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► **SACRIFICING FUN IN THE SUN:** Rather than hitting the beach or going home to see their family, several LU students are going across the globe to share Christ throughout the nations. Read about their upcoming adventures on page 7.

► **CIVIL DISCOURSE:** Liberty hosted the sixth annual Civil War Conference last weekend. To read about the highlights, see page 2.



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► **TUESDAY**
Windy.
High 42, Low 24.



► **WEDNESDAY**
Mostly cloudy.
High 44, Low 30.



► **THURSDAY**
Scattered showers.
High 44, Low 31.



► **FRIDAY**
Scattered showers.
High 45, Low 31.



► **SATURDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 53, Low 33.

ABOUT

► **CAREER NIGHT:** Exercise science professionals will be speaking about opportunities in their field, job responsibilities and educational requirements March 22 in DH 160 at 7 p.m. Call Dr. Horton at ext. 2386 for more information.

► **ALBUM MAKING:** A Creative Memories Class will be held March 22 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Affairs conference room in Building 13. You must reserve a seat by March 8. To do so, call the Dean of Women at ext. 2313. There will be a \$7 materials fee.

► **PAINT BALL TRIP:** Student Life is sponsoring the trip for March 24. You must register and pay by March 9. You may register 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Life Office. The price of \$15 per person includes field rental, gun rental and 100 rounds.

BIG SOUTH CHAMPS FIVE PEAT



ONE MORE TIME — The Lady Flames' basketball team defeated Elon College in the final game of the Big South Championship March 3. This is the fifth straight Big South Conference win for the women's team.

JOHN FISHER

Safety at forefront of concern

By Megan Price, reporter

The safety of students, faculty and staff during the construction of DeMoss is a primary concern for the contractor and the university. Kodiak Constructors, Inc. is not accustomed to working around thousands of students, but supervisors are doing their best to ensure a safe environment for everybody involved and are asking for cooperation from students and staff members.

Kevin Parks, the safety coordinator with Kodiak, stresses the importance of observing barriers. He stated that barriers are in place to provide safety for the students and the faculty must be acknowledged. Construction takes place round the clock, so barriers and

precaution must be observed at all hours.

"When students see a barrier they must stay on the other side of it. Just because it has been knocked down does not mean that it is okay to enter the area," Parks said.

Parks also noted that if cars are not in an area that it is a good indication that the area should be avoided. The scaffolding above entrances to DeMoss has been erected to provide protection for individuals accessing the building and should not be climbed.

Parks has asked that students do not try to use the scaffolding to gain access to the top of the building, as the roof is not secure. With

Safety tips during DeMoss construction

- Observe all barriers—even if they have been knocked down
- Avoid moving equipment
- Respond immediately to fire alarms
- Use nearest door to evacuate entire building
- Aid and encourage others to leave during an alarm
- Stand at a safe distance from building
- Use precautions at all hours
- Keep eyes open for any potential hazards and report them

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Regaining their edge

LU's top varsity team qualifies for the National Debate Tournament

By Angela Nelson, assistant editor

While college basketball has their NCAA tournament in a few weeks, college debate prepares to host its championship on March 29 - April 2. After two years of a no-show at the National Debate Tournament (NDT), the Liberty debate team is finally returning with their top varsity members — Travis Ausland and John Ross.

Ausland and Ross were the second team from their district to qualify for the NDT at the District VII Qualifying Tournament Feb. 23-25. The tournament was held at James Madison University in conjunction with a JV/novice tournament. Liberty novices Elisha Nix and Jeremy Samek won the novice division of the

tournament and earned first and second speakers respectively.

"From the full backing of the university to the instruction of the coaching staff, to every member of the debate team's hard work, this is a great example of what happens when a school is committed to winning," Ausland said.

The district tournament is run slightly different than most tournaments. Each team debates six rounds with two judges in each round — making a total of 12 ballots. The teams with the highest numbers of ballots qualify for the NDT.

This year, eight out of 18 teams qualified. Ausland and Ross earned eight ballots, which put them in second, right after a team from

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ANGELA NELSON

CROSS EXAMINATION — Travis Ausland answers Bill Lawrence's questions during a public debate for Lynchburg's Death Penalty Awareness Week.

Debate participates in Lynchburg's Death Penalty Awareness Week Feb. 20

By Stephanie James, reporter

A series of events gave an opportunity for people to make a sound decision about the removing of Virginia's death penalty. Four of the area colleges participated in the Death Penalty Awareness Week Feb. 17-25.

Liberty held a public debate in the Schilling Center on Feb. 20. LU students and several hundred Lynchburg residents who participated in the week's events attended the debate.

The events dealt with whether Virginia should institute a moratorium or a halt on the death penalty. Lynchburg College, Randolph Macon, Central Virginia Community College and Liberty hosted several events during the week. Liberty was the only school to address the debate from both sides of the issue.

"I hoped that they (the audience) was

informed by both sides," Liberty's Director of Debate Dr. Brett O'Donnell said. He said he wanted the audience to get all the facts before reaching a decision.

Heather Hall and William Lawrence were on the negative side of the issue. Travis Ausland and John Ross were on the affirmative side.

The affirmative argued that Virginia should place a moratorium on the death penalty for several reasons. They said the system was unjust because of the possibility of killing an innocent person. Addition-

ally, they explained how the death penalty was cruel and unusual punishment and should have a moratorium instituted until it is applied in a less vile manner.

The negative argued that a moratorium would make the system unjust. They used the example of an 11 year-old girl who was raped by four men then had her panties stuffed down her throat, saying that it would be unjust for her attackers to go unpunished.

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Jr./Sr. set for April 6

By Mariel Williams, reporter

Start looking for the perfect dress and matching tux — the annual Jr./Sr. class banquet will be held at the Omni-Charlottesville Hotel on April 6. Invitations have been sent to all juniors and seniors (those who have completed 48 or more credit hours).

The theme of this year's banquet is "What Dreams May Come," and the colors for the night will be navy blue and silver. Pictures will be taken in the hotel at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The menu will feature a dual entrée of chicken francaise and sliced sirloin, served with fresh vegetables, potatoes, rice, and cheesecake for dessert. The after-dinner entertainment will be provided by comedian Jeff Allen.

The Jr./Sr. is being organized by senior class President Glen Rininger, junior class President Matthew Ousdahl, junior class Vice President Chad Klakring, senior class Vice President LeeAnn Livesay, Executive Secretary Bindu Balan, and Director of Special Projects for Student Affairs Carrie Dunbar.

"This year's Jr./Sr. is going to be great. We are working hard to make this the best banquet we've ever had. We are very excited about everything we've got so far. Things are working out really well with everything falling into place," Livesay said.

The organizers of this year's event have tried to make this banquet have a different atmosphere from past Junior-Seniors. "We wanted to give it a new flair... We wanted to make it new for the people who may have gone last year," Dunbar said.

Among other things, the location, memorabilia, and the planned after-dinner activities have been changed. Past Jr./Sr.'s have generally been held at the Hotel Roanoke. With the switch to Charlottesville, Livesay said that most students should have no trouble finding the Omni-Charlottesville Hotel, which is situated in front of the Ice Station.

Another change is in the commemorative

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LU hosts seminar on the Civil War

By Mariel Williams, reporter

LU held its fifth annual Civil War Seminar March 2-3. The theme of this year's seminar was "The Home Front." It focused on the hardship suffered by civilians in the South during the American Civil War.

Dr. Cline Hall, chairman of the history department, and Professor Kenny Rowlette, organized the seminar. Senior history major Delanie Rowlette served as hostess for the event.

Friday evening began with Hall's introduction of the speakers and the main topic. Hall said that while much scholarship has been devoted to the military aspects of the war, less attention is given to the lives of ordinary people. This seminar attempted to change that.

"The Jacket of Gray," a poem read by Delanie Rowlette, gave a first-person account of the grief felt by the families of dead soldiers.

After Delanie Rowlette's short piece, Professor Rowlette announced a new award being offered by the LU history department — the Howard Paine/Robert K. Rowlette Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of the Civil War — and presented a fully operative replica of an 1848 .31 caliber ladies' pistol to his daughter, Delanie. Professor Rowlette suggested she use it "whenever you're in a position where you need to defend yourself, your honor or the cause."

The Friday evening sessions focused on Mary Boykin Chesnut, a celebrated Civil War diarist. Dr. Elisabeth Muhlenfeld, president of Sweet Briar College, read several excerpts from Chesnut's diaries. Muhlenfeld said that the diaries give a rare glimpse into the thoughts and feelings of a Victorian-era southerner, because they were not written for the general public.

The final session Friday evening featured an hour-long



JASON NALDRETT

REMEMBERING HISTORY — Civil War era music was performed and monologues were read at the Civil War Seminar held March 2-3 at David's Place.

monologue by actress Chris Weatherhead, entitled "The War! According to Mary Chesnut."

Weatherhead, recounted the experiences of the war from the perspective of a wealthy, influential Confederate. "I wanted you to know what really happened... there is so much misinformation in your generation," she said.

The seminar continued Saturday morning with two presentations exploring the home front theme through the experiences of two particular Virginia towns.

John Metz lectured on Petersburg. Local author and historian Patrick Schroeder told

of the part that Appomattox played in the war.

After a brief break, Colonel Keith Gibson, executive director of museum programs for the Virginia Military Institute and the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park, and his wife, Pat Gibson, sang and played several pieces of music from the Civil War era. "Music was vital to the home front... but also it inspired [the soldiers]... We've studied the music of this period because of the role it played in the struggle," Col. Gibson said. At the end of their concert, the audience joined them in singing "Dixie."

Snavelly speaks to women at TRBC

By Diana Bell, news editor

The fifth annual Central Virginia Women's Conference was held March 3 at Thomas Road Baptist Church with approximately 675 women in attendance.

Music was a big part of the conference. Natasha Lowry was the worship leader. A trio made up of three Liberty graduates — Tajuana Guthrie, Rachel Snider and Jessica Cole — sang with Lowry. Krista Weygand, host of "The Master's Music," a half hour television music program on TCT network in Concord, N. C., also sang at the conference.

Sandy Snavelly, the speaker for the event, started off the first session by saying, "I have prayed for you ladies for a year, so your faces are so precious to me." Snavelly bowed to pray before every session.

Snavelly told about her childhood in Chicago. Her father was an abusive alcoholic. She said they were a "well-known" family — in the police department and school counseling office.

The family moved to California to get away from their troubles, but lived in fear of their future every day. Her mother had a nervous breakdown and had to be put into a mental institution. Snavelly herself was suicidal at the age of 8.

She was saved at 14, thanks to her friend Laura telling her about Jesus' love at school.

Snavelly used two illustrations in the first session.

The first one was the story of Cinderella, only with Jesus being the prince.

The next illustration was of a baby being perfectly contoured to its mother's womb. Snavelly said that's what Christians should look

like. "Our hearts fit perfectly in God's heart. He loves us and misses us when we're not there," Snavelly explained.

The second session began with Shari Falwell and Patricia Campbell each singing.

Snavelly spoke on marriage, children and being a homemaker in the second session. She said the topics apply to everyone.

Snavelly told of how she was married at the age of 17 to a man who did not love God. God worked in their marriage and they have now been married for 36 years and have two grown children.

In talking about marriage, Snavelly compared it to a mirror. "Marriage is intended to reflect the tri-unity of God. It is to show the world what God can do through two people that love Him."

Snavelly talked of how the home should be a harbor of safety, an office for character production, a model for wisdom and an expression of Heaven.

"Marriage, children and home show the world that the work of God works," Snavelly said.

Many women went to the altar to pray for their homes.

The third session was about the lack of a passionate love for the church today. Snavelly said that there is too much of the world in the church and not enough church in the world.

"We need to love the church and guard it with our lives," Snavelly said.

Snavelly saw the Lord work in the hearts of the ladies who attended the conference. "God has broken and rebuilt hearts," Snavelly said.

Snavelly said she wanted women to walk away from the conference with "a heart renewed with a great passion for God."

Safety: Students should heed fire alarms in DeMoss

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the construction, students and faculty can expect to hear more fire alarms than usual but the alarms should not be ignored.

David Caswell, assistant director of field operations, is responsible for university safety programs. He is concerned that students are not responding to the alarms.

Caswell noted that the construction would trip the fire alarms, but that the potential for an actual fire is increased as well. "They must

respond immediately to the alarm and exit the entire building, not just the room," Caswell said.

The alarms are not drills. There are no fire drills scheduled during construction — each alarm must be taken seriously. The alarms are the only way to evacuate the building in the event of a fire or any other hazard.

Individuals are to stand a "safe distance" from the building after it is evacuated to avoid any heat or fumes that might be given off. It is also important that the routes for emergency vehicles are kept clear.

Caswell is asking that individuals observe these standards and remain at a safe distance until the LUPD releases them to return to the building. He also stated that just because the alarm is silenced does not mean that the building can be re-entered.

Three alarms have gone off in the library and Russ File, the Information Services librarian, is afraid that students in the library are not reacting fast enough. "If the alarms go off too often the students will have a crying-wolf reaction," File said.

File is mostly concerned about the students at the computers. He

stated that they were the last to leave their work during the alarms. Students who are in the library at the time of a fire alarm are encouraged to use the emergency exits located at the rear of the library.

The emergency doors are intended for use during all alarms or evacuations. Students, faculty, and staff are also being asked to keep their eyes open for anything that they believe has potential danger.

If anyone sees "obstructions or tripping hazards," they are asked to call the Liberty work order line at ext. 7650 or Caswell at ext. 2639.

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NDT: Debate prepares for national tournament in three weeks

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Georgetown University with 12 ballots. For the individual speaker awards, Ross placed fifth and Ausland was sixth.

"Before the tournament Travis and I were of course a little nervous, but once we got into it and started winning rounds, we gained more confidence," Ross said. "Qualifying was a goal that we have been working towards for a long time."

Laura Gall and Zach Gautier also tried to qualify. They ended up 12th with six ballots, making them the third alternate from District VII.

In JV, Scott Jones and Steve Trask placed third in the tournament. Trask was awarded third speaker and Jones was sixth.

Novices Mike Detmer and Jared Yeoman earned third place in the novice division and received eighth and ninth speakers respectively.

Two tournaments await the JV and novice, as they will compete in the JV national tournament at Towson State University March 9-11 and then at the American Debate Association (ADA) national tournament March 16-18. The varsity will also debate at the ADA tournament and will then have 10 days to prepare for the NDT.

The NDT will be held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas this year. In addition to Ausland and Ross, Liberty debate will also bring several JV and novice members to help research and scout out other teams' affirmative and negative strategies.

Samek is one of the team members who will accompany Ausland and Ross to the NDT. "I think it will be a good learning experience because I will get to observe all of the top debaters in the country," he said, adding that he planned to do all he could to help his teammates.

"Travis and John are the duo that will bring us to the gold." With two people alone, it would be very difficult to gather in-depth research on every aspect of this year's topic. This is why the entire squad functions as a whole. Each debater is assigned separate issues to gather information on and share with the team.

"It's a relief to be back at the NDT after three years — it's a big step for our program and we're already starting to prepare for the next three weeks," Head Coach Mike Hall said.

"Given the performance that we've had the second semester, we expect that John and Travis should be able to do well at the NDT."

Junior Hahnlen dies during surgery

Amanda Elizabeth Hahnlen, a 20-year-old LU student, died Feb. 24, 2001 after a 14-hour surgery intended to debulk brain tumors.

Hahnlen was diagnosed with two non-malignant brain tumors in December 1999.

"Amanda and I had talked about what might happen and she was perfectly at peace, whatever the outcome. I grieve over the loss of my daughter, so sweet and courageous. But she is better off than I," Dr. Lee Hahnlen said.

An excerpt from Amanda's

journal read "The Lord gifted me with a disease that, while the cause of many obvious and emotionally draining hindrances, remained hidden for eighteen years. I say a gift because without this blessed disease I would still be a child in my walk...But thank you God, I am not. By the blessed grace that surpasses all understanding I have learned how to love my Savior. Pain is part of the peeling and healing process."

Amanda is survived by her parents; her brother, Joshua; her grandparents; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jr./Sr.: Tickets on sale

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gifts. For many years, guests at the Jr./Sr. have received decorative flute glasses as a remembrance. This year, the planning committee has something different in mind, but they have chosen to keep quiet about the details.

As yet, no final decision has been reached regarding after dinner activities. However, as the organizing committee is eager to prevent a repeat of last year's disappointing ice-skating party (very few people showed up), there will be a variety of choices

offered, to suit the tastes of as many people as possible.

The price is \$27 per person. Tickets will be on sale through April 2, and can be purchased Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SGA satellite office across from the bookstore. Tickets will be sold in the Marriott from 4-7 p.m.

An information sheet will be given out to all who buy tickets. It will provide directions to the Omni Charlottesville Hotel, evening dress tips and information on sales at local clothing stores, a menu, and picture information.

SGA passes 4 bills

By LeeAnn Livesay, reporter

SGA President, Roy Simmons, delivered his "State of the University" address March 1 during the weekly senate meeting.

The senate rules were suspended, allowing the president to come into the senate chamber. Simmons' speech focused on SGA being leaders on the campus and thanked them for working so hard this year.

Simmons began his address by showing senators a copy of the Liberty Way and reading what it has to say about senate. He focused on one phrase: "Student involvement is the key to personal growth and campus vitality."

Simmons reiterated the vision that he campaigned on, "a commitment to excellence." This vision, he said, "is seen in SGA's commitment to character, communication and consistency."

Simmons said that SGA had been successful this year in getting bills passed through senate. He said he appreciates all the hard work that senate has put into this year. He thanked senators for their willingness to serve the student body. "I am looking forward to the rest of the semester working hard with [Senate]," Simmons said.

Simmons concluded his address announcing the nominations to the election committee. The faculty representatives are Mark Hine, vice president for student affairs, and Dr. Bruce Bell, dean of the school of business and government. His three student representatives were all confirmed moments later when senate got down to business.

Senate voted on the three nominees for the election committee. The first to be confirmed was Julie Thompson. Then Sandy Parker and Aaron Dise, were also confirmed by unanimous consent.

Three nominees for the student court were also brought before the floor to be confirmed. The first nominee was senior Rebekah Meador, to replace Mark Murrell as Chief Justice.

Meador realizes that this is an important job and it is necessary to uphold the Liberty Way. She says that her job is "quality control." Meador was confirmed with minor dissent.

Michael Foreman and Alden Faye were both also confirmed as justices. Faye described his main goal as "giving students more of a voice in the affairs of the administration." He wants to function in the line of communication between student

and the administration. After all the nominees were confirmed, senate brought several bills to the floor.

Jarod Blaney and Mark Murrell wrote a bill providing for a sidewalk between the circle and P-17, also known as "the pit." The bill proposes that the sidewalk between dorms 27 and 28 be extended along the intramural fields to the senior dorms. Several amendments were proposed on the bill, changing the wording of one of the resolutions. Finally, the bill was passed with only one person abstaining.

Blaney proposed another bill, the "Blaney Financial Consideration Act." This bill, if signed by the administration, would require the university to announce an increase in tuition, room and board or any additional fees, at least six months in advance. This bill passed unanimously with little debate.

Michael See proposed a bill changing Marriott's hours to 7

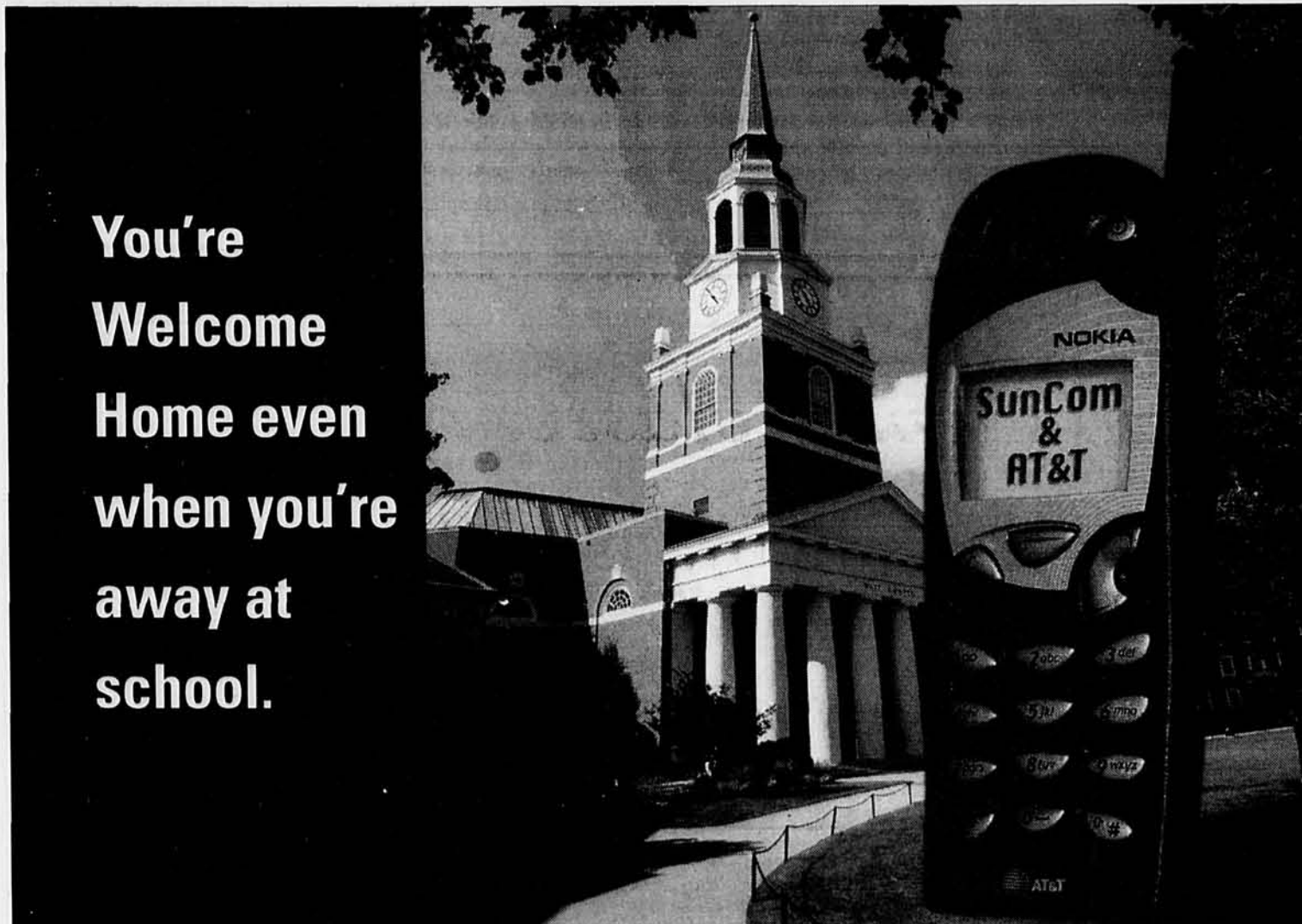
a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Senator Matt Berg used a quote from Liberty Chancellor Dr. Jerry

Falwell to support the bill. "Dr. Falwell says all the time, 'If it's Christian, it ought to be better.' So, if cafeterias in secular schools stay open until 10 p.m., ours can at least stay open until 7:30." The bill did pass senate with only minor dissent.

The last bill in this session was the "Murrell-Tate SLD Scholarship Act." This bill would increase the scholarship of SLDs meeting specific qualifications from \$300 to \$500 a semester. Under this bill, to apply for the increased scholarship, SLDs would have to maintain a 2.5 GPA, have been a prayer leader at sometime, have three letters of recommendation from students on their hall, two letters of recommendation from faculty and be evaluated by their RAs.

Under the stipulations of the bill, the increased scholarship would not take effect until Liberty could afford it. However, according to Carl Tate, co-author of the bill, the money is already there. Dr. Danny Lovett, the VP of spiritual life, said they are already considering raising scholarships for both RAs and SLDs.

Senators offered several friendly amendments (amendments changing grammar and spelling, but do not change context) to the bill and then voted on the bill, passing it with minor dissent.



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LU's Modern Day Hero

March's Hero Award Recipient, Susie Shade



ANGELA NELSON

By Tim Asimos, reporter

Susie Shade has been chosen as LU's Modern Day Hero for March. Dean Joshua Brown will present her the award in convocation on March 7, recognizing the dedication and devotion she has given her students over the four years she has taught special education at Liberty University.

LU students nominated Shade for the outstanding devotion and love that she shows to her students. One student said that she is "a true meaning for a role model" and is "what a Christian women is supposed to look and act like."

Shade has a passion for special education, as she considers it her ministry and her love. "Teaching is a ministry and a calling. God says people who teach will have to answer for a lot," Shade said, emphasizing the importance of her job and the reason for her devotion.

Shade was born in Winchester, Va. to strong Christian parents. She was one of four daughters. Her dad was a scholar of the Bible, studying commentaries and conducting Bible studies and prison ministry.

He worked most of his life as a grocery store clerk, having only finished the sixth

grade. Her mom was a hospital receptionist and a faithful "prayer warrior," taking an active role in the church as well. Shade's mom taught her to walk by faith not by sight.

She had a happy childhood, hearing stories of harder times from her grandparents, and living in the same house and attending the same church all along.

Shade gave her life to the Lord at the age of 7 in Grace Brethren Church in Winchester. She had many adult role models within her family growing up who instilled character and work ethic in her.

Shade's parents taught her to respect authority and be one who stays true to their word. They taught her to work to feel good about oneself, not just to get a paycheck.

She attended Grace College in Indiana where she received a B.S. in elementary education, working as a substitute and teacher's aide to put herself through college. After college she worked in a factory for income.

She then spent 10 years in the public school system as a teacher. She received her master's degree from Lynchburg College, where she is now enrolled in the Doctoral program and

about halfway done.

She has been married to her husband Doug for 29 years, whom she "loves more today than the day she married him." Doug is a loving father and wonderful provider who has demonstrated a wonderful work ethic. She has a daughter, Hannah, who is a senior at Liberty studying communications.

The point Shade hopes to get across to her students is that God does not make mistakes. Even though people do not always understand why, in time they grow to understand that special children are a blessing in disguise.

Very few colleges have programs for disabled children and even fewer of them are Christian colleges. Shade's concern is that Liberty isn't at the forefront of this, because after all, God loves and cares for these children and so should Christians.

Shade has learned in life that the key to peace and joy is to stay close to the Lord and be controlled by Him. She understands she will not be everyone's favorite teacher, but her hope and prayer is to make an impact on as many as she can and be there for those who are hurting and those who need her help.

Students exposed to missions

By Rachel Coleman, reporter

Missions Emphasis Week, Feb. 18-23, was a week during which many students made decisions that will affect the rest of their lives.

During Monday's convocation, Bill Harding, IV, spoke on how we "must not deny people are lost without Christ" and that "Christ is the only way." Harding urged students to come forward and allow God to use them in ministry.

Harding and his wife Grace are missionaries to Ethiopia with SIM. His father has been a missionary to Ethiopia since 1954, and was also at Liberty during Missions Emphasis Week. Harding also urged students to contribute to a special offering collected during Friday's convocation that would be sent to the Uduk people in Ethiopia.

The Uduk people are refugees from Sudan, who are currently homeless without electricity and running water. Students contributed \$4,000 to the Uduk Relief Project, according to John Balmer, Jr., director for the Center for World Missions.

Monday night of Missions Emphasis Week continued with panel discussions.

Each panel had several missionaries who spoke briefly about themselves and their individual experiences. Following this, the students and faculty attending the panel discussion asked questions about their ministry, the countries they were representing or the people group they were targeting in their respective countries.

"I really appreciated it. Dr. Balmer made it a point to include everyone, not just those who were missionaries to Islamic countries, but also the Buddhist missionary," senior Amanda Coate said. Coate thinks it was wise for them to do that because of how popular Buddhism and Islam are becoming.

Tuesday afternoon brought the Ladies' Tea in David's Place, where female students were given food and the chance to sit and talk with a missionary in a country or area of interest to them.



ALEXANDER HARPER

SEEKING INFORMATION — Students had the opportunity to speak with missionaries from all over the world during Ministry Emphasis Week Feb. 18-23.

Three women then participated in a character sketch. Barb McAllister, June Nilsen and Kim Hall brought the characters of Lottie Moon, Mary Moffat and Helen Roseveare to life. One by one they were asked questions and told the ladies' testimony of life as a missionary.

Following the character sketches, Judy Bowman, founder of Wheel Power Christian Cyclists, led the worship.

Grace Harding then gave her testimony. She told of how she had had a hard time leaving for Ethiopia and an even harder time once she arrived there.

Mrs. Harding went on to share how difficult she had found her first few weeks, and even years in Ethiopia. But she said that "the Lord knew exactly what he was doing," and now thinks of her life as "a rich kaleidoscope of friendships with both Ethiopians and fellow missionaries."

Wednesday morning Dr. Burnam, of Prison Ministries International, spoke at convocation.

Dr. Jerry Spencer, president of Christian Life Foundation, followed him in the evening service. Dr. Spencer exhibited a unique style of preaching as he began to sing to such songs as "Love Lifted Me" and "Ship Ahoy."

Spencer spoke passionately about missions and assurance of

salvation. Of himself, Spencer said, "I'm so saved I could ride through the pits of hell on a tricycle and beat the devil to death with a snowball!"

Missions Emphasis Week was brought to a close with Friday's convocation in which the students were again urged to allow themselves to be used of God in ministry.

Through the week, 85-100 students came forward in response, and approximately 62 filled out the response cards, according to Balmer. The response cards listed such things as decisions to go on short-term or long-term mission trips and decisions to take missions classes.

The purpose of Missions Emphasis Week was to "increase missions awareness in all aspects," Charly Chittum said.

Balmer's prayer for the week was that God would speak to the campus about missions and that the mission speaker would fit with the students.

Overall, Balmer feels "very good" about the week and said that they have decided to start a missions club to continue the work and effect MEW has had on LU's campus. The club is open to students who are serious about going into the mission field. If students are interested in joining this club, they should contact Chittum at the Missions office.

Penalty: Debaters address issue

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to die Sept. 15. The affirmative argued with the negative that killing someone who might be eventually proven innocent was unjust.

The affirmative asserted that the death penalty is not perfect so a moratorium should be implemented.

Virginia is the only state that has the 21-day rule. The 21-day rule states that if there is new evidence brought forth it must be presented within 21 days. The evidence used said that of the 83 people who were released from death row because they were later found to be innocent, only 10 were released on DNA evidence.

The rest were released on

physical evidence. This line of reasoning was to prove that the changes in the 21-Day rule in Virginia were not enough.

The affirmative claimed that Virginia enforces the death penalty in a racist way citing evidence to show that if the victim is black, the murderer will not get the death penalty, but if the victim is white, they will.

At the conclusion of Liberty's debate, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions.

Chris Barrett, a member of the death penalty committee at Lynchburg College said that Virginia is second in the nation in killing people.

A man spoke at Lynchburg

College who was on death row in Louisiana and was recently released because of his innocence.

"If he would have lived in Virginia he would be dead," Barrett said.

The other events at the other three area colleges included a mock trial performed at Randolph Macon College, experiences from others on the death penalty and opinions about the death penalty from guest speakers.

There was a discussion about John Artis and co-defendant Rubin "Hurricane" Carter who were released from three life terms 20 years later after the legal system found the evidence was tainted in the original trial.

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Students finding the power in prayer

By Julieanna Outten, reporter

With extra emphasis on the importance of prayer this semester, many Liberty students have decided to become part of a group of people committed to prayer. From all-day, every-day campus-wide prayer to dorm prayer break-fasts, students are seeking God in new ways.

The campus pastor's office is sponsoring the all-day prayer. This activity allows for prayer to occur 24-hours a day on campus. Each dorm is assigned one or two days this semester to pray.

"If we want to see God at work in our lives and in our

nation, there has to be a group of people who make prayer priority," Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson said.

The response from students has been good. "A lot of SLDs are surprised by how well it is going," Jonathan Brewin, a first semester graduate student and assistant to Carson, said. He said they have not had much difficulty getting volunteers to pray during each time slot.

"I've been a firm believer that apart from the Lord you can do nothing—see John 15," Carson said. He believes that some of the responses in convocation, including more than 100 surrendering to missions, are a result of the prayers that have proceeded.

The goal at Liberty is to have each student prayed for by name everyday. This is ideally accomplished by the RAs praying for SLDs, SLDs praying for prayer leaders, and prayer leaders praying for those in their group daily.

Many dorms have begun to organize specific prayer times. "The SLDs and a few other men from Dorm 18-2 have been faithful to rise and pray at 6:30 every Monday through Friday morning since the beginning of the school year.

"Lots of prayers have been answered and we're developing relationships with the guys," SLD Jason Williams said. He said they could make a big list of the prayers God has answered,

ranging from healing of cancer to job openings.

Some of the leadership members in Dorm 28-2 pray for all the women on their hall every Thursday morning at 6:30. "We want to see spiritual growth in our girls. We have to be an example first; prayer is the way to obtain that goal," SLD Paula Griffin said.

These are just some examples of ways students at Liberty are deciding to make prayer a priority in their lives and expecting God to use their prayers. There are likely many more examples of this dedication to prayer throughout the campus but are known only in a secret, quiet place.

The Price is Right

Dear Price,
With Spring Break just around the bend, I need to know what I can do to catch the women's attention while I am on the beach.

Sincerely,
Beach Bum



CHRIS PRICE

Dear Beach Bum,
Spring Break is a time where you definitely want to look the best you can. The first thing you need to make sure of is that your swimsuit is flattering. I know when it was January and there was snow on the ground you made the promise that you would be in shape by Spring Break. We all make those promises to ourselves, but very few people stick with it. I don't think I have run since I graduated from high school. The only way that I am going to start running is if something is chasing me. Then I might break into a slight jog. If you look all right, then you have to find the perfect suit. No matter what your roommates tell you, Speedos are not the new cool thing to wear to the beach. Leave the Speedos to old, fat, hairy, European guys.

If you want to stand out while on Spring Break, do not bleach your hair. Ninety-nine percent of the guys on break will have dye jobs that look like Billy Idol and Eminem had a child together. Go with the hair that God gave you. One last thing you can do to stand out is remember you're a Liberty student, so stay sober. The girls will be impressed with your ability to talk to them for more than two minutes before you either throw up or pass out. Have a safe and fun Spring Break. -Price

Dear Price,
I want to nominate someone for the modern day hero award, but I am having trouble picking out just one person. Who would you suggest?
Sincerely,
Agonizing choice

Dear Agonizing choice,
There are so many deserving faculty and staff that deserve that award. Choosing just one is nearly impossible. I have decided to make it easier for you. So as not to upset any deserving faculty, the next modern day hero award should go to me — Chris Price. I have many characteristics that make me a hero.

First of all it takes a hero to wear the hairstyle that I sport every day. My hair looks like someone found a bird's nest on the ground and glued it to my head. When it's a little shorter I look like a white Don King.

Another reason that I should be nominated for the award is because I survived the great Golden Corral crash of 2001. There I was getting ready to really test the phrase all-you-can-eat, when a car crashes through the front. The restaurant was filled with elderly people, so it was up to this advice columnist to spring into action. I rushed in and checked on the blue hairs to make sure everyone was okay. I was pulling tables off people, checking on folks and trying to down pieces of fried chicken all at the same time. Luckily no one was too seriously hurt — no thanks to one family that didn't move the whole time — instead they just went about eating their food. It didn't matter that there was a Cadillac in the building, there were mashed potatoes to eat. I figured these people must be related to me since they chose to eat rather than avoid danger.

Okay, maybe I don't deserve to win any awards, but there are plenty of true heroes that teach us every day. Almost the entire faculty deserves an award, so honor that special person. -Price

Chris Price is an advice columnist for the Liberty Champion. To submit questions, students should type out their question, name and phone number and drop it off in the letter to the Editor box next to the Champion office in DeMoss 110. The Champion reserves the right to accept, reject or edit any questions.

Engagement Announcement



Kari Sanders & Aaron T. Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sanders announce the engagement of their daughter Kari to Aaron T. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox.

The bride-elect will graduate in May 2001 with a degree in elementary education. The groom-elect will graduate in May 2001 with a degree in business marketing.

The couple will wed on July 6, 2001, in Lynchburg, Va.

Youth alumni awards given

By Diana Bell, news editor

The Founder's Award and Alumni of the Year Award was given out in convocation Feb. 21.

Tony Philpott, youth ministry professor, presented the Alumni of the Year award to Barry Rice.

Rice graduated from Liberty in 1990 with an undergraduate degree in business management. He then obtained his M.A.R. (Master of Arts in Religion) in youth ministries. While at Liberty, he founded the Firm Foundation program. He is now a middle school youth pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Being presented with the award meant a lot to Rice. "LU means a lot to me because it was here that I was saved, it was here that I was called to ministry and it was here that I met my wife. Being honored by this

university — my family and home — is really special," Rice said.

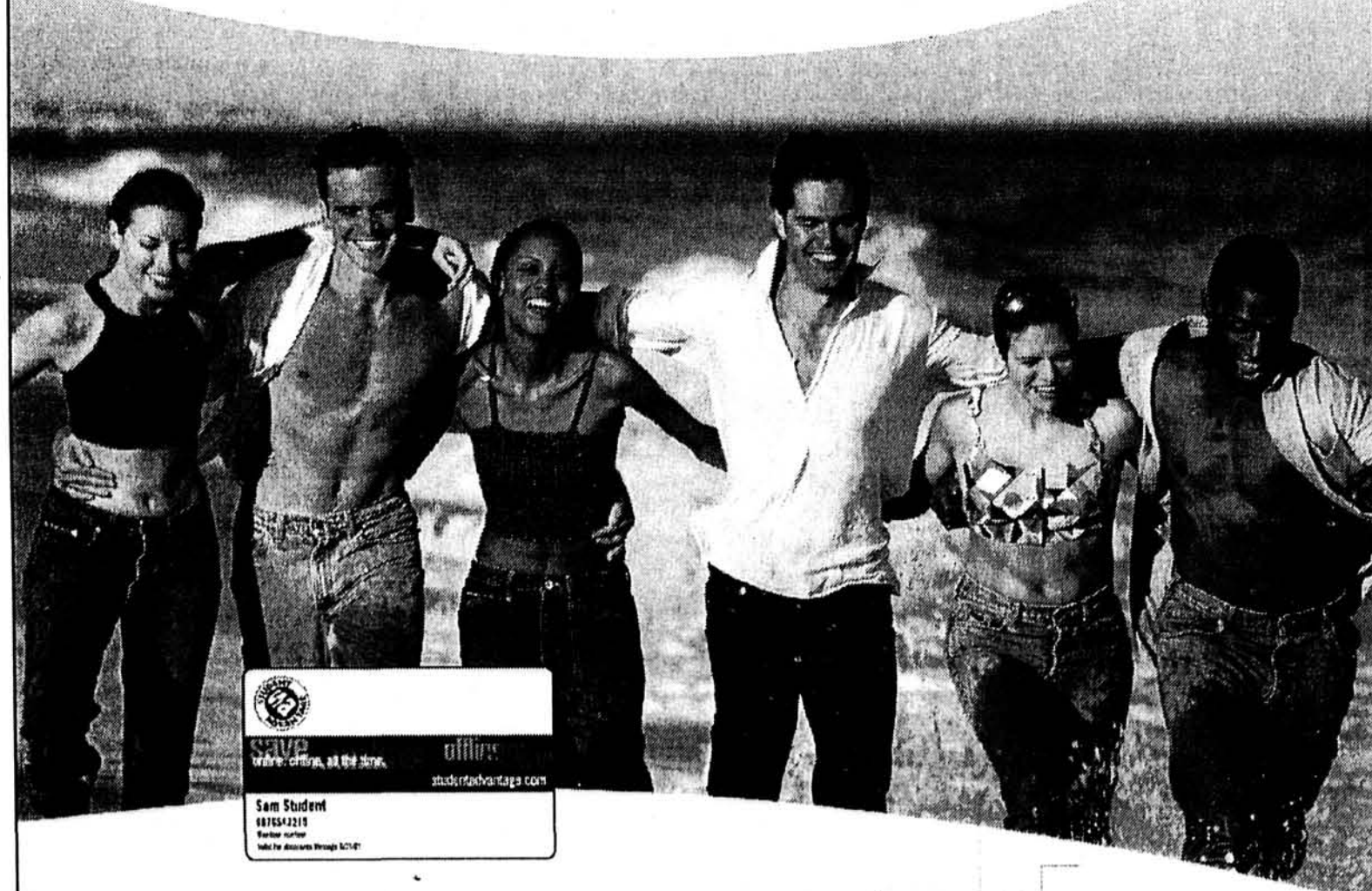
Steve Vandegriff, youth ministry professor, presented the Founder's Award to Kevin Cher.

Cher will graduate in May with a degree in youth ministry. He participated in YouthQuest for four years. He is now working as a youth intern at Hyland Heights Baptist Church. His future plans are to obtain his Master's degree in counseling and become a children's pastor and family counselor.

Cher did not expect to receive the award. "It is very humbling. It's been an honor to be a part of the Center for Youth Ministry — to be able to serve with ministers of adolescents," Cher said.

Dr. Vukich, Philpott and Vandegriff made the decision on who the recipients would be.

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Broadening Our Horizons

Last week's Wednesday convocation in the Vines Center was a special chapel service. With cameras rolling, the student body of Liberty University was brought closer together and joined by many members of the faculty and staff that usually are not in convocation. As well, the regular set up of convocation, which includes a pushed back platform and standard blue curtain, was transformed to a stately and exciting environment. The platform presence was improved and arranged to imitate a Super Conference service. A special musical guest assisted the campus pastors' staff in praise and worship and then offered a few special musical numbers. Chancellor Jerry Falwell brought the message on our vision here at Liberty and a traditional invitation was given. Dr. Falwell's message out of Deuteronomy embraced the vision that Liberty is all about.

The taping of convocation was for a documentary to be aired by the Old Time Gospel Hour to present to the world outside of Liberty a taste of what it is like to be in convocation on a regular Wednesday. The convocation was also to be used as a recruitment tool for LU, and show prospective students the excitement that accompanies our convocation services. The taping will provide a wonderful window of opportunity for those outside the Liberty community.

Tearing the roof off DeMoss

Certainly the ongoing DeMoss Hall construction is yielding some problems for students, faculty and administration. The lake of liquid clay surrounding DeMoss Hall like a medieval castle moat and the newly ventilated sections of our beloved primary learning facility in the last few weeks have been something other than enjoyable for those maneuvering around the building day to day. The rapidly changing landscape of DeMoss Hall now resembles a war torn European country rather than the center of higher education on our campus.

With a complete shutdown of the DeMoss Hall parking lot after spring break for construction purposes, the hassles of parking should begin to mount. Not to mention, the time to trek to and from various points of learning will be expanded. Additionally, the levels of construction related stress and discomfort should begin to peak with the arrival of the inevitable precipitation that comes during the spring season in Drenchburg.

Yet, out of these complicated times it is possible for LU students to find some point to shine brightly. As the parking situation is further curtailed and little blue diamonds begin to propagate in the P1 and Marriott parkinglot, we should do our best to realize that in order to see growth and improvement, there, many times, must be some discomforts that accompany them.

These discomforts can either be dealt with as sources of extreme frustration or simply minor inconveniences in our daily paths. We as a student body should make a concerted effort to look for the upside to this situation, and refrain from easy pessimism.

It will soon be the first day for the newly renovated academic nerve center to begin accepting its first strands of degree seeking academics. Moreover, as they go into the new DeMoss Hall it will seem like far in the past when the hassles of construction were experienced. Look forward to that day when each student at Liberty can enjoy a world class facility that is more than adequate to meet all his learning needs.

Quote of the week

"Keep a close watch on all you do and think. Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others."

-1 Timothy 4:16

So Clinton's a criminal...get over it

There often comes a time in life when we must learn to accept the reality of a situation and then simply move on. Even when we are certain that we could bring about justice or change we feel is necessary, it is sometimes better to let it go. Such is a lesson that could be learned on Capitol Hill these days.

When Bill Clinton left office not too long ago, there was no doubt in many Americans' minds that we were finally ridding ourselves of perhaps the most corrupt administration the White House had seen in recent decades. It seems that almost from day one the Clintons sought to destroy all that was decent and honorable about the presidency. And, never ones to disappoint, they left much like the way they came in—trouncing over any and every ethical guideline they could find.

In the weeks that have passed since the Clinton departure, many revelations have surfaced which would appear to prove that even to the very end, this administration was not terribly consumed by seeking to do that which is right. Some of the dismal highlights include:

- The pardoning of people not based on

their actual innocence or remarkable rehabilitation, but rather due to the amount of money they could contribute to various Clinton causes.

- The success of both Bill and Hillary's siblings in convincing their big brother or sister to seek a pardon for random persons who just happened to be paying those siblings in the high six figures.

- The Clinton's "accidentally" moving federally-owned furniture from the White House to their home in New York and Hillary "accidentally" forgetting to claim (as required by law), any of the thousands of dollars in gifts she has amassed over the past few years.

Those are just some of the ways we know the Clintons are just as down-and-dirty as they have always been thought to be.

However, that is no excuse for continuing to waste time and money complaining about them. With the exception of Sen. Hillary, the Clintons are gone from D.C. and are no longer able to ruin our nation with their self-serving approach to governing. And, with Hillary's approval currently hovering at around 22 percent, we may not have to worry about her after this term expires.

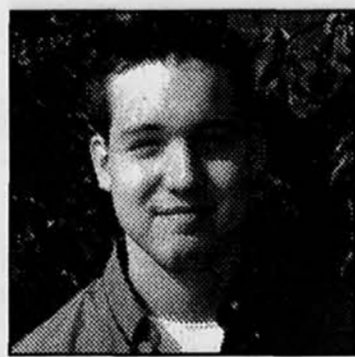
But the blood-thirsty republicans in congress don't seem to be satisfied with

the Clinton's departure. They would rather have committees, investigations, hearings and all other sorts of non-sensical procedures which will produce nothing other than wasted time and money. Some senators, such as Arlen Specter from Pennsylvania, have even raised the idea of possibly impeaching Clinton, even after his administration has ended, as a way of stripping him of his presidential pension.

Why can we not just move on? Anyone with a shred of intelligence realizes that not only are investigations likely to fail to make right any violations Clinton made, but they are also an enormous distraction from the business these lawmakers are supposed to be concentrating on in the first place. With a new president, who by the way is doing so well, I'd like him to go ahead and stay president until I'm old enough to run, congress has the opportunity to bring about real changes.

Lowering taxes, fixing our education system, boosting our military—those are goals much more worthwhile and sensible than trying to teach Mr. Clinton a lesson.

Like parents of an unruly child that finally figure out all they can do is pray for their wayward kid, so should republicans drop their push to continually discipline our former president. There's lots to be done, but when they are too busy trying to fix the unfixable and teach the unteachable, not too many accomplishments will come our way.



billmurray

Leaving no room for the imagination

Most of us catch spring fever when the first chill-breaking warm front sails in after a long winter. The signs of spring are familiar everywhere, from the emergence of tulips and daffodils awakened from their seasonal slumber to the sun-bathing calves seen along country hillsides.

It seems that animals and humans share in the consequences of spring fever. For instance, you may notice that when the temperature begins to rise, large chunks of fur disappear from your dog's back and small, fur tumble weeds appear rolling throughout your home. It's called shedding, and both kingdoms seem to share in the phenomenon—dogs tend to shed their fur and humans shed their clothes.

I should probably be more specific and say that many Liberty University females have the most in common with their canine friends when it comes to shuffling off their winter coats. I've been here long enough to know what is coming after spring break.

It is almost as if some girls have a mentality something like, "Yes! It's finally warm enough to exchange those knee-high go-go boots, this bulky sweater and tight leather pants and skirt for that sheer summer skirt and a two-sizes-too-small tank top."

Spring and summer are my favorite seasons. I love the warm weather and lying out on the beach, but what I don't like is the free market of flesh that I described above. There is a difference between wearing something that is comfortable, yet flattering, and wearing something that sells just about everything that you own.

Some of you reading may just shrug me off and tell me that green just isn't my

color, but I thought about that and I really don't have anything to be envious of. I do feel sorry for all of the young men who are striving to be godly leaders, but keep getting distracted.

It's no wonder most girls complain that a good man is hard to find. Why hinder the growth of our already limited male reserve? Ask yourself, how much time do

I spend worrying about my looks versus my character? And how important is the physical to me in light of its temporary nature? When you sow to the flesh, you reap the flesh (Gal. 6:8).

My intent in this article is not to judge Liberty women or be "holier than thou," but as a Christian, I am called to restore my brother or sister when in trespasses (Gal. 6:1). My main concern is for the men on our campus. The Bible tells us to seek the good of others, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Cor. 10:24, Rom. 12:10), and make no provision for the flesh (Rom. 13:14).

I have heard the reasoning that the body is not what is sinful, but it is the person's heart (Matt. 15:18). But what kind of person is going to consciously parade something that she knows will cause her brother to stumble?

This is a very serious question, why else would the Bible devote a noticeable amount of text to the topic of avoiding the seductive woman? In Proverbs 7:10-27, Solomon describes to his son the story of a man who fell into the hand of an immoral woman.

He describes her as wearing the attire of a harlot, having a crafty heart and being loud and rebellious. He continues, "with her flattering lips she seduced him. Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks [shackles]...he did not know it would take his life...do not stray into her paths...her house is the way to hell..."

Solomon uses some pretty harsh words, and rightly so because it is a sober matter.

In chapter seven of Joshua Harris's book, "Boy meets girl", Harris asks the question, "if boys would be men, would girls be ladies?" Harris says, "Since God made us in His image, we reflect

something of who He is (Gen 1:27). Therefore, faithfulness to God's definition of manhood and womanhood is faithfulness to Him. Every scene we take part in—practicing biblical manhood and womanhood while single, in friendship with the opposite sex, in courtship, in marriage—is a chance to bring honor to the Playwright [God]."

Our chauvinistic culture has blurred gender distinctions and refused to answer to why God's assigned roles as men and women matter. God's greatest gift to man was "a helper suitable for him" (Gen. 2:18). This doesn't minimize a woman's role: all it does is define it. Are you helping your brother in Christ by the way that you choose to dress?

Ladies, it is time to take some responsibility for the God-given role assigned to us.



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What was your childhood imaginary friend like?



"My imaginary friend Ellen was kinda shy. She never really talked much, but she was a very good listener."

-Emily Rusaac, Sr. Fla.



"I had an imaginary friend named Micah, who died in a rare planting accident."

-Todd Hacker, Sr. Rustburg, Va.



"My imaginary friend's name was Erich Vonstroheim. He always hung out with people that were cooler than me so I didn't see him much."

-John Johnson, Sr. Lynchburg, Va.



"My imaginary friend Gogghi and I used to hang out all the time until my sister and I had a fight, so she sat on him and killed him."

-Tom Johnson, Sr. Alexandria, Va.



"When I was 5 or 6 I had this invisible friend named Binker, who could drive. He drove me around and bought things for me."

-Jared Woodland, Sr. Lynchburg, Va.

Life!

picks of the week

► **3/11 Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra**
 "Three Pianos and a Premiere" concert featuring a Mozart concerto for three pianos at E.C. Glass Auditorium. 3 p.m. (804) 845-6604.

► **3/23-3/25 Spring Ballet**
 The Lynchburg Regional Ballet Theatre performs at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. Evening shows 8 p.m. Matinee 2 p.m. (804) 846-3804.

► **3/24 Paintball Excursion**
 Liberty's Student Life is taking a paintball trip to "The Painted Forest" in Lynchburg. Meet at D.P. at 9 a.m. \$15. Return 4 p.m. Tickets on sale at D.P. (804) 582-2131.

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 Lynchburg College presents Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Dillard Theatre. Evening shows 7:30 p.m. Afternoon shows 2 p.m. (804) 544-8380.

From the plains of Kenya to the streets of New York

Students at LU minister globally

By Dana Galbraith, Carolyn Baas & Lindsay Bryan

With March well on its way, most students are itching to get away on spring break — with visions of golden beaches and sun-filled days dancing in their heads. Some Liberty students, however, are counting down the days until they will travel abroad in order to serve. From the plains of Kenya to the streets of New York City, students will experience what God can do with humbled hearts as they enter the lives of those hurting and lost.

Argentina

Senior Chris Sheppard is on her way to Argentina this spring break along with over 15 other excited students. The trip is being led by Dr. David Towles.

Sheppard is particularly excited about this location because her mother is from South America. "I want to be like a sponge and soak up the Argentine culture," she said.

She encourages other students to consider a trip someday. "It may seem scary at first, but if you trust God and go with your heart and mind open, your fears about the language, culture and food will fade into the background," she said.

Along with Sheppard, senior Daniel Davis will be ministering in Argentina. He encourages students to get involved in cross-cultural trips because of its eye-opening possibilities. "It gives you a chance to broaden your perspective. You have seen church done one way but this opens your eyes to the needs of

other people and gives you a chance to experience another culture," he said. The team leaves March 9 and will be spending its spring break working primarily with the youth in schools, churches and children's hospitals in the area. They have worked on putting together a creative presentation of music and drama, which Davis hopes, will "open the door to share the gospel."

Ecuador

Dean Emmerick will lead 33 people on a mission's trip to Ecuador, primarily ministering through nursing.

Lina Remigio, a junior in Liberty's nursing program, will be going on her first missions trip. "I want to be changed and realize how much I have here in America," she said.

Remigio has already been shocked by God's hand in her participation of the trip. She knew that raising the money to go would be difficult and she was uncertain as to whether she would even raise the full amount. But before the financial deadline, God had provided her with almost double of what she needed. Remigio was able to donate the additional funds to additional needs for the trip as well as to other members on her team. She is already excited about what God has done and as she travels overseas, she is "ready for a life-changing experience."

Kenya

Led by Liberty graduate Steve Muttai, this team of about 50 students will travel to Kenya and stay at the Muttai family home. The team plans to leave for Kenya on March 8 and return on March 19. They will travel to Nairobi, Nakuru, Kitale and Nanyuki, taking in the sights and sounds of Kenyan culture.

According to the team's Web site — (www.liberty.edu/spiritual/light) — the team will participate in evangelism through programs in public and private

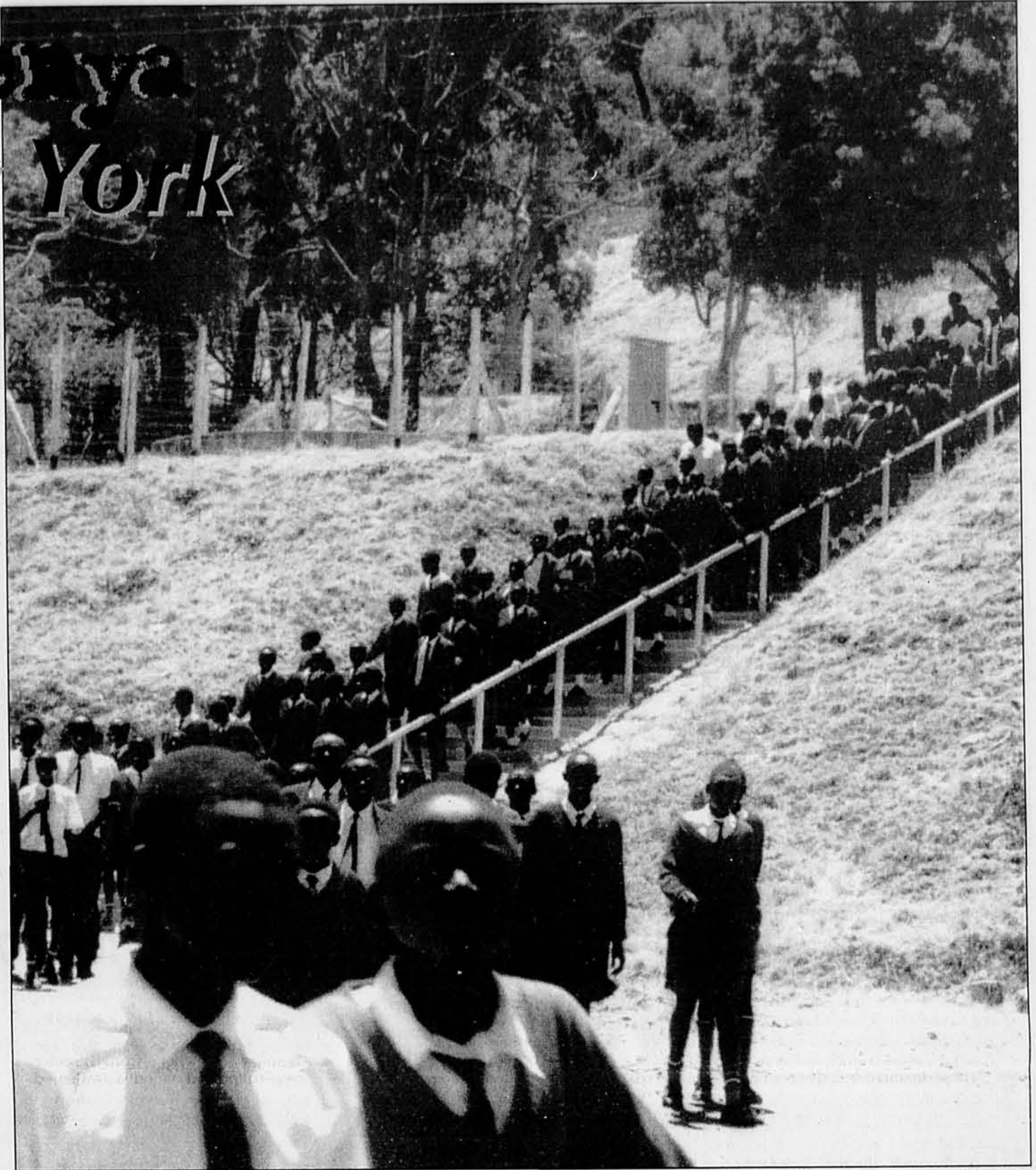


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KENYA MINISTRY CONTINUES — Over spring break last year Light Ministries' Kenya team visited Moi High School-Kabarak, among other places. This year's team will present programs in churches and public and private schools as well as doing street evangelism.

schools, open air presentations, drama, singing, testimonies, preaching, working in local churches and street evangelism. While in Kenya, the team will also have the opportunity to tour a national park.

"This will be my first time out of the country," freshman Dustin Barr said. "The thing I am looking forward to the most is talking with the kids in the schools and spending time with them."

The Kenya team has been busy getting ready for their trip overseas. "We meet as a group every Wednesday," Barr said. "We spend time practicing the songs we will be teaching the kids, and we watch videos in preparation for the trip."

The team's Web site, complete with a clock that counts down their departure time, keeps members updated and gives information about their itinerary, trip requirements, financial information and even a link to learn some basic Swahili words.

On the final morning in Kenya, the group is planning to attend a church service, with the president of Kenya pos-

sibly in attendance.

Supporters can join the team in ministry by praying for God's will to begin in the hearts of those they will be ministering to.

New York City

On March 10, Youth Quest Director Tim Abbot is taking two singing teams, two drama teams, a slam dunk team and a prayer and encouragement team to spend a week of spring break encouraging the members of the Manhattan Bible Church/Academy in New York City.

"The students going are spiritually prepared to meet the physical and emotional demands they encounter on this trip. They are all members of Youth Quest and are accustomed to traveling or at least ministering to local areas nearly every weekend," said Student Coordinator and three-year participant Becky Barber.

"In previous years, we have allowed interested individuals to participate, but Tim Abbot is restricting

it to team members this year."

The group of approximately 40 to 50 young people will reside in the actual church building. Meals will be provided by a church outreach known as The Love Kitchen. This arrangement enables them to spend more time on service projects, outreaches and aid teachers that work in the inner city year-round.

When asked for trip highlights, Barber was overwhelmed by the trip as a whole. "I can't really select a favorite event, because it's just an amazing ministry of which I'm grateful to be a part of."

Although this is a first time experience for several of the Youth Quest members, anticipation is high. "I have no clue what to expect, but God will undoubtedly work in an amazing way, and knowing that excites me," said sophomore Kimberly Foshee.

Whether serving in South America, Africa or in the Big Apple, students will be certain to have an unforgettable Spring Break 2001 — ministry style.



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WHERE'S WALDO? — Liberty Bible Institute student, Patrick Andrews traveled to Kenya over spring break last year with Light. The team performed dramas for Kenyan orphans.

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Ireland — The land of green awaits one very excited chic

As I read the words over and over again, it begins to hurt for I know that Ireland is but a dream for now — a dream filled with silver streams, blue lakes, purple hills and green fields.

My grandma displays these words proudly to the left of her front door. My mom hangs them next to the mirror in our bathroom. I am writing in a journal with the words written on the front cover. Usually colored in green, bordered with gold, written in script and partially taken from the book of Isaiah, it is the Irish Blessing.

"May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your

back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,

And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Coming from a family of ten, most people assume that my family is Irish-Catholic. While we are Irish, my immediate family is no longer Catholic. With cousins in County Cork and a grandmother with every imaginable Irish trinket displayed in her china cabinet, I



have fallen in love with Ireland or at least my grandma's version of Ireland. She reminisces and I listen to stories of kissing the Blarney Stone, of going to mass on Saint Patrick's Day and of cooking cornbeef and cabbage with potatoes. She serves my sisters and I Irish soda bread on her delicate, shamrock adorned and gold trimmed china. Among sips of tea, she retells the story of how her sister was supposed to be on the Titanic.

While Ireland boasts of "over 11,000 places to stay and 14,000 things to do," I dream of the day when I will walk those cobbled roads, when that

cool wind brushes against my eyelashes, when the sun beats down on my hair and into my face, when the rain soaks my clothes and sandals. I don't even mind a bit of Irish luck every once in awhile, as long as God keeps me in the palm of His hand.

Along with my grandma's stories, my dream of Ireland sadly consists of cinematic and television images — from Margaret O'Hara in "The Quiet Man" to Nicole Kidman in "Far and Away" to the Cranberries brogue to the splendor of Riverdance to the sound of U2. It is all still a dream — a dream that will become a reality May 19.

I will be traveling with a tour group for the first week in England and Ireland and then I will venture off by myself with an old friend who lives in Youghal, County Cork.

As a sort of pre-cursor to my visit to Ireland, I will be attending New York's St. Patrick's Day parade this spring

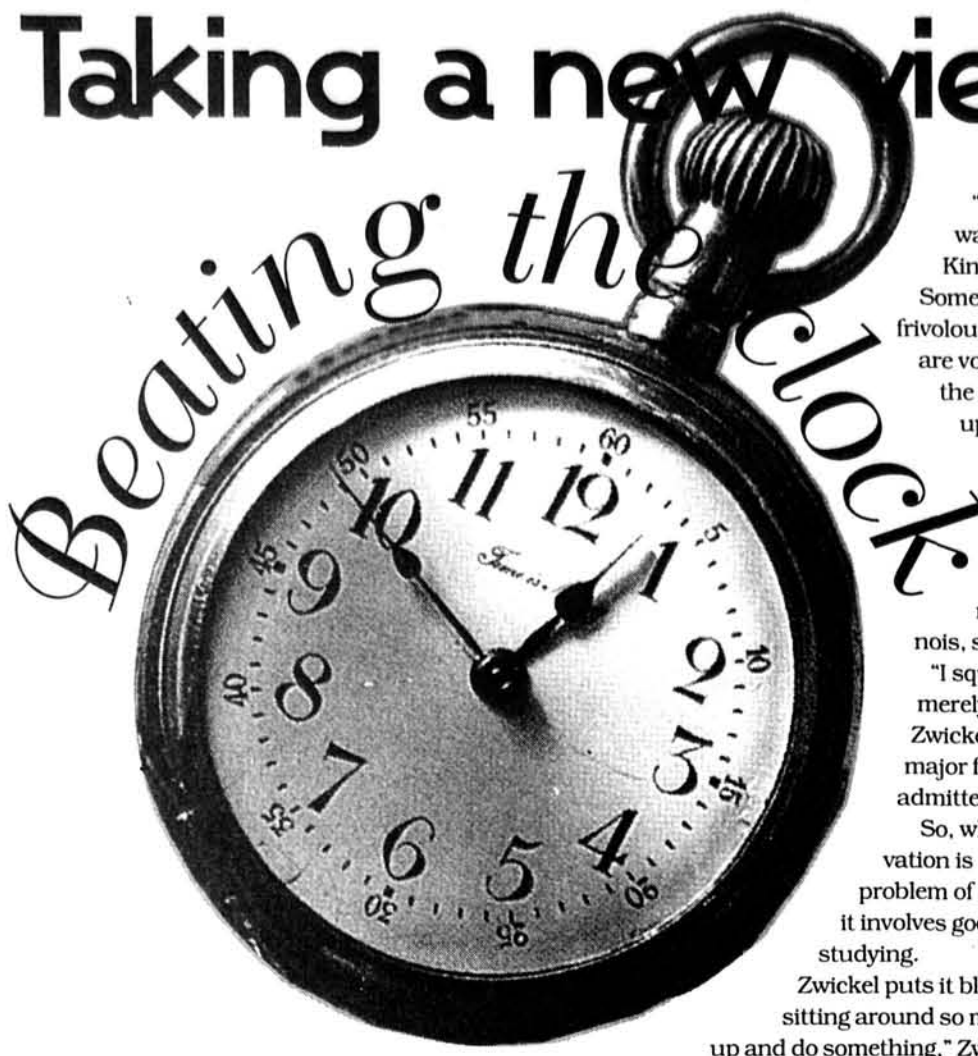
break for the first time. It will prepare me for — how shall I put this — all of the friendly, talkative people I will meet on my travels.

While I may be a little naive about Ireland's mystique, the country holds my roots. I feel a sort of allegiance to a country that still values the beauty of a large family, of loving and cherishing moments of laughter, of having a good time.

Ireland for me is more than a country filled with never-ending views of green fields, mountains and pastures. It was my great-grandmother's home. And so I journey across the Atlantic in order to make my dream a reality, in order to confirm all of the wonderful snapshots in my mind about a simple land filled with complex people.

This chic from the U.S. is about to uncover a whole new world in green-tinted sunglasses. May the luck of the Irish be with me.

Taking a new view of time management



"I am doing what I want to be doing," Kinchen said. Some students do a lot of frivolous things, whether they are voluntary or not. "All of the time I spend walking up and down the hills of LU takes a good chunk out of my day," Micah Kuriscak, a sophomore business major from Illinois, said.

"I squander most of my day merely wasting time," Josh Zwickel, a junior business major from New Jersey admitted.

So, what can be done? Motivation is a key in solving the problem of procrastination when it involves good, old-fashioned studying.

Zwickel puts it bluntly. "I need to stop sitting around so much and should get up and do something," Zwickel said.

This applies to many college students. Others just need a little exercise, according to Kinchen.

Some of the faculty agreed that time management could be a problem for students at LU. "There is definitely a need for some new time management skills in the student body," Professor Sandra Oughton said.

Nevertheless, she realized this could not happen overnight. "Any new skill takes time to develop. As a student practices, he will learn how to adjust. He may have to take time to prioritize, but that is how one sets up for success," Oughton said.

The students themselves supported this suggestion. "We need to set attainable goals and slowly work towards reaching them," Fullbright said.

As freshmen, all Liberty students attend Freshman Seminar and learn the ABC's of being a college student. The time management skills taught in that class can mean the difference between a real "A" and a forged "A" on your next mid-term exam.

Just in case you were one of the students that snoozed your way through freshman seminar, here are some pointers to help you along your way. As Liberty freshman Rachel Stracham said, "I've learned that you need to make your own schedule and stick to it." The key to good time management, then, is scheduling.

There are many ideas on how to put together a schedule for each week, but in all reality, who is going to stick to a complex ten-page, hour-to-hour sched-

ule? The idea is to focus on a few important tasks and work around them. The basic rule of thumb for study scheduling is two hours of studying outside of class for every hour spent in class. However, some classes may be harder or easier than others, so this is just a basic idea of how much time should be budgeted for studying.

Many times students begin to schedule time and realize there simply isn't enough time during the week for all the activities that they want to do. So here are some keys to help squeeze the most out of a day. First of all, learn to say no. If you have to study and your buddies want to go to a movie, just tell them you'll catch them next time.

Another way to find time involves learning to priori-

tize. Make a list of things to do for the day and put the most important at the top. This will help eliminate procrastinating. "When it comes down to crunch time, those that practice good time management are much better off than those that procrastinate," said senior Jeff Johnson.

Finally, combine some activities into one. For example, listen to taped notes as you jog. Be creative and with a bit of discipline, you will be able to get done what you need to get done without sacrificing your social life or your grades.

As the time ticks by, students need to grasp these concepts and run. Otherwise, you'll find yourself trying to catch up with your whole life.

By Neal McDonald and Kimberly McCarrick

With midterms abruptly approaching, Liberty students need to take a close look at how they manage their time. Just how important are those good grades?

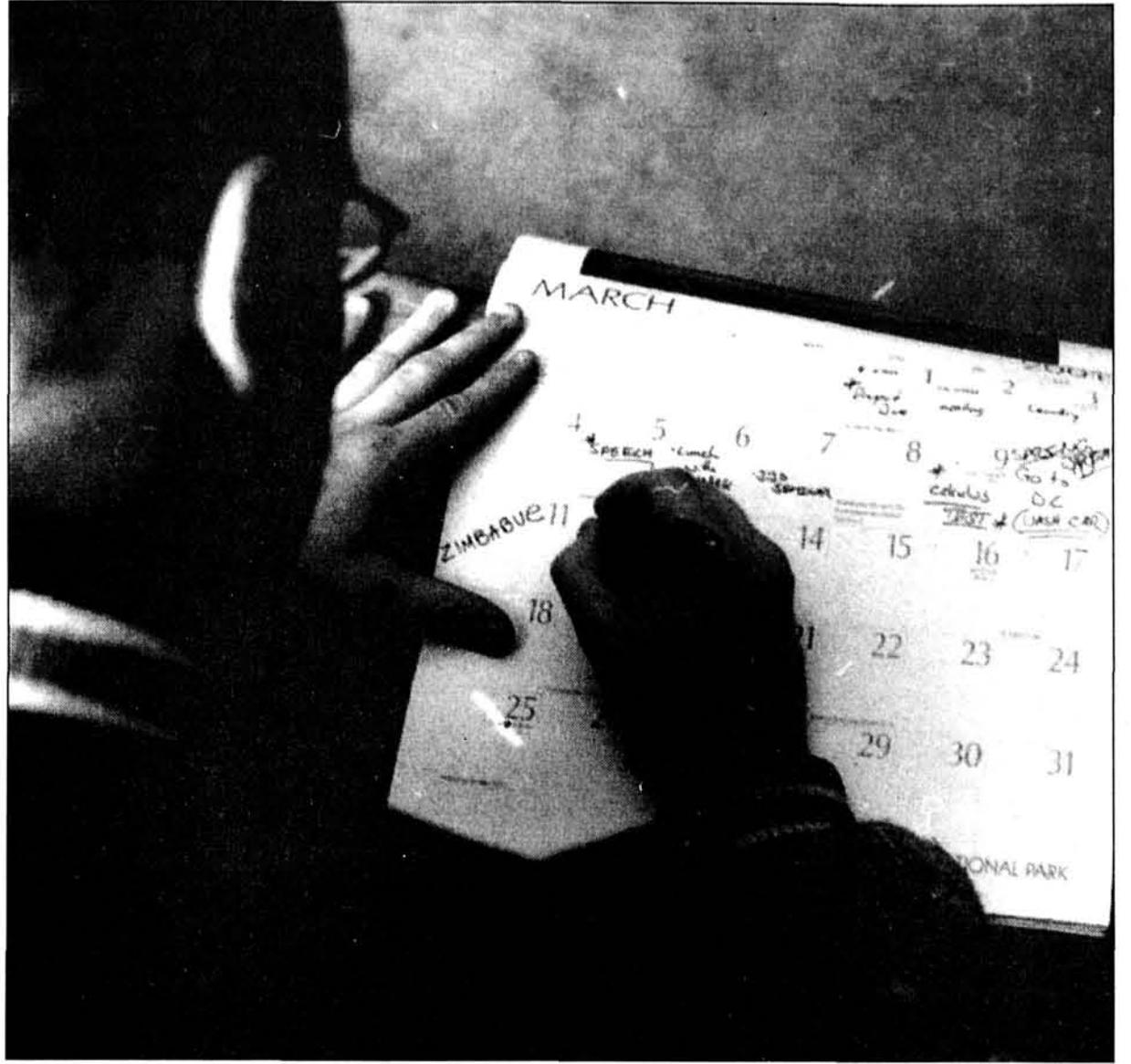
There are those few students who feel that they divide each part of their life into efficient blocks of time. "I get everywhere I need to be on time, and I get everything I need to do done on time," Lisa Mitchell, an elementary education major from Michigan, said.

Still, she lists the top three things she spends most her time doing as sleep, schoolwork and hanging out with friends. "Sleep takes up at least a fourth of our time," Mitchell said.

Others are not so confident. "I know how I am supposed to manage my time, but I don't have the discipline," Rachael Fullbright, a junior RA from Ohio, said.

Shevi Sloane, a biblical studies major from North Carolina, agreed. "I need to not be lazy," he complained, as he continued to lounge on his bed for the entire afternoon.

Some students simply do not care. Justin Kinchen, a sophomore from Virginia Beach, claimed that he spends most of his day in classes or sitting around doing nothing. However, he does not think he has bad time management at all.



JASON NALDRETT

SCHOOL OVERLOAD — As the semester drags on, homework intensifies and students experience the stress of college life, time management becomes a critical issue that can mean the difference between success and failure.



By Laura Kanzler and Bruce Kite

As the winter months near their dreary end, eyes begin to dream through the rainy, warming weather. Thoughts of sun and fun begin to swirl into the damp minds of students pushing out the annoyances of algorithms and cell functions. As spring break draws closer and closer, students mentally travel farther and farther from the classroom.

The typical day-dreamer will focus his thoughts on to go for spring break. Going to the beach for break seems like a natural instinct and Florida comes to mind as "the Beach State."

"I like to go to the beach, relax, get a tan and sleep," junior Heather Sagan said.

Many students in fact choose the beach and the state of Florida as their destination for spring break.

"I like to sleep on the beach and travel through Florida. I like to go to a different place each day," junior Michael Lunde said.

Hot attractions in Florida include Panama City, Orlando and anywhere that the sea touches the land.

But Florida is not the only place with sun and surf.

"Last year I went to Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands," sophomore Eric Beck said. In Tortola, Beck enjoyed snorkeling, sailing and touring the island. "Who wouldn't want to go to the beach? We're sick of winter," Beck said.

There are other places to visit out of the country as well.

"I normally go back to England to get away from all the American women," Phil Skelton, a senior biblical studies major, said.

As hard as it may be to imagine, some people just don't like doing the same old beach trip each year. Fortunately for those who prefer land to water and concrete to sand, there are plenty of great places to go and cool things to do — minus the surf.

"We took a road trip [my freshman year]," Bren Nelson, a junior biblical studies major, said. "There were two cars, four guys and four girls, driving non-stop to Tucson, Arizona, where I live."

Nelson and her friends went on hikes, rode horses, went swimming and even shot guns. "We also went to Nogales, Mexico for a day," Nelson said.

"I'm going to my girlfriend's house in Arkansas, but I'd go skiing in Colorado if I could," junior Travis Yorgey said. Skiing is a spring break attraction for those who crave the snow and the cold. Colorado is the hot spot for spring break skiing because it is one of the few places that still has snowfalls at the end of March.

If driving across the country is too ambitious for your taste, try something a little closer to school — say East Coast style.

Enjoy parades? Rebecca Kanzler, a sophomore English major went to New York City with some friends last year to watch the annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

"I hope to go to Boston this year with my sisters," Kanzler said.

Liberty is also close to Washington, D.C., so you can explore the nation's capitol without overdoing your budget.

Unless you are traveling to D.C. where admission to most attractions is free, be sure to have plenty of money. Sleeping on the beach is no fun. Be prepared for unexpected costs like automotive repairs, flat tires and medicine. Also make sure to have solid plans if you are traveling with a group. Nothing delays leaving for break like last minute changes when group members disagree or have last minute ideas.

With hours of road laid out before you, see the sights on the ride down. If you have the time, check out attractions in the states that you travel through. These sights break the driving up and showcase more of the country's landmarks and sights.

Yet if you've seen all of the landmarks and sights you care to see for a while, why not try a mission trip?

Light takes an annual spring break trip to Kenya, where students participate in dramas, testimonies and an exciting cross-cultural experience. There are also numerous ministry opportunities within the U.S., as well.

"I'm touring with King's Players. We are going to Parris Island, the marine base and Georgia," Aimee Lechowicz,

a junior secondary education major, said.

Nelson decided to give her sophomore and junior year spring breaks so that she could join with a team of students ministering to Mormons in Utah. "I'm not serving myself," Nelson said. "I now look at spring break as an opportunity."

Elizabeth Alexander, a sophomore nursing major, also plans to go with the Utah team. "It's a good opportunity for not so much money," Alexander said.

Whether you decide to venture in the country, across the country or out of the country, just remember the purpose of a break — to get away from the cares of school and to enjoy a fresh breath of air.

As last minute thoughts are swirling in your head, remember that break is a time to trade in your workload for sun-tan lotion and your books for waves. And when March rolls around next year, the spring break thought cycle will delightfully torture your mind again.



Do You Know



Ramsay Moore

Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Major: Exercise Science

What is your favorite place to shop for gear? Value City. I love Value City.

What is your favorite magazine? Modern Bride

If you could date any famous person, who would it be and why? Ashley Judd because she's extra fine!

What is your most embarrassing moment? Once I was in a dunk contest in high school, and we were having a pep rally. When I went up to dunk, the ball hit the front of the rim and I landed straight on my back. I was in front of everybody.

What is your biggest pet peeve? Negative people really annoy me.

Compiled by Robtn Williams

USA upsets Mexico in qualifier

By Julie Lott, reporter

A reality check might be in store for many American soccer fans over the next few months. The U.S. heads into year-long, round-robin matches against Honduras, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago and Mexico. The three remaining teams move on to World Cup 2002 in Japan and Korea.

The long road for the U.S. started Wednesday night against arch-rivals Mexico in Columbus, Ohio. Everything was set for the American hopefuls. A chanting crowd of 24,624 filled the 29-degree chilled arena with cheers of "U-S-A."

The first half was not kind to the Americans. They failed to score against Mexico and two of the team's favorite fixtures, Brian McBride and Claudio Reyna left the game with injuries.

The United States' most dangerous forward, McBride, hurt his right eye in an early collision. Josh

Wolff replaced him in the 15th minute.

In the 26th minute, Reyna began limping and was replaced by Clint Mathis in the 43rd. Reyna left with a groin injury, failing to make any fabulous plays, for which he is known.

Before Mexico's goalkeeper Jorge Campos could get to it, Wolff slipped around Campos to deposit the ball into an unguarded net.

The United States goalie became a hero in the 69th minute of the game. Goalie Brad Friedel dived in front of Francisco Palencia's bullet. Friedel made many outstanding saves during the game.

The Americans attempted to run down the clock in the last few minutes. Wolff, of the Major League Soccer Chicago Fire, passed the ball to Earnie Stewart for the final score of the game.

The United States fans were wrapped in U.S. flags. Others held up red, white and blue streamers that fluttered in the cold wind.

Hockey ends season

By Jimmi Clifton, reporter

The Flames hockey team stepped into Laurel, Md. with high hopes last Friday as they faced Duke in the first round of the ACCHL tournament. The Flames sought revenge after the last meeting, but instead found a well-prepared Duke team, who defeated the Flames 5-4.

Duke put themselves on the board first, but the tough competition kept the score close as Roger Turner and

Josh Smith answered Duke's two goals in the first period.

The ACCHL leading scorer, Jeff Lowes, scored the last two goals for the Flames, but they still fell short when Duke scored three goals in the last two periods.

Coaches' Paul Bloomfield and Kirk Handy are now searching for recruits. They have already recruited 10 players for next season, and will continue the search until the recruitment deadline.

Sixth seeded Liberty up-ends UNC-Asheville

By John Farel, asst. sports editor

On Thursday night the Flames upset UNC-Asheville to put an end to their three-year BSC tournament losing streak.

The sixth-seeded Flames, who had lost to Asheville in the two previous tournaments and twice this season, took control early and survived several Bulldog runs to hold on for the 60-48 victory, at the Roanoke Civic Center.

"This is one of the most satisfying games you can have," Flames Head Coach Mel Hankinson said.

Playing with just eight players, the Flames got into trouble early, as both Kenneth Anaebonam and Chris Caldwell picked up two fouls just ten minutes into the game. The Flames received a surprise lift from David Watson, who injured his knee in the previous game.

"David Watson played a major factor...a great psychological lift," Hankinson said.

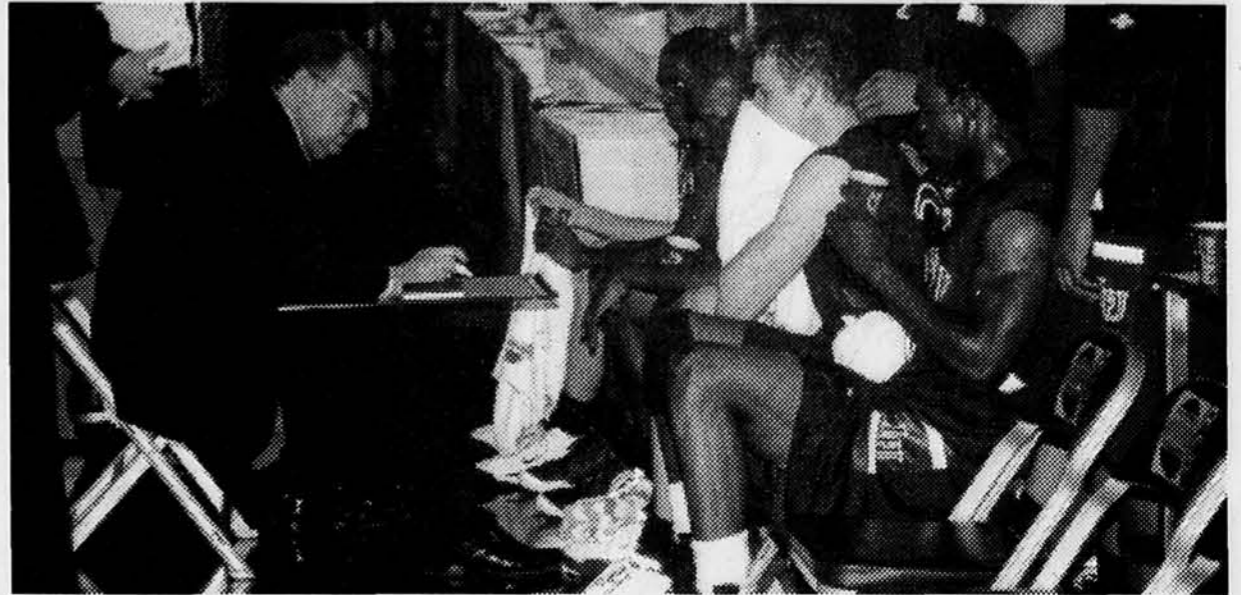
With Anaebonam and Caldwell out and the score tied at 12 the Flames began to put together a run. Philip Ward scored on a cut to the basket and Beau Wallace followed that with a driving lay-up, to give the Flames a 16-12 lead. With

five minutes to go in the half LU pushed the lead to seven as Wallace knocked down a three with the shot clock winding down. Minutes later Liberty took its biggest lead of the half, 25-16, on Rob Attaway's fast-break lay-up. However, Asheville's Andre Smith was able to drain a three to cut the halftime margin to four, 30-26.

The first part of the second half remained close. LU would try to build a significant lead, but the Bulldogs would answer with a run. With 17 minutes remaining the Flames led by eight, 36-28, but Asheville held the Flames scoreless over the next six minutes, and cut the lead to 36-35 on center, Adam Earnhardt's three-point play.

On the ensuing possession the Flames' Wallace hit his second crucial three-pointer of the night as the shot clock expired to push the lead back to four at the 10 minute mark. Caldwell nailed a long two from the corner to push LU's lead to seven with seven minutes to play.

With five minutes to go Asheville began to sense the desperation, especially after Philip Ward threw down an alley-oop from Wallace to match Liberty's biggest lead thus far, 49-40. The Bulldogs answered with six straight



JOHN FISHER

THE X's AND O's— Flames head coach Mel Hankinson goes over some plays with his team during the Big South Conference basketball tournament last weekend.

points; four from Earnhardt and two from point guard Brett Carey. However, Caldwell who up to that point had not been shooting the ball well, 6-20 from the field, popped a three-pointer to give the Flames a seven point lead with three minutes to play and bring the LU crowd of nearly 1,500 to its feet. "I just kept shooting and let the game come to me," Caldwell said.

Asheville, normally one of the better three-point shooting teams in the conference began to fire up threes, but to no avail.

Liberty held Asheville to just 3-24 from three-point, including 1-8 from Brett Carey one of the top shooters in the conference. The Flames outscored the Bulldogs 7-2 over the final two minutes and Attaway brought the crowd to its

feet once again with a breakaway dunk in the final seconds to seal the deal.

Hankinson felt the Flames had to do something different defensively. He said the three keys were stopping the transition, the three-pointer and to crash the boards.

The Flames outrebounded Asheville 46-36, including nine rebounds by Nathan Day. Day was one of three Flames seniors also finished with nine points and two steals. "As seniors this is what we've been dreaming about. It's huge," Day said.

Caldwell and Wallace led the Flames in scoring with 16 points a piece. Brett Carey led Asheville with 18 points.

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Liberty softball picks up win in Hampton, finishes 1-3

By Doug Stewart, reporter

As the Liberty University Softball team began its quest for a Big South Championship this spring season, the major question that confronted the team was offense. The Lady Flames have shown that they have the potential to generate runs, but of late they have come up short of making that potential reality.

Plagued by an eight-game losing streak, the Lady Flames tried to get back on track while competing in the Hampton Classic, in Hampton Va. LU did just that in its opening game by picking up a 6-0 victory against the Norfolk State Spartanettes.

Liberty was led by freshman pitcher All Thompson who recorded a complete game, one-hit shutout. Thompson was one strike away from a perfect game when she gave up an infield single to break up the no-hitter. The LU offense was able to come out of its slump in the 5th and 6th innings to take control of the contest.

Sophomore Allison Terry finished the game with two singles batting 2-3 for the afternoon. Senior Lisa Jones went 1-4, while stealing two bases and scoring twice for the Lady Flames.

LU faced off against Morgan State in the second game of the tournament. The Lady Bears were able to score single runs in the 4th, 6th and 7th innings

to turn away the Lady Flames 3-1.

The lone bright spot for Liberty was an RBI double by freshman outfielder Lauren Hahn. Hahn's shot to the outfield allowed Terry to come around to score LU's only run of the game.

The third game of the tournament matched the Lady Flames up against the St. Peter's College Lady Peacock's. Liberty junior pitcher Amber Searcy held steady as the two teams battled to a close game throughout.

With the bases loaded in the bottom of the 5th inning, Liberty squandered a scoring opportunity as Terry flew out to right field and Breanna Jacinto was thrown out at home in an effort to score on the sacrifice fly. The double play

kept the game tied at 1-1 but more importantly stopped the Lady Flames momentum.

The Lady Peacock's were able to capitalize on its defensive efforts as St. Peter's scored the eventual game winner in the top of the 6th inning. Liberty's Carrie VanArtsdalen came on in relief, but St. Peter's held on for the 2-1 win.

In its final game of the tournament, Liberty faced the tournament host Hampton. The Lady Flames once again got a solid pitching performance by Thompson, but the offense did not follow suit as the Lady Pirates went on to defeat LU 4-0.

Thompson finished the game with another complete game, which featured

15 strikeouts and only one earned run given up. Hampton's Brandie Cobb accounted for the only earned RBI with a single to left field. Liberty committed three errors in the contest, with two resulting in three Lady Pirate runs.

The Lady Flames finished the Hampton Classic with a 1-3 record and now has a 3-11 record overall.

Liberty traveled to UNC Charlotte on Tuesday and will play its first home game of the season against Longwood College on Thursday, March 8 at 2 p.m. LU will then travel to play in the University of South Florida/Clearwater Parks and Recreational Tournament held in Clearwater, Fla., during spring break.

BASEBALL: The Flames end a four-game losing streak with a win over Fairfield

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plate. On March 1, the Flames finished their losing streak with UVA, falling 13-10. Josh Brey picked up the loss for the Flames. On the offense, Eric Cloninger jacked a two-run double and teammate Larry Wayne York drove in an RBI with his double late in the eighth. But the Flames ended up short against the Cavs.

It was a different story this weekend as Liberty had 13 batters come to the plate in the bottom of the first against Fairfield that finally ended when first baseman, Kelly Knouse, struck out with the bases loaded.

Dan Krines, the MVP of last season's Cape Cod League, started the first game of the double-header for the Stags and gave up nine runs in five innings.

Liberty's Coach Pastors was pleased with his team's offensive production in both games and said, "We have done a nice job manufacturing runs." Liberty's starting pitcher for the first game, Alex Dooley, allowed just three runs in seven innings.

Coach Pastors said of his team's winning pitcher, "Dooley did a great job. He kept them off balance."

Freshman, Nat Ogborne, entered the game, in

the eight inning, with runners on first and second and nobody out. Ogborne put out the fire by getting a pop-up to Knouse and 5-4-3 double play to end the inning. Ogborne also pitched a scoreless ninth to finish the game for the Flames.

Again, the Flames staked their starting

pitcher, Anthony Pennix, to an early lead. After Pennix cruised through the top of first inning, Flames' center fielder, Keith Butler, with two outs, smacked a single into right field and stole second base. Knouse then drew a walk and right fielder, Steve

Baker, loaded the bases when he was hit by a pitch. Left fielder, Trey Miller then singled the first pitch he saw into left field, scoring both Butler and Knouse.

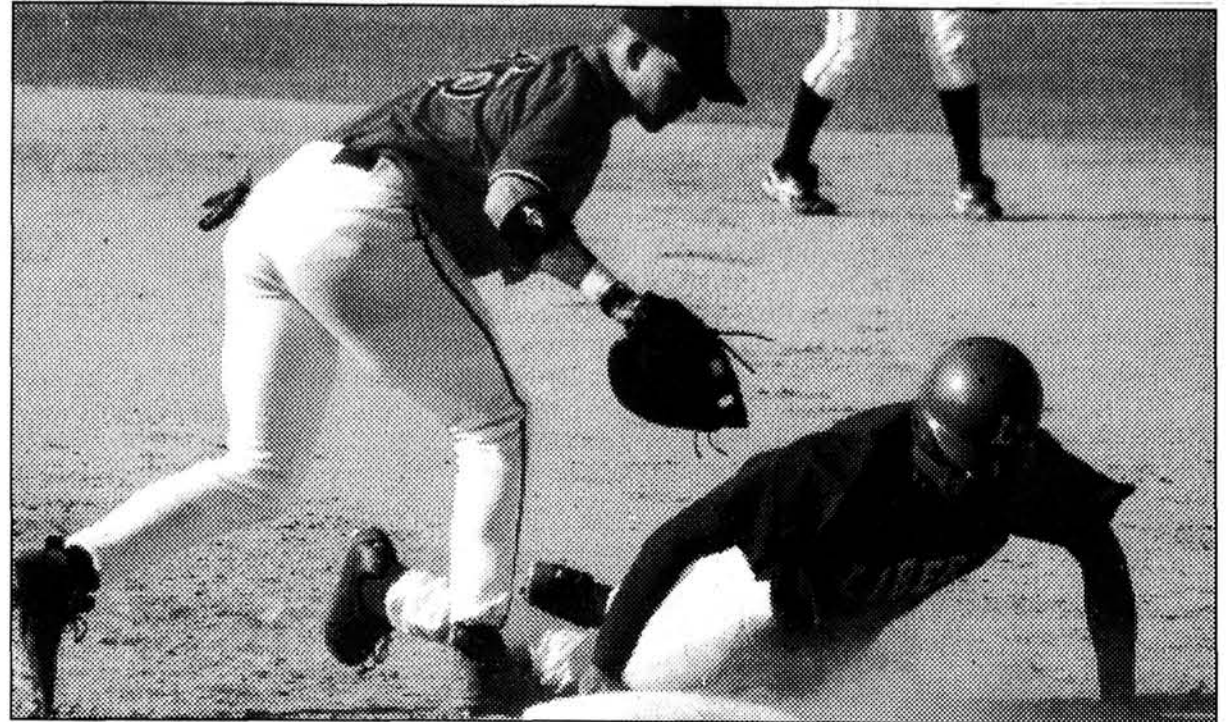
As it turned out this would be all the scoring the Flames would need to get the win in the second game of the double header.

Pennix threw six shutout innings and Josh Brey finished the shutout of the Stags by striking out three of the five batters he faced. Brey pitched the seventh and final inning, of the double-header shortened second game.

Coach Pastors complemented Pennix's efforts this week and said, "Anthony kept in both games this week. He kept the ball down and did a good

"We've done a nice job manufacturing runs..."

-Liberty's Head Baseball Coach Dave Pastors



KARI KLOUS

"SAFE"— A Liberty Flame slides back to first in the Flames loss to the University of Virginia on March 1. The Flames broke their losing streak this weekend.

job changing speeds." Pennix was the starting pitcher for the Flames in their 6-4 loss to Wake Forest.

The third game of the scheduled three-game series between Liberty and Fairfield, which was to be played Sunday, was washed out. Liberty's record stands at 7-4 heading into next week's

games. The Flames are scheduled to play two home games against Virginia Commonwealth Tuesday March 6, at 2:30 p.m. and UNC Greensboro on Wednesday March 7, at 2:30 p.m. The Flames will then go on the road and face Jacksonville and Florida State.

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Ladies and men's tennis lift record

By Josh Campbell & Matt Scott, reporters

Maybe it was confidence. Maybe it was the good weather, but whatever it was that helped the Lady Flames rebound from last weekend's rough start, it worked. The Flames reversal of fortune made tennis history when they defeated the visiting Aggies of NC A&T on Saturday.

The Flames started off the day with a refuse-to-lose attitude by stunning the Aggies 8-3 at the top two doubles positions, giving them the important one-point lead going into singles play.

The Flames continued their winning ways into singles with the dominating performance of top-seeded Allison Cho who crushed her opponent 6-1 6-3.

The rest of the Flames followed her lead with outstanding play from Kera Walker, Bethany Allen and Emille Green. The Lady Flames will return to action on March 12, when they are scheduled to travel to Davidson in their first road contest of the season. The Liberty University men's tennis team Flames won a gory and lopsided victory against the North Carolina A&T Aggies Saturday, giving the Flames its third season win for the spring semester.

Fortunately for LU the white courts of Thursday's snowfall melted away by Saturday afternoon, and along with a blue sky, and a shining sun, the day was perfect for a good tennis showdown. Following the warm introduction by Coach Larry Hubbard, the doubles matches kicked in to high gear.

The matches ended quickly as the Flames routed A&T in a flurry of quick consecutive games. The first team off of the court was

Ernesto Malagrino and Josh Campbell. They played the number three seed and won 8-0. Shortly thereafter, Luke Burden and Joel Moylan finished their match with a quick 8-1 rally.

The number one match was finished with Andrei Cotuna and Matt Scott winning decisively in an 8-2 match that still made them play their sharpest.

With the doubles quickly over the match shifted into its second phase of competition, the singles round.

Bruno Coelho and Ricardo Shinosaki, the Flames number one and two singles seeds were inactive for the day, although they were present with the team to practice and offer support.

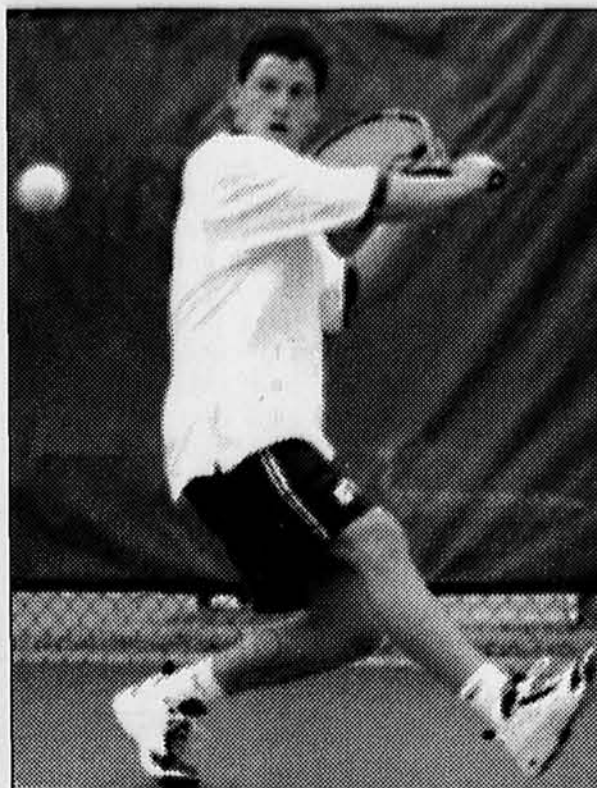
Starting as number one for the Flames was Andrei Cotuna, the Romanian, who coming off of a nice "W" last week, trounced number one C.C. Davis 6-2, 6-0. The number two singles proved to be a rather competitive spar as Joel Moylan faced Justin Reid.

Reid, a fierce freshman, came into the match swinging with a double fisted forehand and a lightning bolt serve.

Moylan's game proved to be quite the lightning rod though, as he wrestled his opponent to the ground 7-5, 6-2, making for the toughest match all day between the men.

Scott finished with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over his Aggie competitor, serving as a solid win at the number three position.

Next in line was Luke Burden, another Aussie with a quick and strong one-handed



JULIE ROSENAU

BACKSPIN — Luke Burden puts a chop stroke on the N.C. A & T players last week.

backhand, and a flat heavy serve. He polished his opponent off with a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

Ernesto Malagrino who hails from Mexico and has suffered with a pulled muscle, took his Aggie opponent for a ride, 6-0, 6-0; and Josh Campbell rounded out the top six with a 6-0, 6-0 win as well.

LU track competes well At ECAC/IC4A in Boston

By Robin Williams, reporter

Liberty University's men and women's track and field team traveled to Boston, Mass. to compete in the IC4A/ECAC championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center this weekend. The three-day meet consisted of over 84 east coast schools.

The first day of competition opened with the men and women's pentathlon. Ramsey Moore and Robin Williams both medaled in the event scoring the team's first points of the competition. Moore finished third in the men's pentathlon with a score of 3,777, while Williams finished fifth in the event with a score of 3,521.

On the second day of competition Nick Anderson and Chad Wilson competed in the men's long jump. Although neither athlete was able to advance to the finals, they both gave strong efforts with Wilson leaping 23'5" and Anderson at 23'4". The men's 1600-meter relay of Chad Wilson, Jeremy Pritchard, Brandon Duncan and Ramsey Moore finished second in their heat during the preliminary rounds with a time of 3:19.61.

Andrea Wildrick took to the track with her pole in hand and vaulted a sweet height of 12'-11" finishing second for the Flames.

Christina Schlessinger, DaNelle Dekrey, Williams and Kodi Pollard ran 3:50.04 in the preliminary rounds, breaking the old school record of 3:51.81. The time earned them a spot in the finals where they broke the record set the previous day with a time of 3:49.24.

Also on the final day of competition, Michael Decker sprinted 46.9 to win the gold in the 400-meter run. Decker's also had a second place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.34.

Bruce Kite, went 25 laps around in the 5,000-meter run. Kite finished fifth with a time of 14:23.50, breaking the old school record of 14:32.09 that was set by Stephen Gitthuka. Heather Sagan ran 4:49.61 in the preliminaries of the women's mile on Saturday finishing second in her heat. The next day she went 4:51.37 in the finals to finish fourth.

The Flames held their own at the highly competitive meet finishing eighth on the men's side and a surprising 12th on the women's side.

"Things went pretty well," said Coach Brant Tolsma. "This was the best ever finish for the women and the top ten for men." Coach Tolsma said the performances at the meet looked promising.

"I hope we can ride this into an even better outdoor finish," Coach Tolsma said. The team will travel to Savannah, Ga on Mar. 10.

M'BASKETBALL Winthrop: double OT loss

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of the game, shooting 60 percent in the first half, compared to 26 percent for Winthrop. "We were 3-11 on shots from four feet and in, in the first half," Marshall said.

In the second half the Flames built the lead to 16 points thanks to an 8-0 run to start the half. Day's lay-up with 16:30 to play made it 37-21. "We're up 15 a credit to self-discipline," Hankinson said. Due to fatigue, "we had to slow it down."

Two-minutes later the lead was still 15, but the Eagles began to rally. Big South Rookie of the Year, Tyrone Walker scored four quick points and Derrick Knox scored on a drive to the basket to cut the lead to seven with 11 minutes to go. With five minutes to play the Flames lead was still five, a very

good sign since the Flames were 11-0 on the season when winning with five minutes to play. "Our guys believed...they fought scratched and clawed. We didn't panic that's the most important thing," Marshall said.

With three minutes to play Wallace pushed the Flames lead back to five with a drive to the basket, but Harris answered with a three-pointer--the first of four Winthrop threes in the final two minutes to cut the lead to two, 47-45. "We got into such fatigue, I couldn't switch defenses," Hankinson said.

"Great teams make runs," Caldwell added.

LU kept the lead until Harris three sent the game into overtime. Once again the Flames had a five-point lead with less than five minutes to play. Knox answered with a

three and the lead was two. With 45 seconds to play Winthrop had the possession. Wallace stole the ball, but his break away lay-up was blocked from behind. LU took the ball out under the basket with 14 seconds to play and had a chance to win it, but Day misfired on an open look from the box. "We had three open lay-ups had we hit; it would have finished the game," Hankinson said.

In the second overtime the Flames fell behind quickly as Winthrop point guard Pierre Wooten drained a three.

Caldwell hit a runner to cut the lead to one with 2:30 to play and 45 seconds later the game the Flames tied the game on Wallace's free throw.

With one minute to play Winthrop all-conference center,

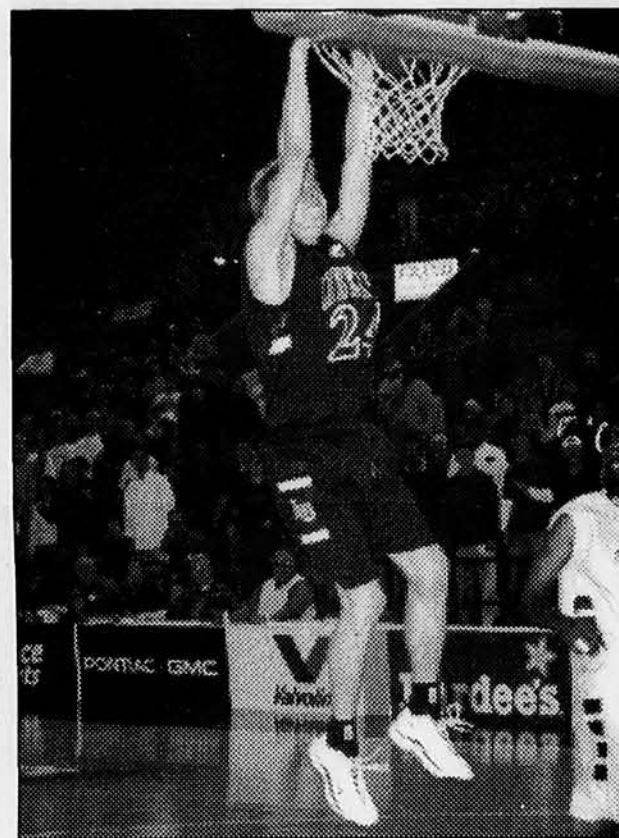
Marcus Stewart scored on a rebound stickback to give the Eagles the lead for good.

Caldwell had a chance to tie it, but his two free throws with 41 seconds left did not go down. The Flames had a second chance to tie, but Day missed a stick back.

Knox hit 1-2 freethrows with 13 seconds to go giving the Flames one last chance. Beau Wallace took the three from straight away with two second left, but it hit the front of the rim and rolled out.

Winthrop advanced to the championship game on Saturday against Radford, which defeated Charleston Southern in its semi-final.

Saturday's championship also went to overtime with Winthrop coming out on top 67-65 and earning a trip to the NCAA tournament.



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SLAM — Rob Attaway dunks it against UNC Asheville.

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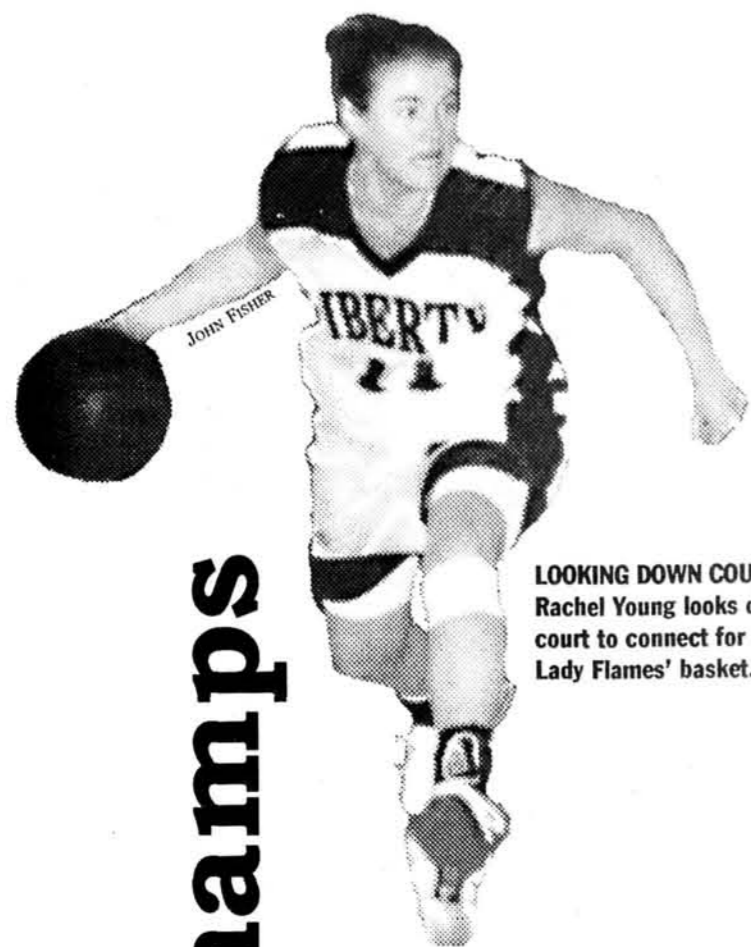
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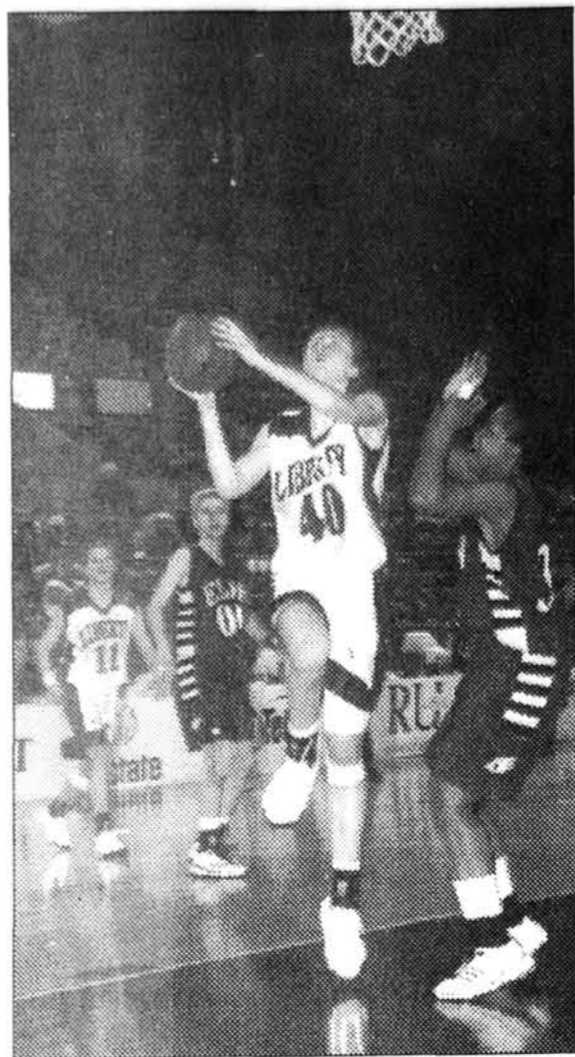
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LOOKING DOWN COURT — Rachel Young looks down the court to connect for another Lady Flames' basket.



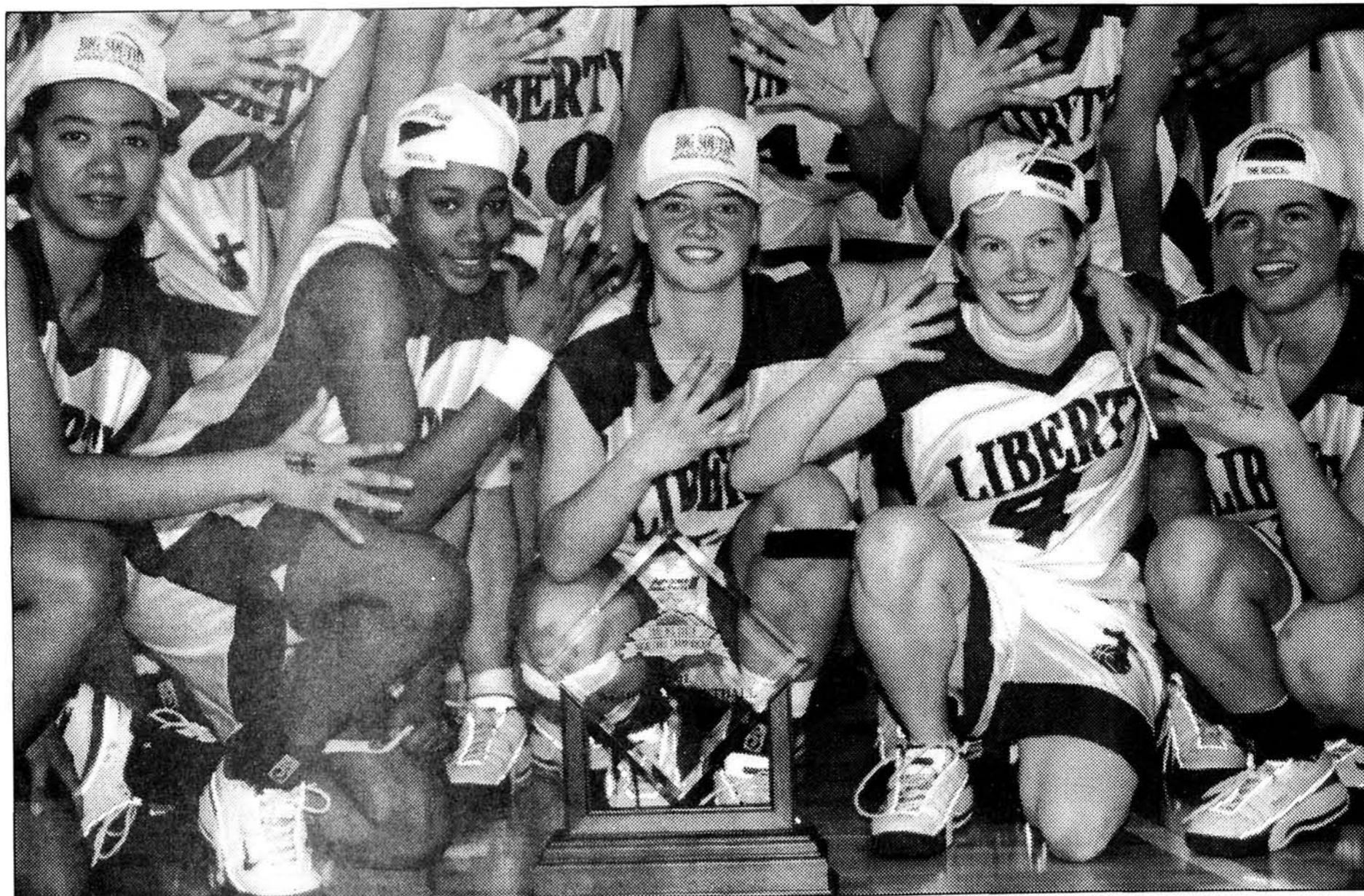
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DRIVING THE LANE — Kristina Palamaite drives up the lane and past the Elon defender in the Lady Flames win.



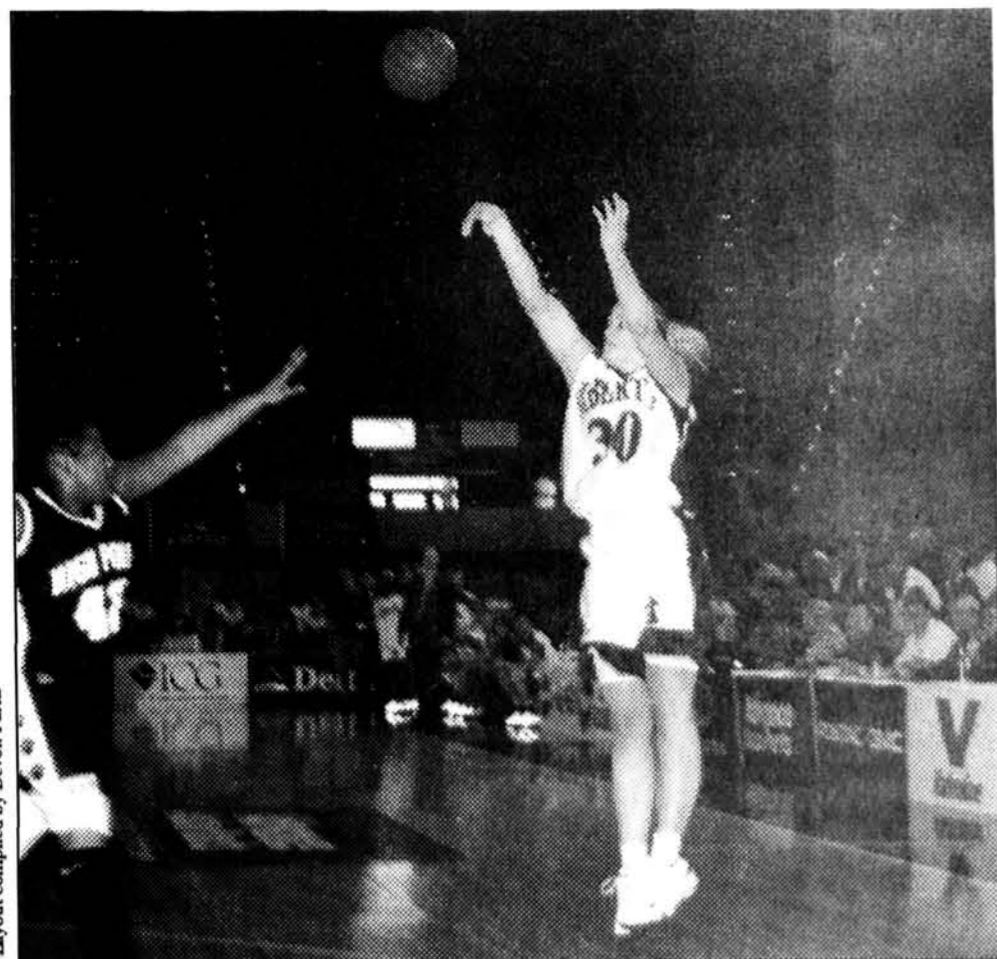
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DOG PILE! — After throwing the ball up for the score, Irene Sloof falls to the floor and lands on an Elon player.



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FIVE-PEAT — The Lady Flames pose for the press after defeating Elon College 52-47 in the Big South Conference Championships. The Lady Flames have won the conference title for five consecutive years.



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GOIN' FOR THREE — Michelle Fricke goes up for the big three-pointer Friday in the second round against High Point.



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JUMPING FOR JOY — The Lady Flames jump for joy when the the final buzzer sounded, signaling their fifth consecutive BSC championship.

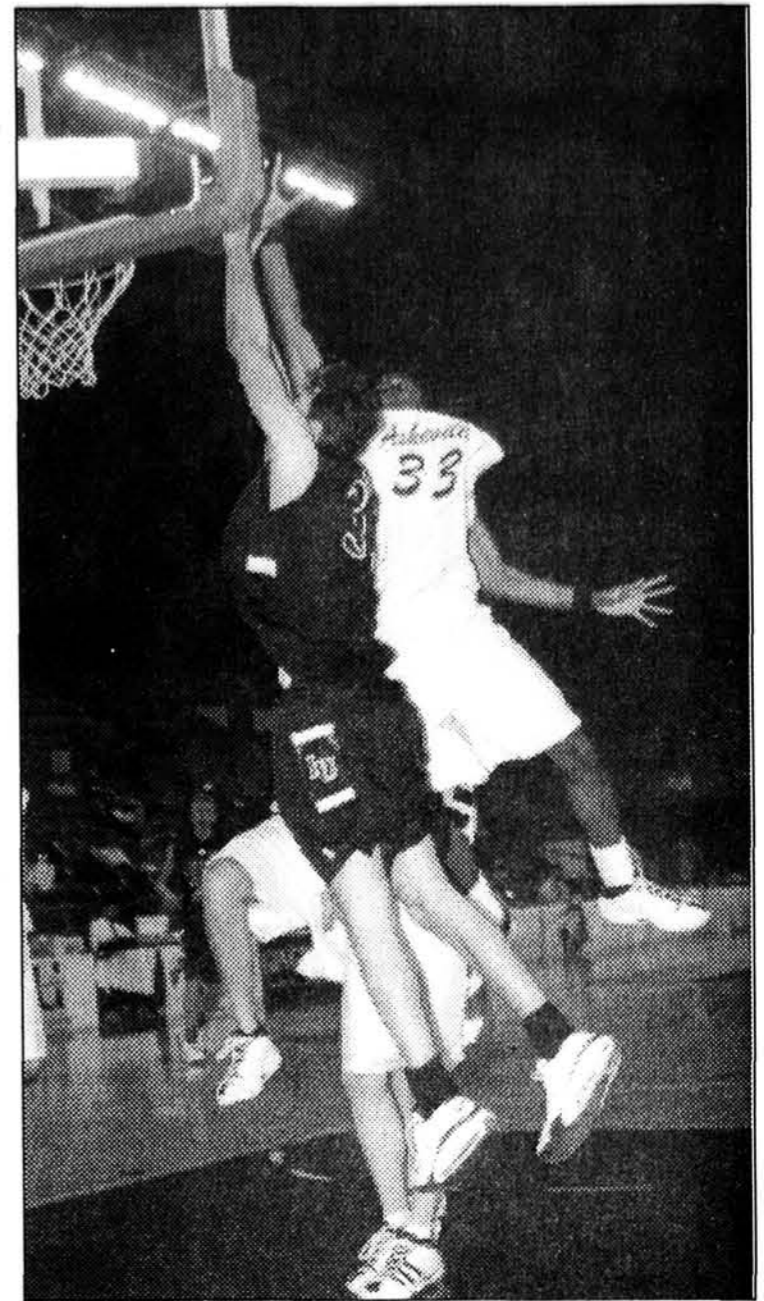


"CATCH ME"— Liberty's Rob Attaway keeps the ball away from UNC Asheville on Friday night at the Roanoke Civic Center. (Right)

"MOVING UP"— Beau Wallace and teammates run onto the court after defeating the number 3 seeded UNC Asheville. The Liberty Flames moved on to fall just short in double over

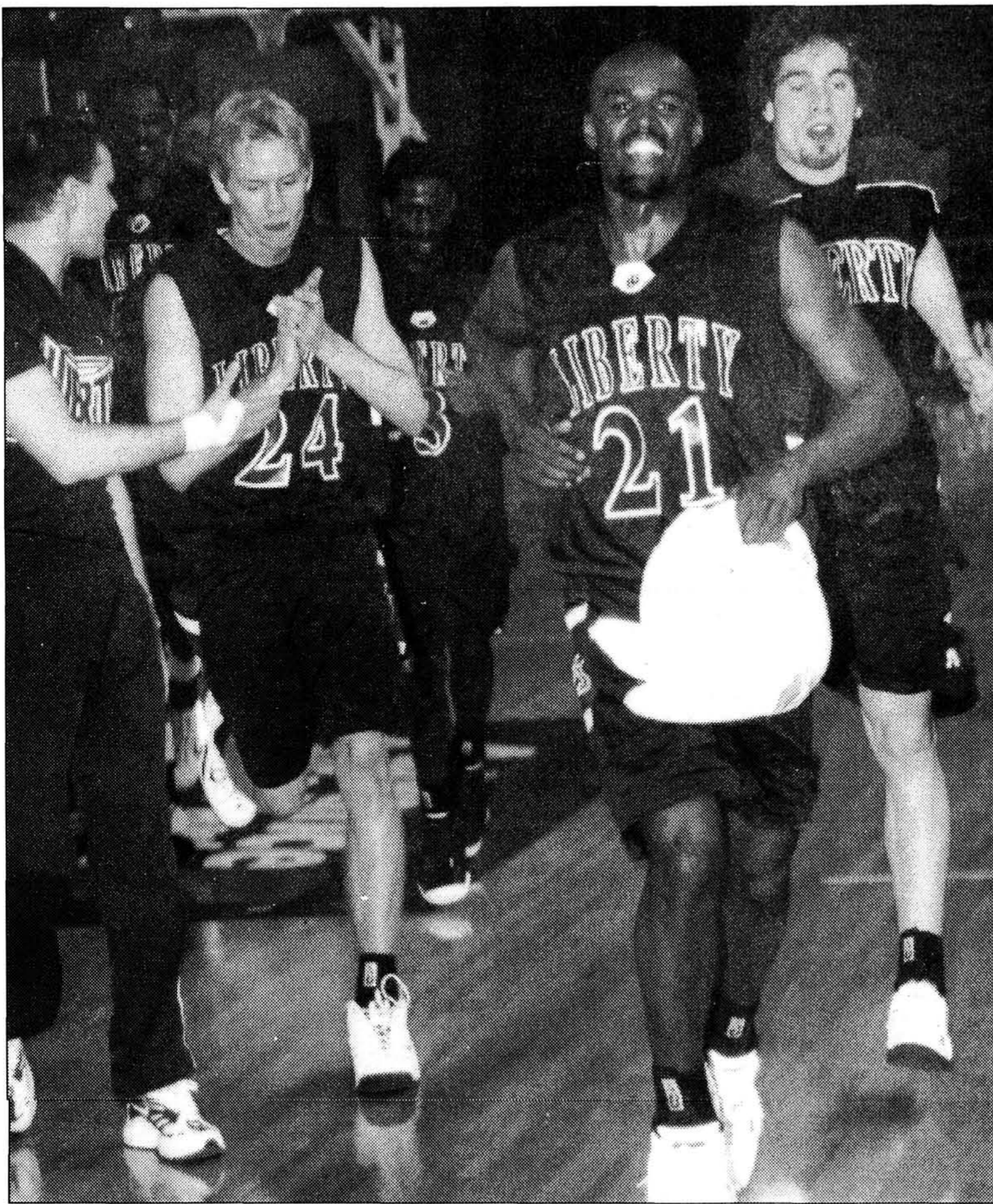


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SNATCH IT — Senior Nathan Day grabs the rebound up against UNC Asheville. Day scored 9 points and 9 rebounds in the game on Saturday. Day's teammate Chris Caldwell lead the Flame's attack in scoring with 16 points and 8 rebounds. The Flames beat UNC Asheville 60-48.



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Liberty men's basketball beats UNCA but falls in second round against Winthrop at Big South Tournament



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"YOU CAN'T HAVE IT"— Liberty's Kenneth Anaebonam fights UNC Asheville with seven points and six rebounds including one key block made Friday night in Roanoke at the Tournament. (Left)

"OUTTA MY WAY"— Beau Wallace drives down the court, keeping the ball for Liberty as he heads for the hoop to take a shot to help lift the Flames to victory. (Right)



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MLB Spring training in progress

It's the crack of the bat and the slap of the ball hitting the glove that seems to be a regular sound around campus. Just as the Liberty baseball has taken off the Major Leagues have begun spring training.

It's that time of year where the aroma of freshly roasted peanuts fill the air, the vendors cry of "hot-dogs" is heard throughout the stands and "take Me Out to the Ballgame" is sung in stadiums near and far across the country for America's favorite pastime.

Yes, it is baseball season, my favorite time of year. Back and more expensive than ever the sport is desperately in need of salary caps, but that is another column of its own.

There is just something about this sport that entices me more than any other ball game. Maybe it is just the Atlanta Braves, my favorite team, and the fact that they will definitely make it to the playoffs once again this year. But, there is something inside me that says they are going all the way this season no, really they are.

Now, now do not count them out yet, just because they have choked under pressure the last nine years does not mean that this year won't be the year. After all Chipper Jones is back. Enough said.

Jones, my favorite third baseman, is a power house at the plate and is still apologizing for the grounder he missed that cost Atlanta the homefield advantage last season. But Jones is just the beginning of Atlanta's offensive lineup.

The mound is what leaves no doubt that the Braves will return to the post-season.

Last season the Braves managed to lead the National League with a 4.10 ERA, that mostly due to the talent of none other than future Hall of Famers Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine.

The loss of John Smoltz was rough to deal with, but if he can come back strong from Tommy John surgery he may be ready as soon as April or as late as mid-May. If he does return, looks like he will become a part of the NL's best pitching rotation once again.

Then there is the good ole' John Rocker, can't forget him can we? Rocker saved 12 games before the All-Star break and 12 after. Maybe this season his actions will be a little sweeter like his pitching.

But no matter what happens this season, the only guarantee with the Braves is that they are sure to play their hearts out in hopes of not only making the Series this year, but killing the Yankees by winning it.

I eagerly await the competition and for those of you who have ever been to an LU ball game you'll know what I mean when I say, "Let's root, root for the Liberty Flames, at the old ball game." Play ball!

LU falls to Winthrop in double OT

By John Farel, asst. sports editor

Flames Coach Mel Hankinson told the team going into the tournament that winning it would be "improbable but not impossible." The team took that to heart, and after knocking off third-seeded UNC-Asheville in the first round on Thursday night, the Flames got to within 5 seconds of pulling off the "improbable" a second straight upset and a trip to the championship game-falling to second-seeded Winthrop in double-time, 67-62 at the Roanoke Civic Center. It was the first double-overtime game in Big South Tournament history, and the first overtime game since '88.

With 22 seconds to go in the game, Liberty had just taken a three-point lead on two free throws by Beau Wallace, but Winthrop which had been on fire from beyond the arc, chose not to go for the three immediately. The Eagles chose to drive to the basket, but missed two attempts from close range. However, the ball was batted out to a wide-open Tywan Harris, who buried his second three of the night to tie the

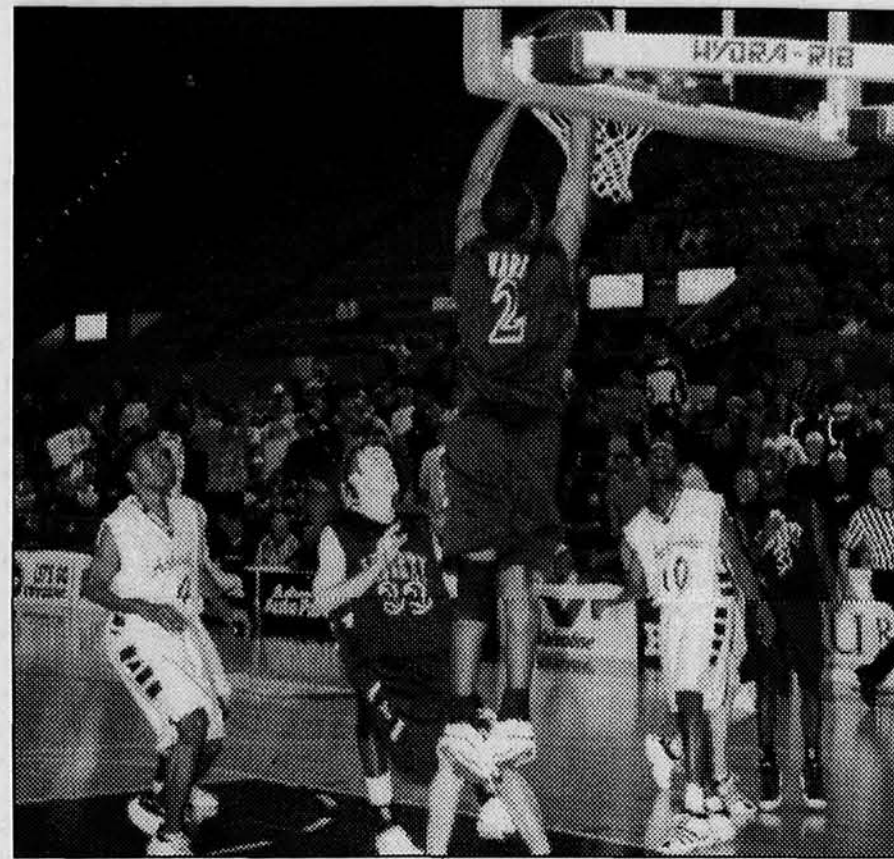
game with 3.7 seconds to play. Chris Caldwell took the inbound pass for the Flames and rushed the ball up the court, but his frantic 20-footer was blocked at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime and an eventual defeat. "There was no doubt I knew if I got an open look, I could knock it down," Harris said.

"I want to commend them. Nobody deserved to lose that kind of game," Winthrop Coach Greg Marshall said.

Marshall went on to say that he had a lot of respect for Liberty, but that now his respect has "gone through the roof."

Seniors, Wallace and Nathan Day and junior Chris Caldwell played the entire 50 minutes and scored 54 of the team's 62 points. "Their seniors were tremendous," Marshall said. Caldwell was much improved on his previous nights performance, finishing with 28 points on 11-21 shooting. Day added a double-double, 11 points and 12 boards, but he struggled from the field.

Despite the tired legs it was the Flames who dominated more than half



GET UP—Philip Ward slams home an alley-oop in Thursday's win over # 3 seeded UNC Asheville in the Big South Conference Tournament.

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Liberty women make it FIVE

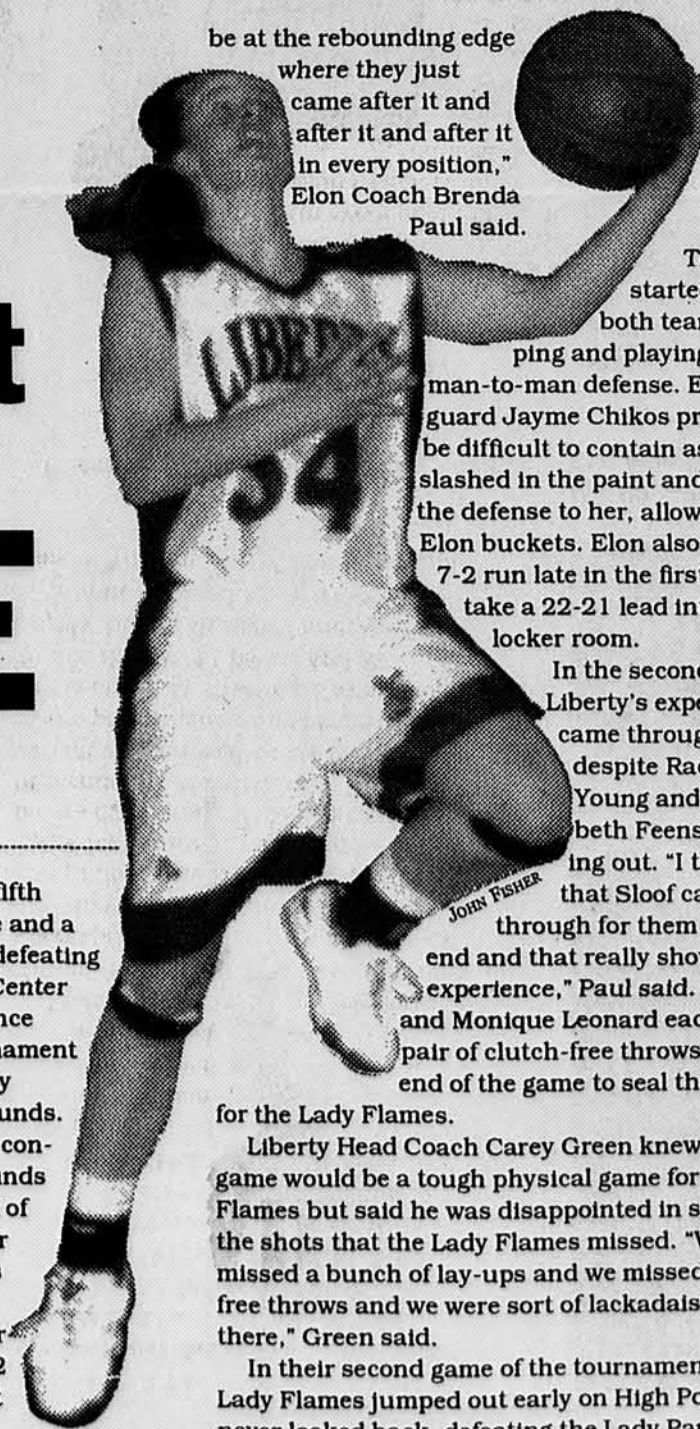
By Justin Ridge, reporter

The Lady Flames clinched their fifth straight Big South Conference Title and a birth in the NCAA Tournament by defeating Elon College at the Roanoke Civic Center Saturday in the Big South Conference Championship game, 52-47. Tournament MVP Michelle Fricke paced the Lady Flames with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior guard Rachel Young also contributed 11 points and seven rebounds before fouling out at the 4:00 mark of the second half. For Elon, no player scored higher than the eight points center Tashina DeVeaux had.

Both teams shot 28 percent for the game and Liberty committed 22 turnovers. However, the factor that won the game for the Lady Flames was rebounding. The Lady Flames outrebounded Elon 54-31. "The glaring difference would have to

be at the rebounding edge where they just came after it and after it and after it in every position," Elon Coach Brenda Paul said.



The game started with both teams trapping and playing tough man-to-man defense. Elon guard Jayme Chikos proved to be difficult to contain as she slashed in the paint and drew the defense to her, allowing easy Elon buckets. Elon also used a 7-2 run late in the first half to take a 22-21 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, Liberty's experience came through despite Rachel Young and Meribeth Feenstra fouling out. "I thought that Sloof came through for them in the end and that really showed their experience," Paul said. Sloof and Monique Leonard each hit a pair of clutch-free throws at the end of the game to seal the victory for the Lady Flames.

Liberty Head Coach Carey Green knew that this game would be a tough physical game for the Lady Flames but said he was disappointed in some of the shots that the Lady Flames missed. "We missed a bunch of lay-ups and we missed some free throws and we were sort of lackadaisical there," Green said.

In their second game of the tournament, the Lady Flames jumped out early on High Point and never looked back, defeating the Lady Panthers 74-55. Meribeth Feenstra, Michelle Fricke and Kristina Pallamaite all scored in double digits to

pace Liberty. Nicki Fauntleroy led High Point in scoring with 12.

The first half was a half of runs. Liberty started the game hot, but High Point would keep the game within 4-5 points with runs of its own. In the second half, the Lady Flames broke the game open with a 13-3 run. The Lady Flames pushed the lead as high as 26 before winning the game by 19.

"I was pleased with the intensity we had," Green said. "Our three post players are pretty talented. All of them shot over 50 percent and that's a strength that we want to continue to use." The Lady Flames shot a sizzling 53 percent for the game and out-rebounded the Lady Panthers 44-29.

Pallamaite was the court leader for Liberty against High Point. Her 14 points and eight rebounds really showed her inside presence. "Kristina was on fire, she did what she was supposed to do," Green said.

The Lady Flames started the tournament last Wednesday against UNC-Asheville. The Lady Flames survived a second half rally by the Lady Bulldogs to win 57-49. Fricke and Pallamaite once again dominated for the Lady Flames, each putting up a double double. All Tournament Player Jessica Guarneri led all scorers with 20 points for UNC-A but the Lady Bulldogs simply ran out of gas after getting as close as two points with 3:45 left in the game.

Liberty led 32-11 at halftime but UNC-A began their comeback with key three pointers. Liberty made two key steals during the three-minute mark, one each by Susan Foried and Fricke, and hit key free throws to push their lead back to six. UNC-A Coach Kathleen Weber thought the failed rally by her team was the trademark of their entire season. "These young women never quit, you can never count them out," Weber said.

Weber said that going into the game, her plan was to limit unforced turnovers and to limit second chance shots. "We didn't follow our game plan," Weber said. "Of our 11 turnovers in the first half, maybe three of them were caused by Liberty."

The injury-riddled Liberty Flames proved that they are capable of beating any team in the Big South Conference.

BSC banquets honor LU players

By Justin Ridge, reporter

Freshmen Monique Leonard and Kristina Pallamaite were two of the five Liberty players awarded at The Big South Women's Basketball Banquet last Tuesday at the Hotel Roanoke.

All eight teams from the Big South gathered for dinner, awards and an address by Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander. Kallander spoke about the individuality and uniqueness of women's basketball.

"Basketball played by women is very special," Kallander said. "It is unique and it is its own game."

Kallander also encouraged the teams to resist the temptation to conform to men's basketball.

"I love to watch the strategy, the desire, the intensity and the devotion that you all have to the women's game. It's not like the men's game, you've got something special," Kallander said to the players.

Leonard and Pallamaite were nominated to the All-Rookie

Team. Junior forward Becky Blesch was nominated to the All-Academic Team. Junior Rachel Young received an award for the Big South Second Team All-Conference and Sophomore Michelle Fricke received Big South First Team All-Conference honors.

Fricke attributed her award to the play of the team as a whole. "It's a really great honor and it just has a lot to do with teammates," Fricke said. "It's definitely more of a team thing."

Other Big South players who won awards were senior Brooke Welsbrod from Coastal Carolina, winning Big South Player of the Year. High Point freshman guard Nicki Fauntleroy was named Big South Rookie of the Year. Kallander concluded the banquet by congratulating all the players on their achievements.

"Congratulations on a great season, keep up the great work and best of luck this week," Kallander said.

In the men's banquet Nathan Day and Chris Caldwell were honored with Second Team All-Conference titles, Day also made the All-Academic team.

Baseball cracks losing streak

By Chris Humpheries, reporter

This past Saturday Liberty University's baseball team swept a double-header against Fairfield. The two wins on Saturday snapped a four-game losing streak that began the weekend before against Bucknell, and included losses to Wake Forest, James Madison and Virginia during the week.

Liberty fell to Bucknell at home on Feb. 25, 10-9. Matt Stewart picked up the loss for the Flames.

JMU beat the Flames on Feb. 27, 14-3. Liberty could not execute at the

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