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EDITORS' CORNER: Though several cuts have been made in the drama department this year, somehow musicals, operas and plays are still keeping a cultural light burning on campus. Editor in Chief Shannon Harrington discusses the good impact such artistic enterprises have on the Liberty community and the wider issue of Christianity and art. Also, Opinion Editor Mark Haskew discusses the unprecedented agreement of Newt Gingrich and President Bill Clinton concerning the proposed line-item veto. Page 6.

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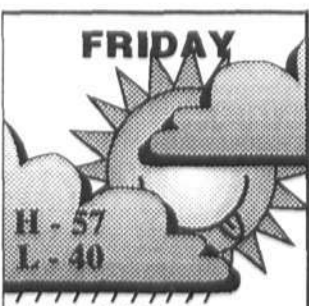
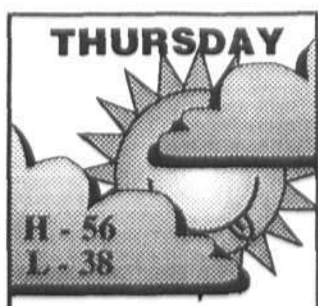
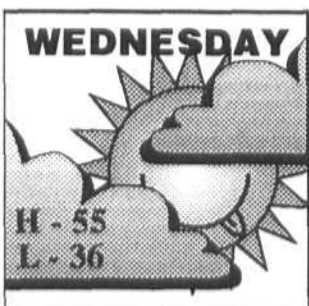
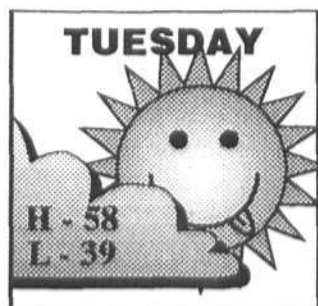
FLAMES DROP TWO: The baseball team's strong start to the season was shaken a little as it received its first two conference losses. The UMBC Retrievers defeated the Flames twice during a doubleheader in Baltimore this week. Page 10.

HOLLOWAY SETS RECORD: Lady Flames basketball star Ginny Holloway set a record as the team's all-time leading scorer when she shot her 1,180th point during her final game of the Big South Women's Basketball Tournament. Page 11.

SPORTS WITH STROUT: Two Mikes have returned to sports this week, and — Strout claims — the sports world will be better now that Michael Jordan and Mike Tyson are again competing. Page 11.

—by Timothy J. Gibbons

THE FORECAST:



Debaters rock national tourney

By AMY J. SAWYER
Copy Editor

Despite the fact that George Mason University had twice as many chances as Liberty to make it through the quarter-finals, the LU debate team overcame the odds and won the American Debate Association National Tournament, held March 10-12, at Boston College, by a substan-

tial 66 points. The win secured the team's first-place finish in the American Debate Association standings — the debate team's first-ever national title. "We've never won the ADA or any of the debate rankings before, so I'm very pleased with what happened at the tournament," Coach Brett O'Donnell said. "We set a goal at the beginning of the

year to finish first, and our kids worked very hard all year long to meet that goal, and we were able to do it." Adam Milam, a senior varsity debater, expressed satisfaction at achieving a national title after several less successful years of debating. "Being a senior, it's cool to see the hard work pay off," he said. The unprecedented 66-point margin of victory means

Liberty dominates the ADA standing. "That's a huge margin of victory compared to the rest of the pack, and I think the reason for that is our squad has been well-balanced and good at every level," O'Donnell said. "George Mason was our chief competitor," the coach explained. After the first decision in the quarter finals, he

said, "We were down to two (teams) and they still had four, which meant they outnumbered us two-to-one. But the next four decisions were the George Mason debates and they lost every one of the debates. I can't remember the last time George Mason lost every one of their teams in one elimination round."

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photos by Jason Christoff



Musical guests visit campus

Close to 3,000 people from Liberty, Lynchburg and surrounding areas crowded in the Vines Center, Friday, March 24, to experience the vocal talents of Clay Crosse, Kathy Tricoli and the 4-HIM.

The concert, which was sponsored by the American Bible Society, featured 4-HIM (above) who are spokesmen for the international organization.

The ABS is committed to distributing Bibles to countries that lack them. 4-HIM, which has visited the campus several times before, led the audience in several praise and worship songs, as well as hits off of their latest album.

Crosse, who is on his first professional tour, opened the three-hour concert. He also performed with Kathy Tricoli, who is on tour for the first time since 1985, when she opened for Michael W. Smith. Together, the two performed a song from Crosse's recent debut release. Tricoli also performed her recent Top 40 hit "Everything Changes."

—by Keith Ludlow

School gets hooked to Internet.

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
News Editor

Students were having fun in Liberty's computer lab last week. Not to say that they don't normally — but the individuals playing games with people they may never meet and doing research by just "pointing-and-clicking" seemed just a little more excited than normal.

The university is now hooked up to the Internet, with all machines connected to the computer-lab based network having access to the resource. "Those that are within shouting distance of the network will be hooked in," Barnhart said.

This includes the computers in DeMoss, Teacher Education and Science halls, as well as the School of Business and Government's computers.

Computers more distantly removed from the center of the network, such as those in the Religion Hall, must call the network. The details of this process still needs to be worked out, Barnhart said, because the "necessary hardware isn't installed yet."

"We have several things that depend on other people to do," the professor said. These tasks should be completed within a week or two, however.

"We will be getting in the cable to hook up all the modems late this week," Barnhart said. "I'm expecting that within two weeks we'll be having something in the way of dial-up capability."

Dorm students who want to use the school's Internet hookup from their rooms will also use the dial-up connection. To utilize this, students need a computer and a modem — and an account with the school.

Barnhart said the details of payment have yet to be worked out, but will probably involve some lab fee.

"It's really just fair, because it costs the school extra each month," he explained.

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Convicted, converted financier to address LU

Special to the Liberty Champion

When Nicholas Leeson recently brought about the collapse of Britain's centuries-old Barings Bank, he set the business world a-buzzing. But, several years earlier, Barry Minkow had already claimed the world's record in high-finance fraud.

This financial wizard will be sharing the lessons he learned

from his eventual imprisonment and subsequent conversion during a Liberty convocation at the end of April.

Minkow was an entrepreneurial whiz kid who, as a teenager in the 1980s, built a multi-million dollar empire from the ground up. His company was named ZZZZ Best (pronounced "Z" Best). He was hailed as the boy-wonder of Wall Street. At age 20, he was a millionaire many times over.

However, Wall Street and the world learned all too soon that ZZZZ Best and Minkow were colossal frauds and the Minkow financial miracles were all built on lies, embezzlement and illicit money. Minkow had taken Wall Street and many sophisticated investors to the cleaners for about \$250 million.

Minkow was put in prison at age 21 and remained there for seven years. While incarcerated,

he was led to salvation by a man who was acquainted with Liberty University and its External Degree Program. He recommended that Minkow enroll at Liberty and earn a college degree while in prison.

Minkow was released in December 1994, and confined to house incarceration until April 12, 1995. Before his release, though, he earned a bachelor's degree in church ministries and then, in 1993,

earned a master's in religion from Liberty. He is now doing academic work which will eventually lead to a doctorate in theology from the University of South Africa.

He is also beginning a speaking ministry to churches and community organizations, sharing his personal salvation testimony and explaining the spiritual scenario of compro-

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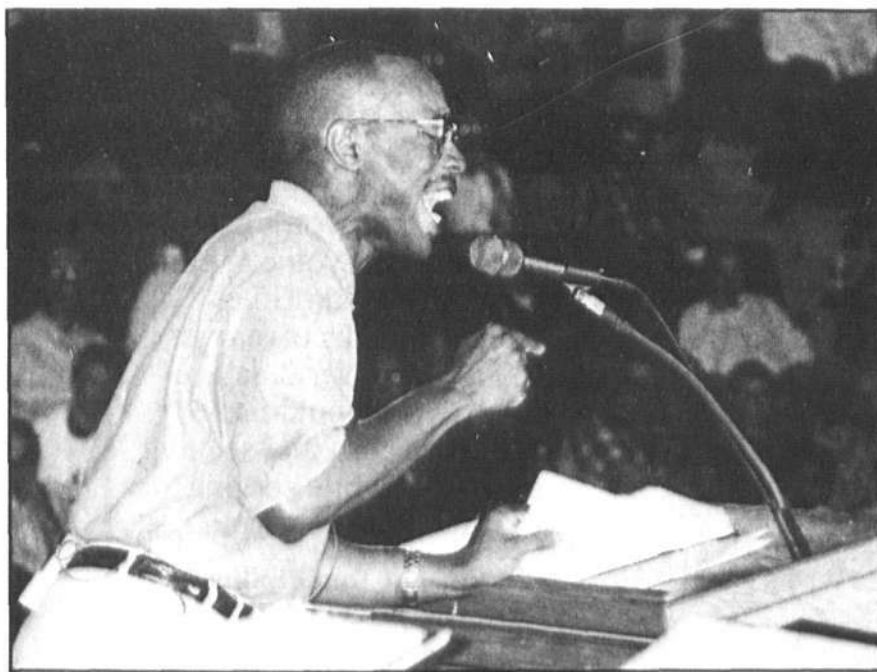


photo by Sam Lupulescu

DELIVERING A CHALLENGE — Bishop Wellington Boone challenges the Promise Keepers in the Vines Center to live lives of integrity.

8,000 men encouraged to remain committed leaders

By ANDREW LYONS
and MAINA MWAURA

Nearly 8,000 men crammed into the Vines Center Saturday in the hope of becoming better Promise Keepers for Christ and more godly influences in the world.

Founded in 1990 by Colorado University's Head Football Coach Bill McCartney, the purpose of Promise Keepers is to draw men together for the cause of Christian discipleship and in turn, deepen their commitment to and respect for women.

"Nothing quite like this has happened in our city before, but that is also the story across America. Promise

Keepers is clearly a movement of God; there is no other explanation," Dr. Jerry Falwell said.

Among the speakers at Saturday's seminar were Rick Kingham, vice president of National Ministries; Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church; Sam Rutigliano, head coach of LU football; and Bishop Wellington Boone.

Rogers spoke of the importance of motivating pastors and holding them accountable for their actions. "The future of the church is, number one, we're going to try to be a New Testament church and change our com-

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• **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships** — Applications for these scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding, are now available from the Rotary Club of Lynchburg. More information is available at 385-6200.

• **Junior Recital** — Candida Delgatty will be performing a piano recital March 30 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

• **Christophers' Video Contest**

— College students are invited to interpret the Christophers belief that one person can shape our world for the better. More information is available at (212) 759-4050. Deadline for the contest is June 9.

• **Convocation Schedule**

- ☐ Wed., March 29: Dr. Falwell
- ☐ Fri., March 31: Ron Bishop, Score International
- ☐ Mon., April 3: Dr. Ron Herrod

LCA Auction scheduled for weekend

Lynchburg Christian Academy will hold its annual benefit auction on Friday, March 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Vines Center. Admission to this event is 50 cents with children six and under admitted free.

One of the biggest items to be offered this year is a 1984 Ford Ranger. One or two other automobiles may also be offered.

Other items that will be on the block during the weekend event include sports equipment, an electric guitar, portable stereos, gift certificates from local restaurants, camera equipment, civil war paintings, a VCR, piano lessons and many other items.

The event is held to raise money for Thomas Road Baptist Church's Lynchburg Christian Academy.

— Janetta Campbell

Assessment day planned for April 5

Sharpen your number two pencils and prepare to fill in the dots: assessment day is coming April 5th.

Dr. Ellen Black, vice president of Planning, Research, and Assessment, said assessment day is vital to Liberty. "The assessment process is very important to us as a university because we evaluate our goals. We have to be able to demonstrate that we are evaluating our mission statement and demonstrate that students are learning, and that we have the services the students need," she said.

Students will be participating in various exams and surveys, depending on their current status or enrollment date.

"When all of our students come in they are tested. So now, they are re-tested to be able to demonstrate that they have made progress," Black said.

— Michele Callahan

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King's Players present comedy

By ANDREW LYONS
Champion Reporter

The King's Players presented the good, the bad and the humorous aspects of relationships in their presentation of Paul McCusker's "Family Outings" in the Lloyd Auditorium Friday night.

The play presents the troubles of a Christian family as they vacation in their newly purchased, unexpectedly run-down cottage.

In the cottage, newlyweds David and Beth, played by Steve Kyle and Vanessa Clemens, embark on married life. Staying with them are David's parents Jim and Charlie, played by Jonathan Bonar and Synda Bellamy, who are attempt to save their marriage.

Mattie, played by Jessica Brennan, serves as a counselor and motivator for the two couples, while David's brother Mark, played by Dan Vollmer, provides comic relief for this family's disasters.

"It's showing real situations that actually happen with real families and showing things that we should look out for if we actually try to get into a marriage relationship," said freshman Corey Brooks, who attended the Friday performance. Sophomore David Han said he felt the play had a modern theme. "I think that the points and the whole idea that is being made are things that we have to deal with today as far as relationships. It gives you something to think about."

Director Dr. David Allison said he was pleased with the performance, even though Vollmer had trouble with his voice. "All things went reasonably well. We had obviously one very sick cast member," he said.

Despite Vollmer's lack of voice, he still managed to perform his part as Mark, with a little technological help.

"Somewhere between 6 and 10 last night my voice up and left my body. I was guzzling tea like a mad man. They decided to go with the mikes."

During Spring Break the King's Players traveled

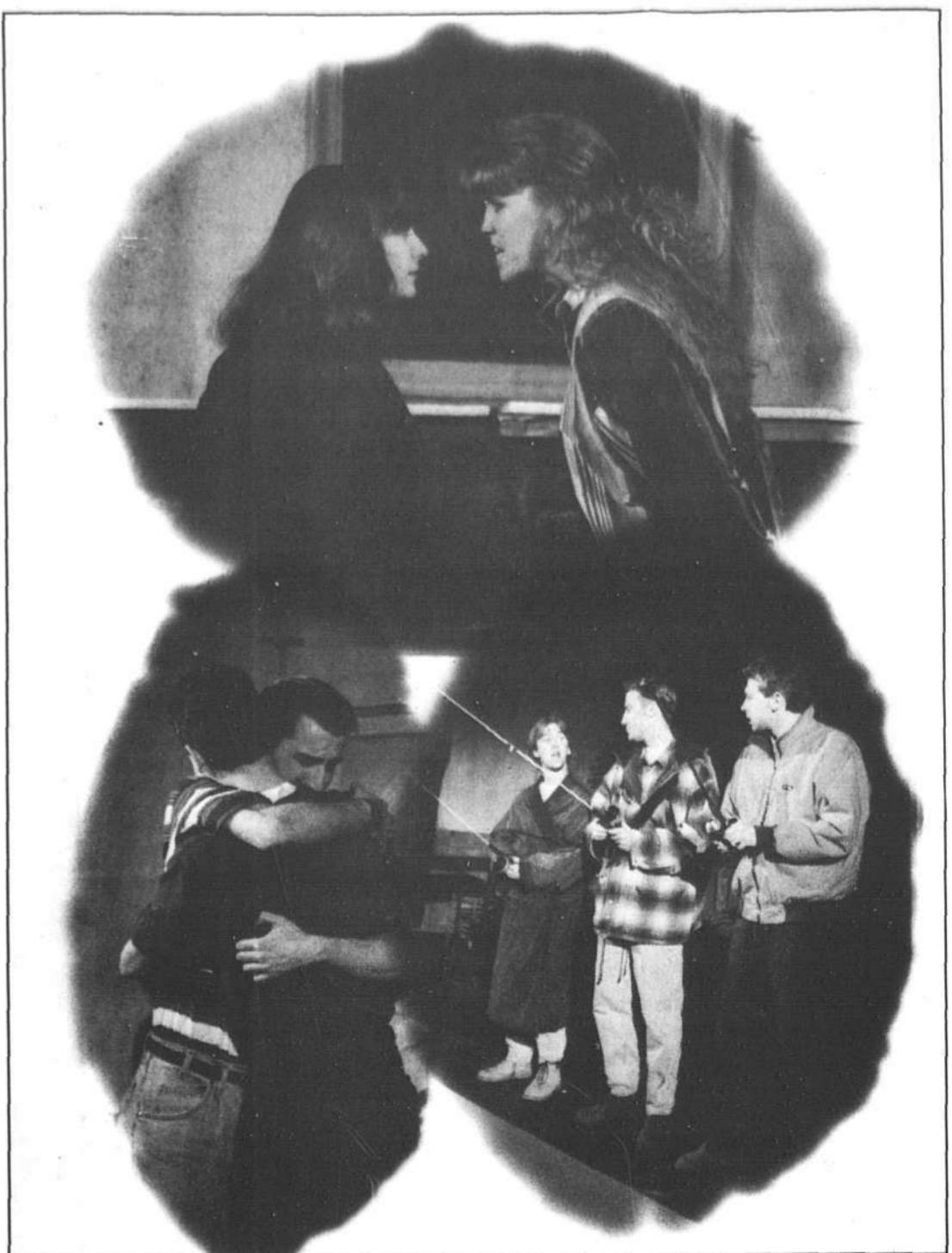


photo by Jason Christian

FAMILY FEUDS — Newlywed Beth (Vanessa Clemens) argues with her mother-in-law (Synda Bellamy) on top. Left, father and son (Steve Kyle and Jonathan Bonar) embrace after fishing with Mike (Dan Vollmer) at the lake, on right.

to Toledo, Ohio; Detroit; Indianapolis and Columbus, Ohio and gave 10 shows in which approximately 75 people came to know the Lord.

"These guys are troopers. The Lord has given us 17 people that have great hearts and they will

work," Allison said. The King's Players will present "Family Outings" at 8 and 11 p.m. this Friday and Saturday in DeMoss Hall 160. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 at the door.

Arson fire hits ScareMare

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
News Editor

An intentionally-set fire blazed through the ScareMare house the Saturday before Spring Break, causing damage to all three floors of the structure. No one was injured in the fire.

The fire was probably started on the exterior wall at the rear of the ScareMare house, which is located at 2300 Carroll Ave., according to deputy Fire Marshal John Jennings. He said Friday the case was still being investigated, and he did not want to reveal the names of suspects.

"It burned up through the (first) floor onto the second floor. At the second floor, it went out a window into the attic," said deputy fire marshal John Jennings. "You get a burning like that, you have joists that are charred deeply and floors that are burned through."

Most of the damage was concentrated near the rear of the building, Jennings said.

Troy Temple, YouthQuest's special projects coordinator, said the

house mainly received burn damage, but that the structure will be repaired and reconstructed in time for next year's ScareMare.

"There will be repairs (made) to the roof and some repairs on spots on the floors," Temple said.

The building is used for YouthQuest's annual haunted house, which is held during the Halloween season. The activity is one of YouthQuest's largest fundraisers.

The school does not know how much the restoration of the house will cost, Temple said, because an inventory and damage assessment has yet to be completed.

The sprinkler in the building was not activated when the fire started, Jennings said. Fire fighters turned it on when they arrived at the scene.

The system is turned off in the winter to prevent pipes from freezing during cold weather, the marshal said.



photo by Duane Likens

UP IN SMOKE — The ScareMare house was burned the weekend before Spring Break.

"The damage would have been considerably less if the sprinklers were turned on," he added.

This is the second time the house has been a victim of arson.

Temple said repair efforts should begin shortly, and that the structural integrity of the house was not compromised. "We are definitely going to have ScareMare '95 and it will be the best ever," he said.

Wall Street wizard shares testimony

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rise, corruption, collapse and comeback.

Minkow's first public speaking engagement after his release from house incarceration will be convocation at Liberty on Friday, April 21. Ministry chapel participants and College for a Weekend guests will join the rest of the student body to hear Minkow.

Falwell has also invited Minkow to speak in his nationally televised Sunday Live Worship Service at Thomas Road Baptist Church on Sunday, April 23, at 11 a.m.

Part of the reason why Liberty is scheduled for Minkow's first engagement lies in the impact the university has had on his life. He recently called Shaun Redgate, a Liberty University faculty adviser and director of enrollment services, his best friend. He said, "Without Shaun's help, I would

have never been able to complete my education or publish my book (his autobiography)," he said.

While in prison, Minkow wrote his autobiography entitled "Clean Sweep," published by Thomas Nelson. In this book, he exposes the inside workings of one of the most

famous Wall Street fraud cases of all time, and shows how one man's moral bankruptcy was transformed by the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The profits from this book have been designated by Minkow to a fund which will begin repaying the persons he defrauded.

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Hemphill shares testimony, song in Hawaii

By SARAH K. POLLAK
Champion Reporter

When LU graduate student Hiawatha Hemphill composed "Shine the Light" during his devotions one day, he had no idea how popular it would become. This song, his most successful composition, is a tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

According to Hemphill, it has been played all over the United States, especially during February in honor of Black History Month.

The song also resulted in the student being invited as an honored guest at the "Images of African-American Entertainers" conference located at the University of Hawaii, March 7-10.

While there, he had the opportunity to

perform his song, share his testimony with other celebrities and present his views on various social issues to a class at the University of Hawaii.

Hemphill, along with the other performers, was awarded citations by the governor of Hawaii and the Hawaii House of Representatives and Senate.

The citations thanked him for lending his services to the event and for coming to Hawaii for Black History Month. Hemphill was also invited to attend next year's conference.

In the past, Hemphill has performed in front of the North Carolina Art Council and sung with such artists as the Dramatics, Manhattans, Gospel Music Workshop of America Mass Choir and Voices Inc. His composing credits include

songs for the National Black Child Development Institute and the David Allen Worship Choir.

The purpose of the trip was so that he could sing at the Opele/Thurgood Marshall Fundraiser Banquet on Friday, March 10, which was to be the culmination of the week, and to lecture in a few of the school's classes.

However, Hemphill said he also saw this as an opportunity to share his faith with those around him.

"I saw this as a chance to minister and witness to the celebrities," Hemphill said. He said he had the chance to share his testimony with actor Danny Glover, singer Anita Pointer and students who were asking for his autograph.

Hemphill also lectured in an American

Studies class at the University of Hawaii at Monoa as a part of a contract he had with the university to "get in touch with the students."

Speaking to the class who had been studying the abortion issue, Hemphill spoke about abstinence and abortion.

Hemphill said his talk seemed to have an effect on the students. He noted that there was an "overwhelming response" made by the students.

One English young man who came up to him after his talk said that he had never considered abstinence as an option before, Hemphill said.

"I think the thing that I've learned is that the harvest is truly plentiful," Hemphill said. "There are scores of people out there who need to hear about the Savior."



SMILE! — Hemphill poses with actor Danny Glover at the conference.

Student life plans western party

By SARAH K. POLLAK
Champion Reporter

David's Place will be transformed into the wild frontier on Friday, March 31, complete with twangin' music, bull riding and other aspects of the American West, as Student Life hosts its annual Country Western Party.

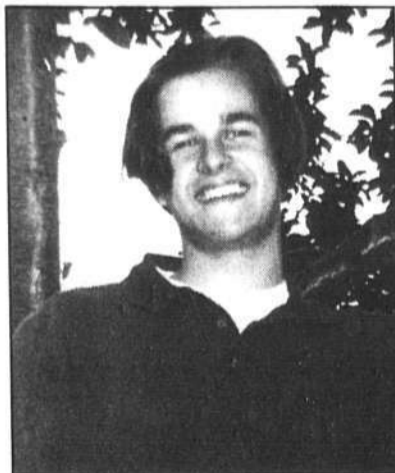
"I think the Country Western Party is one of the best, most successful activities all year," James Beck, student director of activities, said.

LU graduate Robin James, from Lynchburg's country music station WYYD, is expected to be the party's live disc jockey.

The entertainment will be a mixture of music, including a few secular songs.

All of the music has been carefully screened and approved by the administration, the student director explained.

"The music was chosen using Philippians 4:8 as a guideline," he



James Beck
Director of Student Life

explained. "All the songs should be positive, honorable and have a moral message. None of (the music) will be compromising Christian values."

For those who fancy themselves to be cowboys, the party will feature a bull-riding contest. Participants will see how long they can stay seated on a barrel, which will be pulled and swayed to mimic the antics of a bull.

"Robin James and the bull are really the highlight of the night," Jeff Smyth, coordinator of student activities, said.

In between bouts with the bull, students can bob for apples and see who can eat the most hot wings.

SGA race attracts seven candidates

By TIMOTHY J. GIBBONS
News Editor

No matter who is elected as the Student Government Association president and vice president next year, the administration should plan on hearing from them.

At least, that's what the candidates all said during interviews conducted over the weekend.

All of the candidates for the two offices said they were focusing on fostering better communication between the student body and the administration.

The race should be a competitive one, with three candidates for president and two for vice president.

Craig Long and John Marshall are both running for the vice president slot. James Beck, Phillip Lehman and Jason Williams are contending for the presidential position.

As well as attempting to improve communication, several candidates said they want to bring a fast food franchise to campus.

Long, Beck and Lehman all cited this as a goal, although the specifics — such as what restaurant and exactly how to get it here — vary.

Both students running for vice president said they are focusing on making Liberty as safe as possible.

"We're committed to making sure our campus stays a safe campus," Long said.

Marshall had a slightly more specific focus. "Security of women on campus is a big (issue). That's probably the biggest thing apart from some spiritual issues," he said.

Neither Long nor Marshall have been involved in Liberty student government before. The candidates disagree about the impact this will have on the race, though.

According to Long, "I've got a lot of head knowledge but no experience. My opponent has none either, so it's a level playing ground."

Marshall sees it differently. "I have the (edge of) experience over Craig. I can lead a more effective SGA to do more and to do it quicker."

The presidential candidates tend to have more experience — but most of it isn't associated with student government.

Beck said his past year of service as the student director of Student Life has prepared him for the presidency. "The job descriptions are different but the requirements of organization and hard work coin-

cide," he said.

Lehman said he recognizes that the "student body needs a great leader" and that he will strive to be one. His leadership experience includes stints as a youth pastor and prayer leader and business experience.

"I don't want to use this as a ministry," he said. "I believe the student body needs a great leader."

Williams' experience was earned at Asbury College, the school he attended before transferring to Liberty a year-and-a-half ago, and while working as a youth pastor and

church accountant.

"I think there's a misconception that the presidency is primarily a political position," he said. "I think it's more administrative than political. 'I have a lot of administrative work behind me.'"

The candidates for the SGA positions will begin collecting nominating signatures this week.

Three hundred student signatures must be garnered by April 3. The election will be held April 11, with the polls open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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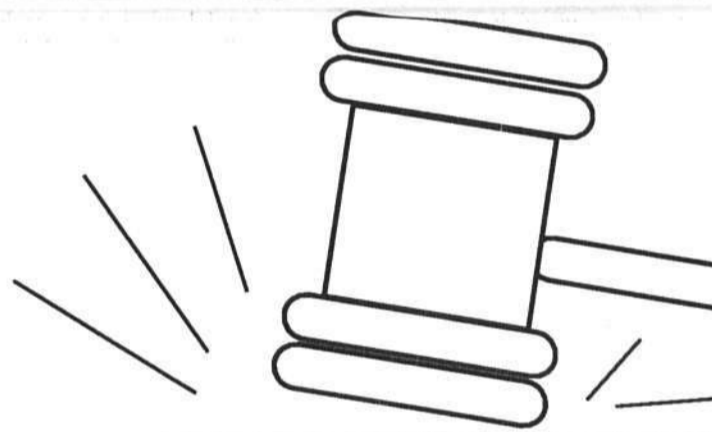


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Internet available to students, faculty

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Those with accounts in the computer lab can hook up to the Internet through those machines.

"Anyone who has an account on the network will automatically get an (e-mail) address," Barnhart said. Such an address will enable students to send and receive electronically-transmitted messages.

Those not working in the computer lab may only want to use text-based resources, the professor explained, because of the slowness in transmission of graphics.

"I think they'll be able to get graphical-based (resources)," he said. "If you're using a 9,600 or 14,400 modem, it may not be worth it."

To navigate the Internet, the school's computers are equipped with Netscape, a program that allows users to access the various utilities available.

"(Netscape) looks at the entire Internet as one giant hypertext-linked database," Barnhart said.

Using this program, users can download images, sounds and text, the professor said, as well as take part in on-line games and chat groups.

The Internet hookup, which is being done through Lynchburg-based provider In-Mind, is costing the school a total of about \$800 a month, Barnhart said.

This charge includes the lease of a dedicated telephone line coming into the school.

The modems the school will use for dial-up users run at 14,400 baud. The connection from the school runs at 56 kilobaud.

A baud measures the speed of modems and indicates how many bits the machine will transmit in a second.

No classes or training programs are scheduled for students users of the Internet hookup, Barnhart said, though a few workshops are being set up for faculty members.

"There doesn't seem to be any need for (training)," said Barnhart, gesturing to the students who were already using the Internet hook-up in the academic computer lab. "The ones in the lab seem to be teaching each other."

"They had to be shown the on-switch before (Spring Break). Now they're surfing the Net."

Barnhart did recommend that new users get a copy of a guide to

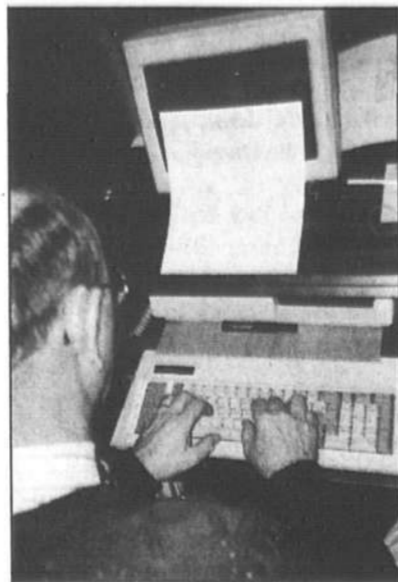


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SURFING THE NET — Dr. James Van Eaton uses the Internet to send e-mail to his missionary daughter.

Net resources such as the Internet Yellow Pages or "something like that," so they can fully utilize the information available.

However, users of the system must also remember that the sources and resources available are constantly growing.

"It's loosely-controlled anarchy," Barnhart explained. "The Internet is not owned by anybody; it is owned by everybody. We own part of it now, because we own machines that are on it."

ADA debate victory high point of year for LU squad

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"Once they had lost all their teams that opened the door for us. We had two teams go all the way to finals. By them dropping that left the championship wide open for us to secure," O'Donnell said.

Not only did the team secure the championship and the individual tournament, but they earned several other awards, as well. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams won the first place two-team award, with the novice teams securing second place.

In addition, nine of the 14 debaters placed in the top 10 within their division, among them Bill Lawrence, earning third place speaker in the varsity division, R. J. Snell, who was recognized as the top speaker in the J.V. division, and novice Amy Palermo, who earned top speaker merits, as well.

"Every team that we've traveled with this year has been in elimination debates, and every team that we've traveled with has at least one person on it who's earned a speaker award, so we've had really good results across the board. I think that's why we dominated so much this year," O'Donnell said.

The team will next focus its efforts on the National Debate Tournament, to be held March 29-April 3 in Carrollton, Ga. LU is ranked first in the tournament, which comprises the nation's top varsity debate teams.

"They take the 72 best varsity teams out of the hundreds of teams that compete all year long to this tournament and let them debate out to see who the best of the best is," O'Donnell explained.

"We've never had a team advance to the elimination rounds of the National Debate Tournament, that's how competitive it is," the coach said. "But I think this year we've got an excellent chance of seeing both of our teams get into the elimination rounds, given the results we've had at varsity. These two teams are the strongest varsity teams we've had at Liberty ever."

Varsity debater Layla Hinton said her expectations for the NDT are high as well. "I know we're capable of doing it," she said. "I'll be really disappointed if we don't make it."

Lawrence named top young debater in US

For Bill Lawrence, placing as the third individual speaker at the American Debate Association National Debate wasn't totally unexpected. Just a few weeks before the competition, he won first place accolades at the National Novice Debate.

"I was a full point ahead of the second speaker," Lawrence said. "I think that's the first time in 30 years (it's happened)."

The National Novice Debate only allows debaters who are in their first year of college eligibility to compete. "It tends to be the younger debaters," Lawrence explained.



Lawrence

Lawrence is a freshman who started his college debate career competing at the varsity level. The 19-year-old debater competed for three years at his Sterling Heights, Mich. high school before being recruited for the LU squad.

Since the beginning of the season, Lawrence has aimed for this win.

"It was one of my biggest goals of the year," he explained. "This was the tournament I wanted to win more than anything."

This placement should help him stay on track to debate success, Lawrence said. "A lot of judges are predicting that the Sacred Cow (his nickname for partner Layla Hinton) and I will be one of the top teams in the nation next year," he said. "In three or four years, I'll be the top speaker."

— by Timothy J. Gibbons

Promise Keepers crowd Vines

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munity for Christ and that is to reach the last, the least, the lowest with the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Rogers.

Director of Youth Ministry Matt Willmington said Rogers was incredible. "I've just enjoyed being with 8,000 other men who love Christ; the fellowship is exciting. To see that all of these guys love God in the same way is probably the best thing," Willmington said.

In the morning, 4-HIM made a special guest appearance and sang four songs including their popular "Future Generations" and "Back to the Basics."

4-HIM member Mark Harris said, "As a new father of a 14-month-old boy and another one on the way I am realizing and discovering more and more how important it is for me to be a man of God, a man of integrity and a Promise Keeper."

After lunch, Coach Rutigliano spoke on the ills of our society and how men can change them. "I'm excited as I've ever been as a speaker. This place is on fire,"

explained Rutigliano.

Lynchburg's Mayor Jim Whitaker read a letter from Virginia's Governor George Allen. In the letter Allen welcomed Promise Keepers to Lynchburg and said, "I am confident that this weekend's conference will be an effective program to encourage Promise Keepers to help build strong marriages, strong families, and strong communities consistent with our nation's foundational principles."

Boone ended the seminar stressing the importance of race rela-

tions and respect for wives. "One of the things that I realize about the movement of Promise Keepers is that God wants to restore the father back to the children and the children back to the father," said Boone.

Promise Keepers concluded with a united chorus of "How Great Thou Art." This stressed that the true reason for attending the seminar was to glorify Christ and grow closer as responsible and dedicated men. "It was the most praise worthy event that I have ever been to while attending Liberty," sophomore Andy Miskell said.

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Canada cuts federal budget

By JOHN HAUBER
Washington Times

TORONTO — Canada's government last week presented its most radical budget in recent history, in one swipe cutting back or demolishing long-cherished social programs of the sort being challenged in the U.S. Congress.

What's more, the cuts are coming from the same Liberal Party that introduced most of those programs in the first place.

Finance Minister Paul Martin, under pressure from a sagging Canadian dollar and foreign credit agencies, stunned observers a week ago by outlining a plan to reduce the Canadian deficit to either \$25 billion Canadian — about \$17.5 billion U.S. — or 3 percent of the gross domestic product by 1996-97.

Martin kept his promise not to raise taxes, already among the highest in the industrialized world. But, saying the government had to "put its own house in order first," he made it clear that deep cuts will be made.

From welfare to the military, from foreign aid to unemployment insurance, everything will be put on the chopping block.

Exactly which services and pro-

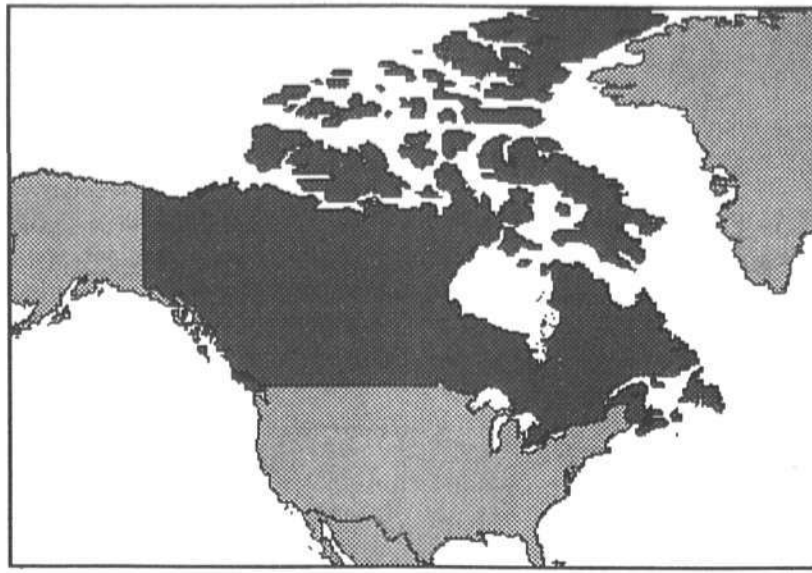
grams survive and which don't will depend largely on the governments of the 10 provinces, which administer many programs, including health care and education.

In a step similar to the block grants being proposed by the U.S. Congress, the federal government will sharply reduce grants to the provinces for those programs but give the 10 premiers more leeway to decide how the money will be spent.

Bob Rae, the leader of Ontario's social-democratic provincial government, has estimated his province will lose funding equal to the cost of running its entire university system or all the hospitals in Toronto, Canada's largest city.

The budget represents "a historic change that literally ends the Canada that we have known and sets us on a much meaner course, a course that I don't think we should be on as a country," Rae said. Perhaps the most fascinating feature of the budget for Americans is that it took only the will of the year-old Liberal government to do it.

While the budget must be debated and voted on in Parliament, the tradition of party solidarity in Canada means the Liberals, with a clear majority, will have no trouble



enacting the budget into law.

But experts warn that, in a country where in the last election the Conservative government went from a majority in the House of Commons to just two seats, the Liberals had better tread with care.

"If, in future, Martin succeeds in chopping the debt to the ground, he will be known as St. Paul," said Denny Boyd, a columnist for the Vancouver Sun.

"If he doesn't, he will be lumped in with all those earlier finance ministers, known colloquially as 'those b-----ds.' If all dragon-slaying

begins with sharpening the sword, then Martin is to be cheered. He made a start."

The foreign markets, which had turned a highly skeptical eye on Canada in the wake of Mexico's peso debacle, have had a mixed reaction to the budget.

While most experts like what they see, some doubt the government's resolve to go through with the cuts. Still, in the days following the presentation of the budget, the Canadian dollar gained 1.4 cents against the U.S. currency, and interest rates fell by 0.38 of a percentage point.

BRIEFS:

Cabinet member chases, catches watch thieves

When two youths grabbed some trays of watches from a vendor's table, they probably didn't expect to be chased by a Cabinet officer.

But they were pursued by Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros — and caught, with the help of police.

Cisneros was leaving a haircutting salon Saturday evening with family members when he saw two youths take something from a vendor's table and run down an alley. He began chasing them as wristwatches flew from the purloined trays.

One youth was grabbed by a passing police officer who joined the chase, and the other was collared by the officer when the youth stopped short upon confronting Cisneros, 47.

"What kind of citizen or government leader would I be if I didn't try to help?" Cisneros said.

Jewish, Christian colleges share campus facilities

NEWTON, Mass. — In a mixed marriage of convenience, a Jewish college that has outgrown its building and a Christian school of theology with excess space have agreed to share a campus.

"There's so much in the history of religion and the current reality of religion that is divisive and incendiary, if one can make a statement about two institutions coming from different traditions and developing shared programs, then it's a kind of unique statement," says David Gordis, president of Hebrew College in Brookline.

Hebrew College will move gradually to the campus of the Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton over the next three years.

Details have to be worked out, but the schools are discussing sharing cafeteria and library facilities and offering joint programs under which, for example, Andover-Newton students could study Hebrew at Hebrew College.

"It is a recognition that the Christian community was initially a Jewish community, and it's also a fresh reminder that Jesus was a Jew," says Ralph Elliott, interim president of Andover-Newton.

The 170-year-old Andover-Newton, the oldest Protestant graduate theological school in the country, has extra room because an increasing number of its students are commuters who don't live on the 84-acre Newton campus.

Congressmen set own limits

Nine House members have invented a novel way to enforce their belief in term limits: They instructed the clerk of the House to remove their names from the House roster if they stay longer than promised.

In letters to the clerk, the eight Republicans and one Democrat set various limits for themselves ranging from six to 12 years. They said they did so because congressional passage of a constitutional amendment limiting terms is less than certain.

The House is scheduled to begin floor consideration of four term-limit-amendment proposals next week.

"We are committed to term limits, even if we don't pass them out of the House or out of the Senate," said Rep. Steve Largent, Oklahoma Republican. "I don't need a law to set term limits and establish them for myself."

In his letter to the clerk, Largent pledged to retire after six years if the Supreme Court upholds his state's current limit of six years. If the law is not upheld, he promised to resign after 12 years.

Falwell addresses women

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Falwell recently spoke to a conference of American and Japanese women meeting in Washington, under the auspices of the Women's Federation for World Peace, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

"There are many challenges as we face the 21st century, but all of them can be summarized under two words, faith and family. Our nation and our world are in serious trouble as we face the next century. We not only have wars and dissension between people of various nations and ethnic backgrounds, but we also seemingly have lost our way," the pastor said.

"We do not seem to know what is really important in life and we are therefore seeking after material things and power and fame, and are leaving behind and abrogating the things that are truly important, faith and family."

Alabama to bring back chain gangs

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama is bringing back the chain gang, a sight most Americans haven't seen since the Paul Newman movie "Cool Hand Luke."

This spring, inmates will be put in leg irons and made to pick up litter along well-traveled roads.

Alabama will be the first state in the nation to reinstitute chaingangs, according to several national corrections organizations.

Prison work crews shuffling along in leg irons were a common sight in

many states until public opinion was stirred by the 1932 movie "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang," about an innocent man brutalized on a Southern chain gang.

"I find it fascinating the corrections system is turning back the hands of time when the rest of the world is moving forward," said Rob Hoelter, director of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives.

"It's a statement for politicians," said Hoelter, whose group advocates

training for inmates to help them get jobs when they're released.

Alabama's new prison commissioner, Ron Jones, has placed a \$17,000 order for 300 sets of leg irons so that inmates can be put to work during the first 90 days of their sentences.

Jones is carrying out a directive from Gov. Fob James, a Republican, that inmates be denied TV and other privileges, that they be put to work, and that their impression of prison be so unpleasant they never return.

This is to change the perception "that all inmates do is watch soap operas and drink Coca-Colas," said spokesman Donald Claxton.

Alabama and many other states use minimum-security inmates, without shackles, to pick up litter. But half of Alabama's nearly 20,000 prisoners are medium-security inmates who don't qualify for work details outside prison.

"With leg shackles, we can put higher-risk inmates to work" on the outside, Jones said.

Cyberspace censoring provokes outrage

By SEAN PICCOLI
Washington Times

A bill targeting obscenity and harassment on the Internet has cyberspace in a virtual uproar.

Infobahn travelers are crying censorship — and worse — over the Communications Decency Act of 1995, a bill intended to stop the use of the Internet as a tool for harassment and a conduit for child pornography.

Objectors, who say Congress is overreaching, have launched a petition drive to change or kill the bill, which could pit lawmakers against on-line professionals in a battle over the government's right to set and enforce limits on cyberspace conduct.

More than 66,000 computer users have "signed" the petition by posting their e-mail addresses at a designated Internet site, says the petition's author, Christopher Frankonis.

"At peak times, (signatures) are coming in at like 1,000 an hour," says Frankonis, 25, a digital-imag-

ing specialist from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Critics say the law, if enacted as written, would do more than extend real-world criminal law to the digital world; it would open the carriers of these messages to prosecution, fines and imprisonment.

"It's basically a bombshell," says Bill Rayl, editor of Connect magazine in Ann Arbor, Mich. "The shock wave is going through the industry at light speed."

"This bill goes beyond the Internet to commercial on-line services — CompuServe, AOL (America Online), Prodigy, callers and people running bulletin systems from home," Rayl says.

"Not only does the bill say the person sending the [electronic] mail is legally liable, but so are all the systems that transfer and carry the mail," he says.

"Now if you say that they're responsible for everything in there," he argues, "people are going to start shutting systems down."

Officials with America Online in Vienna, Va., did not return calls for comment; nor did the office of Sen. Jim Exon, the Nebraska Democrat who introduced the bill, or the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which is considering the bill.

Rep. Tim Johnson, South Dakota Democrat, introduced the same bill — basically the Telecommunications Act of 1934 updated to include digital discourse — in the House last week. Johnson says he is concerned by the way criminals and child pornographers use the Internet.

"It seemed to me the House also ought to have an opportunity to debate the issue and invite testimony," Johnson says.

"It may be this bill is unworkable

and not the way to go. But it seemed to me we needed some vehicle for encouraging a reasoned discussion."

The bill's critics fear it represents the first attempt to meddle in a medium whose most cherished feature is the absence of government controls.

The Communications Decency Act calls for fines of up to \$100,000 and prison terms of up to two years.

"Obviously, this bill is designed to win votes for these senators . . . who are fearful of the Internet and aren't big fans of freedom of speech," says one version of the petition. ". . . If the Internet makes democracy this accessible to the average citizen, is it any wonder Congress wants to censor it?"

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Promise Keepers perform valuable role in society

Of all the things that Christians have to take sides over already, it seems a little excessive to take on one more. Naturally, when then-University of Colorado Coach Bill McCartney started the Promise Keepers, various secular left-wing groups collectively shuffled their feet nervously and murmured. Mostly, they spoke from ignorance. However, some people — within the church — found reasons to oppose his organization.

Probably the biggest complaint is about PK's efforts to be a big tent, religiously speaking. Hence, when so many disparate beliefs are represented, adherence to biblical truth becomes that much harder.

But the efforts and effects of PK are something to be praised. After filling the Vines Center Saturday, their message, to honor Jesus Christ and build strong marriages, reveals their laudable stance.

It is hard to find something wrong with an organization that promotes the values that Promise Keepers does. Among these values are commitments to honor Jesus, to practice spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity, and to honor the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

In addition, PK's emphasis on men becoming active in their local church seems to undermine fears of leading men away from biblical truth. As long as the local church is biblically based, Promise Keepers can only serve to strengthen local church membership.

It seems improbable that, no matter how many denominations or believers are included, Promise Keepers can't go far wrong if they stick to their pledge.

Of course, supporters of PK shouldn't completely shrug off all criticism. A sharp eye needs to be kept on staying on the right path doctrinally. Likewise, they should also avoid becoming simply a political organization.

However, the need for stronger men in the church and in society in general cannot be denied. More and more homes are without fathers and many more families are led by fathers too preoccupied with other concerns. In most churches, men cannot boast of a much better record of involvement.

The unfortunate results of this crisis can hardly be argued. Statistics say that 70 percent of juveniles in reform institutions come from fatherless homes. In fact, according to the Family Research Council, the relationship between crime and one-parent homes overwhelms race and income factors.

So, the hugely popular efforts of PK to provide a solution to this problem are certainly welcome. And so far, the track they take seems to be biblically based.

Postal Service religion policy typifies Clinton's administration

The U.S. Postal Service did not end its campaign against religion with its initial decision to stop producing the Madonna and Child stamp (later reversed because of public outcry).

The Rutherford Institute describes how, prior to Christmas, the post office in Appleton, Wis., invited students to submit artwork, which would be displayed in the post office. However, postal officials expressly told the children they could not produce "overly religious" themes in their artwork! We assume the powers-that-be in the Postal Service are equally upset with the "overly religious" Christmas holiday itself.

Of course, outrageous incidents like this are the rule, not the exception, of the current administration. And though the change in Congress is good, a new administration will do much more.



Line-item veto offers relief from spending

The ballyhooed Contract with America has recently run into some deep water, slowing the Republicans' initial progress. Prayer in schools is surrounded by controversy coming from practically every political corner. Unfortunately, all lawmakers could do with the balanced budget amendment was thank it for coming out. Perhaps it will find smoother sailing in the coming election year.

But another Contract proposal is coming around the bend that is not only intriguing, but looks like it's heading for success: the line-item veto. In fact, both President Clinton and Newt Gingrich support the measure.

Currently, a bill that comes to the President can only be passed or vetoed in its entirety. Knowing this, Congressmen often tack on unrelated spending items valued only by themselves and narrowly-defined special interests.

Under this current system, then, a lot of pork gets by. It would be impractical for the President to veto an entire appropriations bill because of one or several tack-ons, no matter how distasteful they might be.

The line-item veto, however, would let the President veto parts of bills. It's a good way to trim the deficit and keep lawmakers more realistic about passing outlandish amendments to bills.

The form most likely to appear at the national level essentially removes the "tack" from the tack-ons. The proposed power would let the President view each spending item as its own bill, letting him decide what spending items are passable and which are extraneous.

After that, Congress has the opportunity to override the veto in the same manner that it would override any vetoed bill under the current system.

Challengers to the line-item veto point to

two problematic areas. First, the obvious: it shifts too much power from Congress to the President, who can be tempted to use the veto for partisan purposes.

Of course, this can be a real danger, in theory. Too much power in the hands of one person, particularly when it comes to purse strings, is better off diffused. In practice, though, it is more likely the President would use the tool rather sparingly.

Andrew Taylor addressed this in the December 31, 1994, issue of *Congressional Quarterly*, writing, "Many budget experts say that the truth lies somewhere in between: that the line-item veto or beefed up rescission power would be a useful tool to block some of Congress' most wasteful appropriations, but that frequent use of the veto would risk alienating Congress and threaten other presidential priorities."

Naturally, partisan vetoing will happen. But I believe the degree of occurrence wouldn't be too costly. Also, remember that the spending items themselves are often highly political as well; that can't be any worse than presidential partisanship.

The second objection concerns the effectiveness of the line-item veto. Already, 43 states use some form of it. Yet the average amount removed from state budgets by the line-item hovers around 1 percent, and never exceeded 2.5 percent.

But 1 percent is still 1 percent less needless spending. Also, I've heard no argument claiming the line-item will solve all spending problems. Again, it is a useful tool, but one to be used sparingly.

No matter what party occupies the White House, the line-item will help America control its spending. And with both Clinton and the Republicans for the measure, there's a healthy chance it will make it.



MARK HASKEW

Fine arts still live at Liberty

Despite the recent cuts in our school's curriculum, specifically in the drama, art and music departments, it is a relief to see that Liberty has not completely lost sight of keeping the fine arts alive on campus.

So far this semester, certain faculty members have been active in keeping plays, musicals, concerts and a number of other cultural events on campus.

More importantly, these professors have incorporated their Christian world views into the arts on campus.

Too many times, Christians fallaciously associate the fine arts with liberal philosophies such as relativism and nihilism.

But this type of thinking has put art in a dilemma: What is the purpose for it? Rather than art being an end in itself, it should be a means to an end.

Of course, New Age thinkers, or any unconventional thinkers for that matter, could use art as a vehicle in promoting their philosophy. Behind every artist, there is a mind — one that is affected by opinions and viewpoints.

Therefore, Christians should use the fine arts as their vehicle to evangelize and enlighten the world with their world view.

H.R. Rookmaaker states in his book "Art Needs No Justification," "Art is supposed to be the expression of our innermost being, but what if you find little inside? . . . The poor works of these sad artists often crumble under the load and disintegrate."

Not only do Christians have a means to express their world view through the arts, but they have an advantage with the strong basis on which it is supported.

In the same respect, Christians should not fall for the misleading view that a particular art style can be categorized as either secular or religious.

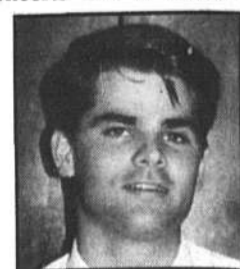
Francis Schaeffer said, "There is no such thing as a godly style or an ungodly style" of art. "The more one tries to make such a distinction, the more confusing it becomes."

Schaeffer continues, explaining that modern-day Christians should not attempt to copy a style used during the Renaissance period or during the Middle Ages.

"If you are a young Christian artist, you should be working in the art forms of the twentieth century, showing the marks of the culture out of which you have come. . . embodying something of the nature of the world as seen from a Christian standpoint," Schaeffer said.

If a Christian is blessed with an artistic talent, he or she should use it to its fullest extent. Otherwise, that person is a careless steward.

By providing a medium for student artists to perform, Liberty University has promoted this philosophy. Professors of fine arts here should be commended for this accomplishment.



SHANNON D. HARRINGTON

Many local libraries need revamping; print rivals film in immoral content

Even the strictest parents make their children go here. This is the place of scholars and academia, "nerds" and intelligentsia. This is one of the few lines of defense remaining against a wave of intellectual and moral decadence in America.

For reputation, this place rivals the Vatican. And yet, for horror, profanity, sexual perversion, New Age philosophy and wholesale worldliness, this place rivals Hollywood. You've all been here. This is your local town library.

Virginia Inkel is a librarian in Milford, New Hampshire. In the course of her work, she noticed that one particular series was continually being read by the vast majority of the junior-high-age patrons.

One day, she gave in to curiosity and examined one of the books. The story was about a cheerleader who couldn't quite make the squad. She tried again and again, but there were no openings for her. So . . . she killed the other cheerleaders.

In another book in this "Goosebump Series," as it is called, a monster bloodily slaughters a boy's family and is about to kill the boy as well when he wakes up. Bad

enough, right? Except that, using a common tactic of the series, the boy looks out his window and sees the monster.

Even non-Christian parents would hesitate before they allowed their child to watch a movie like this. Yet Christian parents allow and even encourage it. They're reading, right?

Which would you traditionally trust more, the hardcover or paperback section? Think of this before you answer. In late 1994, all but one of the top five hardcovers on the *New York Times* bestseller list had the word "vampire" in the title! The lone exception? I'm sorry you asked. It was the "Beavis and Butthead Ensucklopedia."

One of my friends proudly announced to me that he was halfway through the first book he had ever read for pleasure. The book? "The Stand," by Stephen King. A thousand pages of hell on Earth, Satan worship, and occult practices. Terrific. I suppose the huge popularity of Stephen "Demon-" King is a mark of America's return to knowledge and learning?

Films have often drawn the ire of

Christians. The typical R-rated movie usually has a sex scene. However, modern fiction novels average between two and five scenes of graphic sexual perversion. Rape, beastiality, sex with children; nothing is overlooked or censored. Why haven't you heard about this before? Because reading is "good."

For too long Christians have neglected this area, preaching the "Just read!" attitude. Look in your library some time. The patrons have asked for and received New Age fantasy and non-fiction, Stephen King, and modern drama, ridden with sex and violence.

The good news is, changing your local library is not as difficult as changing the federal government. Go talk to the head librarian. Ask him what happened to libraries that raised the level of community learning. Tell him what you want available to your little sister and your future children. Or tell him that you, the taxpayer, don't want his library at all.

Finally, watch what you read. Just because it's in print doesn't make that sex scene moral. Look out for profanity and attitudes, and close the book on bloody, constant violence. Filth is filth, no matter how it's presented.



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COMMENTARY

Power-hungry bureaucrats stall progress

By BRENT M. TRIMBLE
Champion Reporter

Bureaucracies, the scourge of organizations, occasionally outdo themselves and inadvertently do some good.

Prior to his election to Congress, ex-Palm Springs mayor Sonny Bono told a story on CBS Good Morning about the time he bought a restaurant and went about renovating it. He encountered a problem after problem associated with mountains of permits he had to obtain before he could open.

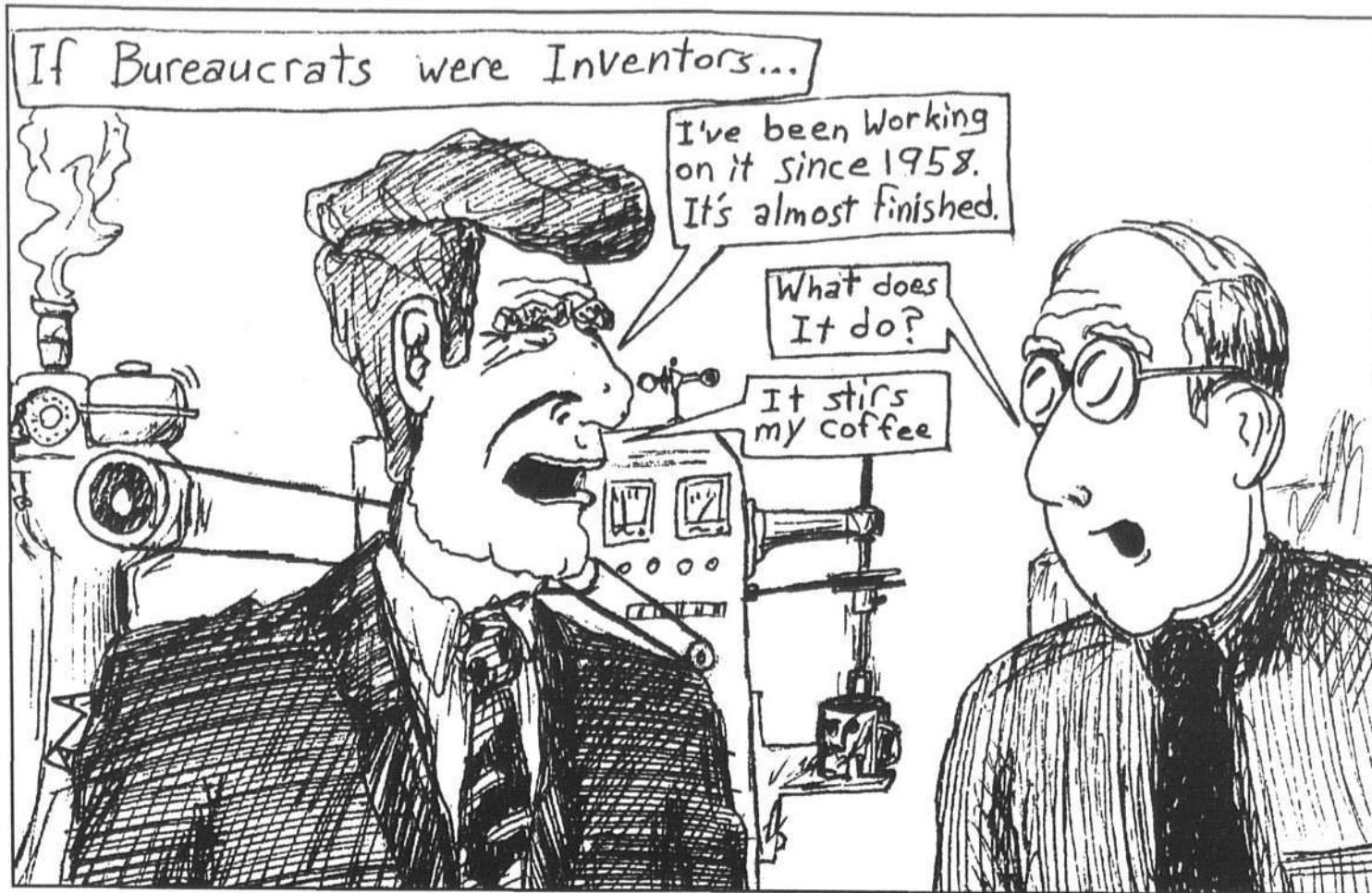
The straw that broke the camel's back, it seems, was a particular inspector that adamantly refused to give his approval of the restaurant's opening. His reason? The bathroom tile did not meet the "city code."

Bono, perturbed to say the least, entered into a vocal exchange with him. The bureaucrat, taken aback that his authority and position were questioned, exclaimed, "You have a problem, and you have to go through me to get this done!"

Bono replied, "No, I know how I will solve this problem. I'm going to become mayor and fire you!"

Bono may be questioned by some of the political science theorists as to his validity and qualifications in his newly acquired office.

The same might be questioned of former NFL great Steve Largent or any of the new "freshman" congressmen storming the halls of Congress this year to effect change.



Will these Congressmen be swallowed up by the gargantuan political machine inside the Beltway, a machine filled with bribes, hidden motives, agendas and seasoned "insiders"?

Or will new legislation be passed, reducing the size of the monster and making it easier for American citizens to do simple things such as register their autos, pay

taxes and other things made complex by a burgeoning bureaucracy?

Sadly, fresh-faced youthful idealism often dies quickly in this sort of environment. But government is not the only organization where this takes place. Try encountering a registration problem at any college campus (our's excluded, of course) and then try to rectify the situation.

"I'm sorry, it's not my department; you have to see so and so," are words you will hear. But should you obtain a signature or approval from someone outside "The Department," you would think a sacred cow has been killed.

"This has to be approved by me!" or a similar phrase is heard when you have invaded or evaded someone's little nucleus

of power.

And in a bureaucracy there are thousands of these power "cores." Individuals given a smidgen of responsibility take their job importance to new heights and, in effect, slow down the whole process for others who might have the distinct misfortune of going through them to obtain a service.

How many times has one been to the local Department of Motor Vehicles and, because of a missing signature, number or incomplete form, been given the run-around for days? From receptionists to CEOs, the problem is the same: people entrenched in their power bubbles, daring anyone to tread there.

Perhaps this is the problem encountered by the present congressmen as they struggle to trim the bloated bureaucracy. Peoples' positions are trampled on, pride is hurt and the process is slowed.

Political scientists and aspiring politicians should realize there is something to be learned from the "outsiders" such as Bono and Largent. Do not be caught up in the inside game or become entrenched in the bureaucratic mode of operation which now threatens the daily life of all Americans.

Make a splash. Demand change in the way bureaucracies operate. Instead of debating the political philosophies of Locke or Machiavelli, actively try to find a way to eliminate even a minuscule amount of paperwork from the life of even one citizen: this is much more practical, and what they elected you for in the first place.



Christianity affirms women, respects gender differences

By SARAH PARSHALL
Champion Reporter

It's really getting a little odd. When the women of the 1970s were suddenly faced with an opportunity for "fulfillment" outside the home (namely, careers,) they were overwhelmed with curiosity. During the course of some 20-odd years, that curiosity became stridency, and stridency, rage. Why? "Because," they whined, "things still aren't fair."

So, femi-nazis (to borrow for a moment from the indomitable Rush Limbaugh) like Gloria Steinem, Susan Faludi and Molly Yard grabbed their banners and headed to the streets in the name of equality and the ERA. In 1995, they're still going.

Lately, the efforts of feminists have included such installments as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, passed last spring. Its provisions include recognizing and eliminating gender-biased teaching techniques, combatting sexual harassment in the education arena and providing more female math and science teachers as role models to young girls.

Isn't that starting the indoctrination a little early?

Yet rarely, for all the ideological banter of these "womyn," do we find any of them or their vocal left-wing kin to hold to a personal relationship with Christ or adhere

"God designed the respective sexes with a uniqueness that only an omnipotent Creator can."

to the most basic of biblical principles. And so it is possible to deem the term "Christian feminist" to be an oxymoron.

Every trait that feminists have exhibited, every right they have claimed (with the possible exception of equal pay for equal work) has no biblical basis. Somehow, edicts like "be ye sharp-tongued and doers of discord" or "go ye therefore and complain greatly" don't seem to align themselves with the teachings of God.

And the rights they are denied? Reproductive rights: Since when was the opportunity to take a helpless human life a right?

Sexual harassment: As men are inherently fallen, they will always utter a sinful word. Women can do nothing more than remain above reproach by not soliciting these comments (through dress and talk), and refraining from a sinful retort.

Entertainment: Equal gender nudity? Multi-million dollar salary disputes? Please.

Equal labor opportunities: Men and women are vastly different physical specimens. There are some physical occupations that are

simply better suited for men than women.

Women can find affirmation in Christianity. Christ did not ignore women, nor did he belittle them in comparison to the "stronger" sex. God's word is very clear on the issue of equality, both gender and otherwise. Every inhabitant of this planet is a sinner who has the possibility of salvation by grace through faith. All differences in color, creed or gender end at the cross. All complaints of gender unfairness should end there, too.

Also, women are praised elsewhere in the Bible, most notably in the fitting tribute in Proverbs 31. They are used in allegories for description, uplifted for their characteristics, and praised for their uniqueness.

They were the last at Christ's cross and the first to hear of his resurrection. They were the only beings among all creation to complete God's "incomplete" Adam. Most importantly, God chose a woman as his divine vehicle for the his Son's entrance into a fallen world.

Things will never be exactly equal. Why? Because God designed the respective sexes with the uniqueness that only an omnipotent Creator can. Because women can't play pro football and men will never bear children. Because men and women are as different as radishes and rocking horses, and that's just fine.

Hatred of homosexuals hinders church's efforts to minister

By BETSY OOTEN
Champion Reporter

Preachers often say that there are no big or little sins with God. It may be so with God, but not so with Christians. God may look on the inside, but like the Bible says, man sees the outside. Because of this, some sins are more "taboo" than others from the church's perspective.

This phenomenon has crippled the church in its ministry to one group of people: homosexuals.

The balance between hating the sin and loving the sinner is easier preached than practiced. Churches of many denominations have erred on the love side. These churches accept practicing homosexuals as members and even as ministers. This problem, however, isn't great at Liberty.

Among conservative churches, the problem lies in hating the sin so much that love for the sinner is crowded out. Therefore, ministry to the homosexual is impossible.

I Corinthians 13 says that without love, "I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Without love, the message that God forgives the sin of homosexuality

is useless.

In the flesh, though, it is not easy to overcome the prejudices we build up in our hearts.

To say that Christians ought to love all sinners — including homosexuals — because God does, is almost trite, but it is true.

Furthermore, God loves homosexuals before they and even if they never repent. It is not enough for Christians to accept someone who formerly practiced homosexuality. Christian love demands love for sinners still in their sin, just as God loved mankind "while we were yet sinners. . ."

God loves all sinners because of what He sees when He looks inside men. Earthly eyes only see a homosexual's sin, but God's eyes see an eternal soul in need of His salvation.

Not only should Christians cultivate a burden for the salvation of homosexuals, they must also realize that the sin of homosexuality can be a temptation to Christians as well.

Because a person is saved does not mean he is exempt from certain temptations. A person's greatest weakness is the area that Satan will bombard with temptations. The fact

that no one is perfect is not an excuse to sin, but it is a fact that makes it ridiculous to believe that no Christian will fall to the temptation of homosexuality.

Nevertheless, homosexuality is almost viewed as the most "sinful" sin. The atmosphere of pious railings is not indicative of the Christian love and encouragement that should await a believer wanting to confess and turn from the sin of homosexuality.

It is easy to say that there is no room for compromise in Christians' stand against homosexuality. The fact that homosexuals band together politically strengthens that view.

More difficult, but equally important to say, though, is that there is no room for compromise in Christians' loving outreach to homosexuals, whether non-believers or backslidden believers. Christians must look past the cultural screen that makes homosexuality appear worse than other sins. With the Holy Spirit's help, Christians can see them as God sees sinners and minister to them.

Church members must remember the old cliché: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Liberty Forum

Marriott official clears air of rumors

EDITOR:

Before Spring Break, a number of rumors were circulating involving "incidents of food poisoning" caused by Dining Services. These rumors led to numerous calls being placed to our office, LU Health Services and the local Health Department.

I'm very pleased to report that the rumors were unfounded. Health Services ran several culture tests which indicated no evidence of food poisoning. The Health Department reviewed medical records from complaints referred to them, and conducted a food service inspection. They were also assured that none of the cases of illness were a foodborne illness. According to Health Services, a type of flu infection has been fairly strong on campus and in the community this year.

I've been at Liberty for almost 14 years. To my knowledge, we have never had a documented case

of foodborne illness.

Averaging nearly 40,000 meals per week, that's a record to be proud of. As a corporation, we serve approximately one million meals per day to college students across the United States. We utilize many standards, techniques, and audits to ensure food safety is maintained. The local Health Department also inspects our unit on a periodic, unscheduled basis to ensure compliance with food safety standards.

Corporately, we have begun implementation of a new Food Safety program called HACCP (Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points).

This is a comprehensive program which looks at the "flow of potentially hazardous food" throughout our entire unit, from receiving to serving. This program goes greatly beyond the requirements of most state and local health codes, and is in fact starting to be used by many health departments.

While I want to defend our record related to food safety, I also want to learn and improve from criticism that comes our way.

One area where we must do better is in the cleanliness of our china and silverware. We've got to be sure food and napkin particles are not baked into these items when they are placed in service. We are examining our processes to ensure we do a better job in this area. We will also develop a system for our customers to rate our improvement, and hold us to our commitment.

One final thought: as Christians, we have a biblical mandate to speak the truth. Rumors can be damaging to both individuals and organizations. Before passing on things you've heard, please be sure they're true.

Thanks for reading this, and thank you for allowing us to serve you.

ERNIE MINOR



AMY MORRIS

Seniors need to tame inner sloth

I think I speak for the majority of seniors when I say, "I AM SO READY TO GRADUATE!" I realize this eagerness is a little premature; but when a person who has toiled, labored and struggled unceasingly for years (the actual number of years is just a blur to me now) sees his/her name on THE LIST, the graduation checklist, the list that means freedom, freedom from hall meetings, freedom from the use of book coupons, freedom from RAs checking on you at 3 a.m., over and over to make sure that you are still there.

And just in case your sleeping form might just be a couple of strategically placed pillows, ask RA-get-to-know-you questions such as, "So, how are classes going?" In other words, parole is nigh, and yes, I will rejoice.

Seeing my name on THE LIST is just one of the many signs that graduation is near. Lately, I have been noticing some things around campus that strike me as, well — bizarre. So I constructed a list called "You Know You're Ready to Graduate When..."

*** YOU INSTINCTIVELY KNOW WHICH CRACKED SEATS TO AVOID IN THE VINES CENTER DURING CONVOCATION.** Not only those seats which are blatantly damaged, but also those that seem perfectly safe and secure but actually are on the verge of collapsing from the pressure of housing one student too many.

*** ALL THE ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE YOUR AGE ARE ENGAGED.** Or, even worse, they're alone, but they whine about being alone so much that you wish that they would find someone, find anyone, even if they must hook up with that dating service that's advertising on the bulletin boards in DeMoss (Editor's note: Whose idea was that anyway? Sounds suspiciously like an SGA brainchild to me.)

*** YOU DON'T EVEN BLINK WHEN YOU SELL BACK YOUR \$80 BUSINESS LAW TEXTBOOK AND ONLY GET \$1.20.** Unbelievably, you are content with this paltry amount. You may even possibly blow it on two sticks of gum and a bookmark from the very same bookstore that robbed you, but you don't care. You are a graduating senior.

*** YOU'RE BORED WITH FINDING SPELLING ERRORS IN THE LIBERTY CHAMPION.** I think this won't be pretty self-explanatory.

*** THE DONATION OF YOUR STUDENT LOAN TOTAL COULD SINGLEHANDEDLY SOLVE THE PESO CRISIS IN MEXICO.**

*** SUGAR FROSTED FLAKES HAS BECOME YOUR SOLE SOURCE OF SUSTENANCE.** Which is to our benefit, since that's all we'll be able to afford with our meager starting-out salaries.

(Editor's note: I would like to point out at this time that I refrained from seizing a perfect opportunity to take yet another cheap shot at the quality of Marriott cuisine. That is all.)

Fellow seniors, can you relate? But beware of trying to grasp this freedom before commencement is officially here. It's too tempting to adopt the attitude of the Slothful Senior, like I did:

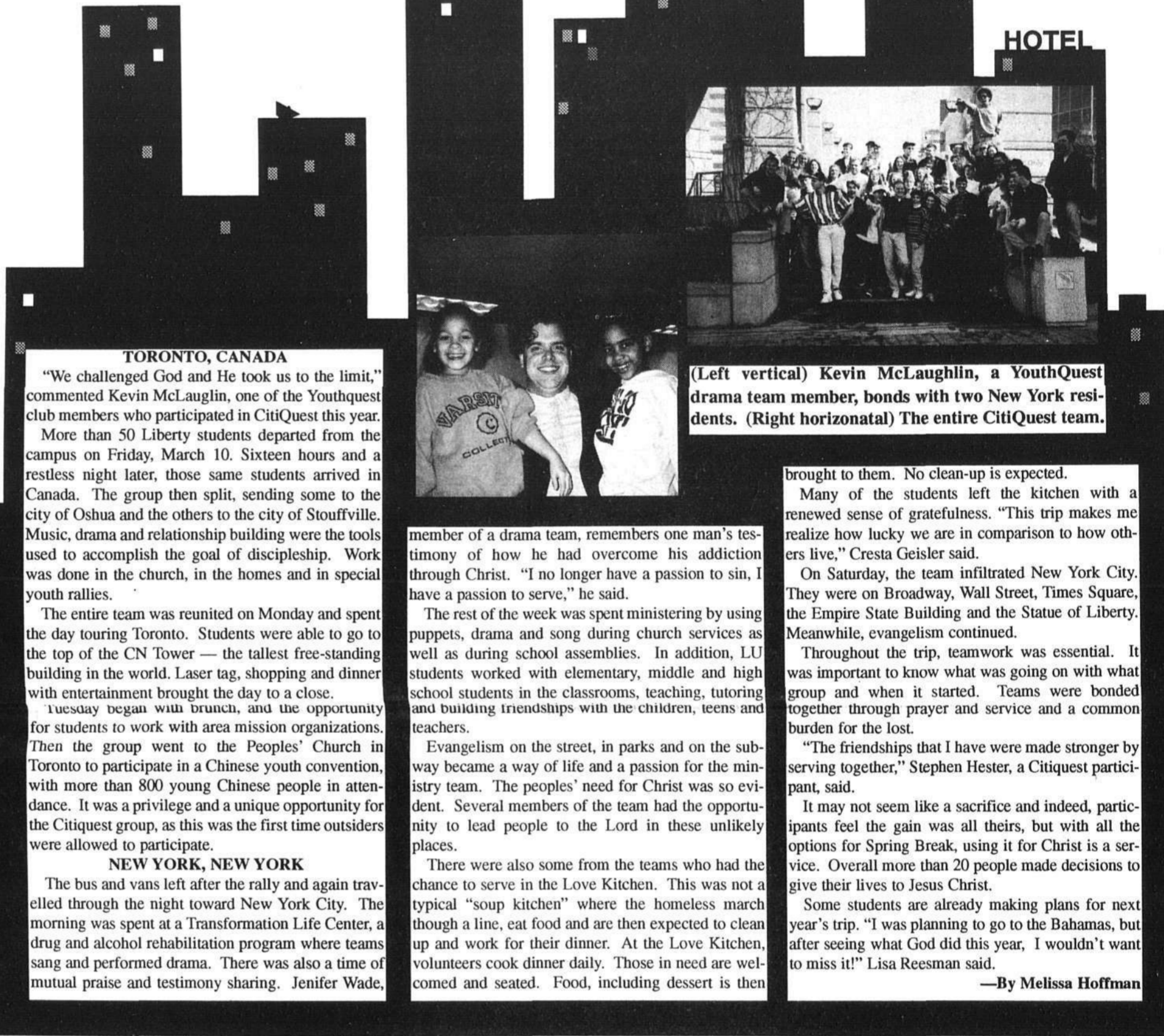
"I really don't need to conform to the rules and regulations of this institution any longer, including performing those piddly student requirements, such as sitting in my assigned area in convocation."

That attitude ended after a whole 15 minutes, when a nasally voice whispered in my ear, "Excuse me, but I'm an RA and..."

Life!

The Big City or Bust

Students hit the streets during Spring Break for youth ministry



TORONTO, CANADA

"We challenged God and He took us to the limit," commented Kevin McLaughlin, one of the Youthquest club members who participated in CitiQuest this year.

More than 50 Liberty students departed from the campus on Friday, March 10. Sixteen hours and a restless night later, those same students arrived in Canada. The group then split, sending some to the city of Oshua and the others to the city of Stouffville. Music, drama and relationship building were the tools used to accomplish the goal of discipleship. Work was done in the church, in the homes and in special youth rallies.

The entire team was reunited on Monday and spent the day touring Toronto. Students were able to go to the top of the CN Tower — the tallest free-standing building in the world. Laser tag, shopping and dinner with entertainment brought the day to a close.

Tuesday began with brunch, and the opportunity for students to work with area mission organizations. Then the group went to the Peoples' Church in Toronto to participate in a Chinese youth convention, with more than 800 young Chinese people in attendance. It was a privilege and a unique opportunity for the Citiquest group, as this was the first time outsiders were allowed to participate.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The bus and vans left after the rally and again travelled through the night toward New York City. The morning was spent at a Transformation Life Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program where teams sang and performed drama. There was also a time of mutual praise and testimony sharing. Jenifer Wade,

member of a drama team, remembers one man's testimony of how he had overcome his addiction through Christ. "I no longer have a passion to sin, I have a passion to serve," he said.

The rest of the week was spent ministering by using puppets, drama and song during church services as well as during school assemblies. In addition, LU students worked with elementary, middle and high school students in the classrooms, teaching, tutoring and building friendships with the children, teens and teachers.

Evangelism on the street, in parks and on the subway became a way of life and a passion for the ministry team. The peoples' need for Christ was so evident. Several members of the team had the opportunity to lead people to the Lord in these unlikely places.

There were also some from the teams who had the chance to serve in the Love Kitchen. This was not a typical "soup kitchen" where the homeless march through a line, eat food and are then expected to clean up and work for their dinner. At the Love Kitchen, volunteers cook dinner daily. Those in need are welcomed and seated. Food, including dessert is then

(Left vertical) Kevin McLaughlin, a YouthQuest drama team member, bonds with two New York residents. (Right horizontal) The entire CitiQuest team.

brought to them. No clean-up is expected. Many of the students left the kitchen with a renewed sense of gratefulness. "This trip makes me realize how lucky we are in comparison to how others live," Cresta Geisler said.

On Saturday, the team infiltrated New York City. They were on Broadway, Wall Street, Times Square, the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. Meanwhile, evangelism continued.

Throughout the trip, teamwork was essential. It was important to know what was going on with what group and when it started. Teams were bonded together through prayer and service and a common burden for the lost.

"The friendships that I have were made stronger by serving together," Stephen Hester, a Citiquest participant, said.

It may not seem like a sacrifice and indeed, participants feel the gain was all theirs, but with all the options for Spring Break, using it for Christ is a service. Overall more than 20 people made decisions to give their lives to Jesus Christ.

Some students are already making plans for next year's trip. "I was planning to go to the Bahamas, but after seeing what God did this year, I wouldn't want to miss it!" Lisa Reesman said.

—By Melissa Hoffman

What is true humility? Maybe not what you think

Two kinds of prideful people exist. The first knows he is proud and is proud of it. The second is humble and proud of it! Truly, pride abounds all around us. What happened to humility? Have we forgotten James 4:10? It reads, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."



NELSON CHAPMAN

Humility is something that God desires in each of us. Yet, what is true humility? In order to answer that, let us take a journey down the River of Example and learn what true humility is.

As we travel upstream to humility's true source, we come to our first example. The great composer Haydn's "Creation" is being

performed in Vienna. The crowd in attendance is brought to a frenzy when Haydn himself arrives for the performance. He is weak and feeble, however, and must be carried in a wheelchair.

All eyes were upon him. In fact, as the actual performance began, all eyes still stayed on him... and Haydn was aware of this. When the chorus and orchestra reached "And there was light," Haydn, through great pain and effort, stood up and shouted, "No! No! Not from me, but from heaven above comes all!" He then collapsed into his chair and was carried out of the theater. This is humility, but not quite. There's something more.

We are now going along the winding river and come to our second example. A preacher of notoriety has come to speak at a Youth For Christ Rally. Thousands were in attendance! Almost

all of the pastors, deacons, youth groups, and church groups of Chicago were there. Well, the Lord moved through this preacher's words. At the invitation, scores of youth came forward to make decisions. All of those in attendance were impressed.

Yet not the preacher. When he got back to his hotel room, he locked his door, turned off the lights and didn't say a word to his driver. He fell to his knees by his bed and wept.

These words came from this broken preacher, "Oh God! Why didn't more souls come to you tonight? What sin is in my life? Oh God, why didn't more souls come to you?" The tears flowed. That preacher's name? Billy Graham. The heart that is broken and the eyes full of tears surely display true humility, right? Well, not quite.

We have come to the end of our journey along the River of Example. We are at its

source. We are at the place where the river begins and flows on. All examples are really mere reflections of the True Example. The river finds its source and true example in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the epitome of humility. True humbleness is defined by Him. Do you remember Philippians 2:5-8? It reveals, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Jesus showed that humbleness is not being weak, willfully not thinking of yourself, but of others. Let us be humble. "Let this mind be in you" as it was in Christ.

the MOUTH

What's the best thing your RAs have done for your hall?



"Putting a ping pong table in our dorm."
—Kenny Kuguru, Freshman Nairobi, Kenya



"That they're our friends, not just our RAs."
—Teresa Greene, Sophomore Chesapeake, Va.



"Play games to make hall meeting more fun."
—Tanya Jamison, Freshman Satellite, Fla.



"Played dumb to keep us out of trouble."
—Sue Pass, Senior Dallas, Ga.



"Trusting you."
—Curtis Farrington, Senior Nassau, Bahamas

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Liberty musicians seek to reach the "lost generation."



Clive

From left to right: Shane Tyree, Jym Littel, Chad Sundin, and Ramey Harder.

"We want people to see in our lives that we are really crazy about the Lord."

—Ramey Harder

What do classics, such as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and *Mere Christianity* have in common with a band named Clive? It's in the name. This band borrowed it from their favorite author — Clive Staples Lewis.

The band originated with drummer Jym Littel, and lead singer Ramey Harder. They later enlisted guitarists Chad Sundin and Shane Tyree to form a complete group.

High energy and good times seem to be most of young America's main purpose for living, and this band wants to meet that need. Chad Sundin explained that they are "concerned with having a band with quality music that's fun, but that's (also) relative to today."

Harder supports this statement by adding, "We just want to have fun with music (and) use our talents to the best of our abilities."

Another much-talked about aspect of "Generation X" is its continuous search for something to believe in. The Woodstock concert in August clearly evidenced this desperation.

Clive strives to reach "The Lost Generation" by using their lives to tell the gospel. Harder said that they want people to "see in our lives by the way we live

(that) we are really crazy about the Lord." This message is manifested in the group's music, as seen in the following selection of titles.

"Take Me," the first song they recorded, tells their desire to have the Lord take them and use them.

Another song, whose lyrics were written by Sundin and entitled "The Solution," takes a sarcastic look at evolution and naturalism. Sundin explained his intent by saying the song demonstrates "how inconsistent that view is."

In addition, Harder wrote a song that holds special meaning for her. She wrote "Where Are You Now?" for a friend who passed away.

Clive's song "Parable," which is based on one of Jesus's parables, challenges listeners to go out into the world and do great works in Jesus's name.

As for the future, the group is open to making music full-time, but are content with their present situation. "I'm in it to have fun where I am and minister now," Sundin explained.

Clive has performed at the following places: The Upper Room, the Drowsy Poet and the Fire Escape in Virginia Beach, Va.

— By Starlet Shoup

Liberty Noise

"I think a lot of people look at Christianity as just a rulebook. It doesn't have to be so square."

— Jeremy Parker

Unique, unconventional, and atypical are words that describe the popular campus group, "Liberty Noise." The group started last year when they played at the first Coffee House but this year, the band is mostly made up of new members.

Micah Guadio, the lead vocalist and Jeremy Parker, the lead guitarist are the only remaining members of the original group. Last year the band lost three members, including the drummer and rhythm guitarist.

"That night (after losing members of the band) I prayed about it a lot," Jeremy said. "I said 'Look God, if you want us to play, you'll send us a drummer and a bass player.'"

The very next day, replacements were found. Todd Panter is now the drummer, Phil Vaught is the bassist and Jason Christian plays rhythm guitar.

The band started when a couple of the guys would go outside for a study break and jam a few songs just for fun.

"Our theme, especially from Jeremy and my (point of view), is like knuckle-head surf rock," Jason, a Californian said. "It's something new and different. Something Liberty has never heard."

In order to reach their targeted audience age group, mostly people in their late teens and early twenties, the band plays Christian praise songs and also changes the lyrics of secular songs to make them Christian.

"We're a Christian Weird Al Yankovich," Micah explained.

The band has played at the Upper and Lower Room, Spanky's, Coffee House, the Drowsy Poet and the Homecoming bonfire.

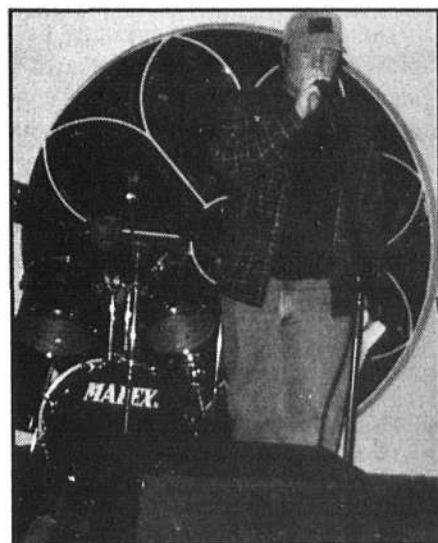
Jeremy explained why their music style is different from the mainstream.

"We try to relate to a certain crowd here that isn't receptive to normal, everyday LU functions," he said.

The band members agree that their purpose is to show people that they can have fun and still be Christians. "I think a lot of people look at Christianity as just a rulebook," Jeremy said. "It doesn't have to be so square."

From top to bottom: Todd Panter, Jeremy Parker, Micah Guadio, Jason Christian and Phil Vaught.

— By Kirstin Simpson



Top picture from left to right: John McGloghlin and Ben Larson. Bottom from left to right: Matt Redmer and Ben Larson.



Leaf

"Every song is like a piece of me — what I believe and what I stand for."

— Ben Larson

To put it simply, Ben Larson wanted to make music, so he got together some friends and started playing. But these jam sessions did not provide him with the permanent members he needed to establish a solid group. It was after the acquisition of bass guitarist Matt Redmer and drummer John McGloghlin, that the group evolved into the band Leaf.

According to the band members, the mission statement of the musical group is "to get the message out and see people saved."

However, the members want to do this on a one-on-one basis. As Larson explains, "We're not trying to set ourselves apart from the crowd." Instead, he says, they would like to live a life that supports the message of their music.

To achieve their one-on-one mission, at the end of every concert the crowd is invited to talk to any band member if they have questions about any of the lyrics. This provides a valuable time to get to know their audience.

Some of Leaf's special songs include "Why," which was written by Larson and deals with the issue of euthanasia and abortion. Another song

"Mother" deals with the topic of single parents. Larson dedicated this song to his parents who are active in the pro-life movement.

Of his lyrics, Larson says, "Every song is like a piece of me — what I believe and what I stand for."

Leaf has made its stand in the Puritan Club, where they were the only Christian band to perform. "They weren't dancing but listening," Larson says of the audience reaction. Later on, they were approached by some audience members who questioned them further about their beliefs.

As far as long-term goals go, Larson states, "I never want to be a compromised band." By that he says he means that though he may play for a secular crowd, he doesn't want anyone to "wonder if we're Christians or not."

Some of Leaf's short-term goals include potential appearances at youth rallies such as Cornerstone or Sonshine.

The group often plays at the Lower Room, the Upper Room, and the Fire Escape. They also have a tentative performance at the Drowsy Poet.

— By Starlet Shoup



From left to right: Nathan Barlowe, Rod Shuler and Chris Blaney.

"All we want to do is to minister in a way that God has called us to minister."

— Chris Blaney

Reality Check is taking a journey toward maturity as a band and in the Lord, Chris Blaney, one of their lead vocalists, said.

The Christian rap group consists of current and former Liberty students Chris Blaney, Rod Shuler and Nathan Barlowe, who are the lead vocalists. In addition, Dave Muckle and Stan Tadeja dance for the group.

Reality Check started at Liberty in January 1992 debuting with the name "Color Blind." Recently, the group released its first album, "Soul Food." "I think we learned a lot from this album," Chris said. "There's a wide variety of songs — real laid-back jazz rap to real hard rap."

Moreover, Chris remembered the time when Reality Check saved up money to record the song "Whatcha Gonna Do with Whatcha Got." They clicked so well with the producer at the recording studio that he called them back a couple days later, offering his services to record their album at no charge until it was completed.

"The album is evangelistic in scope, but at the same time we try to be uplifting and encouraging to the saved," Chris said. "All we want to do is to minister in a way that God has called us to minister," he continued.

In addition to recently releasing an album, the group toured during Spring Break with

"Benjamin," a contemporary Christian music group lead by Benjamin Gaither, son of performers Bill and Gloria Gaither. The group began touring with Benjamin this past August in Nebraska. The group has also toured in northern Virginia, Greensboro, N.C., with Crossroads Fellowship, in Louisville, Ky., and in Wake Forest, N.C.

Also this summer, Chris said that the group won AtlantaFest, a contest for amateur rock and rap bands. After winning, they got the opportunity to perform on the main stage with other Christian contemporary artists such as Carmen, Newsong and 4HIM. Their winning performance included the song "Temptation," a cut from the album.

While the fame and recognition the group is now receiving is exciting, Chris stressed that the "road to fame" hasn't always been easy. "It's tough to be out on the road and then to come back and do homework," Chris said. "I don't have a social life."

— By Kirstin Simpson

Reality Check

SPORTS

Lady Flames bow out of tourney

STEVE
STROUTTwo Mikes,
one mission:
return to top

"I want to be like Mike." It is the dream of sports fans all over America and beyond, but who is Mike?

The world of sports is buzzing with the return of Mike Jordan to the NBA. Mike will not only cause the Chicago Bulls to fly again, but he will also cause television ratings and merchandising revenues to soar.

His greatest accomplishment may be bringing class back to the league. Mike is one of the game's few stars with enough sense to appreciate that the forum of hoops merits his respect. He allows the younger stars of the NBA a chance to step away from the limelight and mature, not only as players but as media darlings.

Meanwhile, the sports world will be asked to embrace yet another Mike. Mr. Tyson will never be confused with class, but his sport of boxing is in as desperate need of his marketability as basketball is of Jordan's.

George Foreman's incredible rise to the heavyweight title was a great sports story, yet it paints a disturbing portrait of the state of boxing. The sport is in dire need of charismatic stars who capture the imaginations of people in all walks of life. Tyson, like Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, has the charisma to take the sport to a higher plateau.

Critics may argue that Tyson's rape conviction will hurt his overall marketability, but you never know the value of water until the well is dry, and the well of big boxing events has been parched since Iron Mike's departure.

I do not endorse rape, but boxing without Mike Tyson has suffered. The heavyweight champ of the world represents all weight classes in the sport, and the lack of an undisputed king has hurt boxing from top to bottom.

Even though Tyson was never considered an American icon like Michael Jordan, both Mikes dominated their respective sports. And both Mikes were whisked away from their sports before their greatest potential was realized. Yet what truly separates these two Mikes from being wholeheartedly embraced by everyone, not just sports fans?

It is, in a word, character. Jordan is perceived to be a gentleman, while Tyson is perceived to be a thug. In his time away from the spotlight, Jordan learned that he was meant to play basketball, but what Tyson has learned has yet to be determined.

Perhaps time in prison has softened the ex-champion and caused him to yearn again for the glory that he once knew. He must now make pivotal decisions beyond whom he may face in the ring. Tyson must decide with whom he will cast his lot. If he gets in with the wrong crowd (leaving the prison Saturday with Don King is less than a great start), the road to normalcy will be washed out in no time flat.

"The Tale of Two Mikes" is one of the most intriguing sports stories in history, but Tyson must decide whether or not his story will close with a happy ending.

If Mike Tyson can take a page from Mike Jordan, he will distance himself from the scum who control boxing, and set his own rules. Tyson and Jordan are both big enough in their respective fields to establish the standard.

The sports world and beyond desperately needs heroes on and off the playing surface. Jordan's comeback is monumental because he returns class to the NBA, but Tyson's comeback could be greater. He could show the world that people do learn from mistakes. Jordan's perch atop the sports world is secure, but there is enough room for two.

Did You Know

The last NCAA Division I team to repeat as basketball champions was the Duke University Blue Devils in 1991 and 1992.

By JOSH HOWE
Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames wrapped up their season at the Big South Conference tournament in Radford. The Lady Flames fell 77-69 in a hard-fought, first-round battle against higher-seeded Towson State. After the game an event hosted by Buddy Sasser took place that painted a picture of the team's class.

Conference Commissioner Sasser came out of the stands after the game, took the

game ball and gave it to Lady Flames guard Ginny Holloway because of her efforts during the game and her career at Liberty. Holloway scored 20 points against Towson State en route to becoming the all-time leading scorer at Liberty, and in the process received a standing ovation from the opponent's crowd at the tournament. This was one of the high points in both the Liberty basketball program and the '94-'95 season, a season that was filled with a plethora of peaks and valleys.

The Lady Flames came into the 1994-'95

campaign with high expectations after a solid season of 10-8 conference play, and had most of its players back. However, after opening up the season, they ran into one small problem — injuries.

Right off the bat, the Flames lost key contributors sophomore forward Dena Freeman and sophomore center Michelle Wyms to knee injuries. "We never had a chance to have a consistent style of play. Your talent dictates your philosophy ... and I think what hurt us most is that we kept having to adapt our style of play with our injuries," said

Reeves.

Not only did Freeman and Wyms go down this season, but also teammates Beth Hopkins, who was hobbled by injuries and played the season at 50 percent healthwise, and senior forward Angie Johnson, who had a season-ending knee injury. Junior Angie McDaniel spent time on the sidelines because of knee trouble and sophomore Genie Stinnett also injured her knee and will undergo surgery.

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Retrievers extinguish LU



Photo by Zack Kronenberg

THE BEAT GOES ON — Liberty first baseman Mark Reed watches the ball fly against Westchester. Reed has been a big part of the Flames stellar 14-3 start.

By RICH MACLONE
Sports Editor

UMBC provided Liberty with the season's first bump in the road in the Flames' quest to take home the Big South Conference regular season crown. The Retrievers swept a doubleheader from Liberty on Saturday, March 25, in Baltimore, Md.

The Retrievers pulled out the first game 4-3 in 11 innings and won the night cap 5-4. The losses drop LU's overall record to 14-3 and 4-2 in Big South Conference play.

Sophomore second baseman Jeff Berman killed the Flames by collecting the game-winning hit in the first game

and the game-tying single in the second game. Berman hit an RBI single in the 11th inning of game one for the UMBC win. In game two, Berman singled in the tying run and UMBC junior catcher Zak Krikstan laced a one-out double in the bottom of the seventh to collect the sweep.

The Flames opened their three-game series against UMBC by destroying the Retrievers 18-4. Freshman catcher David Benham and sophomore first baseman Mark Reed led Liberty's 25-hit attack with four hits apiece.

Benham had the best day of his young career. The catcher from Garland, Texas knocked two balls out of the yard (his first two home runs of the year) and also reached twice on singles. The rookie backstop drove

in three and scored three times, as well.

Reed reached on four singles, knocked in three runs and scored one.

Liberty, leading 2-1, put the game out of reach in the fifth inning. LU scored three runs, capped by a two-out, two-run homer by third baseman Jason Benham. The Flames added to the lead by putting four more runs across the plate in the fifth to give themselves a 9-1 lead.

Adding insult to injury, Liberty scored eight runs on 10 hits in the ninth inning. Jake Hines, David Benham and Bill Clark each hit home runs during the eight-run outburst.

Sophomore right-hander Mike Brown

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LU softball finishes second at Invitational

By BEN DONAHUE
Champion Reporter

Second place in the Radford University Invitational Tournament on March 24-25 highlighted a week that saw the Lady Flames softball team build momentum in the drive to get above the .500 mark. LU also played Charleston Southern and Maryland Eastern Shore during the week.

The Lady Flames finished the tournament with a 5-1 record, evening their season at 12-12, 1-9 in the conference.

Coach Paul Wetmore was pleased with the team's performance. "We did excellent; I'm excited about the way we played. Our ladies had their heads in the games and they had a tremendous amount of momentum throughout the whole tournament. After the game we talked to some of the fans and they said it was the greatest game they had seen."

With momentum on their side, Liberty entered the championship game to take on Big South opponent UMBC. The two teams entered the sixth inning tied 3-3 until Carrie Rodgers put one over the wall to give the Lady Flames a three-run advantage.

UMBC stormed back in the sixth, scoring four runs to give themselves the lead. In the top of the seventh, Jewel Felgar kept Liberty in the game with a two-out double, scoring Tammi Talley to send the game into extra innings. Liberty took the lead in their half of the inning with a suicide squeeze bunt by Susan Rhodes, bringing in Paula Smith. But the Flames saw the game slip away from them as UMBC scored two runs

off the bat of tournament MVP Nikki Tinsley in the bottom of the inning.

LU swept through their division on Friday to earn a first-round bye for Saturday's single game elimination tournament. The Lady Flames picked up wins versus St. John's, Elkins College and Charleston Southern on Friday.

On Saturday morning, the Lady Flames finished up round-robin play with a game against the Lady Jackets of West Virginia State College. Although the game started early, the LU bats were awake as they pounded the Lady Jackets 20-1.

With a 4-0 record, the Lady Flames advanced to the semifinal game to take on St. John's for the second time in the tournament. The Red Storm struck first as they scored two runs off the bat of Sherry Reill in the fourth. The Lady Flames came back to score one in the fifth and then won the game in the bottom of the seventh with a single by Talley to give Liberty the 3-2 win.

On Tuesday, March 21, the Lady Flames lost both ends of a doubleheader against Charleston Southern. In the first game, the Lady Flames scored the first and last runs, but the Lady Bucs scored five in between as LU dropped the first game, 5-2.

In the second game that afternoon, CSU pitching stifled the Flames. It was a tough game at the plate as only Alycia Stevens and Talley had hits for the Lady Flames.

According to Stevens, Charleston Southern wasn't the problem. "It really wasn't CSU pitching or defense that hurt us," Stevens said, "We just didn't play up to our potential and hit as well as we should.

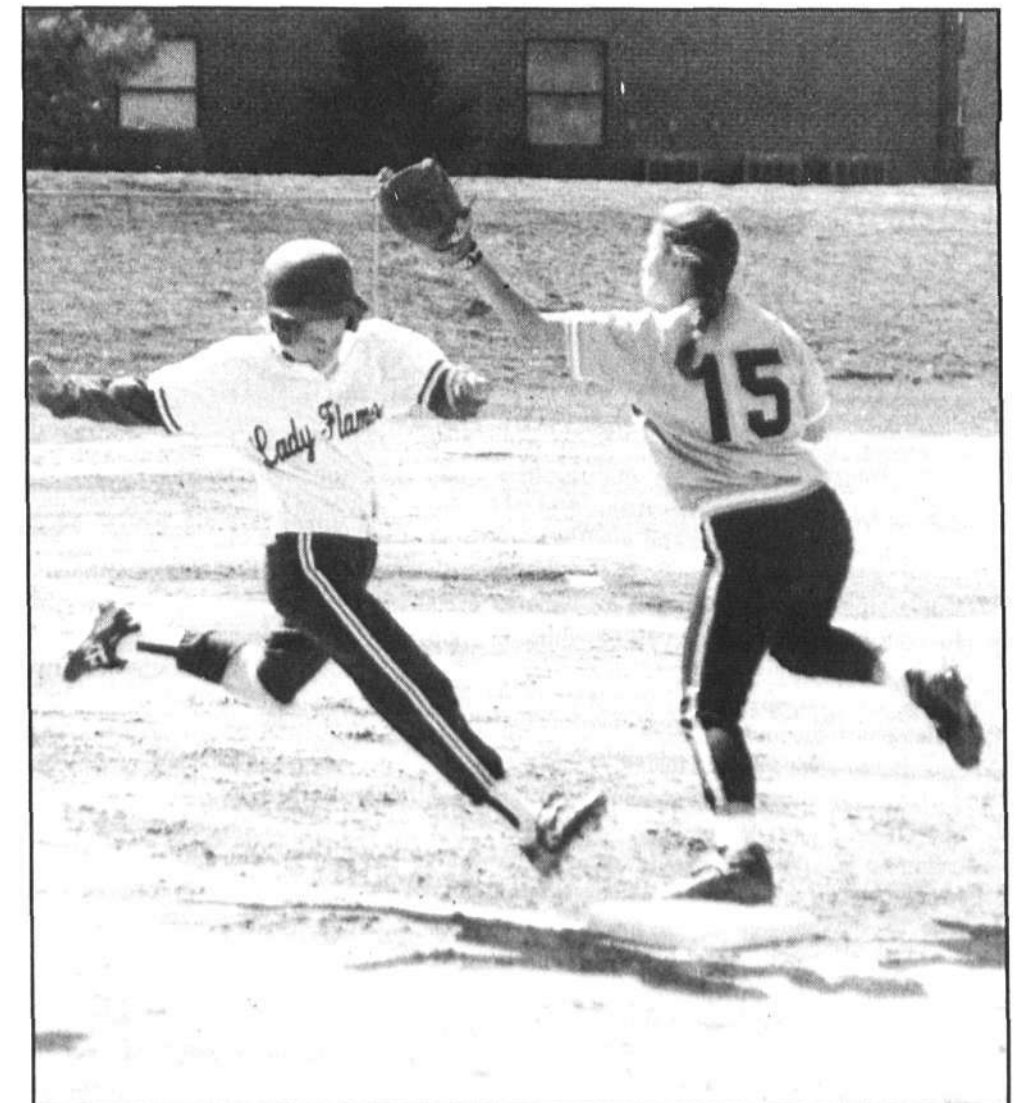


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HUSTLE!!! — A Lady Flame tries to beat out the throw during LU's loss to Charleston Southern. LU finished second at the Radford Invitational Tournament, March 24-25.

Holloway
authors
recordBy JOSHUA COOLEY
Champion Reporter

Her basketball career couldn't have ended in a better way. An announcement over the public address system, a standing ovation, Conference Commissioner Buddy Sasser personally emerging from the crowd to give her the game ball — this was the response Liberty senior guard Ginny Holloway received after the Lady Flames' 77-69 defeat by Towson State in Radford's Dedmon Center during the Big South Conference Women's Basketball Tournament.

"I've never seen (Sasser) do that for anybody," Lady Flames Head Coach Rick Reeves said.

However rare, Sasser's actions were appropriate, because during that game, Holloway sunk her record-setting 1,170th point, which crowned her as the all-time leading scorer in Lady Flames' history. The Lady Flame scored a total of 20 points in the game, giving her a career total of 1,180 points.

"It's a great accomplishment for me," the senior guard said of her record. "I didn't see it happening at the beginning of the season, but as (the season) went on, it was in the back of my mind."

Holloway started the 1994-'95 season in 13th place on the all-time scoring list with 756 points. And whether or not it came to the front of her mind as the season progressed, Holloway steamrolled toward the record, leading the team in scoring 14 times in 27 games.

Holloway's threat of breaking the mark proved to be no fluke, as she started notching all five of her 20-point-plus games and one 30-point game down the final stretch of the season, while passing the likes of Lady Flames greats Dawn Coleman (908 points), Cynthia Thompson (1,055), Brenda Gussallus (1,078) and Pam Wilder (1,120).

Holloway dethroned 1982 graduate Sharon Snodgrass, who held the previous record of 1,169.

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Soccer signs three players for '95

By JOSHUA COOLEY
Champion Reporter

The Liberty men's soccer team signed three players to National Letters of Intent for the fall of 1995, Head Soccer Coach Bill Bell has announced.

"We are looking up the road because in '96 we graduate seven," Bell said.

The signees are as follows:
• Jeff Egan, a 5-10, 160-pound Villa Hills, Ky., native. Bell added Egan, a striker, to the Flames' roster to replace recent graduate James Wright, one of the top players in school history.

In 1994, Egan scored 23 goals en route to earning a number of honors, including First Team All-State, First Team All-Conference, All-District Tournament Team, All-Northern Kentucky and All-Region Tournament Team. He was also recruited by Louisville, Marshall and the University of Dayton.

• Jason Williams, a 6-1, 175-pound midfielder from Wheelersburg, Ohio. Williams netted 27 goals with 17 assists in 1994, as he placed on the All-American Central Region Team ('93 and '94), the First Team All-State ('93 and '94) and the NSCAA/UMBRO All-Region Team ('93).

Williams was also the 1994 S.O.C. Tri-Player of the Year and the S.O.C. Division II Southeastern District Player of the Year.

The University of Dayton and the University of Cincinnati joined Liberty in seeking to recruit him.

• Tim Wood, a 6-3, 175-pound midfielder from Cross Lanes, W.Va. In 1994, Wood recorded 35 goals and 11 assists while being named Consensus Region IV National All-American, 1994 Parade All-American and 1994 West Virginia High School Player of the Year.

Wood also made the 1994 First Team All-State, 1994 First Team

All-Conference and 1993 Honorable Mention All-State. He was recruited by Marshall, West Virginia Wesleyan and James Madison University.

Bell described next season's class as "good recruiting so far," but said none of these players will receive full scholarships.

"These boys are looking for more than soccer. They're looking for a Christian environment," Bell said.

The coach mentioned that he is looking into recruiting another soccer player from England but could not reveal the player's name because the player has not taken his SATs yet.

Flames golf excels

Setsma, Anthony lead drive to fourth place

By RICH MACLONE
Sports Editor

Behind the strong play of seniors Tom Anthony and Todd Setsma, the LU Flames finished fourth at the sixth annual East Carolina University-Emerald Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, March 17-19.

Liberty shot a combined total of 909 during the three-day event. The fourth place finish is Liberty's best at East Carolina.

Setsma and Anthony each shot a three-day total of 225 and tied for 16th in individual competition. Anthony had a low score of 73 for the weekend, the team's lowest during the tournament. Setsma shot a low of 74.

Liberty Head Coach Frank Landrey was impressed with the play of the senior duo. "I'm very proud of my two seniors," he said.

Freshman Mark Setsma had an impressive showing, as well. The younger Setsma shot 229 for the tournament, with a round of 74.

Rounding out the field for the Flames was junior Chad Hall. Consistent play has been the key for Hall during his career at LU, and his score of 230 was another example of that. Hall had rounds of 76, 78 and 76.

The Flames overcame a tough course to finish fourth. The Emerald Point course has the highest slope rating of all District 3 North tournament sites. In addition, LU had to battle Mother Nature. Wind blew the ball around all weekend, causing some problems for the golfers.

"It is a tough test of golf, especially in the wind," Landrey said of the Emerald Point course.

LU finished 31 strokes behind Virginia Commonwealth University, who won the tournament with a tourney record of 876. VCU upended the University of Virginia's record of 877, set in 1993. Rounding out the top five were Virginia Tech (901), Berry College (903), Liberty* (909) and Richmond (910).



photo by Dave Derahmer

UP WITH THE LEANER—Angie Johnson goes up for two in a game held earlier this season. Johnson was one of the many Flames who suffered injuries this season. In this case it was a knee injury that ended Johnson's career.

Basketball closes out

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The young, injury-ridden Lady Flames had to grow up quickly with the talent that was left. This season, Liberty's squad carried five freshmen, and each had to step in and fill big roles. "I think this season went consistently right with our youth," Head Coach Rick Reeves said of the many hardships this team has faced this season.

Wyms and Stinnett finished second and fourth, respectively, in scoring for L.U. Wyms averaged nearly 10 points per game and over six rebounds, while Stinnett led the team in three-point shooting, connecting 39 times from downtown, hitting on 31 percent of her shot attempts from behind the arc.

"I thought the team played pretty well," Wyms said.

Not only did the sophomore class pick it up, but so did several freshmen. Keri Johnson filled sneakers in a big way as she ended up averaging six points per game coming off the bench. First year players Flori Willie and Jennifer Eaddy helped

out in the lineup, as well. Willie's height helped inside, and Eaddy helped knock down the outside shot.

Despite the difficult situations they faced, Reeves said, the Lady Flames still gave it everything they had. "These kids played their hearts out every night. From the standpoint of what the Liberty athlete should be, I think we really have our program headed in the right direction."

The Lady Flames finished out the season 7-20. Reeves said he valued the season, despite the fact that this is the team's worst record in his 16-year coaching career. "It was enjoyable going to practice, and I heard so many positive comments about the players," he said.

The play of senior all-conference guard Ginny Holloway made the season a little brighter as she averaged 15 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals per game. And with the loss of only two seniors from this year's squad, the Lady Flames have much to look forward to as they prepare for next season.

Holloway rewrites all-time scoring mark in round one

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"The kid wanted to be good, and she was," Reeves said.

Holloway was good indeed, but she always strived to be better. "She not only stuck to the summer workout programs but went above and beyond," Reeves said. "Every summer she went home with the intent to become a better ballplayer, and she did."

Unfortunately, Holloway never won a conference Player of the Year Award. She never led the team to a regular season conference title or a tournament championship. But that doesn't take away her greatness. Just talk to Reeves, who, when asked how he would fill the role next season of perhaps the greatest player he has ever coached, chuckled and said, "I don't think you replace her with one person."

Retrievers' Berman and Krikstan break up Liberty's perfect conference record

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allowed five hits and struck out eight over eight innings to raise his record to 3-0 for the year.

Head Coach Johnny Hunton said he is impressed with the way his pitching staff has performed thus far. "(Our) pitching has come along real well so far," he said.

On Monday, March 20, starting pitcher Jason Smith pitched 5 2/3 innings in his first appearance since taking a line drive on the hand. Smith improved his record to 3-0 as the Flames defeated Westchester 9-3 at Worthington Field.

Smith pitched five strong innings, but was lifted in the sixth by Hunton after allowing three earned runs. Westchester's Dave Detweller smacked a two-run homer off of Smith, and Mike Krautzel hit a solo shot in the sixth. Smith struck out three batters and walked none.

Smith left the game with a 6-3 advantage. Benji Miller and Tim Bickers combined for three scoreless innings the rest of the way. Miller pitched 2 1/3 innings without allowing a hit, while striking out two and walking one.

Reed and Hines led the nine-run, 15-hit attack for the Flames. Each

went three for four at the plate. Reed touched up Westchester pitching for two singles and a double, and had an RBI. Hines reached on three singles, had two RBIs and stole a base.

Ryan Hutchinson hit his third home run of the year for the

Flames. Hutchinson also doubled and knocked in two.

Third baseman Keith Miraldi said he is excited about LU's play so far. "I'm in awe of the way we're playing. We've been hitting really well. I think we can keep on doing it," he said.

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Meyer looks into future

By JOSHUA COOLEY
Champion Reporter

The 1994-'95 Flames basketball season cannot merely be described by that trite phrase, "rebuilding year." Liberty finished the season 12-16 overall and 7-9 in the Big South Conference — the first time since the ugly 5-23 season of 1990-'91 that LU has wound up below .500, yet this team accomplished things no other Flames team has ever done.

Cases in point: the Flames had impressive victories over James Madison University, 85-80, Radford, 68-57, and Towson State, 72-59. LU also overcame Western Michigan 69-63.

Unfortunately for the Flames, though, a lack of experience, quickness and good field-goal shooting, coupled with the program's toughest schedule ever, all contributed to a lackluster campaign.

"Looking back, you could say (our schedule) was too tough for this group," Head Coach Jeff Meyer said. "But with our aspirations of giving our kids a chance to get to the (NCAA) tournament without an automatic bid, we played the teams that would have given our team a chance to do that."

Whether LU can consistently win all those games remains to be seen, but the fact is that the program's schedule strength is being fortified. On tap for next year is the University of Virginia, James Madison, Virginia Tech and the University of Maine — all on the road. Hampton and Virginia Commonwealth will be coming to the Vines Center next season, and the Flames will also travel to Texas to compete in the Baylor Invitational Tournament.

That's a big order, but Meyer is



Jeff Meyer
Men's Basketball Coach

expecting to cash in on some veteran talent, newfound potential and unknown ability. Three veterans that the Flames will rely on heavily next year, according to the coach, are sophomore center Peter Aluma, junior forward Barry Taylor and freshman guard Larry Jackson.

"We will build around Peter, Larry and Barry," Meyer said. "(They) are kids coming back we feel really good about."

Aluma, a Second Team All-Big South player, averaged 15.7 points per game, shot 52 percent from the field and posted a Liberty and Big South record 97 blocks. Taylor, LU's premier three-point threat, nailed 39 percent of his trey attempts en route to a 7.9-points-per-game clip.

Jackson, a serious candidate for Big South Rookie of the Year, was vital to the Flames' success this season, as he led the team in scoring in five different games. Jackson ended the season as Liberty's third-highest scorer, averaging 10.4 points per game and shooting 39 percent from behind the three-point arc.

Still, questions remain that can only be answered, Meyer said,

when he sees the squad work out next semester. Some decisions for '95-'96 that are still up in the air:

• Who will be LU's starting point guard? Junior Eric Pothoven (3.0 ppg) and freshman Mark Reed (5.3 ppg) shared this duty in '94-'95 but neither impressed Meyer enough to totally secure the position. "We invested heavily into Mark and Eric this year," Meyer said. "Their individual work this summer will be critical to helping our team get to a higher level."

Jackson emerged as a potential star this year, and Marcus White, LU's highly-touted incoming freshman guard, will be eligible to play next year. "Marcus gives you good quickness, which we lack," the coach said. "He has really good court vision and has been a very unselfish player."

• Who will replace Jason Dixon, LU's 6-9 senior power forward who led LU in rebounding with nine boards per game and served as Aluma's partner in the post? "In the recruiting process, we are trying to replace Jason with someone who has some experience in rebounding and stepping out to shoot the three," Meyer said.

• Who will emerge as the number four position player? There is an overload of prospects — freshmen Eric Sorensen, Darren Hall and Damell Johnson — but "none of them have really proven themselves," according to Meyer.

Questions about next year, a sometimes disappointing 1994-95 season still lingering in the minds of the program's participants, glimmers of future promise being pondered — these are all a part of Meyer's and his staff's off-season. "All those things really serve to increase our resolve to be better a year from now," he said.

Flames Scoreboard

Big South Men's Baseball Standings

	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	W-L	W-L
1. Towson State	3-0	8-5
2. LIBERTY	4-2	14-3
3. UNC Greensboro	2-1	13-7
4. Winthrop	2-1	14-9-2
5. UMBC	3-3	9-8
6. Charleston Southern	1-2	6-13
7. Radford	0-0	9-11
8. Coastal Carolina	0-3	6-15
9. UNC Asheville	0-3	4-11

Big South Women's Softball Standings

	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	W-L	W-L
1. UMBC	2-0	7-2
2. Winthrop	2-0	11-5
3. Towson State	6-2	9-6
4. UNC Greensboro	4-2	16-7
5. Radford	1-1	8-13
6. Coastal Carolina	2-4	12-9
7. LIBERTY	1-9	12-12
8. Charleston Southern	0-3	6-9

Baseball

March 24

LIBERTY	UMBC
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Wright rf 4 0 1 0	Berman 2b 5 0 1 0
Weaver ss 5 1 2 1	Vincent ss 4 0 0 0
Baker dh 6 3 3 2	Krikstan c 4 0 0 0
Hutchins lf 3 1 1 0	Martin 3b 4 0 1 0
D.Benh'm c 6 3 4 3	Pruitt 1b 3 2 2 2
Reed 1b 6 3 4 1	Landon dh 3 0 0 0
Horton cf 5 2 3 0	Jackson lf 2 1 1 1
Hines 2b 4 1 3 6	Rudh rf 2 1 0 0
J.Benh'm 3b 3 1 1 2	Dorsey cf 3 0 0 1
Miraldi 3b 2 1 1 0	Wockrus dh 1 0 0 0
Clark lf 2 1 1 2	Hill lf 1 0 0 0
R.Ward rf 2 1 1 0	Schn'der ph 1 0 0 0
Byler c 0 0 0 0	Barry ph 0 0 0 0
Totals	48 18 25 17
	33 4 5 3



Softball

Radford tournament March 25

LIBERTY	ST. JOHN'S
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Stevens lf 3 0 1 0	Snyder ss 3 0 0 0
Rhodes p 4 0 0 0	Gentle lf 3 1 1 0
Talley ss 4 0 1 1	Rusales rf 2 0 0 0
Tanski c 2 0 1 0	Sand'vi c 2 0 0 0
Donovan rf 2 0 0 0	Wilson pr 0 1 0 0
Felgar cf 2 0 0 0	Reil 3b 3 0 1 0
R'gers 3b 3 0 0 0	Fairbro 2b 2 0 0 0
Nelson dp 1 2 0 0	Farez 1b 3 0 1 0
Ward 2b 1 0 0 1	Burtis dp 2 0 0 0
Hell ph 1 0 1 0	Wes'ki cf 3 0 0 0
Smith ph 0 1 0 0	Val'cia p 0 0 0 0
Hermia 1b 0 0 0 0	Stanton p 0 0 0 0
Totals	23 3 4 2
	23 2 3 1

Talley 2b 4 3 3 2	Perry p 1 0 0 0
Tanski dp 4 2 2 2	Nickels 2b 1 1 0 0
Don'van rf 2 0 1 0	Ooten ss 1 0 0 0
L'nakis lf 2 2 1 1	Eldrige lf 1 0 0 0
Felgar cf 3 2 2 3	Redfer 1b 2 0 0 0
R'gers p 3 0 1 1	Dunlap lf 2 0 0 0
Nelson c 3 3 1 2	Gunnus 3b 2 0 0 0
H'nds 1b 3 3 2 3	Mullins rf 2 0 1 0
Smith ss 0 0 0 0	
Totals	31 20 18 18
	20 1 2 1

West Va. State	IP H R ER BB SO
Liberty	0 0 10-1
Rhodes	2 610 2X-20
E-Talley, Rhodes, Lemonakis, Nickels, Gunnus, LOB-Liberty 4, WVS 4. 2B-Rhodes, Donovan, Hermia, HR-Talley.	

LIBERTY	UMBC
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Stevens lf 5 1 1 0	Tinsley ss 5 1 4 2
Nelson dp 3 0 0 1	Reynolds lf 3 0 0 0
Talley ss 4 1 1 2	Lyoett 1b 4 1 1 0
Tanski c 4 0 1 0	Wolff cf 4 0 0 0
Donovan rf 2 1 0 0	Jewell 3b 4 0 2 0
Ward ph 1 0 0 0	Thornan 3b 0 0 0 0
Felgar cf 4 1 2 1	Esakuchin c 3 1 1 1
R'gers 3b 4 1 2 3	Scrbgr 2b 4 2 0 0
Smith pr 0 1 0 0	Wurmer dp 3 3 0 0
Hell p 4 1 2 0	Mutouk p 3 1 1 2
Rhodes 2b 3 1 1 1	Glarioso rf 0 0 0 0
H'mnia 1b 0 0 0 0	
Totals	34 8 10 8
	33 9 9 5

LIBERTY	WEST VA. STATE
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Stevens lf 3 3 3 1	Acehult cf 3 0 0 0
Rh'des 3b 2 0 1 1	Thornton c 3 0 0 0
Ward 3b 2 2 1 2	Jordan dh 2 0 0 0

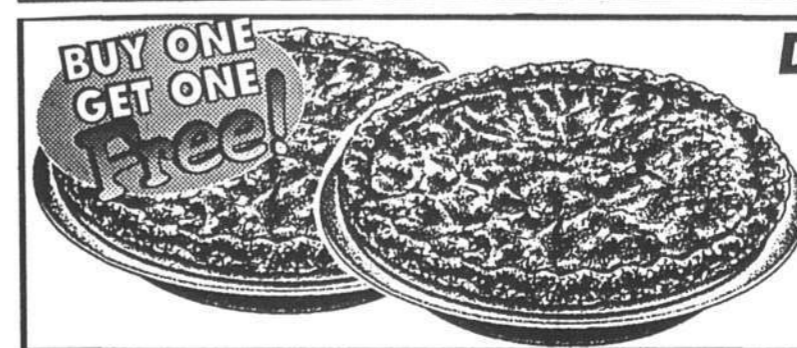
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