off, of course. Miracles happen in Matthew and Luke, but not in 1-vs.-16 match-ups. Taller, bulkier, deeper, switched into a tide-turning zone by Dean Smith and blessed with a 10-2 huddle over Jerry’s kids in that all-important stat of schoolboy All-Americans, the Tar Heels promptly launched a 16-0 run and prevailed 71-51. They’ll move on.

The Flames will return to Lynchburg with a lifetime of memories — Jason Dixon rejecting Eric Montross on the game’s first possession and Hildebrand zipping through UNC’s press and sinking treys, to name two — and the glow of a moment in the sun.

“I couldn’t be happier with ‘em,” said Falwell, whose smile never evaporated, even as the Flames were flaming out with a 2-for-13 shooting effort down the stretch.

It’s not important that we win or lose; what is important is that we make a good showing for the Lord.”

One day and one gutsy effort later, Falwell continued to accentuate the positive. “Liberty will be back,” he said. So will be.

Have pep talk, will travel.

Winning Respect

Two players helping to keep the Flames in the game had to be Phelps and Jerry Stackhouse, both of whom had forgettable afternoons for the Tar Heels. Phelps did score nine points, but had six turnovers. Stackhouse, the most valuable player in the ACC Tournament, was worse. The freshman scored six points on one-of-six shooting and also had six turnovers. Despite the heroic efforts of LU, its destiny on this day may have best been summed up by a UNC sign spotted in the US Air Arena crowd. "Liberty will be back," it said.

Written on it? “11th commandment: Thou shalt not beat Dean.”

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Every single player on this team has completed his task.

• Jason Dixon was asked to get rebounds. That guy rebounded like a man possessed on Saturday.
• Matt Hildebrand was needed to score less and dish out more assists. He, as usual, did what was needed to be done.
• Darryl Williams was asked to score and play added minutes. He did so with the same enthusiasm that has been seen on his face all season.
• The list could go on and on.

Keeping Faith

“But that’s the difference between a national champion and an upset, little team. They ran out of steam, obviously.”

Falwell never did. Say this for the man: He knows how to work a gym — even one as dank and dreary as US Air Arena. Soundbite-ready for every notebook and minicam in his path, he arrived with the squad Thursday, March 17, and made his genial presence felt.

He established the moral-victory spread (“A good showing would be something north of 15 points”), lobbied for a psychological advantage (“I don’t think coach Smith will take anything for granted, but his players might”) and spoke the Liberty line (“It’s not important that we win or lose; what is important is that we make a good showing for the Lord”).

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Hildebrand was asked about how volatile coach Bob Knight.

Before the door closes on the Liberty University basketball season, one task remains for the Flames. They need to retire No. 20, the jersey number worn for four years by graduating guard Matt Hildebrand.

Hildebrand has been the perfect representative for the school during his career. He's a polite young man with a strong belief in his religion. He articulates his thoughts with a witty charm.

For two days here, Hildebrand was the darling of the media. When teammate Chris Toomer admitted to always rooting for North Carolina, Hildebrand added that he is an Indiana fan, and like all the Carolina fans, Hildebrand is aware of the problems that come with playing Carolina.

One of the things that sets apart the native of Sturgis, Mich., is his unselfishness on the floor.

Hildebrand scored 20 points Friday, the high for both teams, and made five 3-pointers, also a game high. He also dished out five assists, the most by any player in the game.

Several hours later, LU assistant coach Randy Dunton said that he'd never seen Hildebrand as exhausted, that he'd used up every reserve of energy possible trying to lead his team to an upset.

He finished his career with 1,515 points, seventh highest in school history. Unlike those who came before him, however, Hildebrand's career was against a predominately tougher Division schedule — all as a Division I player.

When Hildebrand was a freshman, the Flames won five games. He leaves the school by taking it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

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Liberty's opponents in the league event were geared at stopping the guard. So Hildebrand, instead of taking high-risk shots to pad his totals, was content to play stifling defense and deliver the ball inside to big men Peter Aluma and Jason Dixon.

He finished the season ranked in the top five in the nation in free-throw shooting, setting a school record earlier in the season with 19 made in one game.

Accomplishments on the floor are just a part of the Hildebrand story. There's another tale that coach Jeff Meyer once told me. During Hildebrand's freshman season, when the Flames finished 5-23, and pressure was being placed on the school to fire Meyer, Hildebrand went to him after a particularly tough loss.

"He asked me," Meyer said, "If I was OK. That he was concerned."

At each meeting with the media, Hildebrand made sure he praised Jesus Christ and delivered the Christian message of Liberty University.

In covering the nation's elite college basketball tournament, vows of faith are not what the press, known for its own brand of antagonism, wants to hear. Few writers bothered to record those comments.

That didn't bother Hildebrand. If you want to know what he thinks, then you've got to hear about his faith. You've got to credit Hildebrand, placed in an environment totally foreign to basketball players at LU, he had the guts to dish out an assist to religion.

Several athletes in other sports from Liberty have gone on to play professionally. Hildebrand won't be in the NBA next season. Probably won't ever play basketball for money.

His contributions to the Flames program, however, are unparalleled. No. 20, along with the NCAA Tournament banner, must hang from the Vines Center ceiling.

It would be a sin not to retire that jersey.
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Meyer’s Slipper

notified by a phone call early Sunday evening. Nor, in 1980, were as many games televised as today. As a result, as soon as Purdue received its berth and was informed it would be playing La Salle, from Philadelphia, Rose gave Meyer a task.

“At 6 p.m. that night, I was told to get two films of La Salle by 8 the next morning,” he said. “I had to drive to Cincinnati, which normally is a four-hour trip. But with ice and snow, it took six hours to get there.”

Purdue opened the tournament with a home victory. It then went to the Mideast Regional (now called the Southeast) and defeated St. John’s. The Boilermakers’ next game was against in-state rival, Indiana, the No. 1 seed.

A season later, Meyer accepted the head coaching job at Liberty University, then known as Liberty Baptist College. At the time, the Flames were an NAIA school (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) with hopes of one day joining the NCAA’s Division I.

The program grew under Meyer as he nurtured his dream of one day returning to the NCAA Tournament.

In 1983, the Flames went to the NAIA national tournament, where they lost by a point, in the quarterfinals to Chaminade.

Meyer and the Flames dropped their NAIA affiliation in 1984 and became an NCAA division II member.

On Sept. 1, 1988, the Liberty Flames basketball team were accepted into the NCAA’s Division I and in 1991, joined the Big South Conference.

“We’ve worked so hard for so long,” Meyer said. “This is a dream come true...an answer to my prayers.

Now Meyer’s prayer will be focused on one day making the field, not as No. 16, but as a No. 4 or 5 seed.

He also feels good about the kids who’ve signed to play next year.

“We’ve signed some great kids,” Meyer said. “Our seniors are the ones that got us here. We’re going to tell those new kids that they’re the ones who have to keep us here,” Meyer added.

Which is the blueprint for LU’s future under Meyer.
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