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Hotels costing Liberty \$22,000 per week

BY BRAD TAYLOR
Editorial Editor

The cost of temporarily housing about 300 LU students at the Lynchburg Holiday Inn and Sheraton Hotel is costing the university \$22,000 a week as senior dorm construction slowly progresses, according to Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Meanwhile, LU women living at

the Sheraton might be in for a longer than expected stay. Sheraton management told the Liberty Champion that the university has informed it that the girls may be at the hotel for the remainder of the semester.

Glen Belden, Liberty's V.P. for University Relations, said that while he believes the girls will be on cam-

pus before the end of the semester, the university had to "give them (the Sheraton) some ideas" so the hotel would have an idea when the rooms would be available for booking.

Belden said that the hotel was told the LU guests may be there all semester "just in case" construction was not completed this semester.

The LU women are expected to move one month after the completion of the male dorms, scheduled for October 15.

Vicki Hopkins, a senior marketing major from Pennsville, NJ, living on the fourth floor of the Sheraton, said that while "the girls are trying to have a good attitude about the situation,

most feel they are being treated really bad.

"We were told we were going to have these great dorms for our senior year. Now we will have only a semester to enjoy them," Hopkins said.

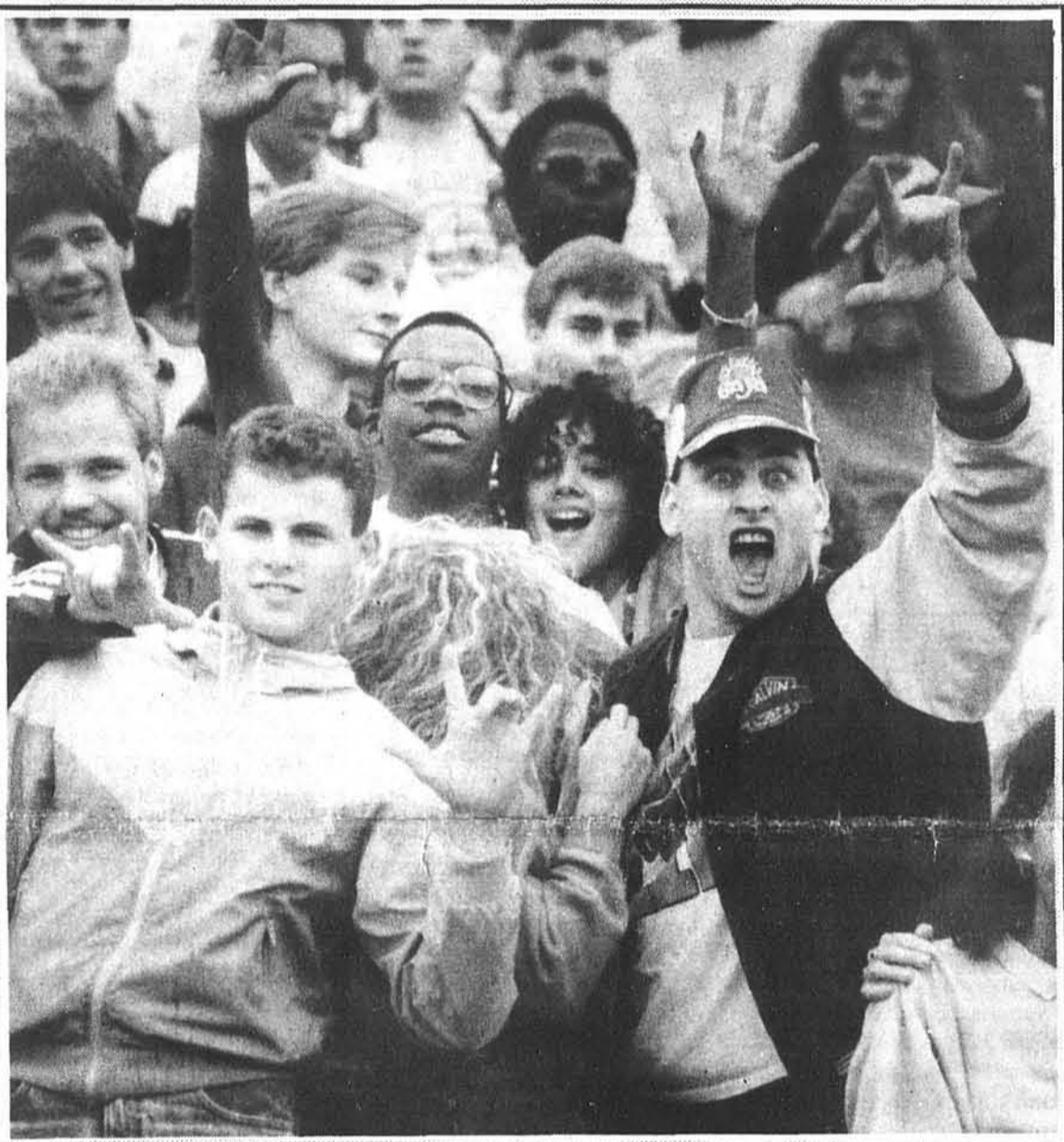
She also said that the girls on her floor felt the construction crew was progressing very slowly.

"Every time I have been up to the

construction site, I have seen only a couple guys working," she said.

University officials said that they have been pushing hard for completion of the dorms although there are no deadlines or incentives involved with the contractor.

The dorms are being constructed by Robinson Construction of Blacksburg, Va.



staff photo by Donald W. Hayden

A group of Liberty football fans appears to be enjoying the Flames' success in their first season of Division 1-AA competition. LU takes its 3-1 record to Harrisonburg to match up with the Dukes of James Madison University next Saturday.

I LOVE LU!

Hubbard expecting results from senate

BY BRUCE A. STANTON
Editor

Can you imagine anyone getting excited over the SGA Senate?

SGA Vice President Amy Hubbard does. In fact, the entire LU student body might get excited if some of her plans go through.

One of her main projects will be trying to initiate a variety of meal plans for those students who don't eat 21 meals per week.

"We plan to do as much as we can," Hubbard says. "A lot of students would like to see alternate plans. This is one of our main goals."

Hubbard is also working on getting more senior privileges approved.

"We would like to see church attendance at other churches for seniors, later study hours and extra hours library privileges," she says.

These projects may appear to be too much to ask for, but many positive changes for students have resulted from the work of the SGA Senate.

"Our most exciting change was reduction in the yearly parking costs from \$100 to \$50," Hubbard says.

The senate will also be working on a textbook exchange, a ride placement program and the Saturday Markets.

"We're working on upgrading the market," Hubbard says. "We want a more festive atmosphere."

"We are also planning a Monday night market. This will have more businesses from town to meet the

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needs of more students."

The Monday night markets will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and will be open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Hubbard's office is also involved in many behind the scenes activities.

"We're responsible for compiling the list of all the clubs and organizations," Hubbard says. "This year, we even have four new clubs at LU."

Another big responsibility is preparing for senate and committee meetings.

Hubbard also stresses attendance and participation from her senators this year, or they will be removed from office.

"This is a professional organization," she says, and we have to act professional.

"We feel strongly about enforcing the dress code and attendance. More than three unexcused absences will result in dismissal."

While Hubbard wants professionalism in the senate, she also realizes that she needs student input on matters.

"Generally, I would like for all students to take their concerns to the senate," she says. "We would like for students to feel that the senate is there



Amy Hubbard

for them."

With that, Hubbard hopes for many results during her tenure as SGA Vice President.

"I see my job as being a serious one. We want to see results in the senate, not just to sit there and debate."

"We want the administration to perceive us as wanting to work with them. We want them to know that the goals we have are the same ones that they have."

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of four articles on LU's SGA officials.

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CRs lobby Congress to support The Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act

BY CATHERINE MAENTANIS
Champion Reporter

More than 100 College Republicans traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress in support of The Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act.

The bill, proposed by President Reagan in 1987, is the result of recommendations made by the 1986 Attorney General's Commission on

Pornography.

Liberty Federation sponsored the trip and provided the CR's with 55,000 anti-porn petitions which were distributed to Senators and Representatives of every state.

Liberty Federation President Jerry Nims addressed the group with a speech condemning the porn industry's use of First Amendment protection.

"The First Amendment does not protect obscenity. Anyone who claims it does is not reading from the same Constitution that our founding fathers gave us," Nims said. "Those who seek protection behind the First Amendment are destroying the moral basis for free speech."

Nims also condemned Democratic presidential hopeful Michael

Dukakis for bragging about his status as a card carrying member of the ACLU.

"The ACLU defends the right of child pornographers to distribute and sell their product. How could Mike Dukakis support such a group?" he asked.

Representative Robert Dornan (R-CA) also received a warm welcome from the cheering crowd who waved

signs which read "STAMP OUT SMUT," "PORNOGRAPHY IS NOT MILD WHEN IT'S YOUR CHILD" and "PROTECT OUR CHILDREN."

Dornan told the group that organized crime controls a large majority of the \$7-\$9 billion industry. He added that the bill would, for the first time, give the federal justice system more power to prosecute

organized crime syndicates and child pornographers.

"How many of you have younger brothers and sisters?" Dornan asked. "By coming here, you are protecting them from those who profit off of exploiting and degrading children in the name of entertainment."

CR Chairman Jim Lumley said he was pleased with the group's involvement and interest.

DeMoss additions could begin within the next twelve months

BY BRUCE A. STANTON
Editor

Liberty University President A. Pierre Guillermin recently granted The Liberty Champion an interview in which he discussed many of the future growth plans for the campus.

CHAMPION: Are there any plans for DeMoss Hall expansions, and when could construction begin?

GUILLERMIN: "Right now, the administration is scheduling a series of planning meetings to determine needs and the potential utilization of the facility."

"DeMoss can have two additional floors added, three floors total."

"There is a definite need for both floors. There is a need for library expansion, bookstore expansion, additional classrooms and faculty office space."

"Construction could possibly begin within the next twelve months."

CHAMPION: Will any more dorms be constructed soon?

GUILLERMIN: "As soon as the four senior dorms are completed, there are plans for an additional six dorms."

"College and universities today are developing a joint agreement with independent companies by which the institution provides the land and the company constructs the building."

"After a period of time, the university repurchases the buildings from the company."

"This is becoming a trend because the cost of construction is so expensive."

CHAMPION: When will the senior men and women be able to move into the new senior dorms?

GUILLERMIN: "That's on a day-to-day basis. There are a lot of conditions surrounding that."

CHAMPION: Will there be a new basketball facility at LU in the near

future?

GUILLERMIN: "It's been discussed. I don't foresee a new one being constructed in the near future though."

"More than likely, we will re-design the present multi-purpose facility."

CHAMPION: How close is affiliation with the Southern Conference for LU in sports? Has LU been approved by its schools?

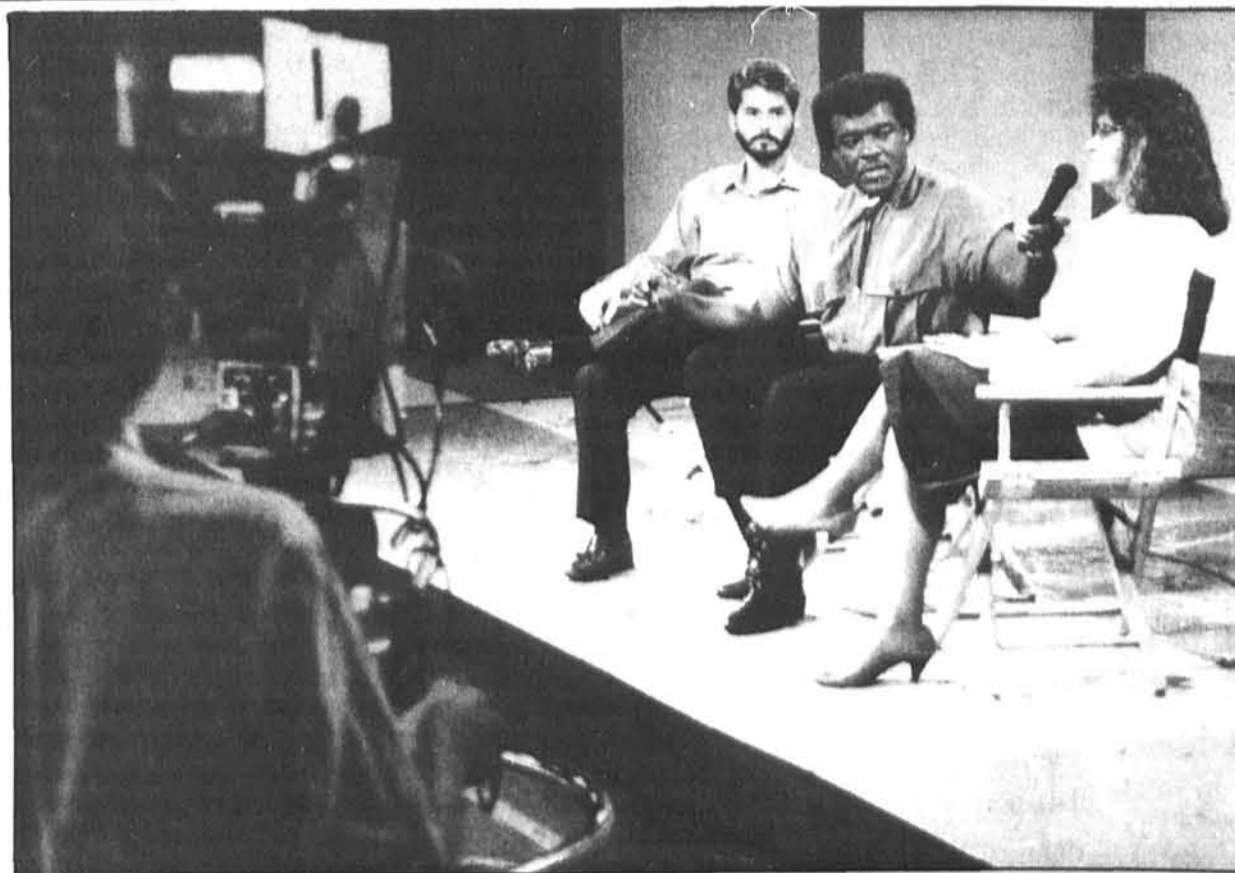
GUILLERMIN: "All of the schools in the Southern Conference seem to be supportive of LU's membership."

"We are presently in the process of making applications and seeking membership."

CHAMPION: Have any plans been made to update periodicals and reference books in the library?

GUILLERMIN: "We have a continuing plan and program to update and upgrade the library's holdings."

"There is a figure included in the budget for this purpose."



Alphonso Wesson chats with actors during last week's taping of "Act It Out."

See Lori Skudler's critique of the show on page 4. Staff photo by Donald W. Hayden

OPINION



"...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

—II Corinthians 3:17

Editorial

Fetal research does not justify aborting babies

Progress is progress-- no matter whose life it takes. That's what "USA Today" editor John C. Quinn would have us believe.

In the September 20 issue of the "USA Today," Quinn's editorial pleads that fetal tissue research for lifesaving purposes must continue. He claims that using fetal tissue for science is "not an abortion issue and must not be handled as one."

Quinn is wrong. The real issue is not whether or not we should use fetuses for medical research; It's whether or not we should KILL them.

Using fetuses from elective abortions could get out of hand.

Medical research chop-shops could be set up. Money could be handed out for the fetuses to mothers who want to sell their "abortions."

Quinn claims that "laws can prevent that." Laws can prevent abortion too, but they don't.

What happens to this research if elective abortion is outlawed again? Who will control the illegal research that goes on?

If medical research continues on fetuses, it will never be stopped.

In another sentence, Quinn states that "transplanted fetal tissue grows rapidly and is less likely to be rejected by the body than adult tissue."

That's strange. I thought that the Supreme Court ruled that fetuses were non-human. How could their tissue help humans? Isn't that a bit contradictory?

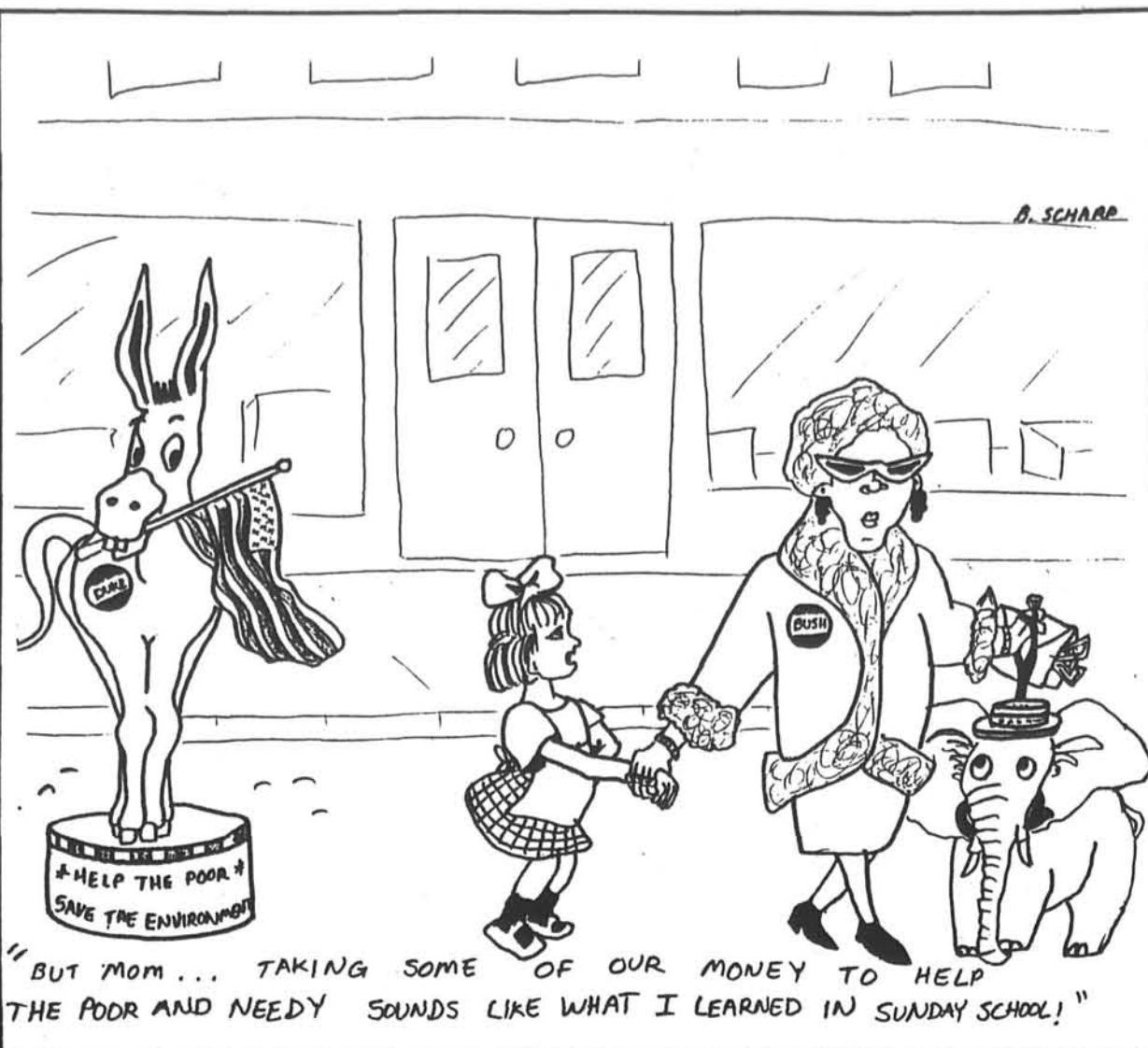
Quinn goes on to say that "outlawing fetal tissue research won't stop abortions. It will only stop medical progress."

Well, we mustn't stop medical progress now, must we? Obviously, Quinn thinks that murder is all right when it saves someone else's life.

Quinn closes with the assessment, "It must continue. With caution. With controls. And with compassion."

Don't make us sick. Compassion for whom? The lives you'll be saving for the ones you murdered?

Don't justify a sinful act by trying to make something good come out of it. God's not stupid.



Liberty needs a Christian Democrats Club to give a better political balance

The time has come for the persons of Democratic persuasion on this campus to organize a College Democrats club.

Not that there is an overwhelming amount of Democrats at LU, but those who are deserve a political club which they can use to express their political beliefs.

A Democrat's Club at LU would serve many useful purposes. Certainly the number one purpose would be to give the College Republicans (CR's) a little competition, something the political monopoly on campus has never had. Regular debates between the clubs would result in an exciting atmosphere where diverse ideas are exchanged and considered. Debates would force both Republicans and Democrats to know why they belong to their particular party. They would also allow those of no certain political conviction a chance to see what each party had to offer.

Secondly, a Democratic Club at LU would show the community and the nation that Liberty University is not a school where everyone thinks alike, and where diversity of thought is prohibited.

Even the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a conservative right-wing Republican has expressed his approval of a Democrat's club on campus. It would "certainly be unfair to disallow equal political expression" on campus, Dr Falwell said. "To do

Brad Taylor



so would violate what we believe in."

Falwell said that a Democrat's Club or any other political club (such as an Independent's Club) would receive the "same treatment" as the Republicans as long as it followed the "rules and criteria" that all clubs must follow.

Unfortunately, there are those on campus who simply could and would not tolerate such a club of opposing viewpoint on this campus.

Certain College Republicans have recklessly stated that the Democratic Party stands for everything that Christians stand against. They have taken the far-left views of the party and have tried to convince students that these views are what the mainstream of Democrats embrace. Some CR's have even gone as far as to say that the Democratic Party endorses bestiality and the legalization of drugs.

Nonsense! While the far-left sector of the party might not oppose these things, the hardworking blue-color Democrat or the midwestern Democratic farmer would find these ideas repulsive.

It is neither fair nor ethical for Republicans to take these leftist ideas that exist in only a small fraction of the Democratic Party and try to con-

vince us that all Democrats believe the same way.

What about former Congressman Dan Daniels (D-VA) a conservative who represented this district in Washington, or Senator William Proxmire (D-WI), who frequently exposes outrageously wasteful spending by both the Republicans and Democrats alike? These men certainly didn't or don't want to see the legalization of drugs or the sexual exploitation of animals.

It also is not fair for the conservative Republicans on campus to suggest that their ultra-conservative views reflect those of the Republican Party.

Take the issue of abortion. It was estimated that nearly 75% of the Republicans in New Orleans were not opposed to abortion on demand. Unfortunately the CR's don't mention this, making it appear that most Republicans are vehemently opposed to the idea.

This is another reason a Democrat's club would prove useful. They could remind us that not all Republicans are conservative. A fact that the CR's don't like to hear.

A Christian can be a Democrat and a Christian campus can and should have a Democratic Club. To suggest otherwise is absurd.

Brad Taylor is the editorial editor of The Champion

Christian Democrats Club would be a compromise to our biblical beliefs

Why would anyone in his right mind want to join the Democratic Party? Better yet, why would any Christian want to identify himself as a Democrat?

It's understandable that some on campus would prefer more diversity in the political forum, but for Christians, how much diversity do we want?

Compromising our beliefs to align ourselves with the Democratic Party is a bit extreme. For the past 20 years, the Democratic Party has grown increasingly hostile towards Biblical Christianity. The party caters to special interest groups which have no desire to promote Godly standards or a Judeo-Christian ethic for society.

The Democratic Party has long been discredited as a legitimate representative for mainstream America. Organizations such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the National Organization of Women (NOW) and People for the American Way (PAW) have endorsed the party and influenced its platform. These organizations are known for their

Catherine Maentanis

blatant anti-Christian views. So why would a serious and responsible God-fearing person associate with such groups?

This is not to say that Christians don't have the right to choose between different groups or parties. They have that right. But to support a party with a record like the Democrats is irresponsible and foolish.

Take the abortion issue as an example. As Christians, we know it's wrong. There is no neutrality. However, the Democratic Party supports abortion and favors federal funding as well.

What about homosexuality? It's either right or wrong. Again, there is no neutrality. God looks at homosexual behavior as an abomination. We should likewise. Yet, the Democratic Party supports "gay rights" and has adopted a platform issue to protect gays from discrimination. This

is disgusting!

We are ultimately accountable to God for our actions. This includes the people we associate with as well as the groups we support.

If we devote our time and efforts to a cause, it should be one which the Lord would accept. Unfortunately, the Democratic Party, as it stands today, would not find favor in God's sight.

By calling yourself a Democrat, you are essentially aligning yourself with the party. But if you don't agree with the party's ideology, then why join? It's like calling yourself a zebra and refusing to wear stripes. It's senseless.

Any person who considers himself or herself a Democrat, in the literal sense, has no business endorsing the Democratic Party and certainly no business carrying the Democratic banner. Sure you can become a Democrat and not support its main platform, but then, why bother? It would be a lot easier to call yourself a Republican or an Independent.

Catherine Maentanis is a staff columnist for The Champion.

Being a light to the world can be hard

Reynard Valdez

Being the light to the world is sometimes a difficult task for many Christians. The difficulty comes because young Christians simply do not know how to handle situations where they are tempted to do wrong.

Jesus said that we were to be the light of the world, in such a way that the glorious news of salvation may not be hid. Just like a lighthouse on a hillside that overlooks life's sea, we need to shine out the light that others may come to safety.

On the way back to school, I was so tired that I slept through three plane flight stops, only waking up long enough to change flights each time.

The last flight seemed the longest, and there was hardly anyone on the plane. Several times I had awakened, only to feel like I had not shared the gospel with anyone that day.

Several times on the second flight I had tried to start up conversations with the people sitting next to me, but they went on about their business. However, I did manage to encourage them to read the tracts I gave them.

Halfway through the third flight, I sat up and looked out the window and saw the sun peeking through the clouds. I wished I was not so tired. Then I began to pray that God would somehow in my weakness shine His light through me that others might see.

Finally, the plane landed and I made my way to the front. As I walked, an elderly couple said "Hi" to me, and I returned the greeting.

After getting off the plane, I waited in the lobby for a few minutes and noticed an elderly gentleman coming toward me. It was the old man that said "Hi" to me on the plane.

"The Lord told me to give you this," he said, and then he walked away. There I stood with a piece of paper in my hand not knowing what to expect. Several times before, the Lord had done similar things like this in my life, but I wondered what it could be this time.

The paper was folded and inside was a \$20 bill and an address. But that didn't catch my attention as much as the title that was on the paper which held the money.

It read, "A light that shines - let the light of your face shine upon us."

I was so excited because even in my weakness God had shown through me to encourage an elderly couple.

Christian friend, remember that you are a Light to this world, and take heed to how you conduct yourselves in your everyday life. "Let your light so shine before men that they may glorify your Father in heaven" Matt. 5:16.

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Ask God for creativity to help boredom, loneliness

Boredom and loneliness are probably the two experiences you were certain not to face at Liberty. After all, Liberty is action-packed and full of thousands of students, three of whom are your roommates. But much to your and everybody else's surprise, boredom and loneliness do set in sometimes.

This may seem somewhat strange to you, but then again one of the reasons boredom sets in is precisely because there is so much activity going on. It's not the lack of action that bores us, but rather it is the seeming monotony and routineness of it all. The fact that the newness has worn away is what poses the problem.

You might even feel like a programmed robot. You systematically wake up, take a shower, eat breakfast, go to classes, go to chapel, go to classes again, eat supper, head for the library, go back to the dorm, go to sleep and start all over again. And you probably do this without even thinking about it. Keep this up, and the days will start blurring together, leaving you with a chronic case of the "blahs."

As for loneliness, it's probably harder to understand why you'd feel lonely with so many people around. Strangely enough, it's all those people that make your loneliness even worse. In crowds, it's easy to let yourself feel left out. Just watching others laugh, talk and share can make you feel quite alone and bored.

The solution involves much more



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than waiting for the boredom and loneliness to go away. In fact, they won't go away on their own.

If you don't act to counter them, you will soon find yourself emotionally and physically drained. Research indicates that half an hour of boredom can burn more nervous energy and create more tension than an entire day's work. If you're feeling lonely on top of that, things could get much more complicated.

Boredom usually comes from routines, so change your routines. If you always eat with Joe and Sally, have Tom and Susan join you for a change. If you always sit in the seventh row of the back bleachers, exactly three seats from the center aisle during chapel, sit somewhere else. Small changes like that can provide you with a different and expanded perspective.

If you always jog in the evenings, try getting up early in the morning to take your run. The key to overcoming boredom is to invade the set routine every now and then. Try unique activities to break the monotony. Ask God for some creativity to make life more enjoyable.

Part II in the next issue of The Champion.

OPINION

Airheads get examination

Last week, I gave you a brief glimpse at my obsession with the airhead. I told you a couple of my experiences with them, and why this study means so much to my life.

The HO Story

By Dan Hochhalter

I approached my research at every angle possible. I needed to understand just what generated enough power between their ears to keep their legs moving.

My search took me to two different schools— Big Sky High and Liberty University. This gave me an opportunity to study this creature in two different parts of the country and in two socially different environments.

I have learned a lot in my study. Below is an explanation of the airhead to hopefully give you insight and better understanding and to just plain make it easier to pick one out in a crowd.

You see, being friends with an airhead isn't at all dangerous. It's having one sneak up and surprise you in the weirdest ways that could prove fatal if you're not prepared.

The first and most obvious point in spotting an airhead is seeing the most basic physical feature— the airhead can only be a girl.

Now wait, before you start calling me a chauvinist and a jerk and demanding my column be discontinued at such an early age; hear me out. The airhead is the female equivalent to the male pinhead.

The term originated around the late seventies in a southern California high school when some preppy boys needed a cool, catchy name for their "nearly" counterparts. The term seemed to apply when every time a certain female strutted by, a high-pitched whistle sounded like that of a leaky tire followed immediately by a sudden rush of wind-- or so the legend goes.

Many girls, however, claim that guys can have certain airhead characteristics. This is true, sort of. There are many likenesses between the airhead and the pinhead, but--and girls be honest with me-- how many times have you seen a guy floating around campus on just the balls of his feet.

Anyway, I needed a place to start with my search. What better place is there than in a dictionary (a thousand English teachers just stood up and cheered).

The word "airhead" does not appear in this book of many words, so it needed to be broken down to further grasp the meaning behind it. The dictionary describes the word "air" as "a light breeze." "Head" is referred to simply as "mind." I don't think any further explanation is needed.

To spot the airhead the next time you're sitting around in DeMoss, at lunch, in a classroom, in the mall or anywhere else your creative imagination can place you, I have developed three main points to help you from being caught off guard.

First, their vocabulary in public consists of only two phrases: "How

did that happen?!" and "I'm so embarrassed!" To prove this, during the blizzard of '87, I saw two girls cruising down an ice-covered road at a fairly high speed in their mobile. A car stopped in front of them and they smashed squarely into its back end. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Immediately after it happened, the female driver jumped out and, flailing her arms about, frantically rambled, "How did that happen?!" The poor policemen spent their entire lunch break trying to explain to this puzzled space cadet that ice is slippery, but she still didn't understand.

I'm sure you remember my little incident in the laundry room I told you about last week. Thus, we have the "I'm so embarrassed!" case already proven.

Point two also came out of that little accident and was proven with an entire list of cases" The airhead is never wrong, and any accusation of such whatsoever is just grounds for death.

For example (how many times have you seen this around campus), a girl in high heels is casually walking along. Her heel suddenly catches a crack in the sidewalk and she stumbles. Instead of continuing on, she stops, turns and scowls at the ground. Oh, I should have known. That's where she originally intended to land her foot; the stupid crack just got in her way.

Lastly, comes the area of thinking. What usually takes little brain power suddenly involves great skill in decision-making.

The place is River Ridge Mall. I was waiting in my car as a friend went inside to the bank to get some cash. I saw two girls, completely engaged in conversation, approach one of the doors. Both extended their hands simultaneously to give the door a push. Now, as we all know, all doors have a little sign posted at eye-level of your average human. And as we all know, that little sign always says P-U-L-L...Push. When the door didn't give the first time, they tried again. And then a third time. Finally, one viciously pulled the door open and turned to her friend and said, "Stupid door!"

The examples are endless. You see them all the time. The purpose of this column is to educate you so you won't be caught off guard the next time you meet one.

Having an airhead for a friend and knowing she's an airhead is not bad. As a matter of fact, it comes in a little handsometime. Like when you're in a sailboat out on a lake with one and the wind suddenly dies down. Just turn her ear to the sail, and there you have it— light speed!

Dan Hochhalter is a staff columnist for The Champion.

'Act It Out' wants to earn right to witness

Editor:
A wise man once said we must earn the right to witness to people.

"Act It Out" represents our attempt to earn the right to be heard. Alphonso Wesson, Sherry Brown, Bob Lauro and a multitude of others involved with the program are working long hours at missionary wages or less in hopes of attracting unsaved people to a moral message.

No, we don't preach. If we did, the majority of kids would tune us out and our ultimate message would be unheard. I have been involved with every program, and I can assure Mr. Saint that no one has ever been cut off or warned what to say or what to avoid. The audience is encouraged not to give lengthy "sermons" but absolutely no one has ever been discouraged about witnessing their faith on the show.

Our goal is to attract an audience that might not watch the Old Time Gospel Hour and similar shows. We want the audience of young people to be entertained and receive an intentionally subtle message that is moral and one that will encourage them to call the number at the end of the show and get more details on answers for life.

Alphonso and everyone involved in the show would be pleased to have Tim Saint participate in every show. The mikes are OPEN.

Did you get that? OPEN. There are many avenues to reaching people with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Give us a chance with this brand new format, one that is not being done anywhere else, and watch what happens.

Dr. Dave Miller
Co-host
Act It Out

Letters to the Editor

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Lumley expects a critical press

Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the largest club on campus, I wasn't surprised to see a critical editorial written about our College Republican club in the school newspaper. Columnist Cal Thomas says to expect that kind of treatment, especially if you are a conservative. Editorial writers like Brad Taylor have been a part of American journalism since Ben Franklin and the lightning rod. I am thankful the administration allows critical articles to be published in the Liberty Champion. I think it's healthy and it helps train C.R. members for the real political world.

Brad's editorial was a compliment to our club in many ways, but there are three important things that need to be set straight. First, Taylor said "most members are never seen or heard from again by the club" after they sign up. Wrong! Every student that joins the C.R.'s gets a colorful membership card, a welcome letter in their mailbox, and a copy of the College Republicans Newsletter to be printed in Mid October. Plus, many of our members will be contacted on the phone by either

myself or by one of our executive board members sometime during the semester.

Second, we don't claim to have more members than actually exist. Everyone who has joined our club has personally filled out a membership form saying they want to join. So far, we have 1,074 completed forms in our records. But that doesn't

seem to satisfy Mr. Taylor and those few former members he talks about.

And third, we do hear other viewpoints. This is evident by the video debates we show at our membership tables such as CNN's "Cross-fire," Morton Downey and Phil Donahue. And as for the artist who sketched the comic, we do have women in our club. Our executive board is made up of 4 men and 3 wonderful ladies. In fact, females make up 52% of our club membership.

In closing, I have two questions for my friend Brad Taylor. First, "Where was Brad" on Aug. 30 when 547 students (50% of our C.R. Membership) came to our first club meeting to hear Dr. Falwell and Congressional candidate Charlie Judd? And second, Brad... Would you like to join the College Republican Club?

The C.R.'s are off to its greatest year ever. But if I may borrow a phrase from Ronald Reagan regarding the days ahead: "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Jim Lumley
CR Chairman

What's wrong with LU CRs?

Editor,
I would like to register a

complaint that I had (probably everyone else) with Brad Taylor's "Counterpoint" in last week's Champion.

What is wrong with you? I don't know why the College Republican Club bothers you. Republicans are conservative, just like most of the students on this campus. This could be why there are so many CR members here. (This is heavy logic. I hope I haven't lost you yet, Brad!) I say "Amen!" to the fact that we are the third largest in the country.

I take it that since you don't like CR members you must not be a Republican. This must mean that (warning -

heavy logic again) you must be a Democrat. I am sure that you know that the Democrats are for many things that Christianity is against (abortion, homosexuality, legalization of drugs, etc.).

Do you want a president who is in favor of abortion and bestiality? (Make me throw up!) I should think not.

You said that CR members are "unavoidable." Well, you know what they say, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Gary Harris

Editor's Note:

Saying that one is not a CR or does not prefer the CR Club does not make one a Democrat, or a supporter of the Democratic platform.

The 4,000+ persons on campus that are not members of the College Republicans Club must also be Democrats, according to your logic, Mr. Harris. If that is the case, and a Democrat's Club was formed, LU would probably have the largest one in the nation. B.T.

Beauty and history of Washington covers up the grim reality of drugs, homelessness, poverty and violence in city

I get to visit our Nation's Capital quite often. Washington, D.C., is by far my favorite place.

I always get a rush whenever I walk through the marble halls and domes that the hand of Thomas Jefferson helped to design.

In the National Archives lies the U.S. Constitution, which the great mind of James Madison contributed to.

Then there's the Mall, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his stirring "I Have a Dream" speech. I just stare for hours at the statue of Abraham Lincoln and ponder his magnificence.

But, when I walk a few blocks from

all this, the greatness fades from view. Instead, there lies a grimmer reality.

Open up the Washington Post on almost any given day and the grimness hits you in the face.

Drugs--Our nation's capital has one of the worst drug problems.

Homelessness--The street people in Washington can always be seen at night sleeping near the steps of our Capitol.

Poverty--The people of D.C.'s inner city are among the poorest in the land.

Violence--The violent crimes in D.C. continue to grow colder and more cruel.

Anthony Perrone

Within the very walls of American civilization lies the seed of its ruin.

America has a problem, and it is NOT political.

So many times we have tried to think of a political answer to a non-political problem. We spend more and more money on the problems of America, yet they won't go away. Money obviously is not the answer. Jesus Christ IS.

America doesn't need more politicians who are always going to find the wrong answers to the right problems. What America needs is a revival.

Maybe then America's churches will help those addicted to drugs.

Maybe then America's churches will feed the hungry and clothe the poor. Maybe then the church will stop the violence.

Maybe, just maybe, King's dream will come true.

Anthony Perrone is a staff columnist for The Champion

What's worse than one thousand measles spots? One thousand bad measles jokes

BY ERIK PARKER
Special to the Champion

Measles! I'm tired of hearing about them just as much as you are. The vicious trend of cancelled activities, the countless measles jokes and symptom descriptions that always sound much too similar to what you are currently experiencing.

It's getting a little annoying to constantly be asked the question, "Did you get your shots?" Sometimes I just feel like saying, "Yes, and I'm Pedigree and I'm registered. Do you want to see my papers?"

Well, that can't be helped. It's for everyone's safety. But how about those annoying measles jokes? You know, the ones like, "Pop Goes the Measle" or the rumor that they're going to change the name of Liberty University to "Measle Mountain!"

But it doesn't stop there. Your roommates have to get in on the fun. One night while you are soundly asleep

they decide to color red dots all over your face with a marking pen. When you wake up and see yourself in the mirror, the only thing that can revive you is repeating, "There's no place like home," 101 times.

Now, the real problem is how to know if you REALLY HAVE the measles? In class, the teacher starts telling you all the symptoms.

"It starts with a cold, a sore throat, a headache, and it makes you feel like you are going to fall asleep and not listen to the lecture," he says. And there you are, feeling your throat, blowing your nose, feeling your head, and sure enough, not paying attention to the lecture. You stand up and scream in the middle of class realizing, "Oh, no! I've got the MEASLES!"

Worse yet, you may decide to eat

two chocolate bars one night and wake up the next morning with red spots. Is it the measles or do you just need another tube of Clearasil?

How about when your roommate wants you to THINK he has the measles? He colors red dots on his face only to find when he washes them off, there are still spots there!

Well, finally you decide not to take any chances so you go to get your immunization shot. It doesn't take long to get scared when you hear the agonizing screams of the people in line ahead of you slowly fade away. Then, you walk in the door, and there, with a sawed off "IMMUNE 1" shotgun, is a nurse with a big smile who says, "Have a nice day," as she pulls the trigger.

Well, actually it's not all this bad, and I know, measles really isn't a laughing matter, but it's time to make

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Why is this so important? I as-

Dean Francis



sure you that we are not here to try and make every LU student a Youth major or minor. If, however, you want to reach your town, the big city, a whole country, a continent or even the whole world, you must, and I repeat, must reach the teenagers.

They always have been and always will be the key to future. Ninety-five percent of all who receive Christ will do so before the age of 21. Please, share Christ with a teenager today.

Dean Francis is the president of YouthQuest Club.

OPINION



"...Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

-II Corinthians 3:17

Editorial

Fetal research does not justify aborting babies

Progress is progress-- no matter whose life it takes. That's what "USA Today" editor John C. Quinn would have us believe.

In the September 20 issue of the "USA Today," Quinn's editorial pleads that fetal tissue research for lifesaving purposes must continue. He claims that using fetal tissue for science is "not an abortion issue and must not be handled as one."

Quinn is wrong. The real issue is not whether or not we should use fetuses for medical research; It's whether or not we should KILL them.

Using fetuses from elective abortions could get out of hand.

Medical research chop-shops could be set up. Money could be handed out for the fetuses to mothers who want to sell their "abortions."

Quinn claims that "laws can prevent that." Laws can prevent abortion too, but they don't.

What happens to this research if elective abortion is outlawed again? Who will control the illegal research that goes on?

If medical research continues on fetuses, it will never be stopped.

In another sentence, Quinn states that "transplanted fetal tissue grows rapidly and is less likely to be rejected by the body than adult tissue."

That's strange. I thought that the Supreme Court ruled that fetuses were non-human. How could their tissue help humans? Isn't that a bit contradictory?

Quinn goes on to say that "outlawing fetal tissue research won't stop abortions. It will only stop medical progress."

Well, we mustn't stop medical progress now, must we? Obviously, Quinn thinks that murder is all right when it saves someone else's life.

Quinn closes with the assessment, "It must continue. With caution. With controls. And with compassion."

Don't make us sick. Compassion for whom? The lives you'll be saving for the ones you murdered?

Don't justify a sinful act by trying to make something good come out of it. God's not stupid.

Ask God for creativity to help boredom, loneliness

Boredom and loneliness are probably the two experiences you were certain not to face at Liberty. After all, Liberty is action-packed and full of thousands of students, three of whom are your roommates. But much to your and everybody else's surprise, boredom and loneliness do set in sometimes.

This may seem somewhat strange to you, but then again one of the reasons boredom sets in is precisely because there is so much activity going on. It's not the lack of action that bores us, but rather it is the seeming monotony and routineness of it all. The fact that the newness has worn away is what poses the problem.

You might even feel like a programmed robot. You systematically wake up, take a shower, eat breakfast, go to classes, go to chapel, go to classes again, eat supper, head for the library, go back to the dorm, go to sleep and start all over again. And you probably do this without even thinking about it. Keep this up, and the days will start blurring together, leaving you with a chronic case of the "blahs."

As for loneliness, it's probably harder to understand why you'd feel lonely with so many people around. Strangely enough, it's all those people that make your loneliness even worse. In crowds, it's easy to let yourself feel left out. Just watching others laugh, talk and share can make you feel quite alone and bored.

The solution involves much more



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Dr. G

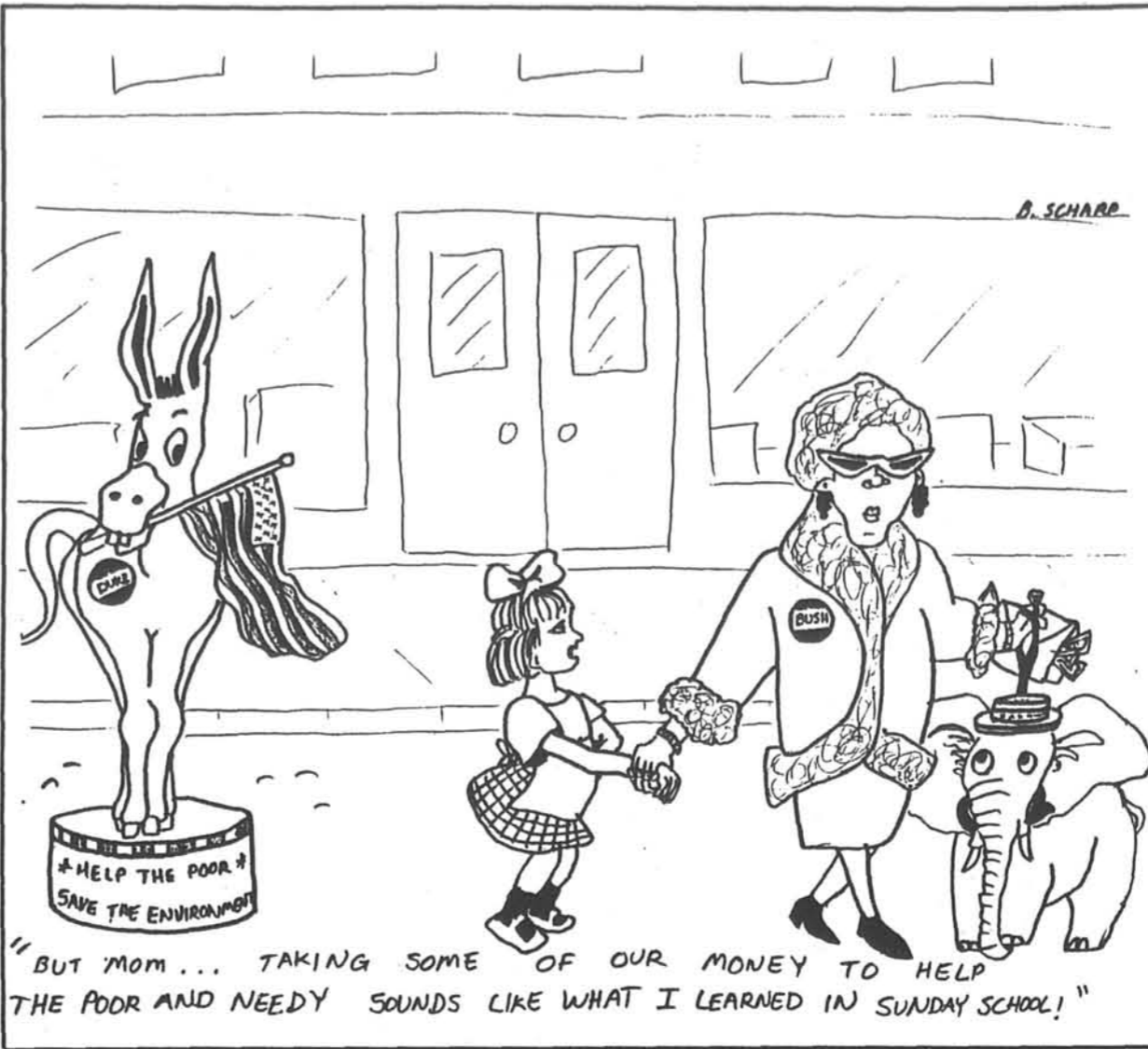
than waiting for the boredom and loneliness to go away. In fact, they won't go away on their own.

If you don't act to counter them, you will soon find yourself emotionally and physically drained. Research indicates that half an hour of boredom can burn more nervous energy and create more tension than an entire day's work. If you're feeling lonely on top of that, things could get much more complicated.

Boredom usually comes from routines, so change your routines. If you always eat with Joe and Sally, have Tom and Susan join you for a change. If you always sit in the seventh row of the back bleachers, exactly three seats from the center aisle during chapel, sit somewhere else. Small changes like that can provide you with a different and expanded perspective.

If you always jog in the evenings, try getting up early in the morning to take your run. The key to overcoming boredom is to invade the set routine every now and then. Try unique activities to break the monotony. Ask God for some creativity to make life more enjoyable.

Part II in the next issue of the Champion.



Liberty needs a Christian Democrats Club to give a better political balance

The time has come for the persons of Democratic persuasion on this campus to organize a College Democrats club.

Not that there is an overwhelming amount of Democrats at LU, but those who are deserve a political club which they can use to express their political beliefs.

A Democrat's Club at LU would serve many useful purposes. Certainly the number one purpose would be to give the College Republicans (CR's) a little competition, something the political monopoly on campus has never had.

Regular debates between the clubs would result in an exciting atmosphere where diverse ideas are exchanged and considered. Debates would force both Republicans and Democrats to know why they belong to their particular party. They would also allow those of no certain political conviction a chance to see what each party had to offer.

Secondly, a Democratic Club at LU would show the community and the nation that Liberty University is not a school where everyone thinks alike, and where diversity of thought is prohibited.

Even the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a conservative right-wing Republican has expressed his approval of a Democrat's club on campus. It would "certainly be unfair to disallow equal political expression" on campus, Dr Falwell said. "To do

Brad Taylor



so would violate what we believe in."

Falwell said that a Democrat's Club or any other political club (such as an Independent's Club) would receive the "same treatment" as the Republicans as long as it followed the "rules and criteria" that all clubs must follow.

Unfortunately, there are those on campus who simply could and would not tolerate such a club of opposing viewpoint on this campus.

Certain College Republicans have recklessly stated that the Democratic Party stands for everything that Christians stand against. They have taken the far-left views of the party and have tried to convince students that these views are what the mainstream of Democrats embrace. Some CR's have even gone as far as to say that the Democratic Party endorses bestiality and the legalization of drugs.

Nonsense! While the far-left sector of the party might not oppose these things, the hardworking blue-collar Democrat or the midwestern Democratic farmer would find these ideas repulsive.

It is neither fair nor ethical for Republicans to take these leftist ideas that exist in only a small fraction of the Democratic Party and try to con-

vince us that all Democrats believe the same way.

What about former Congressman Dan Daniels (D-VA) a conservative who represented this district in Washington, or Senator William Proxmire (D-WI), who frequently exposes outrageously wasteful spending by both the Republicans and Democrats alike? These men certainly didn't or don't want to see the legalization of drugs or the sexual exploitation of animals.

It also is not fair for the conservative Republicans on campus to suggest that their ultra-conservative views reflect those of the Republican Party.

Take the issue of abortion. It was estimated that nearly 75% of the Republicans in New Orleans were not opposed to abortion on demand. Unfortunately the CR's don't mention this, making it appear that most Republicans are vehemently opposed to the idea.

This is another reason a Democrat's club would prove useful. They could remind us that not all Republicans are conservative. A fact that the CR's don't like to hear.

A Christian can be a Democrat and a Christian campus can and should have a Democratic Club. To suggest otherwise is absurd.

Brad Taylor is the editorial editor of The Champion

Christian Democrats Club would be a compromise to our biblical beliefs

Why would anyone in his right mind want to join the Democratic Party? Better yet, why would any Christian want to identify himself as a Democrat?

It's understandable that some on campus would prefer more diversity in the political forum, but for Christians, how much diversity do we want?

Compromising our beliefs to align ourselves with the Democratic Party is a bit extreme. For the past 20 years, the Democratic Party has grown increasingly hostile towards Biblical Christianity. The party caters to special interest groups which have no desire to promote Godly standards or a Judeo-Christian ethic for society.

The Democratic Party has long been discredited as a legitimate representative for mainstream America. Organizations such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the National Organization of Women (NOW) and People for the American Way (PAW) have endorsed the party and influenced its platform. These organizations are known for their

Catherine Maentanis

blatant anti-Christian views. So why would a serious and responsible God-fearing person associate with such groups?

This is not to say that Christians don't have the right to choose between different groups or parties. They have that right. But to support a party with a record like the Democrats is irresponsible and foolish.

Take the abortion issue as an example. As Christians, we know it's wrong. There is no neutrality. However, the Democratic Party supports abortion and favors federal funding as well.

What about homosexuality? It's either right or wrong. Again, there is no neutrality. God looks at homosexual behavior as an abomination. We should likewise. Yet, the Democratic Party supports "gay rights" and has adopted a platform issue to protect gays from discrimination. This

is disgusting!

We are ultimately accountable to God for our actions. This includes the people we associate with as well as the groups we support.

If we devote our time and efforts to a cause, it should be one which the Lord would accept. Unfortunately, the Democratic Party, as it stands today, would not find favor in God's sight.

By calling yourself a Democrat, you are essentially aligning yourself with the party. But if you don't agree with the party's ideology, then why join? It's like calling yourself a zebra and refusing to wear stripes. It's senseless.

Any person who considers himself or herself a Democrat, in the literal sense, has no business endorsing the Democratic Party and certainly no business carrying the Democratic banner. Sure you can become a Democrat and not support its main platform, but then, why bother? It would be a lot easier to call yourself a Republican or an Independent.

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Being a light to the world can be hard

Reynard Valdez

Being the light to the world is sometimes a difficult task for many Christians. The difficulty comes because young Christians simply do not know how to handle situations where they are tempted to do wrong.

Jesus said that we were to be the light of the world, in such a way that the glorious news of salvation may not be hid. Just like a lighthouse on a hillside that overlooks life's sea, we need to shine out the light that others may come to safety.

On the way back to school, I was so tired that I slept through three plane flight stops, only waking up long enough to change flights each time.

The last flight seemed the longest, and there was hardly anyone on the plane. Several times I had awakened, only to feel like I had not shared the gospel with anyone that day.

Several times on the second flight I had tried to start up conversations with the people sitting next to me, but they went on about their business. However, I did manage to encourage them to read the tracts I gave them.

Halfway through the third flight, I sat up and looked out the window and saw the sun peeking through the clouds. I wished I was not so tired. Then I began to pray that God would somehow in my weakness shine His light through me that others might see.

Finally, the plane landed and I made my way to the front. As I walked, an elderly couple said "Hi" to me, and I returned the greeting.

After getting off the plane, I waited in the lobby for a few minutes and noticed an elderly gentleman coming toward me. It was the old man that said "Hi" to me on the plane.

"The Lord told me to give you this," he said, and then he walked away. There I stood with a piece of paper in my hand not knowing what to expect. Several times before, the Lord had done similar things like this in my life, but I wondered what it could be this time.

The paper was folded and inside was a \$20 bill and an address. But that didn't catch my attention as much as the title that was on the paper which held the money.

It read, "A light that shines - let the light of your face shine upon us."

I was so excited because even in my weakness God had shown through me to encourage an elderly couple.

Christian friend, remember that you are a Light to this world, and take heed to how you conduct yourselves in your everyday life. "Let your light so shine before men that they may glorify your Father in heaven" Matt. 5:16.

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Critique

'Act It Out' comes back to LU, hopes for syndication

BY LORI SKUDLER
Champion Reporter

A flurry of activity in the Fine Arts Hall Wednesday night announced the taping of the first of four new "Act It Out" shows to be broadcast on LBN and reviewed by national television syndicators.

The first taping at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday is packed out as the church evaders scramble to be one of

the 300 in the audience.

The survivors seat themselves in the auditorium and chat idly. As showtime approaches, the head "cheerleader" for the show comes on stage. Amidst his comic routine, he rehearses the audience applause and asks anyone who has an LU shirt on to please take it off.

Then, the audience waits with baited breath as the time arrives. The lights

dim, the screen lights up.

A girl on the screen argues with her parents, storms out of the house, walks down a dark alley, is harassed by hoodlums until...HE arrives. It's the fearless, phabulous Phonz!

He gets rid of the bad guys, talks to the girl and takes her back home to her open-armed parents. Then, he speeds off in his sleek black Cor-

vette, drives straight to the studio and arrives in person--on stage and larger than life.

The cheerleader starts cheering; the applause is deafening, "The Guys in the Band" are jamming, the fans are hooting. The Phonz is loving it.

The Phonz entertains the crowd for a while, then gets down to business. He introduces the professional psychologist for the show, the man who knows

his stuff. Then we get to what the show is really about.

The high school jock who has it all--looks, personality and a football scholarship. But something happens. He becomes paralyzed from a football accident. His girlfriend breaks up with him, he loses his scholarship, his life totally changes. How does he deal with it? How do the people

around deal with him?

The Phonz leads the audience in some good discussion for a while, then stops for commercial breaks, each time looking a little more gray-faced from the constant powder puffing offstage.

Then we're back again with the only show where you can see your ideas acted out.

College of General Studies added at LU

BY KIM WESTOVER
Champion Reporter

The most recent addition to Liberty University's growing list of schools and colleges is the College of General Studies.

Dr. Pauline Donaldson, Dean of the new college, says that there are about 2,000 freshmen enrolled in it.

The College of General Studies has been created to aid students in registering for their classes so that they can get into the freshman classes that they will need while deciding on their individual field of study.

Donaldson explained that so many times a freshman will feel pressured into declaring a major before they have really had the time to decide what they want to study. Then the student changes his major several times before he graduates. Donaldson thinks this program will cut down on the number of students changing their majors.

Being in the College of General Studies makes the student feel they are a part of a major rather than just being "undecided," she said.

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Breland

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He has planned seminars which will constitute some Sunday morning services next semester and fundraiser concerts that will be dispersed throughout the year.

"I'm looking forward to an exciting year!" he said.

T-shirts are also going to be designed specifically for the freshmen, he stated.

In high school Breland served as a class officer for four years, held an office in the National Honor Society, was vice-president of the student body, president of the chorus for four years and held various other positions.

Breland majors in music and is currently a member of the LIGHT singing team.

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Transformation Crusade raps in streets for Jesus

BY BARBARA GUESS
Champion Reporter

Tony Russell, a 12-year-old Chicago boy died from a shot in the head not long after listening to four guys rapping on the street. The difference is that these guys happened to be the Transformation Crusade, and because of them Russell was saved twenty minutes before his death.

Rap is the language of the streets, and the Crusade raps about such things as getting killed in gangs and dying over a pair of leather sneakers. Their lyrics may be about the streets, but their focus is on getting people saved. Andre Sims, a crusade member from Chicago, said, "It's the same message, different perspective."

While in New York, "Daryl D" Fitzgerald, a member from Martinsville, Va., noticed a man street preaching on 42nd St. The people passed him by. Fitzgerald said that they could stop them with their rap.

The Transformation Crusade doesn't have a pulpit; what they have is the ability to rap for Christ. The members of the Crusade know of 1000

youths that have professed Christ since they began their ministry nine months ago.

More than 800 youths came forward to accept Christ this summer when the Crusade went to the streets of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Portsmouth, Va. and Miami.

D.D.O.D., or "D" for short, is a member from the South Bronx. He said, "It's nothing we do, we're just doing what Christ commands all his children to do, go tell."

Chris Williamson, a member from Baltimore, started writing and rapping in high school as the rap king MC Romeo. Now he writes the lyrics for the Transformation Crusade and calls himself, D-Vine MC.

"D" said that when Williamson gets hit by the Holy Spirit, he starts writing; when secular musicians write, they just get hit.

If people begin to dance, the Crusade will stop the music and continue without it. The message is the point, not the beat. Williamson said, "Rap-

ping is just like singing for the Lord. It's just preaching that happens to rhyme.

The Transformation Crusade started in active ministry not long after Freddie Gage came to speak at Liberty last year. "D" said, "The Lord used Freddie Gage and his book, 'Pulpit in the Shadows,' as a vessel in showing us the capacity in which we could serve the Lord."

They hope to one day have a crusade team in every city, staying for the entire summer and spreading the Word through rap.

To spread the word is our ministry

We're just four soul brothers from Liberty

We have a rap talent and we will use it

And we'll be sure that we won't abuse it

We'll rap with the box or we'll rap with music

Salvation is forever and we'll never ever lose it.



Transformation Crusade is: (left to right) Chris Williamson, Daryl Fitzgerald, D.D.O.D, Catherine Sims and Andre' Sims.



Staff Photo by Donald W. Hayden

Rick Amato speaks during chapel on Friday.

Falwell speaks to nurses

The Liberty University nursing department had its first official ribbon ceremony Thursday evening.

Jerry Falwell spoke at the event. In his message, he talked about the senior citizen community planned for Liberty Mountain in the next few years. Future nursing students will be able to practice there.

The evening was a culmination of

hopes and dreams for Linda Miller, chairman for the department of nursing, who has envisioned the nursing department for many years.

After the ribbon presentations, the students lit candles and recited the Florence Nightingale pledge, a statement in which they devoted themselves to the welfare of those committed to their care.

Imperials continue commitment to Christ in 'Free the Fire,' but receive an average grade on quality, impact

If I had to grade the Imperials overall on their talent, their burning for lost souls and their deep commitment to serve God, I'd give them an A+.

However, if I had to grade their latest release, "Feel the Fire," on its quality of production, its professionalism and its musical and artistic impact, I'd have to give it a C+. The C is because it's basically average. It's not bad—nowhere even close. But at the same time, it left me kind of dry. In other words, it doesn't measure up to the quality of music the Imps have blessed us with over the years.

I have always liked the Imperials. I especially grew fond of them when they made their big switch from traditional to a more contemporary sound in "Let the Wind Blow." It fell into my category of music—more on my level. But since that big switch, the Imps have kind of been a group without a style.

However, still caught up in their search for their own distinctive tune, the Imps released "This Year's Model," which provided more of a

Christian Music Review

By Dan Hochhalter

50's-60's style of music. I really liked this.

They came out with another attempt at style with the just released "Feel the Fire." They tried a more 80's approach. Here's where the problem lies, though. I feel they took a step backwards. Instead of being a group with a definite unique style, they sound like your stereotyped contemporary Christian artists. In other words, average.

Look at the album cover. It consists of merely several different poses of each member. At first, I didn't think much of that. (Never judge a book by its cover, or in this case, an album by its jacket.) When I was listening to the tape, however, it suddenly hit me that the album looks and sounds very

much like the group, Truth.

The Imps have been around much too long, and the members are much too talented to sound so amateurish. Unlike "This Year's Model," every single song on "Feel the Fire" sounds very much the same. Generally, every song has the same beat, the same sort of mood, the same overall tune. You hear one song, you hear them all.

No artist is immune to this problem. Another example of this is Rick Cua's earlier album "Wear Your Colors." Songs have got to be different from each other. Each has to stand in a person's mind as having its very own, distinguishable personality. Again, take "This Year's Model." The style remains the same, but each song stands completely out from the others.

Another thing that came to mind while listening to this album was the lack of harmony in the songs. When

listening to a quartet, one would expect awesome harmony—whether it's contemporary or not. The Imps lacked good harmony in this album. That element is usually the finishing touch—the cherry on the sundae. Good harmony—such as what the Imps were known for—is one of the most pleasing things to the ear. "Feel the Fire" had very little if any.

With all that said, however, I still do recommend the album. A few problems don't constitute a total flop. "Feel the Fire" is still the Imperials. There are powerful lyrics. They are four fantastic singers. There's a lot of potential in this group. Now all they have to do is channel this potential in the right direction, that is, the right style of music, and the Imps would once again start burning brightly.

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SGA senate kicks off in first meeting with Hubbard at helm

BY CURT OLSON
Champion Reporter

The Liberty University student senate kicked off the new school year Thursday with its first official meeting. Executive Vice President Amy Hubbard introduced her cabinet to the Senate. Erin Koch is the Senate's pro tempore and serves as vice president of the Senate in case of the Executive Vice President's absence.

Tim Chandler is the Senate clerk and is responsible for taking roll call before each meeting and keeping track of the attendance records of each Senator.

Kelly Koch is the secretary. Her responsibilities include keeping the minutes of each Senate meeting.

Scott Sandidge plans the agenda (resolutions that will be discussed) for each Senate meeting.

Finally, Jeff Bailey is the Senate Chaplain. Hubbard told the Senators what is expected of them. She stressed attendance, punctuality and dress code. She made it clear that three absences by a Senator can result in removal of a Senator from office.

Erin Koch presented the four Senate committees, which are as follows: Student Affairs Committee, Education President's Committee, Spiritual Life Committee and the Town Student Committee.

The meeting ended with each Senator taking the Student Senate oath.

Millions between 18-24 don't vote

BY BRIAN SHEETZ
Champion Reporter

Expert predictions estimate that 15-16 million young people (18-24 age group) will not vote in 1988, based on past performance.

"Young voters are a sleeping giant as a political force. There are as many 18-24 year olds as there are 65 year olds and over.

"To exercise our political clout as effectively as the seniors do, we must get registered, get mobilized and get out and vote," asserted Maureen Kirk, chair of the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group and a student at University of Oregon.

The deadline for Virginians to register is Oct. 8., according to Fran Brown, head registrar for Amherst County.

Students who are not Virginia residents and are interested in voting should contact the registrar's office in the locality of which they are a resident to obtain a temporary registration application and a temporary absentee ballot application.

Students who are Virginia residents but are unable to get home before Oct. 8, should contact the registrar in their locality and request a temporary registration application and a temporary absentee ballot application. Only ballots for the presidential election will be sent to the student.

Brown stressed that all temporary voter registration applications must be received in her office no later than Oct. 8.

To assure to receive a ballot on time, students should see that the absentee ballot application be returned to the registrar's office at least eight days before the election in November.

Internships give students vital experience in their professions

BY SCOTTA M. MORRIS
Special to the Champion

The National Internship Program wants to give students the experience to use their education in the future.

"An internship was my most valuable college experience. I met the important conservatives, learned my way around the city, and made close, personal friends whose support led me to my present position in the White House," a 1983 Liberty intern, Ramona Ely, said.

"This is what Liberty University is all about," Lew Weider, Director of Internships, said. "We are training students as a liberal arts institution in various fields which will infiltrate the world for Christ in every major."

Most students, when thinking about interns, think about political science; however the list of available internships is longer.

Students can earn from one to 12 credit hours in the following majors: business, TV/radio, journalism, English, history, health, pastoral, missions, and youth ministries.

Debbie Greenwood, a secretary in the Internship Office said, "If you're thinking about the future, you should be thinking about this particular program."

The National Internship Program works closely with the Alumni Office which, in turn, hooks up with graduates who assist in placing Liberty students into internships and developing a greater constituency in the secular world.

To help students learn more about internship opportunities, an internship seminar will be held on Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

FMA sponsors Stock Market Challenge for students, faculty

Special to the Champion

The Liberty University chapter of the Financial Management Association will sponsor a campus-wide Stock Market Challenge for faculty and students. The Challenge begins Oct. 3 and will run for seven weeks.

Participants will manage a \$100,000 brokerage account comprised of up to fifteen issues listed in the "Wall Street Journal." All trades will be done through a personal broker at a one percent commission fee. Prizes, such as a dinner for two at Crown Sterling, will be offered to the top investors.

The Financial Management Association is a new business club for those interested in economics, accounting and finance.

On Tuesday, at the first official meeting, twenty students joined and many others showed interest.

In addition to the Stock Market Challenge, the club's board of directors has planned many activities including participation in a national AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge, a tailgate party at the Homecoming football game and question and answer sessions with local bankers, financial planners and stock brokers.

Business professors Robert Mateer, George Ogum and Maurice Zaffke have been influential in getting the club started this year. Philip Swicegood is the club's chairman.

'Elder statesman' gives views on new generation

BY BOB HOLMES
Special to the Champion

"Don't do it, young people!"

The two girls who sat next to me in Music Appreciation class needed those famous words of Sumner Wemp shouted at them.

They were talking about meeting at L'Uey's Place after the basketball game.

I thought it was a run-down bar on Fifth St.

I found out it's actually the cafeteria after 8 p.m.

I'm so out of it.

I exist in a world far removed from the normal 18-to-24 year-old LU student. I'm a married town student—and an old one at that.

When I was issued my draft card as a senior in high school, the class of 1993 was already five years old.

To them, Vietnam is ancient his-

tory—the last war mentioned in HIUS 222.

A couple of days ago, I sat listening to the chatter in the crowded DeMoss Learning Center. A couple of guys were talking about Liberty's great hockey team.

We have a hockey team?

My mind was on more important matters. I wondered if my wife would forgive me for forgetting to put out the garbage that morning.

Quite a contrast from what was on the mind of the guy seated next to me. He was trying to convince an out-of-dress-code, mini-skirted coed to accompany him to Liberty's premiere showing of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

She didn't look like the Walt Disney type, but if we ever hold a Madonna

look-alike contest, this girl definitely has my vote.

The discussions going on all around me seemed so trivial. I was pondering whether or not it's time to start potty-training my son.

A guy and a girl standing near me were making an attempt to hold hands. They didn't know how. They had lived under the old Liberty Way that didn't allow for such things.

I buried my head in a textbook to hide my laughter. The ways of romance will eventually be learned at Liberty.

But I shouldn't have laughed. I'm the one who is really out of it. I don't even own any of those multi-colored shoe strings everyone wears to keep those goofy-looking sunglasses from falling off their faces.

I took a walk to the only place I know of where old folks at Liberty

gather—The Fast Break Lounge.

There I found solace with other students of like disposition. All live off campus. Most are married. All agree that the Fast Break milk shakes are worth the buck charged for them.

As I "lounged" on a cracked plastic chair at a wobbly, crumb-laden table, I struck up a conversation with a Missions major from Massachusetts.

He's one of those that God surprises with a call late in life. His age was difficult to determine.

Over steamy chili laced with hot sauce, we discussed politics. He lamented over his vote for Kennedy.

"You voted for Ted for Senator?" I asked, shocked.

"No, John for President."

Wow! I'm not so old and out of it after all!

Frosh president Breland plans 'exciting class chapels' for this year

BY MEGAN BEARDER
Copy Editor

Freshman class president, Jason Breland, has high aspirations for this year's largest class.

One of Breland's main concerns is that there is "communication between members of the class and the class officers. I have ideas and plans for the class, but I want

them to communicate with me—it's their class."

The freshmen will be able to communicate their ideas through suggestion boxes titled "Fresh Thoughts" that will eventually be located throughout the campus.

Breland has planned "exciting chapels with singing groups and dynamic speakers from around

the country."

Breland believes there should be a balance between the music and speaking as "the main focus of chapels is to be ministered to."

He also wants to emphasize individual participation in class chapels. "We're not there to watch people praise the Lord but to participate ourselves."

"I want Freshmen chapels to be the highlight of the week," he said.

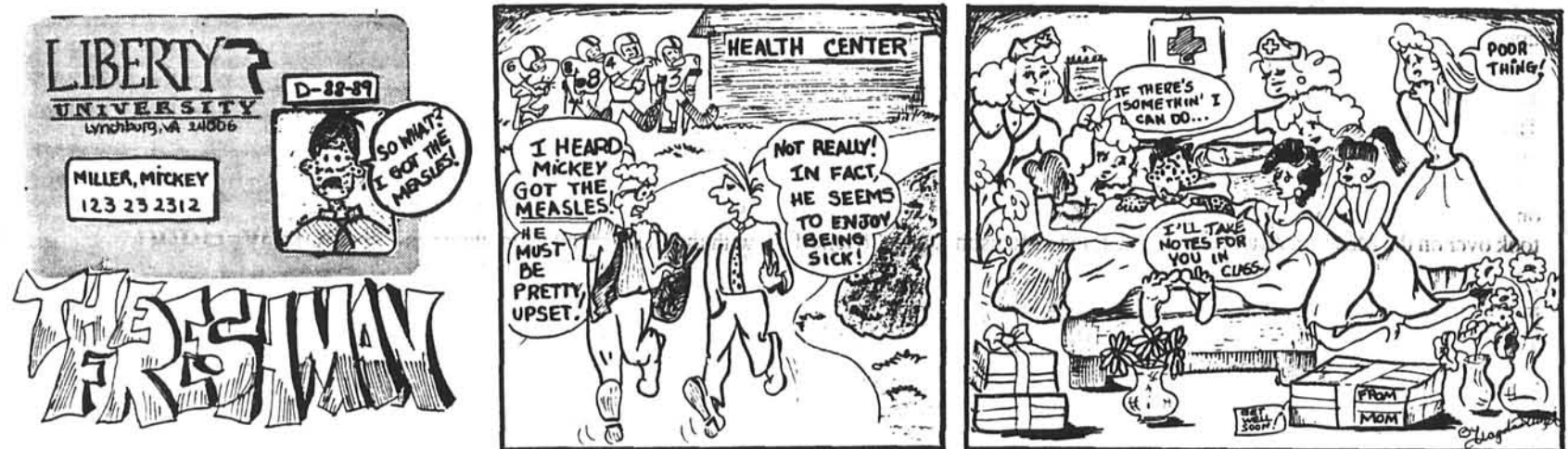
Breland hopes the class will unite through parties and fund-raisers that are upcoming. "These events will give any student the opportunity to participate."

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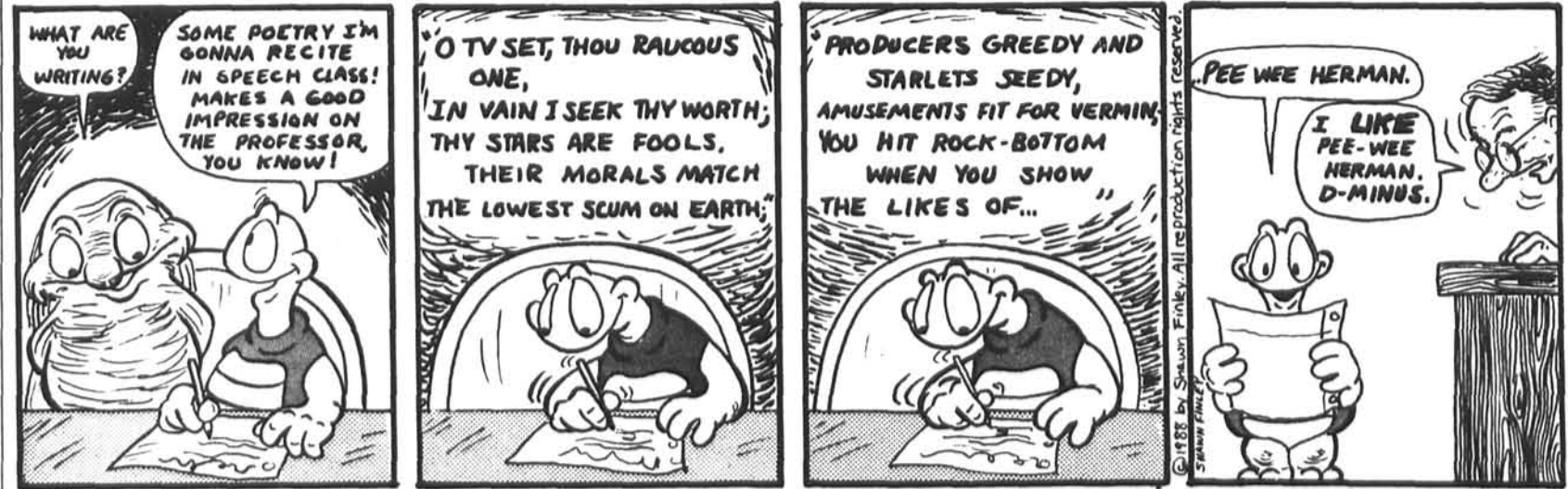
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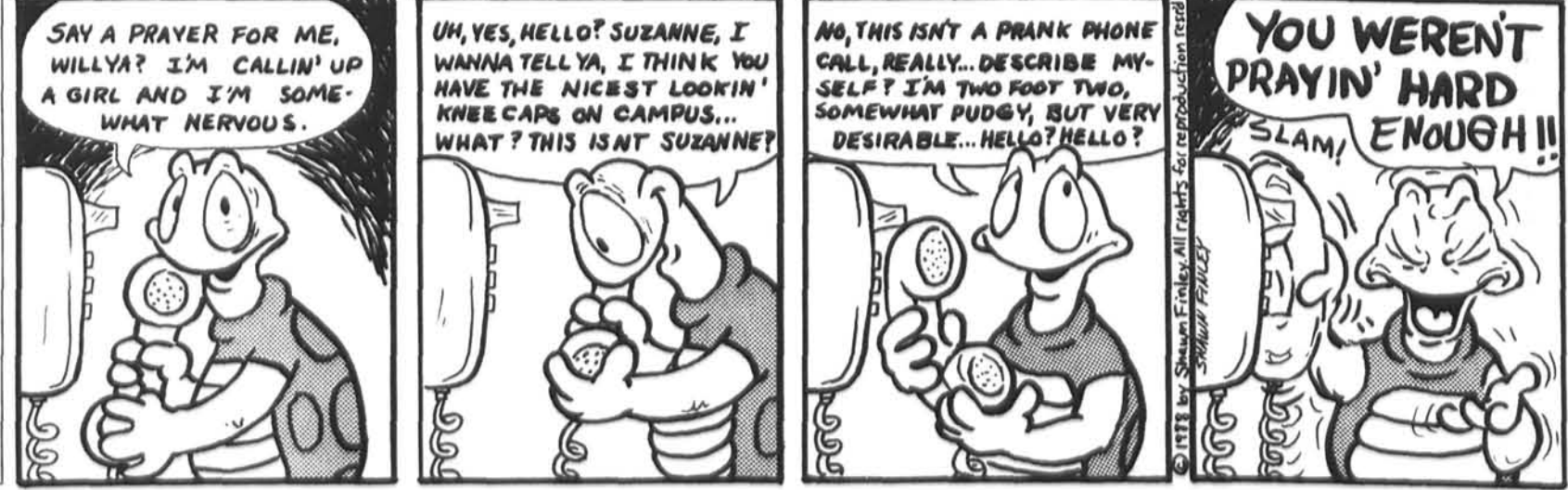
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SPORTS

Liberty creams Morehead 34-9

BY KEITH MILLER
Sports Editor

Coming off a tough loss against Eastern Illinois, the Liberty Flames football team needed a confidence builder for the rest of the season.

They got just that in a 34-9 blowout of Morehead State University Saturday at City Stadium.

Plowing through the Eagle defense for 362 yards of total offense, the Flames rushed for 240 yards on the ground, the most in Coach Morgan Hout's five years at LU.

Leading the way was sophomore Leroy Kinard with 94 yards on 22 carries. Junior Charles McCray added a career high 87 yards on 19 carries with three touchdowns.

The former Brookville High stand-out leads the Flames with six touchdowns on the season and thinks his best is yet to come.

"I believe this was my best game yet at Liberty," McCray said. "I've been struggling. I've still got my 100 (yard game) to get. They haven't gotten the best game out of me yet."

It couldn't have been better for the Flames Saturday, as the first time they got their hands on the ball, they drove 67 yards in 11 plays to score. McCray rushed for 33 of those yards and went in untouched to put the Flames up 7-0 with 7:49 left in the first quarter.

Then, with 2:41 left in the first quarter, quarterback Paul Johnson hit Craig White with a 19-yard touchdown pass to put the Flames up 14-0. The pass was set up by a deflected punt by cornerback Donald Smith. This was the sixth block of the season for Smith, already a school record.

After the LU defense held the Eagles on their next possession, the Flames took over on the MSU 49. After driving 38 yards, Jary Tindall kicked a

29-yard field goal to put the Flames up 17-0.

At this point, it looked like the Flames would completely run away from MSU. Instead, the Eagles climbed back into the game, when linebacker Jeff Hester intercepted a deflected Johnson pass and returned it 65 yards for Morehead State's only touchdown of the game.

Then LU's punter, Mike Swaney, got off a 13-yard punt and MSU took over on the LU 28. The Flame defense held and the Eagles had to settle for a 37-yard field goal to make the score 17-9 at halftime.

The second half was all LU as they shut down the Morehead State offense completely while adding two more touchdowns and a field goal.

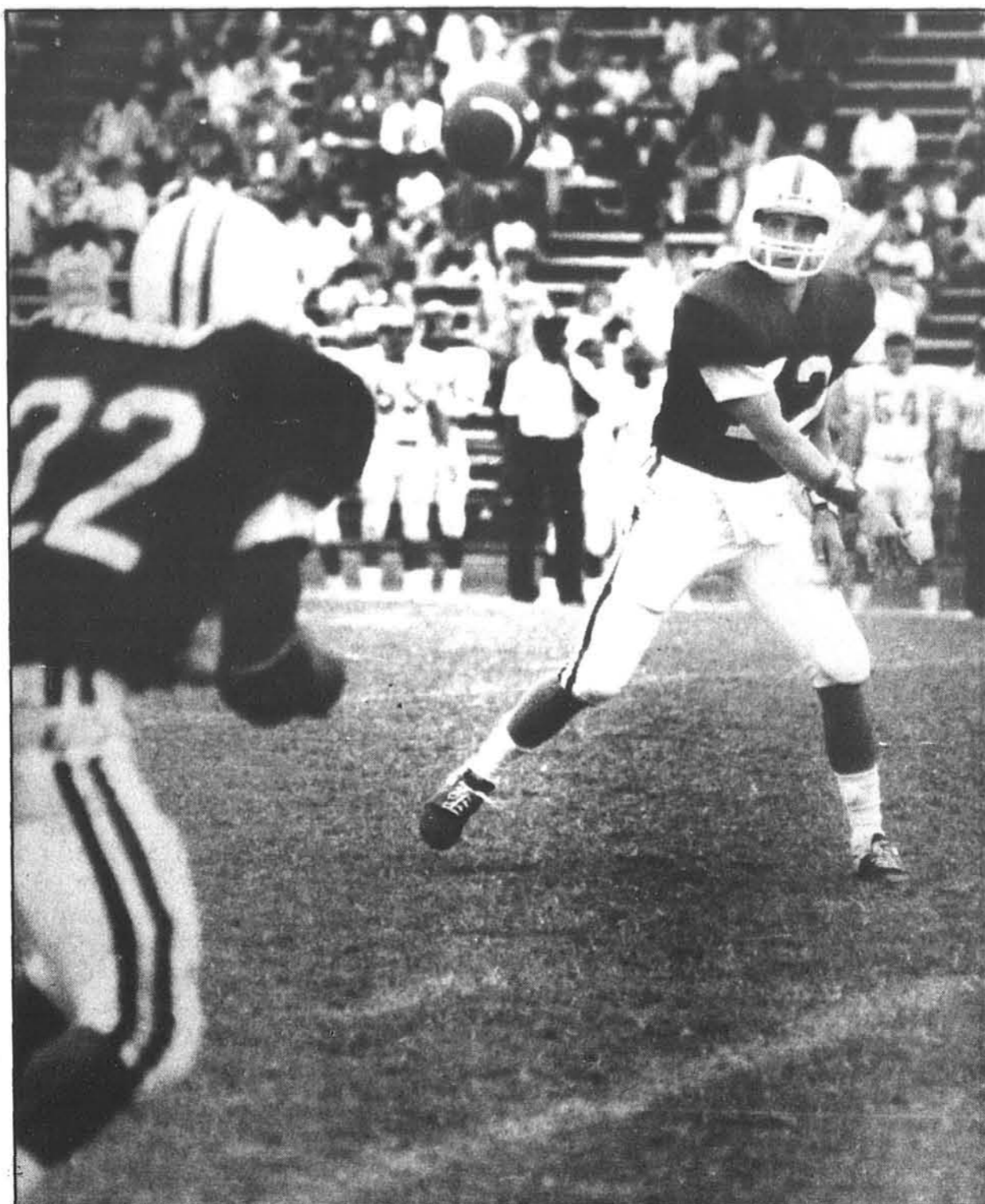
McCray added two more touchdown runs, both from 1-yard out. Tindall added a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring for the Flames.

The LU defense limited the Eagles to an LU-record 6 yards rushing on only 11 carries. The passing game wasn't impressive either, as MSU was held to 22 of 43 through the air for just 113 yards.

"We knew they were going to throw a lot; we just wanted to make sure they didn't get anything big," Smith said. "We were willing to give them the little stuff because that wouldn't help them."

Liberty dominated all aspects of the game, getting 21 first downs to Morehead's 7, piling up 362 yards to MSU's 119 and controlling the ball for over 37 minutes of the game. It was the biggest margin of victory for Liberty since they defeated Saginaw Valley State College 35-7 in 1982.

The Flames are on the road this week at Harrisonburg to take on the 1-3 James Madison Dukes. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.



Paul Johnson hits Leroy Kinard with a pass in Saturday's win.

Jimmy 'The Greek' can't touch rooster

Bobby Bunn

When people find out that I travel with the LU football team, they usually have several questions for me. For example, if you are Liberty Champion editor, Bruce Stanton, your patented question is "Are you going to have a story for me?"

Most others, however, have more interesting questions for me. One of the most frequently asked is, "Why does the team fly to so many games?" Well, the team doesn't fly often, but when it does, it's because of the interesting people that we meet on planes or in airports.

For instance, last year the team ran into former-Vice President Walter Mondale in Washington's National Airport. Andre Sims, then a running back with the Flames, offered Mondale a gospel tract, but Fritz did the good liberal thing and threw it in the garbage in plain view of the team. No wonder the man got blown out in 1984!

Then, there was a flight this season between Washington and Louisville, Ky. (my hometown!). We were just waiting for the plane to take off when none other than former boxing champion Muhammad Ali got on the plane. When Flames coach Greg Anderson asked "the Greatest" for his autograph, Ali gave it to him on an Islamic tract. Wait a minute here!! Who's evangelizing who?

Anyway, by far, the most interesting person that I have met on the football trip was Richard "Dick" Frymire. You mean you've never heard of Dick Frymire? Well, he's someone you must meet! Frymire is a "treeologist" (one who predicts the weather by trees) from the tiny town of Irvington, Ky. He is also a noted expert on mountain folk-

lore and was on his way to New York to be on "Late Night With David Letterman" the day I met him.

Being seated in the middle of a football team, Frymire could not resist telling us about his rooster that predicts football games (I'm being serious about this).

Apparently, the Irvington resident numbers 19 kernels of corn for each team in question. The rooster then picks one kernel and that determines the team and winning margin for the

game. So, if the game is Liberty vs. James Madison and the rooster picks Liberty's #7 kernel, the Flames would win by at least seven points.

Now comes the kicker! The bird has an 80 percent accuracy rate through the first few weeks of the season. The rooster was right in about three out of every four games it picked for all of last season. Pretty impressive for a fowl!

Liberty 34, Morehead 9

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Lib-McCray 3 run (Tindall kick)
Lib-White 19 pass from Johnson (Tindall)
Lib-FG Tindall
Mor-Hester 65 interception return (kick failed)
Mor-FG Tow 37
Lib-McCray 1 run (Tindall kick)
Lib-McCray 1 run (Tindall kick)
Lib-FG Tindall 23

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First downs	7	21
Rushes-yards	23-6	57-240
Passing yards	113	122
Return yards	75	43
Passes	22-42-2	14-23-1
Punts	9-32	7-36
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-40	6-55

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING- Morehead St.--Williams 2-5. Liberty--Kinard 22-94, McCray 19-87, Vinson 7-23, Lowry 5-21, Armour 3-13.
PASSING- Morehead St.-- Swartz 20-37-2-112, Jansen 2-5-0-1. Liberty -- 14-23-1-122.
RECEIVING- Morehead St.-- Howard 6-22, Gordon 3-20, White 3-18, Ornelas 3-16, Irwin 2-18, Tinqué 2-19. Liberty-- Nelson 4-14, White 3-41, Logan 2-36, Parrish 2-6, Kinard 1-10, McCray 1-9, Lowry 1-6.



Charles McCray finds an opening in the Morehead State defense.

Intramural basketball, soccer begin

Men's Soccer

Division A: Larry White's Club Umbro team is in first place by 3 games.

Division B: Keith Ingalls' Harvard Crew and John Coricos' Scarbrough United are tied at this point by winning three games each.

MVP for the week was Carico of Scarbrough who scored three goals in the game played between Foreign Trade and Scarbrough United on Sept. 20.

Women's Basketball

In the preseason women's tournament, Liberty Leapers led by Julie Hamack edged by the Mishaps 32-30 for the pre-championship.

Division A: Tracy Arnolds' Slam Jammers and Lisa Collins' Old Timer Niners are tied at this point, two games apiece. MVP for the week is Karen Kolb of the Slam Jammers.

Division B: Kristina Skeltons' Lady Sixers lead this division by two games. MVP for the week is Dawn Lambert.

Men's Basketball

Division A: Edward Panas' Just Us is leading the division by two wins. Division B: Alan Boelters' Pure Energy is leading this division by two wins.

Division C: Curtis Artis' Five Star is leading by two wins.

Division D: Craig Lonsers' Road Runners are leading by two wins.

MVP for all the divisions was Keith Settje of the Disciples from Division D.

LU enjoys 1-AA success

We're a month into school and the fall sports teams are handling the transition to Division I quite nicely.

The football team is 3-1 and very well should be 4-0. Of course the hardest part of its schedule is coming up with its next two games on the road.

The volleyball team is continuing where it left off last year. Of all the teams ready to jump into the fire of Division I action, it was probably the best prepared.

The men's and women's cross country teams are having a tougher time making the move up. The women's team actually was ready last year, but they lost All-American Annie Fairchild, among others.

The men's soccer team is another team that was ready to make the move up to Division I. They returned a solid nucleus from last year and are very hard to beat this year.

A brand new addition to the Liberty sport scene is the women's soccer team. For just its first year in existence, the team is coming together nicely. There was a lot of talent here, so that makes it easier for coach Roy Yarbrough.

The baseball team is gearing up for its spring schedule with its fall schedule already underway. Coach Bobby Richardson is very excited about this year's team and expects them to improve over last year's somewhat disappointing record.

Some of the standouts on the LU football team so far are Mickey Paige and Emie Antolik.

From the Bench

Keith Miller



Paige is on a pace to shatter his own tackles record. If he keeps his current pace of 18.3 stops per game, he'll have a whopping 201 tackles for the year, 51 more than he had in his record setting season last year.

Antolik is currently ranked sixth in the NCAA I-AA with three interceptions. All four starters in the secondary have at least two each. If the team continues on its current pace, it will break the mark for interceptions set in 1981 and 1983 with 28.

With their nine interceptions, Liberty is currently ranked fourth in the NCAA I-AA in turnover margin. LU is +9, meaning that they have taken the ball away from their first three opponents nine times more than they have given it to them.

Think the punting game for LU has been a little inconsistent this year? Maybe so, but the punt coverage teams have been doing their job. Liberty currently ranks 12th in the nation in net punting with a 36.5 yard average. Net punting is the difference between a punt's distance and the return yardage on that punt.

After just four weeks, the college football rankings are shaping up well. The Miami Hurricanes remain the team to beat, but they face Notre Dame

later in the year with a possible national championship on the line.

The West has made a comeback this year. UCLA and USC beat the top two teams in the Big 8, so the Pac-10 has two teams in the top five in the country. The toughest conference, though, has to be the Southeastern with five teams in the AP top twenty. Independents account for six teams in the top twenty so there should be some interesting games come Jan. 1.

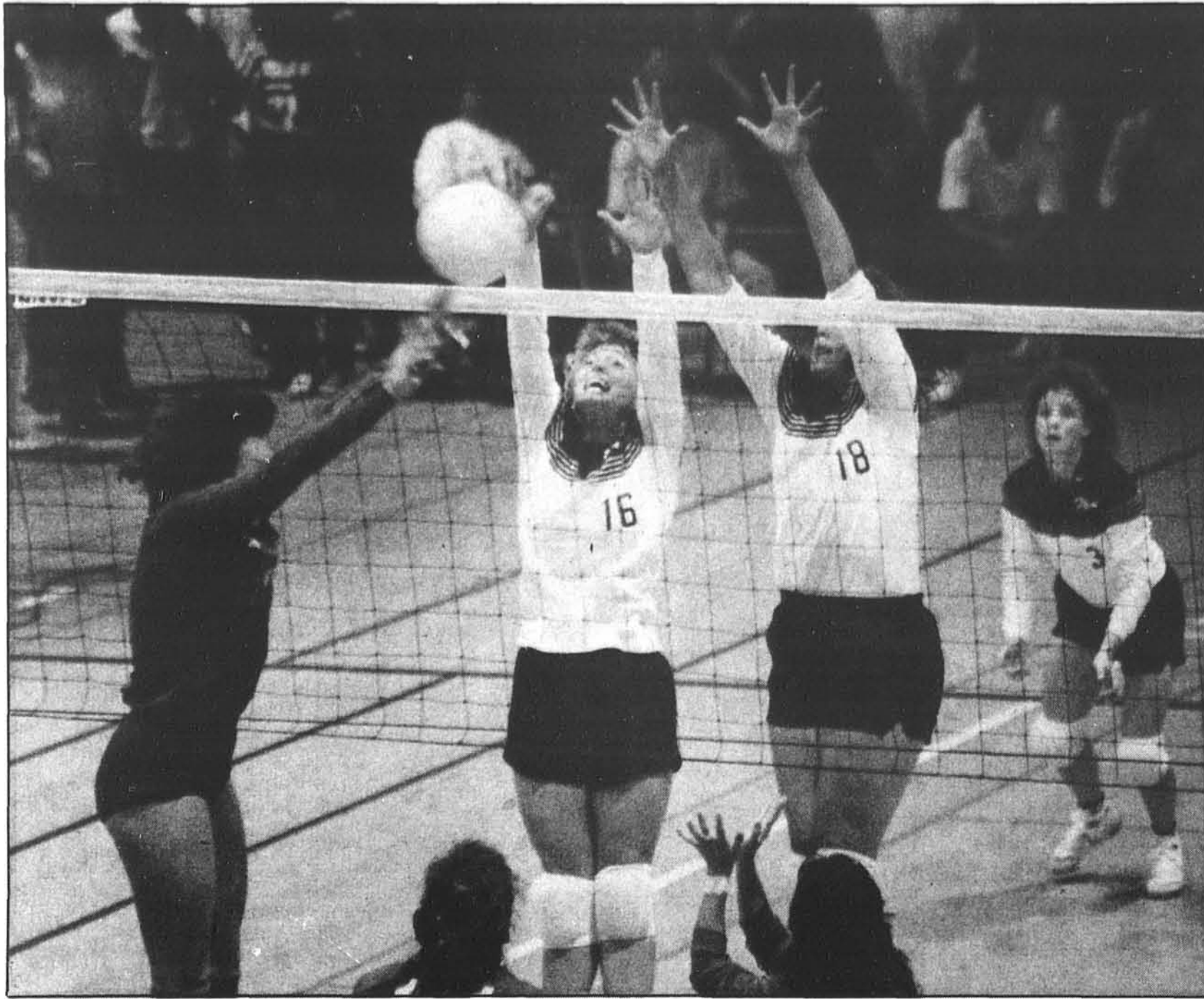
There are some pretty amazing records set every year in sports, but here is one for youbaseball fans to chew on.

This year, Wade Boggs of the Boston Red Sox had two-hundred hits in a season for the sixth year in a row, the first time in the 20th century that this has been done. Now just think about all the players that have played this century, and you'll get the magnitude of that record.

Ty Cobb, Pete Rose, Rogers Hornsby, Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Willie Mays, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Honus Wagner and Hank Aaron are just a few of the players whose record Boggs has beaten. He has done something that none of these players ever did.

There is no telling what kind of records Boggs would set if he played as long as Rose or Aaron. You can say a lot of things about Wade Boggs, but one thing is for sure: he can hit a baseball!

Keith Miller is the Sports Editor of The Champion.



Some Lady Flame volleyball players block a shot by a Radford player in last Thursday's match.

Women's soccer team has to face diverse schedule

BY JOEL PRESLEY
Special to the Champion

The first season of the women's soccer program at Liberty University may be an interesting one, largely for two reasons. The players face a diverse schedule and possess a highly qualified coach.

The first-year schedule includes opponents who represent every level in women's college soccer. They will compete against local club teams and against an NCAA Division I team from Radford University.

Coach Yarbrough explained that he was told in August to go ahead with the women's soccer program. By this time, most of the competing schools had finalized their schedules. This created some difficulty in scheduling but has not been a handicap.

"We are playing everything from a Radford-type Division I school to Division III schools such as Maryville to local club teams to kind of establish ourselves in the area," Yarbrough said.

He said that the game with Maryville will be interesting since this is the first year they have fielded a women's soccer team.

"Right now we are at about Division III level in our program. Really, the only way to upgrade our program to Division I in the coming years is more money," Yarbrough commented. "We are not going into this thing demanding anything. Our girls are just glad to have been given this opportunity. They accept whatever is given to them gratefully and we intend to make the best of this chance."

Yarbrough said that even though the budget for the soccer team has been absorbed into the general athletic budget, they intend to make it work. He said that "Al Worthington and Chuck Burch have been very

helpful in getting what we need. We appreciate everything they have done for us," he said.

As a coach, Yarbrough has four objectives for his team. They are: Serve the Lord, testify for Christ, gain an education and play soccer.

Yarbrough has a long history of involvement in the development of American soccer. "I have seen it come all the way up from way back," stated Yarbrough of his 18 years as a player, coach and referee.

His love for soccer began in St. Louis, a hotbed for soccer during his college years. He worked as a ball-boy during his freshman year at Greenville College in Illinois. A Haitian friend taught him the basics of soccer during the following summer. He went out for the team, made it and by his senior year was captain and leading scorer.

He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1970 and became the first enlisted man to ever coach on a Coast Guard team.

As a referee, his credentials are long and impressive. He has refereed at all college levels including NCAA Division I. He is a physical fitness advisor for referees in the North American Soccer League and previously for the Major Indoor Soccer League.

He has also worked "behind the scenes" for the Committee for the World Cup in the U.S.A. This effort was successful since the World Cup has been approved to be held in the United States.

The only part of the job Yarbrough does not like is the paperwork and problems associated with starting a new team.

His experience combined with the many unknown factors associated with a new sport could make this year an exciting one for players and fans alike.

Liberty netters get sweep of Radford

BY KELLY CLINE
Champion Reporter

LU fans crowded in the gym Thursday to cheer the Flames to their victory over Radford. The Flames won the match 15-4, 15-8, 15-6.

Offensively, Tammy Rapp and Kim Thomas killed ten and six spikes respectively. Defensively, over half of Theresa Bream's passes were perfect.

On Friday, the Flames traveled to the University of Virginia in Charlot-

tesville to play in the Virginia Classic.

The Flames played James Madison University at 4 p.m. on Friday. This game was different for at least one member of the Flames, Kim Thomas. She not only played a game against another team, but she played against her sister. It was Thomas against Thomas and Liberty against JMU in a match that went all five games.

The Flames won the first and second games 15-7, 15-10. They lost the

third and fourth 13-15, 10-15, but came back to win the fifth 15-8.

At 8 p.m., the Flames played Virginia Tech. Having lost to Tech earlier in the season meant nothing as the Flames defeated Tech 15-11, 14-16, 15-11, 15-10.

Winning the first two matches in the tourney automatically put the Flames in the finals on Saturday at 5 p.m. In the finals, the Flames played UVA. The Flames lost the match in four 5-15, 15-9, 5-15, 9-15.

While the team's overall serving percentage suffered some, Julie Sittler served 96 percent.

Theresa Bream was named to the All-Tournament Team. Bream killed 53 percent of her spikes. Becky Shannon did great defensively passing 59 percent of UVA's serves perfectly.

The Lady Flames play in South Carolina at the Winthrop College Invitational this weekend.

Soccer Freshman Turkson serves as captain, leader

BY CURT OLSON
Champion Reporter

Imagine for a moment the ambitions of a six-year-old boy growing up in Ghana, West Africa.

He touches a soccer ball for the first time at the age of six. As he grows older, little does he know that the game of soccer would eventually become something he wants to do for a living.

This young boy is now a young man and has the privilege of playing and touring with a team called Hearts of Oaks, recognized as one of the best teams in Ghana.

The tours on this team took him to Asia, Europe and all of West Africa. That six year old boy from Ghana is now a freshman at Liberty and is on the soccer team. His name is Freeman Turkson.

People are probably asking, "What is so significant about a freshman soccer player?"

Well, how does a freshman soccer player who happens to be a team captain strike you?

Mike Montoro, soccer team statistician said, "At the college level, your team captains are either seniors or juniors and the fact that Turkson is a captain in his freshman year is quite significant."

When you mention it to Turkson, though, he considers it quite a privilege and says, "I guess coach thought I was good."

Turkson plays defensive sweeper on the team. It was odd though to listen to Turkson and LU's goalie, Eric Partin, describe the position.

Turkson: "I play sweeper, and my job is to support the midfield and

keep it tight, so the opponents can not find an opening and penetrate for a score. When the opponents have the ball, I am the last person they must get by to get a shot on goal."

Partin: "Soccer is played from our goal to the opponent's goal. When I get the ball, I am confident in getting the right to Turkson. When he has the ball, he has full view of the field and the defense and Freeman can tell our guys where openings are so we can get a decent shot on goal."

Turkson is not just a defenseman and one of the team captains. Freeman Turkson is a leader on and off the field.

Eric Partin said, "Freeman provides security to the team. The team can feel it when he is not out there. I'm not saying we can't win without him. I'm saying he brings security to the team

as a whole. He's the heart of the team."

Mike Montoro said, "He's an all-around leader, by performance on the field and the attitude he has."

This can be seen as you pass Turkson on campus. He always has a big smile and says "hi."

Turkson's goals are not limited to the soccer team. Freeman said, "When I leave Liberty, I want to play professionally. I may go home and play in a professional league. I may go to Europe and play there, or I may stay in the states and play. I would like to be on the 1994 World Cup team."

For the time being, though, Freeman is part of the team concept that Coach Bill Bell is developing. Freeman said, "Coach Bell stresses discipline. We are very fit, stamina wise. We have the men to do the work. The outlook seems very bright."

It is quite likely that the world will hear more about Freeman Turkson in the future.

Wickert lives out dream as X-C runner

BY REYNARD VALDEZ
Religion Editor

Living out a dream is what running for Liberty's cross country team means to Doug Wickert, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio.

The 150-pound runner is lean and stands about six feet.

As a freshman walk-on in the fall of '85, Wickert needed a lot of improvement as a collegiate runner and considered himself the "least" on the team that year.

"I have been running off and on for about ten years. It has only been within the past four years that I've taken running seriously."

"My freshman year, I don't think Coach Mathis really expected much out of me because I ran very poorly," Wickert said.

After four years of serious training, Wickert's running times have improved from 31.5 to 26.55 in the five-mile race.

The hard work and commitment have paid off for Wickert, who now receives an athletic scholarship from the school.

In high school, Wickert participated in soccer and wrestling. He

did not run since his Christian school did not field a track team.

"I got interested in running because it helped me get away from the pains and hurt that accompanied being from a broken home," Wickert said.

When Wickert was eight years old, his father left the family.

For Wickert, running was used as an outlet to release anger and frustra-

tion. "I had a lot of anger toward my father for leaving us," Wickert said.

"Running for Liberty is the greatest experience of my life. It is like living out a dream."

Wickert attributes his improvement to his relationship with God. "He gave me the strength to continue and kept me from injuries. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to run here at LU."

Wickert's goals are to break 26 minutes in the five-mile run and 33 minutes in the six-mile run. He would also like to see at least one person come to know Christ through the cross country team.

Studying political science, Wickert hopes to establish himself in the Cleveland community and one day run for public office.

Women's X-C places third at Tarheel

BY KEITH MILLER
Sports Editor

The women's cross country team competed in the Tarheel Invitational, Sept. 24, and placed third behind only North Carolina and Brevard College.

Traci Tidwell paced the Lady Flames with a seventh place finish in a time of 19:14 in a 3.25 mile race.

Pam Fauber placed 10th in 19:29, Karen Eiseman 14th in 20:08, Ther-

esa Duncan 23rd in 21:05, Patti Bottiglieri 24th in 21:09, Anna Hall 28th in 21:46 and Monica Carmona 29th in 21:52.

"This was a much improved team performance," coach Ron Hopkins said. "However, the sickness and injuries on our team is the primary determining factor of our performances so far."

"Traci Tidwell ran one of her best cross country races at Liberty," he

said. "Pam Fauber ran very strong and with much more confidence. Karen Eiseman competed very well coming off her injury. Theresa Duncan had the best improvement from last week with a very solid performance."

"I'm glad for the open weekend coming up," Hopkins commented.

The Lady Flames will be back in action in the Furman Invitational on October 8.

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