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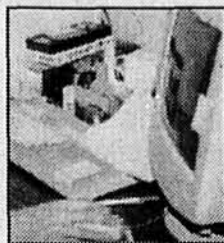
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► **TUESDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 58, Low 32.



► **WEDNESDAY**
Scattered showers.
High 61, Low 41.



► **THURSDAY**
Scattered showers.
High 63, Low 46.



► **FRIDAY**
Showers.
High 64, Low 47.



► **SATURDAY**
Isolated t-storms.
High 71, Low 50.

ABOUT

► **LU AT THE RACES** Frank's Place Auto Parts presents the Liberty University 2000 Millennium Race, Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the South Boston Speedway in South Boston, Va.

Discount tickets are \$8 for the LU family. Special Liberty events will be held throughout the evening. LU is a co-sponsor of the Frank's Place Racing Pontiac of Scott Worley.

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FOR THE KIDS — (L-to-R) Liberty junior Nicole Mays, senior Keith Miller and junior Kim Pavisheck interact the kids at Muli's Children's Home in Eldoret, Kenya. (Below) Two lions hog the road during the LIGHT team's tour of the African countryside.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRU TAFAGA

Changing lives

Students see more than a safari during LIGHT's Kenya trip over spring break

By Jessica Miller, assistant editor

Fifty Liberty students and staff returned from spring break last Monday with much more than a suntan and photos in their scrapbooks.

They returned with memories of miracles and a vision for world missions.

The group, LIGHT Ministries' Kenya missions team, spent 10 days in the African country, visiting local high schools and delivering clothes, toys and Bibles to orphanages. The group also performed puppet shows and skits and gave their testimonies.

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New fee to cover wiring costs

Upgraded service will bring speed, easy access this fall

By Melinda Fleming, copy editor

With the incoming hardwiring systems, students can look forward to many new advances in the technology at LU. But this new technology brings with it a hefty price tag.

According to a letter published by Maurice Zafke, executive director of information services, "The cost of implementing this project is substantial. The Student Government Association and Liberty University Administration have been working together to evaluate options to cover these costs."

The solution to the problem of funding for the new project will come out of a fee split over two semesters.

This fall, students' bills will include a \$150-per-semester, fee for resident students and \$125-per-semester fee for commuter students. The fee will be in effect during the 2000-2001 school year.

"The commuter students will be charged a lower rate because their access speed will be slower than resident students," Zafke said.

Student Body President Chris Stewart and Greg Dowell, dean of students, who acted as voices for the students during



JOHN FISHER

WIRED — A worker installs cable wiring in dorm 15 last week, part of the effort to completely hardwire the campus. Work will be finished for the fall semester, school officials say.

committee meetings, were an influential part in deciding how much students would be charged for this new technology.

According to a letter Stewart composed for those involved in the budgeting process, he said, "It (hardwiring) is a service that is pertinent to the future and the success of

this institution. It is one that will move Liberty truly into the next millennium."

"There is a way this can be done without excessively affecting our student's pockets."

Originally, the committee in charge of budgeting the new project decided to charge all students \$150 per semester for

the next several semesters. When Stewart and Dowell were called in to help market the plan to the students, they were disappointed with the committee's plan.

Stewart then presented the committee with a more student-friendly plan for covering the costs of the new system. The committee agreed with this new plan and lowered the fee to a \$150 per semester cost for the 2000-2001 academic year.

"The one-time fee will provide high speed Internet access, e-mail capability and access to all university electronic sources of information to all students residing in the dorms as well as all faculty and administrative offices on campus," Dave Young, vice president of finance and administration, said.

According to Young, this access will also be available to commuter students. The new university Internet access will provide commuters and resident students with the same service they would normally receive from another Internet service provider such as AOL.

The new hardwiring fee does not cover all of the costs for the project. The existing technology fee will remain in place to

Please see FEE, page 4

Airdome tour smooth sailing so far for Newsboys

By Taryn Blake, reporter

The Newsboys are coming!

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The pop-rock ensemble Newsboys and their crew are scheduled to arrive at Liberty University with inflatable dome and "Circus con Dios" in tow April 1.

The band is the first to travel with the domes originally designed as stationary units for the Atlanta Olympics.

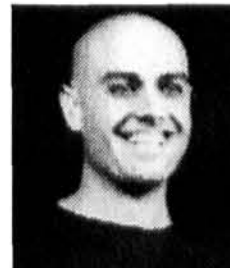
The Newsboys are known for unusual tour gimmicks but the inflatable venue is the most original yet. Excluding the possibility of an occasional tear in the dome, the 55-crew tour has been smooth sailing.

"We've learned that we love having our own venues," front man Peter Furler said. "I think we have come up with a design for a

better building."

The air-dome is very audience-friendly, allowing all 2,500 ticket holders an unobstructed and relatively close view.

Much has transpired since the release of "Step Up to the Microphone," the popular album that scored a single on the hit television series "Dawson's Creek." The current album, "Love Liberty Disco" finds the Newsboys at the height of their career returning to a Christian record label (Sparrow) and initiating their shortest tour in recent years. The band recognizes



Peter Furler

the strength and sense of community in the Christian market is extremely important to their success.

With that in mind, Furler started InPop Records.

"We plan on giving bands the same break we have now," he explained. "We wanted first to give international bands an opportunity."

Beanbag, an opening act on the "Love Liberty Disco" tour, is InPop's first band.

Dealing with their own music, the Newsboys have shown a sense of newness and maturation on the "Love Liberty Disco" album. Several tracks include intricate string arrangements and poetic lyrics unlike anything found on earlier albums

Please see FURLER, page 3

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News about our campus community

Specials set for Hangar anniversary

One year ago everyone was asking, "what exactly is that white thing in the courtyard?" In the last year The Hangar has added "Bombardiers," chicken and burgers, and "Somethin' Else," an ice cream and novelty shop.



Now The Hangar has become a regular stop for pizza, coffee and a different hang out other than the wall in DeMoss.

In celebration of The Hangar's one-year anniversary, Student Life and The Hangar are throwing a party. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday there will be specials on burgers, subs and pizzas.

The five-ounce burgers will be cooked by a celebrity chef and offered for 99 cents. Also featured will be the "Substation's" newest creation — baked spaghetti and garlic bread.

Student Life has purchased an extensive sound system to go along with two televisions that will have the same viewing selection as David's Place, including ESPN. Hangar personnel hope to add the system in the coming months.

"The sound system will add some much needed atmosphere," commuter Eric Barber said.

Jeff Boyer of Student Life has expressed his desire to bring more events and more activities to The Hangar.

"I would like to see regular events like trivia nights and karaoke nights with prizes and free stuff, which is a given with Student Life," Boyer said.

He continued "The Hangar has room for improvement, but student input is needed."

— Matt Gallagher

SGA campaigns begin this week

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Four candidates are vying for the position of student body president during this week's Student Government Association campaigns.

Students will choose between Tim Helman, Mark Murrell, Garett Robinson and Roy Simmons on Election Day, April 4. Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall.

Junior Nathan Cooper is running unopposed for SGA executive vice president, which includes duties as president of the SGA senate.

Sophomore Clark Jones is running unopposed for vice president of student services.

Active campaigning began yesterday in DeMoss Hall. Today, the SGA will host a town hall meeting at 8 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 114 for all candidates and students.

The Liberty Champion will sponsor a debate between the candidates during convocation on Monday, April 3.

After the polls close, the SGA will hold a rally in DeMoss 160 at 9 p.m. to announce the results.

Here are excerpts from the candidates platforms in the contested race, listed in alphabetical order.

Platforms for Cooper and Jones were not included due to space limitations and uncontested races.

Presidential Platform Excerpts



Tim Helman
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Martinsburg, W.Va

1. Meal plan reform — At the beginning of each semester, instead of paying a flat rate, a deposit would be made into each student's account. Each time the student's card is scanned at the Marriott, money would be withdrawn. Then at the end of the semester, the student would receive a refund for whatever amount of money he did not spend. With the debit system, it would be easier to put card scanners in the Hangar.

2. Changing the off-campus age limit — I want to have the off-campus age limit lowered from 22 to 21.

3. Establishing an SGA budget — We need to make a budget a solid priority with the administration. With a budget, your senators would be able to act for you in a very real sense in improving areas of campus concern.



Mark Murrell
Age: 19
Class: Junior
Dallas, Texas

My 16 steps toward success:
1. Shuttle service on campus.
2. Emergency phones.
3. New men's dorms.
4. Improved weight room.

5. More open dorm nights.
6. Discounted trips for students who have to stay during breaks.
7. Lowering off-campus age to 21 or senior status.
8. More SGA-sponsored activities for students.
9. "Cash Card" or "Flame Card" for use in city or Hangar if students don't go to Marriott.
10. Pay-by-the-meal plan.
11. Good Friday holiday, to honor God.
12. Improve the food at Marriott.
13. SLD scholarships.
14. Improved student-led judicial system that students can appeal to.
15. Extended library hours.
16. Pave steps by dorm 3; create sidewalk by dorm 26 or 27.



Garett Robinson
Age: 21
Class: Junior
Bel Air, Md.

As tuition paying students, we believe that it is student government's job to ensure that students come first. I have been privileged to serve under a student government that has advanced the interests of students, but I intend to go farther, and here is how:
— I will push for on-line registration
— I will push for on-line access to accounts.
— I will work hard to provide more meal plan options.
— I intend to maintain President Stewart's commitment to a strong and influential sen-

ate.
— Above all, I intend to be a public servant.
I believe that public service has lost its identity to individuals who wish nothing more than to build their resume and promote their own agenda. We cannot let this happen. I am asking for your help; together we can ensure the quality of public service and promote the concerns of a dynamic student body.
(1 Corinthians 10:24)



Roy Simmons
Age: 19
Class: Senior
Albany, N.Y.

A Commitment to Excellence
(1 Corinthians 10:31)
1. Character — Upholding the standards of honesty, integrity and trust. (James 3:13)
2. Communication — A dedication toward voicing your concerns to the administration. (Philemon 1:6)
3. Consistency — Ensuring the continuation of SGA's "Power, Prestige, Professionalism." (Psalm 106:3)
Top five goals — 1. Safety phones on campus, 2. Shuttle service during breaks, 3. Optional meal plan, 4. Improved campus living/lower off-campus living age, 5. Removal of housing fee for intensives.

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nationalupdate

Compiled from Champion Resources
By D.J. Wright

U.S. judge clears way for Cuban boy to go home

A federal judge cleared the way for Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boat wreck survivor, to be returned to his father in Cuba. U.S. District Judge Michael Moore dismissed a lawsuit filed by Miami relatives seeking a political asylum hearing for Elian and upheld a decision by U.S. immigration officials that the boy should go home.

Gas prices might decline after OPEC meeting

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson expressed confidence that oil-producing nations will increase production in a move likely to reduce soaring oil prices. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets March 27 in Vienna. OPEC cut production more than a year ago, causing gas prices to soar. In response, Richardson has embarked on a grueling schedule of meetings with oil-producing nations except Iraq, Iran and Libya.

Man shoots four in Texas church then kills self

Esly Contreras, 18, was shot in the neck after a man who had stalked her burst into a church where she was talking with her mother and pastor about the stalker. Contreras was in fair condition after the incident. Her mother, who was shot in the abdomen, and the pastor, who was shot in the chest, were in critical condition. After the shooting, alleged gunman Oscar Castillo, 32, killed himself.

Writing on the war

Students can obtain class credits by attending annual Civil War Seminar this weekend

By Angela Nelson, reporter

The Liberty University History Department is hosting its fourth annual Civil War Seminar at David's Place this weekend. This year's seminar will focus on "Writing about the War," and will feature several well-known Civil War authors.

Dr. Harry Turtledove, who has taught at UCLA and Cal State Fullerton will give the keynote address at 7 p.m. on Friday. Turtledove has written several alternative history novels, including a Civil War-based trilogy. He has received the Hugo Award and the Sidewise Award for best novel.

Saturday's lectures will be given by various other authors, such as Ernest Furguson, journalist for the Richmond News Leader and the Baltimore Sun, and Edward Longacre, a historian for the Air Force.

Registration for the conference will begin at 6:30 p.m. on March 31, and the conference will last till 3:15 p.m. on April 1. The cost for each day will be \$10 for Liberty students and can be paid at the door. For non-students, the cost is \$10 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday.

There will be a luncheon served Saturday afternoon at 11:45 a.m. Reservations must be made by 4 p.m. on March 29 in order to secure a spot. The price for the luncheon is \$10 per person.

Liberty students who wish to obtain one academic credit for the seminar can enroll through the Registrar's Office. A course syllabus will be available at the History Department in the Teacher Education Building, room 134.

Any additional information can be obtained through the History Department at ext. 2308.

U-N-I-T-Y



ON THE LAWN — The LU Fellowship Gospel Choir performs during Saturday's March for Unity rally in the DeMoss Hall parking lot.

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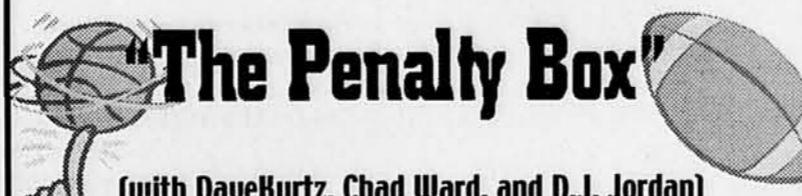
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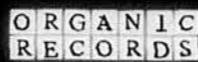
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Fees:

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help cover ongoing operating costs.

"This fee only covers the initial installation of the system. It does not cover the ongoing support costs. The salaries of the additional personnel needed to support the system, maintenance costs, licensure fees or upgrades to the system will be supported from the operating budget and the existing technology fee," Young said.

According to Stewart, while the new fee may seem excessive, the cost for the university is still feasible.

"Even with this added fee, it's still a reasonable university price," Stewart said.

While students will see a new fee on their bills, Young said the advantages provided by the new service would give students many benefits.

"When our system is fully installed, it will catapult Liberty University into the top percentages of colleges and universities in the area of technology. Only a very few institutions can boast of a 'totally hardwired campus,'" Young said.

Liberty students in 2000-2001 will have two general fees — the technology fee and the new hardwiring fee (depending on housing) — per semester. Here's a look at some of the general fees at neighboring and competing universities.

Follow the Money

Virginia Tech
(per semester)
Technology Fee- \$18
Athletic Fee-\$116
Student Activity Fee- \$105.50
Recreational Sports Fee- \$70 (intramural sports, extramural sports, recreational activities of the university)

Old Dominion University
(per year) Teleconnect Fee- In-State, \$122; Out-of-state, \$237



Randolph-Macon Woman's College
(per semester) Telecommunications Fee- \$200
Student Government Fee- \$75

Hampden-Sydney College

(per year) Student Activity Fee- \$165
Telecommunications Fee- \$522 (single room); \$309 (double room); \$147 (off-campus).



Virginia Commonwealth
(per term) Technology Fee- \$20.50 University Fee- \$436.00 (recreational sports, facilities, student commons, campus development, intramurals) Activity Fee- \$20.00 (plays, concerts, publications, student organizations)

Source: UNIVERSITY WEB SITES

Kenya: Meeting with president a highlight

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"My drive, my passion ... was to see our students catch a vision for the world," Fitu Tafaoa, director of LIGHT Ministries, said. "But to see 15 kids stand at our debriefing and say that they sensed the Lord giving them direction either to missions or full-time service really gave the trip a focal point."

For sophomore Nicole Mays, the trip across the Atlantic answered a five-year prayer.

"My goal is to open up a children's home," Mays, an elementary education major, said. "For me, the trip confirmed that God wanted me to work with children."

According to Mays, one of the trip's most moving experiences was seeing the poverty of a third-world nation firsthand. She remembers one particular day when the team drove up to an orphanage where nearly 80 orphans, clapping and singing, greeted the team.

"They have nothing, yet they have so much joy," Mays said. "God really opened my eyes to His grace. It's one thing to know poverty exists in the world, but it's another to hold a little girl who's wearing her only dress in your arms."

For sophomore Natalie Faison, the trip to Kenya fulfilled her calling to Africa.

"The Lord told me I'd go to Africa

two years ago," Faison said. "I didn't know how or why, but when I got to school this year and I saw that LIGHT Ministries was going to Kenya, I knew I should go."

Faison, a missions major, said she asked herself what God was trying to teach her through the trip.

"He wanted me to see the people and talk to the people," Faison, one of LIGHT's prayer warriors, said.

"The trip moved our students, mostly white, out of their comfort zone, to really fall in love with people whose skin is black," Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson added.

One of the most unique highlights of the Kenya trip came the first Sunday, when Kenya President Daniel arap Moi joined the audience of nearly 1,300 people for a church service led by Carson at Moi High School in Kabarak.

"It was a trip that saw God open doors to minister to the lowest in society to the highest in the government," Carson said.

The biggest surprise for Carson came not with the attendance of Moi, a professing evangelical Christian, but in finding out afterwards that his sermon was broadcast on television all over Kenya. The next day, a picture of Carson shaking hands with Moi appeared on the second page of the Kenya Times newspaper.

"God opened doors wider than we

could have ever imagined," Carson said.

God also opened the wallets of His people. According to Carson, the team took up a love offering after one of its orphanage visits and collected \$2,000, enough to support four orphan boys for a year.

"Team members gave money they were saving to buy gifts for themselves," senior James Lowther said.

But the trip was not all work and no play.

The group took the opportunity of their Kenya trip to experience the culture, wrapping up the week with a safari to Masai Mara National Reserve, the most popular game park in Kenya. There, they saw the "Big 5" — lions, rhinoceroses, cheetahs, giraffes and buffalo. They also enjoyed a meal at "The Carnivore" restaurant, which served crocodile, antelope and zebra meat.

"It tasted kind of like chicken," Carson joked.

LIGHT Ministries reports more than 100 salvation responses over the course of the week's visits to six Kenyan children's homes, five schools and three churches around the country, from Nairobi to the Rift Valley.

"It really lived up to its billing as 'the trip of a lifetime,'" Carson said.

Furler:

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very possibly making this album the most inclusive ever.

"We've never been a band that has focused on a demographic," Furler said. "A lot more music is around now that a dad and a son can really enjoy."

When asked about their LU performance, Furler pointed out that four of the tour's crew members are from Liberty and have done very well.

Furler is also friends with former Liberty student Kevin Max of dcTalk and often reads the university updates. During the band's last stay here, Furler was spotted during the mid-afternoon in the library.

"I enjoyed the library," he said. "I always enjoy running into people, whether they are fans of the music or not, and having a good conversation."

So, what should be expected of the Lynchburg Circus Con Dios, or "Circus of God."

At some performances, that means a carnival, at others a professional skate show. It's an unpredictable event but definitely a setting for good clean fun.

Tickets are still available for the concert, which includes Sonic Flood and Beanbag. For more information, call INFO.

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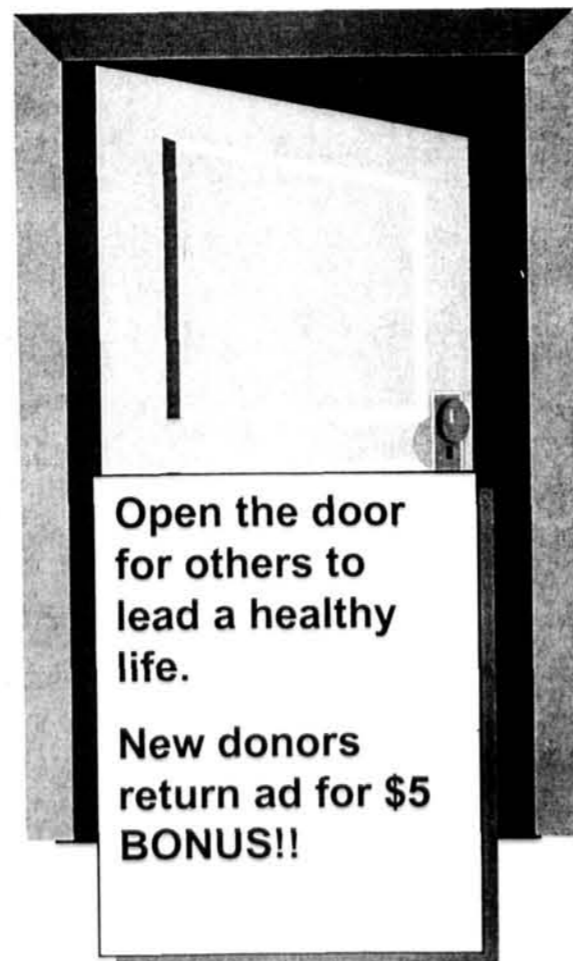
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picks of the week

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3/28. 'Career Fair Kick-off.'

The Liberty University Career Center will sponsor a "Career Fair Kick-off" celebration in preparation for the Career Fair. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Schilling Center. Free.

4/1. Newsboys concert.

The contemporary Christian group "The Newsboys" will perform in an air dome in the Marriott parking lot. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$17. Call ext. 2131.

4/2. Bach concert.

The Chancel Choir of Lynchburg's First Presbyterian Church will present several works of Johann Sebastian Bach. 4 p.m. 1215 V.E.S. Road. Call 384-6231.

The college student's guide to:

Web offers wide variety of resources

By Michelle Kennedy, reporter

Although the net offers an abundance of educational tools, those not familiar with surfing it may find the Internet intimidating. But even the computer illiterate can "hang 10" through the channels of cyberspace as one learns to ride the waves of the Web.

"One problem with the Internet is that so much information is offered students can sometimes get lost in it," LU Academic Information Specialist Aaron Curley said.

With all of the different sites the Internet offers, it is difficult for students to pinpoint specific information which will offer the best information for their research.

The Internet is a worldwide community of networks which connects millions of computers around the world and allows them to communicate information with one another. But how can students use this abundance of knowledge to their advantage?

Curley suggested using either search engines, directories or research databases for looking up information.

He said basically two types of information exist on the Web — substantiated and unsubstantiated. Substantiated information will offer students information from reliable sources for academic use.

"Search engines have advanced searches that will offer specific dates, multiple boxes and options, the key is being specific," Curley said.

Professor Carl Merat, associate dean of library services, suggests that newcomers to computer-based

researching find out what each database offers.

"It is important to know keywords and do background checks on particular subjects by talking to professors and negotiating with the information you have," Merat said.

He also said that too often students researching specific topics would compromise too quickly and not look for the best information.

"Students can only benefit from the Internet. It causes them to learn about different tricks and techniques on analyzing information for searching," Merat said.

The Internet serves not only as a fabulous educational tool but now it has taken the media world by storm. The net is the fastest way to receive news and up-to-date information 24-hours a day with just a simple click of a button.

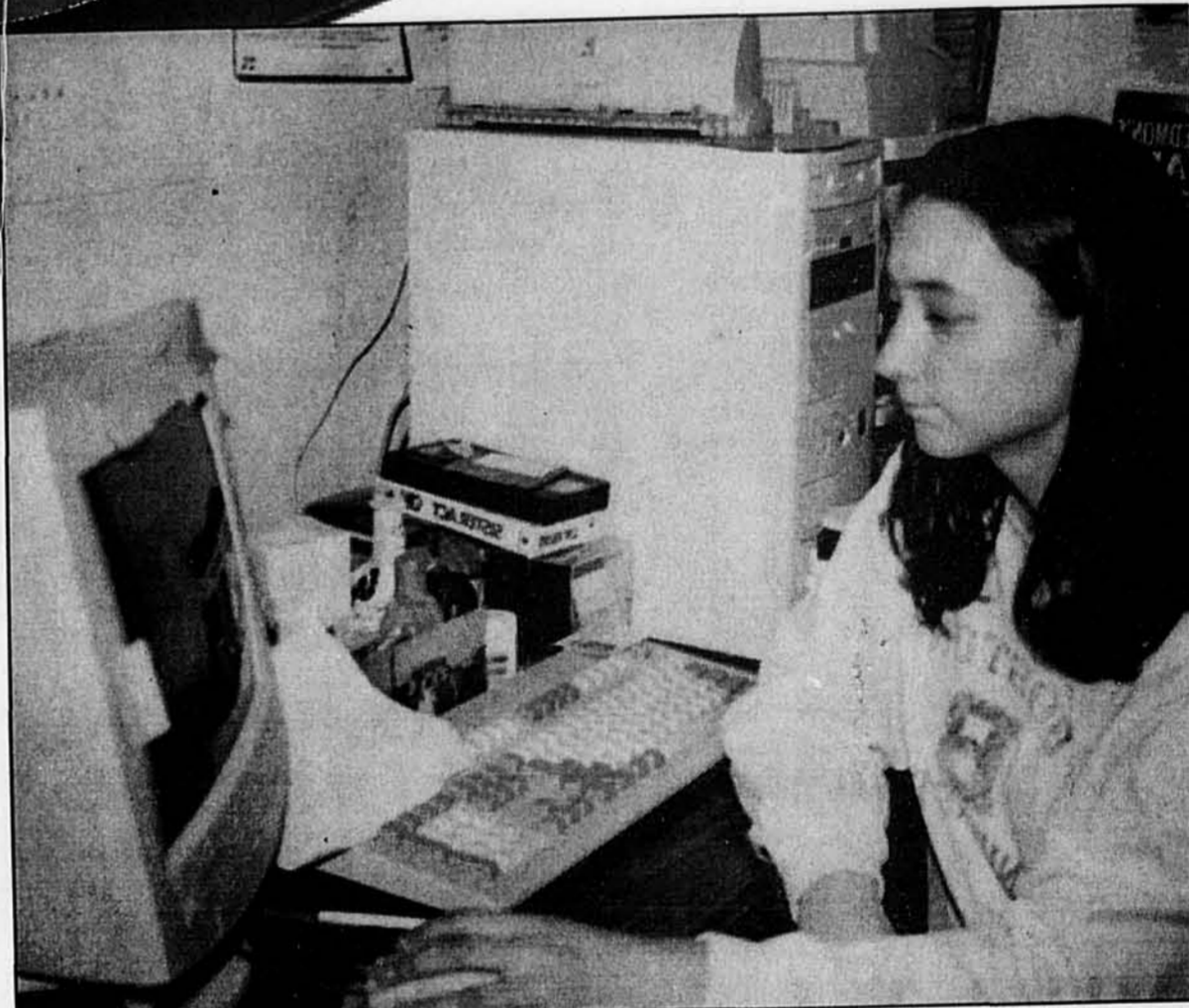
"I am a news junkie, so I will visit the CNN and CNET.com Web sites on a daily basis," Merat said.

The news sites are among the more popular sites to visit, but popularity of a site mainly depends on an individual's personal interest.

"I enjoy logging on to any site that has information about guitars, music and motorcycles. I mostly like entertaining information," senior Brian Davenport said. "It is the instant access to knowledge and information."

Other than the net, where can you obtain the latest weather and news information from every part of the world?

Information is abundant and easily accessed through the convenience of the Internet. So, its time to test out those cyberspace waves, wax up that keyboard and surf.



'EVERYBODY'S GONE SURFIN' — Senior Andrea Bradley, like most other students, takes time to surf the Web for entertainment and academic research.

HOMEWORK HELP SITES

The Writers Center

(www.colostate.edu/depts/WritingCenter/tools.html) is a valuable tool for learning and researching techniques, requires a large amount of reading.

Dave's Math Tables

(www.stsweb.com/math/tables.html) provides 10 sections of math topics, which range from general math to linear algebra to calculus. Formulas and graphs are provided for applicable problems and the site offers definitions of terms.

Social Studies school service

(www.socialstudies.com) features topics, like early America, Shakespeare or world religions. The site also provides suggested essay questions and books and videos to use in class.

Powerschool

(www.powerschool.com) provides an interactive school management system. A click on the student's link brings up a chalkboard of subjects each offering a small but quality selection of sites. It also has a game section and college prep information.

The Political Reference Almanac

(www.polisci.com/almanac/almanac.html) provides free access to questions about American government and political history.

—Compiled by Shontae Craig

Students make a home on the World Wide Web

By Justin Ridge, reporter

One of the most dominant tools of communication today is the Internet. The advent of this technological revolution has changed most everyone around the globe.

One can find an example of the growth of the Internet in a recent issue of Access Internet Magazine. Web sites like Mountainzone.com, Quokka.com and Discovery.com show the adventures of mountain climbers and Arctic explorers.

Using advanced graphic programs such as Flash, Dynamic HTML and Shockwave, Web surfers can double-click on journal entries by these adventurers.

These "armchair explorers" can also see pictures from Mt. Everest as climbers scale the world's largest peak.

"The ability to use technology has caused the advent of mountaineering as a spectator sport," said Mt. Everest expedition leader Eric Simonson.

The multitudes interested in how the Web brings the adventurers into their homes, have turned the sport of mountaineering into a cult craze.

Web technologies and expectations are growing faster each day.

"Kids want to log on and find out what hap-

pened today," Jeff Blumenfeld of Expeditionnews.com said. "Having real-time photos and journal entries at the fingertips is an example of the technology of the Web at work."

The process of designing and programming a Web site is a bit more complex.

To create a Web page, the first step is Network Solutions. This company is the only company that assigns a potential Web page a domain name, or the "www" part of a Web page address.

"Every Web site has a number, the domain represents that number," LU student and Web page owner Roy Simmons said.

After the domain clarification, a host company must be contacted.

Global 2000 Communication Inc. is an example of a host company.

Host companies, paid monthly or yearly by Web site owners, hold the information that is on the site.

Monthly prices for storage space range anywhere from free to \$150.

"Most companies give you enough space when you register with them," Simmons said.

Most host companies will design Web pages. Fees for designing, programming and putting the Web page on the Internet costs anywhere from \$850-\$2,000.

Storage pricing is based on how much space

a Web site needs.

While sites like Geocities.com and Angelfire.com offer page-building helps for the technologically confused, everything on a Web page reduces to HTML.

HTML, which stands for Hyper Text Markup Language, translates human language into computer language.

"It's like C++ or COBOL or other computer language," Simmons said.

Designing a personal Web page can be done through a business like Global 2000.

"The reason businesses pay the money to have their web sites designed and hosted is the added benefits," Simmons said.

A few of those benefits include Web reports. Web reports show how many people have visited a Web page and what Internet Service Provider or ISP the visitors are using.

Hosts companies also put personal and business web pages on multiple search engines like Altavista, Yahoo and Excite.

When asked if Web sites were for everyone Simmons said, "Web pages are a good idea for people to have, it makes you more marketable."

The Internet can be confusing. But with the right knowledge, anyone can have his or her Web page up and running in no time.

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What's really in a name?

Well, here we are again.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break. (Yes, over spring break, I did have a corned beef sandwich from Chick and Ruth's.)

These last three words bring me to the point of this column. Names. Some may wonder the meaning behind the name of that establishment.

Very simple.

It is named for a husband and wife (Charles "Chick" and Ruth Levitt) who started the business.

Needless to say, many have heard the deli's name and inadvertently mispronounced and misspelled it as "Chicken Roost," "Chicken Roots" and "Chickyrose."

The same holds true for my

last name.

I could probably fill up a couple of newspaper pages with the myriad of ways people have misspelled and mispronounced "Romanoski."

(Incidentally, even the way my family spells our name is the result of a misspelling.)

I'm sure everyone else in the handful of people on campus who have mile-long Polish, Italian, German and Norwegian names can relate.

But I guess everyone can't be fortunate enough to have a cool last name, so those of us with these names have learned to have patience with those so used to spelling Smith, Jones, Brown, Williams or Miller.

Now to go with the last name, parents

must carefully pick a first and middle name.

Here comes a pet peeve of mine.

These standardized forms, such as applications (including Liberty's), have a spot for a first name and a middle initial. They assume that everyone goes by their first name.

Wrong!

This discriminates against a certain segment of society.

I am part of a group of people including G. Gordon Liddy, H. Ross Perot, F. Scott Fitzgerald, L. Ron Hubbard, A. Pierre Guillermine, J. Vernon

McGee, W. Franklin Graham, and several Liberty professors (including Dr. "J." Danny Lovett) who have a first initial and a middle name. Mine is "G."

"Scott" is actually my middle name.

(This explains why some commonly refer to me as "G. Scott.")

I'm not a "junior." My dad and I have two different names.

I don't go by my middle name to distinguish me from other family members.

I don't go by my middle name because my first name is something absolutely hideous. It's not bad at all.

My parents just decided to call me by my middle name, and have done so since that fateful day in 1978 when I entered this world.

(Now I've heard friends say that their parents called them by their middle name when they got into trouble. I guess I've been in trouble since day one.)

Names tell a lot about people and their backgrounds. Some families perpetuate a name by giving it to each generation.

In Slavic cultures, a middle name is typically a form of the father's

first name.

In many European and Latin American nations, parents give their children the name of an admired saint.

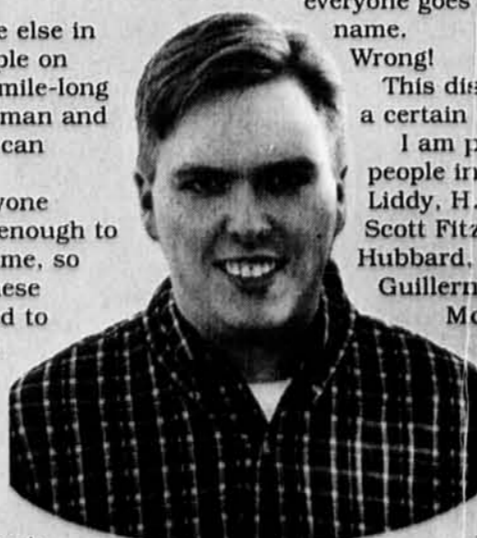
This explains why many from Italian backgrounds have the name "Anthony," and why, in Christian nations, many girls have some form of the name "Mary" or "Anne."

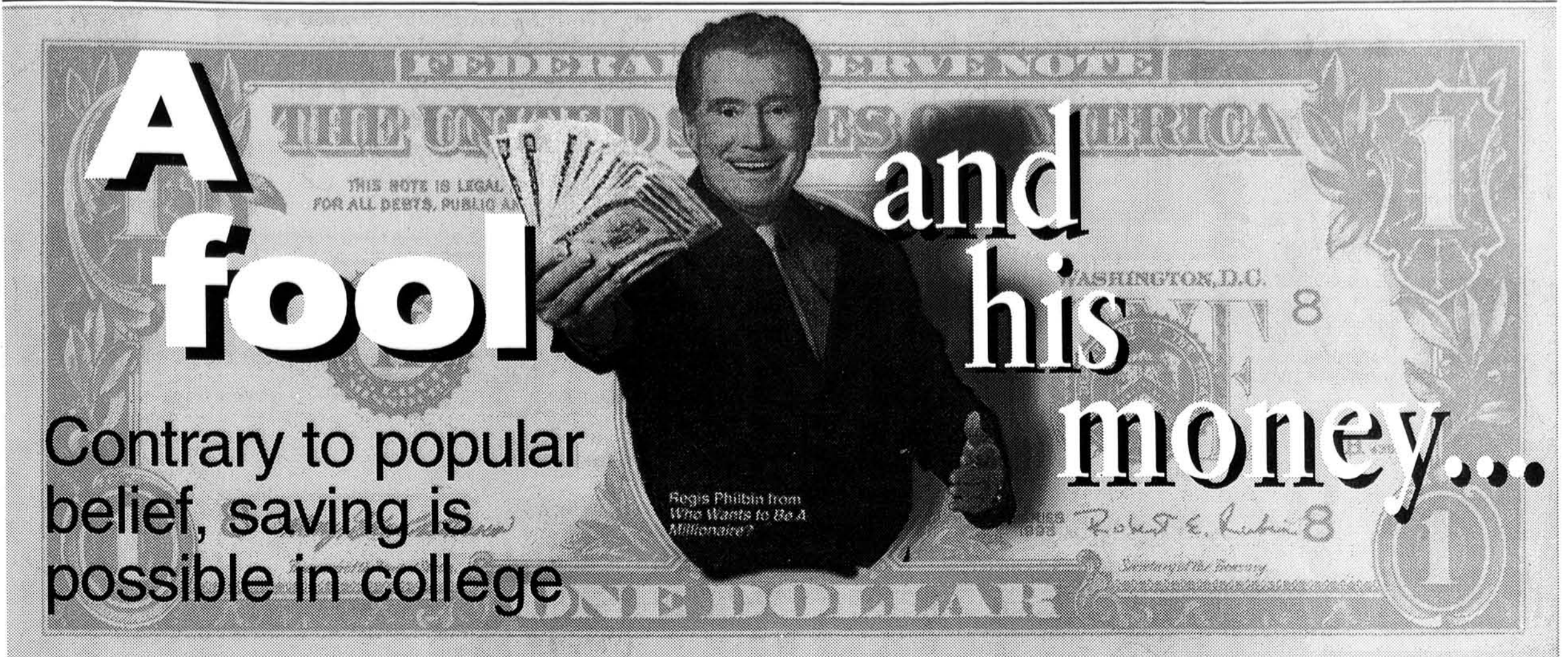
Others parents choose a name for their child based on its meaning, while others use names that reflect nationality.

Some look through the Bible for names (but I'd hate to be the kid whose parents named him Maphibosheth, Berachiah, Jehozadak or Rehoboam).

But all in all, our names identify us and sometimes reflect the values of the parents who gave us these names.

By the way, in case someone is wondering, my first name is "Gregory."





Contrary to popular belief, saving is possible in college

By Tara Williams and Lisa Cone, reporters

After students make tuition payments and purchase books, not much money is left over for daily necessities. Even though money seems to leave as quickly as it arrives, there are ways that a student can save when buying the necessities of life.

Many stores, like Kroger, have a "Price Plus Card." This card can save the student some money by taking a percentage off certain products in the store.

Most of the products aren't "name brands", but buying off-brand or store-brand goods can save money as well.

The card looks like a credit card and is swiped across the electric eye on the register.

Another good thing to think about is to decide before going to the store what products needed.

"I always walk into the store with a list. That way, I go into the store, I get what I need and am not pressured by what looks good," junior

Jayne Brown said.

Some other money saving tips concerning food purchases include the "Student Advantage Card."

According to Student Advantage's Web site, a student can save anywhere from 10-50 percent off of items at more than 20,000 stores in 125 cities or on-line at studentadvantage.com.

A student can register on-line through the Web site for a \$20 membership fee or register for free through the AT&T Web site.

Many places in the Lynchburg area give discount pricing for Liberty students, including places like Papa John's pizza.

The store offers discounts to Liberty students, but the discount varies each month.

Many students also frequent Goodwill, D.A.V. or other second-hand shop for needed furniture and appliances.

But the question "how on earth does one budget" remains.

Sophomore Josh Collison suggests a key way

to save money.

"Go to Wachovia and open up a 'Systematic Saver CD,'" he said.

The goal of this CD is to discipline yourself to set aside a select amount of money each month to add to your savings.

Wachovia offers one-year contracts.

While it is good to save, many of us try to budget entertainment into our weekly agendas.

Inexpensive or free activities are everywhere: going to parks, having picnics, playing or watching sports, borrowing movies from friends, playing games or eating at a friend's place off-campus and of course everyone's favorite, hanging out on-campus at David's Place or the Hangar.

On the other hand, many of us ought to use some of our leisure time to squeeze in more study hours.

"Study on Friday and Saturday night," junior Matt Gustafson said.

It is possible, no matter what your friends

say, and it can boost your money supply as well as your grades.

Senior Kostja Penner gives advice for starting off every semester on a good financial leg: "Buy used books — or borrow them."

Also beware of going out for dinner or snacks, or even just plunking change into vending machines.

"Eat enough at the Marriott, so that you don't have to buy food," Gustafson said.

Car pool when you travel anywhere — even across campus. Little trips every day add up.

Be cautious of shopping with a significant amount of money, a checkbook or a credit card. Watch for clearances, but don't always reach for your wallet when you see sale signs.

Really think through all of your purchases. Ask yourself, "Do I really want this?" or "Do I really need this?"

Most importantly, learn to say, "No," when you can't afford something.

Simple tips for saving money while in school



Don't shop when hungry. It's harder to resist temptation.



Shop at lower-priced food stores. Convenience stores often charge the highest prices.



Watch the cash register ring up items, count the change and check the receipt.



Compare price-per-ounce or other unit prices on shelf labels. Stock up on those with lower unit prices.



Budget the bucks. Planning where you will spend every dime guarantees you'll cash in on success even if you don't win the lottery.



Buy the bargains. Sure it sounds elementary, but when adding up the savings, a mathematician might get lost in all those "20 percent off the lowest ticket price" sales.



Cut the cards. Credit cards won't pay the bills in the long run. You might hold those creditors at bay for a little while, but it won't make a dent in the original bill.



Living paycheck to paycheck isn't so bad if thriftiness is practiced. Sure you might be called a tightwad, but a penny saved guarantees one more cent in the penny jar.



Don't buy foods that spoil quickly.



Drink plenty of water and eat three light meals a day.

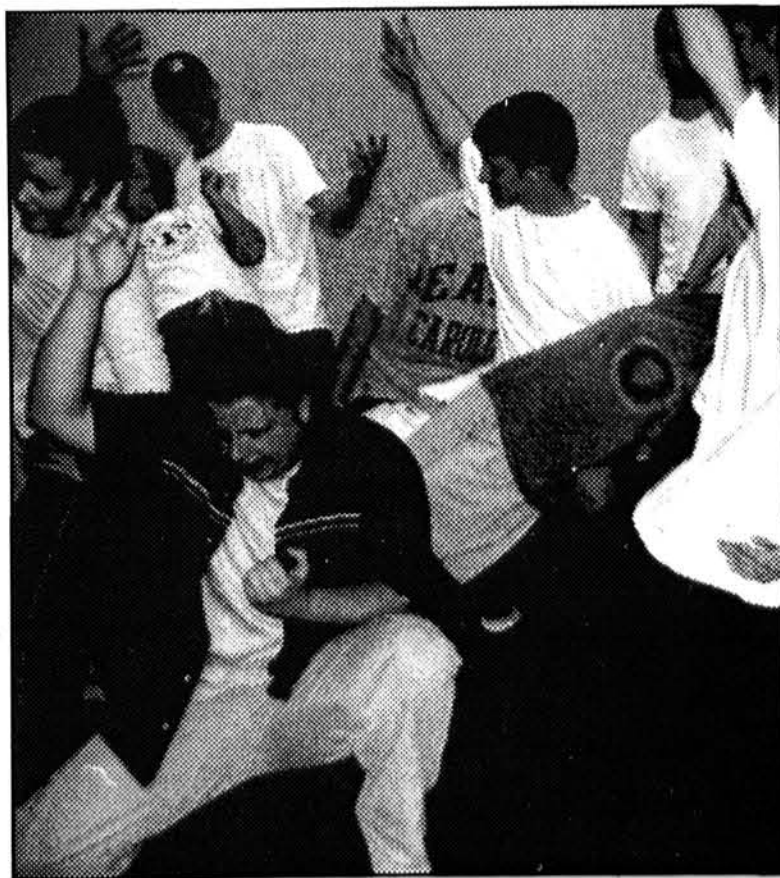


Stock up on items when they go on sale.



Avoid eating out; it usually will cost two to three times more than eating in.

'Strange as it seems, there's been a run on crazy dreams'



'ANY DREAM WILL DO' — Cast members rehearse the story of Joseph with the addition of music and dance.

Liberty students and local children perform Andrew Lloyd Weber musical based on story of Joseph

By Cindy Siegmund, reporter

A man of passion, refusing to deny the dreams God plants in his heart. Through desperation and blessing Joseph seeks to follow his God. He is Joseph from the biblical account in Genesis.

This Bible character comes to life at Liberty along with a host of biblical figures in the musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although only age 17, Joseph demonstrates strength and compassion. He portrays innocence but displays wisdom far beyond his years.

Freshman Caleb Luther plays the lead role of Joseph in the musical.

"It's a big responsibility ... I'm very excited. I just hope I can do my best to step into that role," Luther said.

"I'm looking forward to bringing onto stage in a professional manner a biblical story," Professor Linda Nell Cooper, director of the production said.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be the first religious experience musical performed at Liberty. In both a

serious and humorous manner, the musical presents much of Joseph's life without straying from the biblical account.

Many of the lyrics are a paraphrased version of scripture passages while some of the songs come from the minds of the creators.

Andrew Lloyd Webber composed "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and Tim Rice wrote the lyrics. The musical opened on Broadway in 1977.

Since that time it has evolved into one of the most popular musicals performed in churches and high schools across the United States.

Cooper sees the musical as a celebration of trusting God's will. It is the story of "what happens to a man who's only 17-years-old, who trusted in his visions by God and never once lost sight of that and what God was able to do through him," Cooper said.

She desires that the musical encourages the audience to be dreamers and to listen to the voice of God and follow His plans for their lives.

"It's really important that college students have a dream," Luther said. "Hang onto those dreams, raise the bar and God will bless you through that because God uses

dreamers."

Luther believes that the musical will please any audience because of its "variety and diversity."

"I have seen this musical 12 times, by professionals, non-professionals (and) by little kids doing it and its always been effective if the audience will allow it to be — if you have an open heart when you go in," Cooper said.

The cast is made up of 30 Liberty students and 12 area children ranging in age from 5 to 13. The characters will bring high energy and celebration dancing to the stage as they tell the story of Joseph's life through song.

The production incorporates a number of musical styles including country western, French art, calypso, 50s pop and musical theater ballads.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be performed April 14-15, 20-22 and 27-29 at the Lloyd Auditorium. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday April 10 and can be purchased through Friday April 14 from 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the box office in Fine Arts. Tickets are \$5.

Opinion

“ I admire the serene assurance of those who have religious faith. It is wonderful to observe the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces.

—Mark Twain”

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Liberty brings Internet, fees to students

As new and returning Liberty students begin to register for their classes for next semester and subsequently begin making financial arrangements, they will notice a new fee on their bills.

In addition to the previously established technology fee, students—both resident and off-campus—will be expected to pay a hardwiring fee. Resident students will pay \$150 per semester for the 2000-2001 school year and off-campus students will pay \$125. The reason for the price disparity is the resident students will have a higher connection speed.

“The one-time fee will provide high speed Internet access, email capability and access to all university electronic sources of information to all students residing in the dorms as well as all faculty and administrative offices on campus,” Dave Young, vice president of finance and administration said.

While many students may resent having to pay another fee on top of the \$100 per semester technology fee, it could be worse. For instance, Bob Jones University in South Carolina charges its students a rate of \$3 per hour for personal Internet use. Another school, Randolph Macon Woman's College, charges its students multiple fees including a \$75 Student Government fee and a \$200 telecommunications fee, all added to the base tuition of \$24,090.

So as you're preparing to pay your bill for next year, at least you'll know that there are students at other schools throughout the nation that feel your pain.

Supporter's conviction spells trouble for Gore

On March 2, a federal jury convicted Maria Hsia of five felony counts for concealing the source of money raised at an illegal 1996 fund-raiser. The event, held at a California Buddhist Temple, was used illegally to collect donations for the Clinton/Gore re-election campaign. Vice President Al Gore alleges that he was unaware donations were being accepted while he was addressing the crowd.

This could bring added stress to the Gore campaign team as it has been trying desperately to make campaign finance reform a major issue in the 2000 race. Saying he agrees with John McCain on the reform issue, Gore is hoping that Americans will forget the many scandals that erupted from the last presidential campaign in which he was involved.

One bright spot for Gore is the national media's refusal to devote a sizable portion of their newscasts to cover this and other Gore-implicating stories. In fact, a Washington Times report stated that ABC News actually spent more airtime on a carnival in Rio de Janeiro than the Hsia conviction.

Quotes of the week:

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

—2 Corinthians 12:9

“The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a ‘C’, the idea must be feasible.”

—A Yale University management professor, in response to student Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to create Federal Express.

The essential spring break don'ts

From the home office on the couch at Momma Hunt's in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. here is the comprehensive list of “Spring Break Don'ts.” Please clip-and-save for reference next spring.

(NOTE: Any relationship of the tips given in the following column to actual spring break events from my trip with my roommate Drew may be purely coincidental. No animals, vegetables or automotive vehicles were harmed during the creation of this column.) Here we go...

- Don't drive 3,000 miles during any single 10-day period. I know it sounds crazy, but you really don't have to see every major city in the southeast all at once.
- Don't leave your map at home and try to get around a strange city on your wits. Fort Lauderdale is too big. As if I really went there, or something.
- Don't try to talk on your cell phone while trying to change lanes on the highway entering Atlanta. Those city buildings are really tall, there are seven lanes of traffic and the guys with the Mercedes-Benzes drive very slowly.
- Don't use SPF 4 sunscreen at the beach when your chest hasn't seen the sun in at least three years. You shall regret the day you thought life existed to lay on the beach.
- Don't forget that sunburns really

hurt. And then you peel a lot. Then you rub vitamin E lotion over every part of your body but it doesn't matter because you will peel anyway. Then everyone calls you tomato and feels



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- sorry for your burnt little face, and everywhere else you have singed. Then you buy some real sun block for the next time. Lesson learned.
- Don't spend a good length of time at a beach where the average clientele is over 70, slightly burnt and wearing a Speedo.
- Don't pay \$79 a night to pitch a tent at a crummy campground in the Florida Keys. Four words: Just find a hotel.
- Don't pay \$80 a night to stay at the Holiday Inn East in Baton Rouge, La. The room is small and dingy, the cable is very low budget, the pool is too cold to open and the bathrooms are teeny-tiny. Five words: Holiday Inn South across town. But, then again, none of this stuff really happened to me, so what do I know. It's just what I heard...
- Don't underestimate the value of a Wal-Mart oasis in the middle of the woods. Especially when your FM radio is on the fritz, it's midnight and your CD player lacks the juice that only a new power plug from Wal-Mart can provide. It's a long way from Hender-

- sonville, N.C. to the beach.
 - Don't take directions to anywhere from anyone who works at a gas station and sounds remarkably like Gomer Pyle.
 - Don't approach Greenville, S.C. while exceeding the posted (or not very well posted) speed limit. You will not pass Bob Jones University. You will pay out a large fine. Thanks for stopping by.
 - Likewise, don't park within 20 feet of a curb in New Orleans. With your decision, you automatically qualify for a scavenger hunt around the city to find your car. When you find it, another large fine will be extracted from your wallet. Thanks for visiting the city where “Fat Tuesday” is always in session.
 - Don't forget to pack a friend with courage when the time comes at restaurants when you have to send back soggy french fries and negotiate free nachos. The skills of such people are hard to replace and good for the stomach.
 - Finally, don't forget that despite the tears when you balance your checkbook, you would give anything to drop your studies for Momma Hunt's couch — where you'd definitely go for just a cup of coffee.
- I had a good time on break, did you? (NOTE: Submit your good spring break stories to cdedward@liberty.edu. All submissions will be kept confidential and considered for my future book.)

Bill & Hillary: traveling in style

As the April 15 deadline quickly approaches, many of you are probably in the midst of filing your tax returns. And, as you figure out just how much you are being “asked” to contribute to the government this year, you will more than likely begin to ponder a few things. Personally, I wanted to know just what my tax money was being spent on.

Sure there are government programs and departments like the military, education and welfare that need money to operate. And, of course, we have to give a couple billion dollars to just about each country in the world so they will still be our friends.

But even those hundreds of billions of dollars aren't the entire budget, so where is the rest of the money going?

I'm not exactly sure anyone can account for each individual penny of the national budget, but there are some rather interesting expenditures that seem, at best, to be an interesting approach to funding government operations.

Take for instance President Clinton's recent visit to India and Pakistan. While the travels of our beloved president are not usually attention-grabbing news stories, his recent visit to this troubled region of the world does set itself apart from every other trip ever embarked on by a sitting president.

However, this particular trip will go down in history not as the greatest diplomatic journey or policy-oriented success in recent times, but rather, something less deserving of celebration.

At a staggering cost of more than \$50 million, President Clinton's nine-day

“Asian vacation” is the most costly overseas trip ever by an American president.

Of course you have to expect the final tally to be high when you proceed to spend \$45 million on airfare alone. I do understand the costly need for secure air travel, but when compared to other government expenses, Clinton's travels appear a bit excessive.

Over in the flooded country of Mozambique, for instance, we are currently involved in a large-scale humanitarian effort. Using about a dozen planes, and, so far, flying 290 missions to drop off aid and rescue victims of the disaster, the effort was considered large by Air Force standards.

However, if that usage of air power is large, Clinton's is gargantuan. In just nine days, his trip will entail the use of more than 77 Air Force planes—roughly one-third of our entire inventory of those planes—that will fly approximately 1,200 missions. I'm guessing Clinton must carry a lot of baggage.

Still, never one to be outdone, Hillary has also tried to make a dent in the national treasury by allowing the taxpayers to pay some bills for her New York Senate campaign.

Operating as the First Lady, she made 26 trips to New York in the last seven months of 1999. Of course, no other First



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Lady has ever made that amount of trips to one state in such a short amount of time. And, it just so happened that on 20 of those trips, fundraisers and other political functions were held on Clinton's behalf. In effect, Clinton was traveling on Air Force jets with Secret Service agents while campaigning—all at our expense.

A congressional committee looking into Hillary's travels—which granted, is made up of mostly republicans—puts the estimated cost to the taxpayers at about \$650,000. And, with eight more months of campaigning to go, we can be assured that this number will multiply several times.

Mrs. Clinton has, to her credit, reimbursed the government for about \$32,000 of the expenses. But this pales in comparison to other candidates in similar situations.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush has, for instance, gone above and beyond in his attempt to minimize taxpayer burdens on his behalf. In addition to paying his Secret Service agents with money from his campaign, he has also made a habit of reimbursing Texas the cost of his salary on each day that he is out of the state.

So, when you're figuring out your taxes and seeing how much you have to “render unto Caesar,” be joyful in the fact that you are helping the Clintons in their travels. Without our tax dollars, Hillary might actually have to raise her own campaign money and Bill would be forced to keep his traveling under \$5 million per day.

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4	@ Elon
11	Charleston Southern
18	@ Appalachian State

Softball finishes 3rd in Sports Plus Tourney

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

After splitting a pair of games on Wednesday against Longwood College, the Lady Flames traveled to Chesterfield, Va. this past weekend to participate in the Sports Plus Tournament.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Liberty (20-14) fell to George Mason (13-14) by a score of 5-3. LU defeated West Chester in the consolation game 10-1 to assure third-place in the tournament.

In the first inning of the game against George Mason, Liberty junior Meredith Hollyfield drove in juniors Lisa Jones and Amy Csider to jump out to a 2-0 lead.

George Mason took the lead when catcher Dee Dee Fox hit a solo home run in the top of the fifth and right fielder Linda Young tallied another solo homer in the top of the sixth inning to give the Patriots their first lead.

George Mason put the nails in the coffin by scoring two runs on a single.

The loss to George Mason gained Liberty a spot in the consolation game against West Chester. In the matchup, the Lady Flames pounded the Golden Rams. LU beat up on West Chester 10-1.

Freshman Cheryl Wyrick and Csider were named to the all-tournament team.

In Wednesday's doubleheader against the Longwood Lancers, the Lady Flames pulled off a 5-3 victory in game one. Hollyfield connect-

ed in the first inning to score Jones and Wyrick, and record her eighth home run of the season. LU lost the second game 2-0.

"We didn't make quality swings at the plate," head coach Paul Wetmore said. "They had a great pitcher and we couldn't adjust."

On the offense, freshman Allison Terry scored the tying run on an RBI single by Jones. But the Lancers regained the lead to claim the 4-3 victory.

"Overall, Leslie pitched well enough to win and we didn't give her the support that she deserved," Wetmore said.

LU will host UNC Greensboro on March 28 before traveling to Virginia Tech to participate in the Hudson-Hoke classic from March 31 to April 2.

Coaches:

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"Pete will be able to bring to our staff some of the things he has been through here at Liberty, as well as a knowledge of some of our opponents," Karcher said.

Former James Madison defensive linebacker, defensive line coach Benard Clark will coach the linebackers. Clark was a member of the University of Miami's 1987 and 1989 national championship teams and was chosen as the 1989 Orange Bowl MVP, while also being named to the All-American team as a middle linebacker.

As well as being Karcher's right-hand man, Bob Lord will coach the offensive line. Lord has coached with the Chicago Bears,

the Green Bay Packers, the New York Giants of the NFL and with Rhein Fire and the Berlin Thunder of the NFL Europe.

Karcher chose Frank Rocco as his wide receivers and quarterbacks coach. Rocco quarterbacked the Penn State Nittany Lions to a Liberty Bowl victory over Tulane in 1979, and spent the last nine years as the head coach and athletic director at AAAA Shaler High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. Rocco posted a 48-26-1 record at Shaler.

Former Liberty linebacker Jesse Riley will coach the running backs. Riley was an All-American here in 1998.

Karcher will take on his second goal starting Sept. 2 against East Tennessee State University.

Liberty tennis wins 1st match of year against N.C. A&T

By Tarant Judge, reporter

The Liberty tennis team came away with one win out of its three matches last week.

The Flames endured Big South losses to Winthrop and fell to High Point on Friday. The Flames claimed their first win on Saturday against North Carolina A&T in straight sets.

The win gave the Flames their

first win of the 2000 campaign.

LU recorded its only victories in doubles with Bruno Coelho and Ricardo Shimozaki teaming up for the victory.

"I believe that Richardo has a shot to be the best freshman in the conference," coach Larry Hubbard said.

In the singles matches, Anthony Fleming came up short to Carlos Hadad 7-4 and 6-4.

At Millis Court on Saturday the High Point University men's tennis team earned its third conference win and its third overall as it dropped visiting Liberty, 6-1.

In singles, Shimozaki was victorious over Jacob Windange in a thrilling match, 7-6, 6-2. The win evens Shimozaki's record to 3-3 in conference play.

All of the players cruised through their matches with an

average win of four matches to none.

According to coach Hubbard, his team has the potential to win and will do so if they continue to gel as a team.

"Every individual being the best in their match proved that we were to over match. I believe that any given day we can win," Hubbard said.

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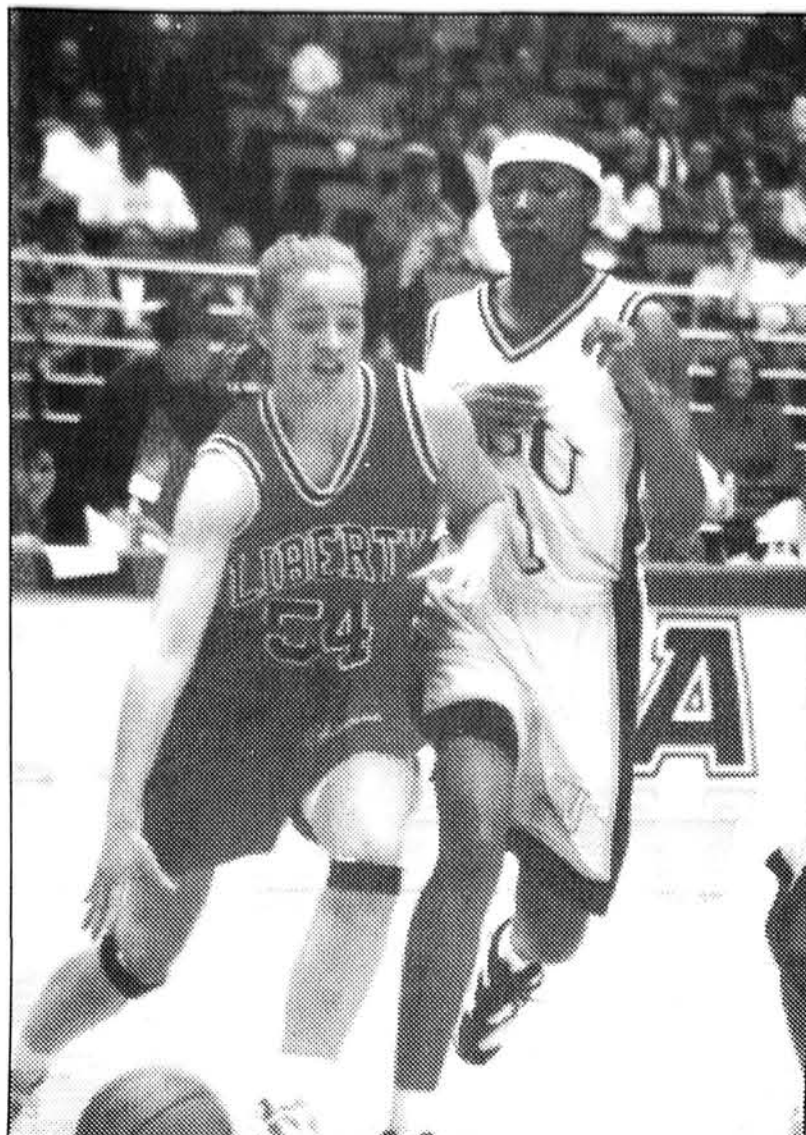


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But, the Lady Flames had no answer for the quickness and shooting touch of LSU, especially in the second half.

"I thought we played one good half," LU coach Carey Green said. "In the second half, obviously we couldn't match the offensive intensity LSU had. It's hard to win when you give up 48 points (in the second half)."

Wilkerson played all 40 minutes of her final game, and led the Lady Flames (23-8) with 16 points. Kisseleva added 13 points, the only other LU player in double figures.

Kisseleva said that while she was disappointed with the loss and the end of her college career, the team has to move forward.

"I'm just thankful to God that we had a great four years ... and every year ... we came closer. And we really believed that we could win this game," Kisseleva said.

"We really believed that if we could play our hardest we could go out there and take another step that we haven't taken before as three seniors. For whatever reason, it didn't happen tonight. It's hard, but you just have to move on."

JOHN FISHER

"TAKE IT, TAKE IT, TAKE IT TO THE HOOP" — Junior Irene Sloof dribbles to the baseline during the NCAA tourney game against LSU.

BSC Tourney moves to Roanoke for '01-'02

By Tim Holland, reporter

On March 6, the Big South Conference announced that Roanoke had been selected as the host for both the men and women's 2001 and 2002 basketball tournament. The tournaments will be held in the Roanoke Civic Center, where the LU hockey team also plays the majority of its games.

For the past two seasons, the Big South Tournament has been held in Asheville, N.C. at the Asheville Civic Center. Prior to that, it was held in the Vines Center.

Four schools vied for the bid to host the tournament including Liberty, UNC-Asheville, Winthrop and Radford.

Radford's bid was combined with the city of Roanoke, and so they will be the official host.

The Roanoke Civic Center seats about 8,600 people, and has hosted a Division I basketball tournament once before. In 1991, it played host to the Metro Conference Tournament.

"We are excited to be taking the Big South Championship to Roanoke for 2001 and 2002. The Roanoke Valley has a lot to offer the student-athletes of the Big South, our member institutions and fans," Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander said.

By moving the tournament to Roanoke, the conference should see a dramatic rise in the overall attendance.

In Asheville, crowds for the

games were scarce, and many fans from schools like Liberty and Radford, were not able to attend because of the distance. When the tournament was held at the Vines Center, the attendance was at its highest level.

According to Liberty Athletic Director Kim Graham, LU officials placed a generous bid but it wasn't quite enough.

"We put up a number that we thought had a chance to get us the tournament," Graham said.

Though not on Liberty's campus, the conference moving back to Central Virginia, should make it much more accessible to LU fans.

The dates for next year's tournaments have not yet been released.

Baseball:

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Thrown into extra innings, LU's bullpen gave up two runs and the Flames couldn't pull ahead in the tenth.

Monahan was comfortable at home, hitting a homer to earn the only run when the Flames visited Atlanta. The Flames fell 6-1 to Georgia Tech. Closing out the bloody battle was Dan Valentin with two strikeouts. Utterly exhausted, Liberty returned home to take on Marshall for a weekend series to finish its tour.

The Flames lost their first face off with the Herd 5-1, only to come back and take the next two 6-5, 6-5.

In the first game Darren Adams suffered the loss for the Flames. LU earned its only run in the first on Monahan's double, advancing him to third on a wild pitch and bringing him in on York's grounded out.

In the second game LU trailed 5-4, going into the ninth when Butler singled in the tying run and Scottie Scott's walk loaded the bases. Baker's bunt single scored the winning run.

LU sent Marshall home after its second loss of the weekend when Sullenger hit an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to score with Baker putting the Flames ahead 6-5 for the win.

The Flames now stand 16-8, (5-1 BSC). Liberty heads to ODU tomorrow at 5 p.m.

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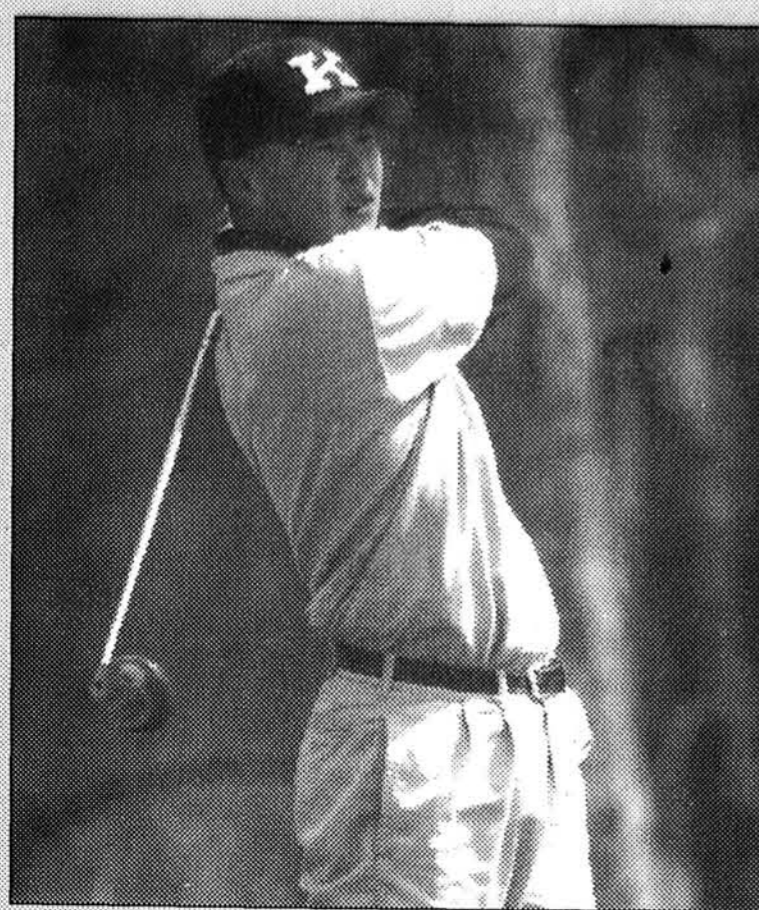
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YOU THE MAN — Junior Yong Joo paced Liberty's golf team over Spring break with his first individual victory.

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LU then participated in the Treasure Coast Classic at the PGA Country Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The Flames shot a final round 302 to secure a first-place finish at the 54-hole event. Liberty inched by the 30th-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish by seven strokes.

Liberty, finished the tourney with a total score of (302-307-302). The win was LU's first in over three seasons.

The Flames continued their spring schedule at the Pirate Spring Intercollegiate.

Hill (72-71-71) led the Flames to the fourth place finish as he finished in fifth place overall.

The Flames will return to the links on April 3-4 when they travel to Westover, Md., to compete in the Towson University Invitational. The two-day 54-hole event will be played on the Great Hope Golf Course.

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Handy named Player of the Year

By Richard Armstrong & Doug Stewart

For the past four seasons, the hockey team has depended on several players that have been able to push the program to the highest level possible.

One of the names that have been a mainstay on the ice for the Flames is senior leader Kirk Handy.

Handy, the assistant captain of the 99-00 LU squad learned the basics of hockey at a young age. The Toronto native took his first skating lessons at three years of age.

Handy skated his team to a solid season this year by displaying the leadership qualities that he is known for and putting up some impressive individual statistics as

well. The latter played a major part in Handy being named the 99-00 Atlantic Coast Conference Hockey League Player of the Year.

"It was a total shock to me," Handy said.

The award marked the first time that the Player of the Year honor was awarded to a Liberty player.

The four-year starter led the team in points scored this season.

"I feel that it is my responsibility to bridge the gap between coaches and players. Personally, first and foremost I had to be a good leader, on and off of the ice," Handy said.

But what do you expect of a player whose dad straps on the equipment and let him fire off shot after shot in the basement

as a child? What do you expect from a child who so loves the game that his parents have to bribe him with five minutes of hockey for five minutes of studying?

"I think hockey encourages guys to take ownership for themselves. It develops responsibility, self-discipline and character," Handy said.

Assistant coach Armand McGibbon described Handy as having a "great positive attitude" and added that the Player of the Year award was in order.

Now, with graduation around the corner, Handy is preparing for his future and feels that Liberty will continue to be a major part of his life.

Track competes in Florida

By Michael Dujon and Doug Stewart

The Liberty University track and field team continued to make its way through its indoor schedule as it traveled for two meets in Conway, S.C. and Tallahassee, Fla. over spring break. In the Spring Break Classic on March 10 and 11, Liberty competed in the meet hosted by Big South Conference opponent Coastal Carolina at the CCU Track and Field Complex.

The Flames took five first place finishes at the meet, as well as two second place finishes. Liberty's Ken Howell won the men's pole vault, with a mark of 16 feet. Andrea Wildrick and Elisabeth Robertson tied for the first in the women's pole vault with a height of 12 feet. Chad Wilson won the men's long jump with a mark of 23-11. Liberty's Nick Anderson placed second in the event after being inched out by the opposition.

Liberty's Kylene Helman finished first in the javelin with a mark of 137-6 which set a school record. Robin Williams won the women's long jump with a mark of 18-31/4 rounding out the Flames' first-place finishers.

Howell finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of

14.78 seconds and James Johnson placed third in the high jump with a height of 6-10 3/4. Williams finished third overall in the women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14:50.

Liberty then showed off its talents at the Florida State Relays on March 15-18 at the Mike Long Track in Tallahassee, Fla.

The highly competitive meet brought a total of 1,000 athletes to the four-day event from over 50 colleges and track clubs from around the nation.

Liberty's women's sprint medley relay team of Janelle Shiffer, Panthera Seymour, Kodi Pollard and Heather Sagan highlighted the LU showing with a time of 4:01 assuring a first-place finish. Wildrick finished first once again in the pole vault by clearing a height of 12-2.

Both the men and women's distance medley teams took second place, with times of 10:10 and 11:53, respectively. Dan Orr anchored the men's team followed by John Khan, Bruno Farrington and Chris Polukis. Sagan guided the way for the women followed by Rebecca Parsons, Jaquay Reid and Amy Teer.

Chad Wilson, Jeremy Wagner,

Brannan Duncan and Mike Decker set the school record posting a time of 1:24.66 in the 4x200-meter relay. Shiffer, Pollard, Christina Schlesinger and Seymour also broke the school record with a time of 1:49.39 for the women's team.

According to head coach Brant Tolsma, the women's team showed promise and the team as a whole is ahead of schedule.

"The girls ran well at Florida State University, and we feel that they will continue running well. Overall we have had a good start to the season and are very excited about the things to come with outdoor meets right around the corner," Tolsma said.

On an individual note, Decker became the first Indoor Track and Field All-American and the program's seventh All-American overall at the 2000 NCAA Indoor National Championships held on the campus of the Arkansas University.

The junior posted a time of 46:59 in the 400-meter to finish tenth in the heat.

The LU track team will now prepare for the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. on March 31 - April 1. Liberty will also compete in the Lynchburg College Invitational on April 1.

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Lady Flames fall in NCAA's

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

BATON ROUGE, La. — Guard Sharon Wilkerson had been there before. Close at the half. A chance to win. The opportunity for the Big Three — Elena Kisseleva, Sarah Farley and Wilkerson — to take another step for the Lady Flames basketball program.

Last year, the Lady Flames were down only five, 29-24, to Georgia at the half of their Women's NCAA Tournament first round game. It was a 73-52 loss to the Lady Bulldogs, a game that LU kept within reach until the final minutes of the second half.

This year, the target was the No. 3 LSU Lady Tigers, another Southeastern Conference foe. No. 14 LU trailed by only one, 29-28, at the

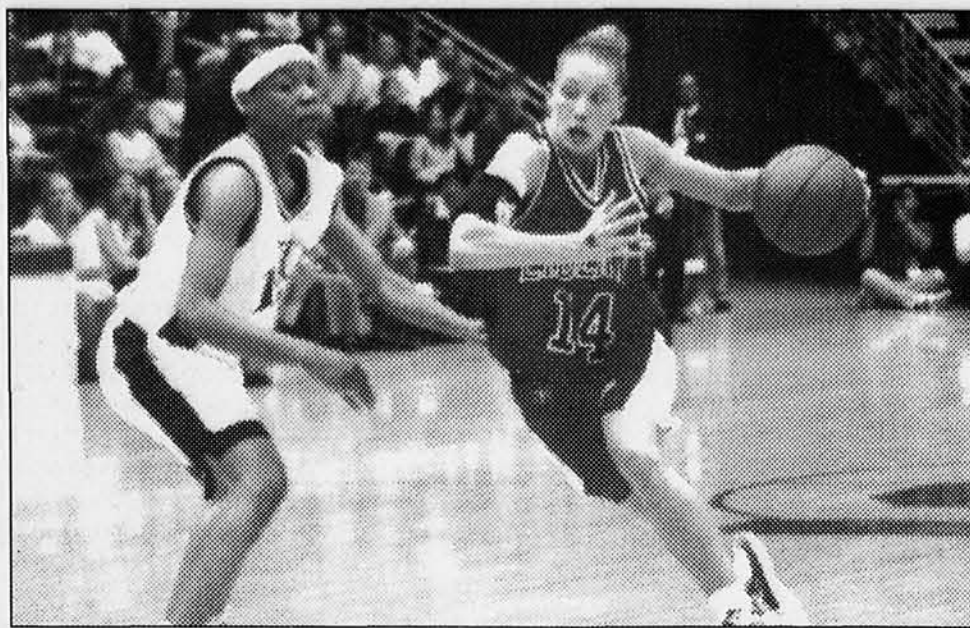
half. It seemed like the right chance, and Wilkerson said the team was hopeful in the locker room.

"We had a very positive attitude going into halftime. We knew there were things we needed to change. We knew there were things we needed to do differently. We just let things slip away in the second half," Wilkerson said.

Indeed, LSU rode a 66 percent shooting performance — coupled with 25 percent shooting by Liberty — in the second half to close out a 77-54 victory over the Lady Flames at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center in front of a crowd of 1,706.

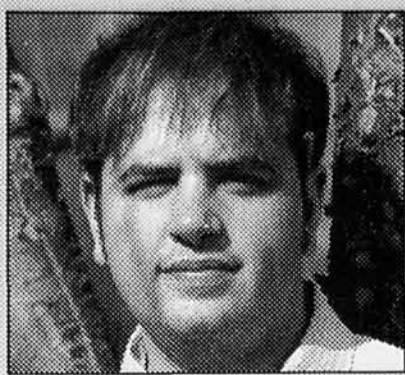
It was supposed to be the best match up of the four NCAA appearances for LU. The Lady Flames were close to LSU in height.

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JOHN FISHER

CAN'T TOUCH THIS — Guard Sarah Farley drives to the basket during the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Lady Flames played LSU on March 17 in Baton Rouge, La.



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I gotz da feva

Well, we're right in the middle of the Big Dance, March Madness, Tournney Time, Bracketville, or any other nickname you have for it.

"It" being the NCAA Basketball Tournament, which in my opinion is one of the most exciting two weeks in all of sports.

Year in and year out we fill out our brackets in hopes of winning the endless prizes that await a near perfect bracket selection.

As everyone knows there is almost always a Cinderella story type team that comes out of nowhere to advance through the tournament and fit into the glass slippers.

Last year it was the Gonzaga Bulldogs who were only one win away from a Final Four appearance. Before that it was Vaipo's Sweet Sixteen surprise, Coppin St. upsetting S. Carolina and then Santa Clara over Arizona that left die-hard fans asking: What? Who? How?

Well, this year has been a bit different. Aside from Pepperdine's first round shelling of Indiana and Gonzaga's two-win run and its Sweet Sixteen appearance, it was the middle seeds that have reigned supreme throughout this year's tournament. Teams such as Wisconsin and North Carolina, who locked into the Final Four spots have assumed the role of the darkhorse. But I am a bit reluctant to call these two teams a Cinderella story.

First off, the two play in the best conferences in the nation, with Wisconsin in the Big Ten and UNC in the ACC. With two teams in the Final Four from the Big Ten conference, it is apparent to me that it all mirrors back to the regular season.

The fact that Wisconsin is in the Final Four and finished 8-8 in conference play is another testament to the depth of the Big Ten. It goes to show that party is alive and well in college hoops.

UNC has just come together at the perfect time of the year. That is what championship teams do and that is what makes the NCAA so great; the fact that everybody has a chance once your in.

Don't get me wrong, what these teams have done is truly remarkable. I'm not a UNC fan, but I am happy for Bill Guthridge, who has heard nothing but complaints since taking over for Dean Smith four years ago. His team's 18-13 record sent UNC faithfuls reeling.

But he has overcome the critics and is steering the National Championship dead in the eyes.

With only four teams left and three games to play, it's down to Wisconsin vs. MSU and Florida vs. UNC.

The 2000 tournament has been a physical, slow-tempoed and without high scoring outbursts. However, sound fundamentals and flat-out well-played basketball have been the theme this year.

Now for my picks. I'm going to stick with MSU as my champion as I did from the start. Wisconsin's defense will make things interesting but Mateson Cleaves and company will be too much to handle. I'm going with Florida team from the East.

MSU versus Florida will be a great final, but MSU will pull it out in the end 73-69.

No matter who wins, the tournament has lived up to its billing once again this season.

Baseball ups record

By Brooke Herrmann, asst. sports ed.

The Flames couldn't have wanted this game more after losing to No. 22 ranked Wake Forest in Raleigh. On Thursday, Liberty took its revenge on Wake Forest, 7-5.

In the seventh Trey Miller doubled, followed by Jay Sullenger's sacrifice to advance Miller to third. Joey Monahan reached on an error to drive Miller in to score the winning run against the Demon Deacons.

Liberty led off the first with Monahan's, Larry York's and Keith Butler's single to earn the first of seven runs in the game.

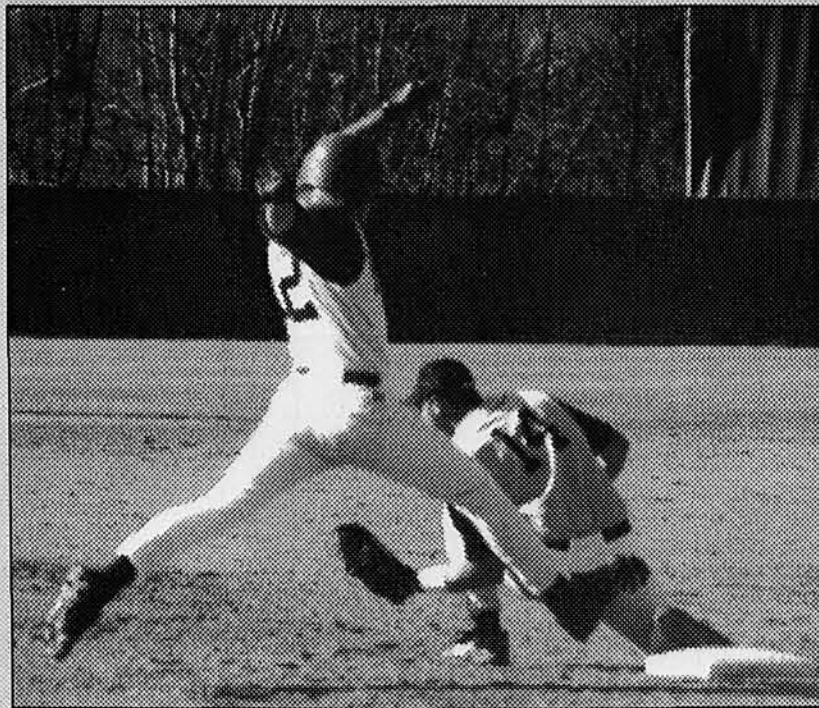
In the third Liberty concreted its lead with Jim Clinton's two run-homer. Wake Forest answered with two runs in the top of the fourth to tie the game 3-3.

York started an active fifth inning with a single to left field followed by Clinton's double to left. Steve Baker stepped up to hit a double also to left field. Liberty left the inning up 6-4.

Jason Sutt pitched seven and two-thirds innings, allowing four runs and three walks while striking out four earning his second win.

On Wednesday the Flames slid by William and Mary, 3-2. Freshman Keith Butler continued to prove himself worthy, as he earned the game winning RBI for the Flames. Butler leads the team offensively with a .449 batting average and three home runs.

Liberty jumped ahead in the game with a 2-0 lead in the first. Butler singled to left advancing York to second who reached first on a walk. Scottie Scott advanced his teammates and earned an RBI with a single to center. Baker brought in



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"BEAT IT OUT" — Trey Miller leaps to first base at Thursday's home game against No. 22 ranked Wake Forest University. Miller came up just short.

the leading run with a SAC fly to left.

Shutting down the Tribe was Liberty's bullpen combination of Rich Harrel and Josh Brey who earned his fifth save.

"Oh yeah, I'm definitely in a groove now," Brey said. "They've beaten us the last three times. So we've owed these guys," coach Pastors said.

And while the rest of us were laying out over Spring Break, the Flames were playing out of every stadium in the south. LU started its road trip sweeping High Point, 5-4, 8-6, and 10-6.

Home runs were as common to the Flames as the free t-shirts they gave out on the beaches over break. Ripping them out were Kelly Knouse with two, Monahan, and

Butler. Liberty's pitching staff was as hot as the sunburns on spring breakers. Brian Adams started the weekend off with his first complete game allowing two earned runs on eight hits while striking out four. Rich Harrel threw four and one-thirds innings for relief in the second game for the win, while Brey recorded yet another save.

Closing out the HPU series was Sutt who took the win after no-hitting the Panther's through four innings and striking out seven.

No. 11 ranked Auburn gave LU a run for its money March 14 as LU fell just short in the tenth, 6-5. LU led Auburn 5-3 going into the ninth but couldn't hold onto the lead.

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Liberty golf team swings into spring season

By Jon Farel, reporter

The Liberty University golf team teed-off its spring season with a successful trip to Florida during spring break.

The Flames started off the busy week with the Florida A&M Springtime Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla. Liberty was at the head of the pack throughout most of the tournament, but fell out of contention during the final round of competition. The Flames finished seventh out of 17 teams in the tournament. Florida A&M, the tournament host, won the tournament.

Liberty then competed in the Embry-Riddle Spring Classic at Daytona Beach Golf Club for a two-day, 36-hole event. The Flames rode the sparkling play of No. 1 player Yong Joo to an impressive second place finish in the 26-team tournament with a total score of 598.

Joo caught fire on the Indigo Lakes and Daytona Municipal Golf Courses and finished in first place individually for his first collegiate victory, firing a four-under par two-day total of 140. Joo was tied with St. John's Andrew Svoboda after both golfers recorded three-under par rounds of 69 on the first day of action.

However, the junior Joo was able to build a three-shot cushion between the Red Storm's leading scorer with a final round of one-under par on the 6,338-yard Daytona Municipal Golf Course.

St. John's blew away the opposition and finished with a 13-over par two day total of 589 (293-296). The Flames fell just nine strokes of the pace with a team total of 598 (302-296).

Liberty's Allen Hill gave major support to the LU cause by posting a two-under par 70 on the final day to finish tied for 19th overall. The Flames also received consistent numbers from James Yoo 76-78-154 and Todd Humrichoser 76-80.

LU football announces new staff members

By DJ Jordan, reporter

New head coach Ken Karcher made a huge stride toward accomplishing his goals with the additions of five new faces within the coaching staff.

Karcher promised two things when he was hired in February. He claimed that the LU football team under his leadership would mature as Christian men and also challenge for the division I-AA championship.

Karcher said that when looking for potential staff he looked for men of God as well as successful resumes on the field who

would fulfill his promises. As an offensive coordinator for the Rhein Fire, of the NFL Europe, Karcher was very successful. His offense lead the league in every offensive statistic.

Although he dominated the league, there was one defensive mind that gave him fits.

That defensive mind, was one of the first coaches that Karcher went after to join his new staff.

Dennis Danielson will be the defensive coordinator after spending the past five years in the NFL Europe league.

Among Danielson's 16 years at the college level, he spent



KEN KARCHER

seven seasons with Liberty's homecoming opponent, Wingate.

"Dennis and I have not worked together before, but we

have worked against each other. I have gained respect for him through competing against one another," Karcher said.

"He will bring an aggressive nature to our defense and is committed to being a Christian role model for young people."

Karcher added more experience to the staff by hiring Ron Estay, the 12-year defensive coordinator from NAIA member Evangel University of Springfield, Mo.

Estay helped guide the Crusaders to conference championships in 1993 and 1997 as well as to numerous NAIA play-

off games.

"Ron is well known around the country as an over-achiever—playing in the pros for nine years on the defensive line and as an All-American at LSU," Karcher said.

Coach Pete Sundheim is the only coach who Karcher kept from last season's staff. Karcher's main reason for keeping Sundheim is his genuine reputation.

"I have heard great things about Pete from day one.

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