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# THE LIBERTY CHAMPION

## Tuition, tech fees set to rise for '99

By CHRIS EDWARDS  
News Editor

Liberty University students will see a small rise in tuition and a doubling of the technology fee, as payments are prepared later this spring for the fall '99 semester.

Dave Young, LU vice-president for finance and administration, has confirmed a tuition price of \$285 per credit hour, a \$5 increase. Young also confirmed a doubling of the technology fee from \$50 per semester to \$100.

While silencing rumors among students of increases between \$10 and \$50 dollars per credit hour, Young attributed the change to a normal rise in the funding needed to operate the school.

"This is just the effects of the normal inflation of the cost of

education you generally find at colleges across the country," Young said.

Students entering the 1998-99 school year faced a \$15 increase per hour, to the current level of \$280. It was the first time tuition had been raised in three years. The cost of a three credit hour class will now total \$855. The average course load of 12 credit hours will run students \$3,420.

Despite a tuition rise for the second straight year, Young felt students have found a better return on their college investments as a result of the price increases.

"As we hire the right kind of professors ... ones with terminal degrees .. we'd like to think students are getting more for their money," Young said.

"If we are going to talk about things like food courts ... hard-wiring ... it costs money."

Along the same lines, Young said the 100 percent increase on the technology fee would help the university as it works toward the goal of providing a complete campus computer network.

"We want every dorm room hard wired and as much computer capability as needed in the labs," Young said.

Young also said a rapid shift to more on-line research in the A. Pierre Guillermin Library has created a need for increases in computers and campus internet capability.

In just three years, the computer labs have undergone a massive facelift. The Information

Technology Resource Center was rebuilt for the spring '98 semester, when 50 new computer units were added to the already upgraded equipment. More than \$80,000 was spent on lab upgrades for the fall '96 term.

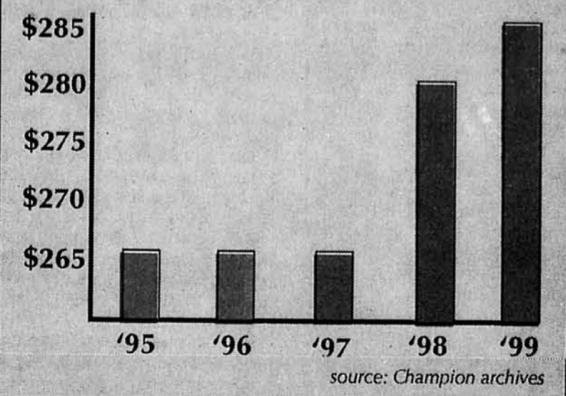
During the upgrades, the technology fee remained at \$50 per semester.

However, fall '97 marked the first term where the fee was mandatory. Previously, internet access, an electronic mail account and computer lab use were optional. Beginning in fall '98 in response to the strain on the printers, students were also charged 10 cents per printed page.

At the current enrollment level

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Tuition Rates from '95-'99



## Food court style sparks image effort

Plan in response to student concerns about aesthetics

By CHRIS EDWARDS  
News Editor

Frequent Eric Lovett assailant "B-Flat" proposed making it a Jiffy Lube during a skit in a recent convocation.

Some students publically wondered if it was the place where Liberty University Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell would park a private jet or LU dining services II.

But, when university officials heard the comments about the appearance of the new student food court, they responded with a plan to make the structure more aesthetically pleasing and created a theme for the building.

After seeking memorabilia donations from area airports and incorporating an army air corps theme into the decor, the structure will be affectionately known as "The Hangar."

Dave Young, LU vice-president for finance and administration said the idea was initiated by student concern.

"We are responding, as much as anything, to the input of students," Young said.

Acknowledging that administration was aware of the comments made about the building, Young said the idea originated with the students, "partly because that's what they were calling it."

Young said Liberty president Dr. John M. Borek Jr. also liked the idea, especially because both are pilots. Borek has a commercial pilot's license, while Young is a retired Air Force

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## Third time's the charm



PHOTO BY JOHN FISHER

**DID SOMEONE SAY "THREEPEAT"** - The Lady Flames gather at halfcourt in celebration after their 68-55 trouncing of Coastal Carolina at the Big South Conference Basketball Tournament in Asheville, NC over the weekend. The ladies won their third straight conference title

They will now have to wait until Sunday, March 7 to learn their opponent for the first round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship, which begins March 12 and 13.

Liberty's Elena Kisseleva (left) captured toumey most valuable player honors, and also wrapped up the league MVP for the regular season. Sharon Wilkerson was also selected to the all-league first team, and Sarah Wilkerson made the second team.

Check out complete tournament coverage starting on page 14.



## Salute week to help this year's grads

Aspiring graduates can begin to make plans for the big day

By TIM FARRANT  
Champion Reporter

This year's senior salute week will officially start this Wednesday, March 3, during convocation with the unveiling of the redesigned LU class ring. Jostens and a senior salute week committee have spent over a year designing the ring and getting details in place for the week.

The design for the ring is very unique and displays several of the symbols that recognize the importance of Liberty's past, celebrate its present, and look with hope to the future.

Some of the symbols include: the mountains that surround LU, the university seal, a cross, the eagle head symbol, and Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell's initials.

"We want the ring to build a sense of pride and a sense of distinction for our graduates," Registrar Barbara Booth said.

The first four rings will be presented this Wednesday in convocation to Dr. John M. Borek, university president and the three co-founders: Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, Dr. Elmer Towns, and Falwell.

For each student that purchases a class ring there will also be a special ring ceremony at Pate Chapel on April 22 at 7 p.m. The rings will be presented during this ceremony and a reception will follow.

"This is the first and only time to be involved in the presenting of the first Liberty University ring," said Booth, "We want to make this an annual event."

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## Achievement Awards highlight grand night

By BRIAN WOOLFORD  
Assistant Sports Editor

Liberty University's Minority and International Student Office (MISO) capped off Black History month with a night of elegance and inspiration.

MISO sponsored the fourth annual Minority Student Achievement Awards at Holiday Inn Select in downtown Lynchburg. Faculty and students enjoyed an evening of fine dining and cherished chance to honor some of Liberty's elite students.

Sherman Smith, former football standout at Miami (Ohio) University, encouraged the young crowd. Smith motivated the students to strive to be the best they could be in life.

Smith, who is currently the running backs coach for the NFL's Tennessee Titans, told the audience that it has the opportunity to make tremendous

changes in its communities. "Everyone in here can be a difference maker in life," Smith said.

Smith urged the students to remain diligent in their school work as well as their Christian life. Speaking from II Corinthians 5:17, Smith challenged the students to become "new creations" in Christ. Smith proclaimed that if the individuals made changes in their walk with God that churches and communities would be directly altered.

WSET's Kimberly Easton served as the banquet's mistress of ceremonies. Easton, a graduate of Liberty University, introduced the distinguished nominees from Lynchburg College and Liberty. All of the nominees of the achievement awards showcased solid academic and community service.

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**WITH HONORS** - Liberty student Rachel Wingfield accepts the freshman of the year award from Dr. John M. Borek Jr, university president, during the Minority Student Achievement Awards Saturday. Also shown is MISO Dean Melany Pearl.

## WEATHER CORNER

<b>Tuesday:</b> Sunny. High: 54 Low: 29	<b>Wednesday:</b> Showers. High: 57 Low: 39
<b>Thursday:</b> Sunny. High: 55 Low: 34	<b>Friday:</b> Mostly Cloudy. High: 60 Low: 40

# Here & There

**Fine Arts Production:** "Wait Until Dark", directed by Linda Nell Cooper, will be presented March 4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd Theater in the Fine Arts Hall. To order tickets, call 582-2085. The event is sponsored by the LU Department of Fine Arts.

**Bible Study:** The Women of Honor Bible study is held every Monday at Professor Bev Lowry's house at 7:30 p.m. For more information or directions, go to Prof. Lowry's office in the Teacher Education building.

**Career Fair:** The Career Center will host a Career Fair on Tuesday, March 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall. For more information, call ext. 2352.

**Resume Assistance:** The Career Center hosts a resume Assistance seminar every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in DeMoss Hall (DH) 118. Register at the Career Center at DH 107.

**Bible Study:** The Holy Nation Bible Fellowship hosts a Bible study every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the prayer chapel. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 1-800-FAITH-A1.

**Women's Conference:** The third annual Central Virginia Christian Women's Conference presents Gloria Gaither, Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Thomas Road Baptist Church. Cost is \$15 for students; \$20 for faculty and staff. Cost includes lunch. For more information, contact Bev Lowry at 846-0886 or Natasha Lowry at 528-1035.

**Bible Study:** There is an accountability Bible study every Tuesday evening in DeMoss Hall 114, facilitated by Regina McFarland. The event begins at 9 p.m.

**Biology Seminar:** Dr. Norman Reichenbach will host a seminar "The Maldines: Sea cucumbers and unreached peoples" Tuesday, March 4 at 12:15 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 128.

**Volleyball Tournament:** Kappa Delta Pi will host "Serving with Heart," to benefit the American Red Cross local disaster relief efforts. Visit the Teacher Education office for info.

Send postings as far in advance as possible to Chris Edwards, c/o the Liberty Champion.

## Salute week to aid seniors with graduation plans

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The unveiling of the class ring is not the only event taking place during senior salute week. The school is also recognizing all seniors during Wednesday's convocation and during the evening campus church service.

There will be a Jostens representative located in the DeMoss Atrium during the week to measure seniors for their cap and gown. They will also be there to assist seniors in ordering graduation announcements.

In addition to these activities Chappel Studio will be here with information on photography opportunities for graduation. Videotapes of graduation can be reserved for \$25.00 during this time. The career center will also contribute with information on resume writing, job searching and alumni registration.

There will also be several giveaways throughout the week. These include: a class ring, a camera, and several tickets to the Jr./Sr. Banquet and the upcoming D.C. Talk concert.

## "Miracle" toddler found after daylong Bedford County search

By RICK BOYER  
Editor-in-Chief

A tense 24-hour search for a missing three-year-old ended Sunday evening as searchers discovered Zachary Charles Ranson cold, wet and tired, but alive.

Ranson, the step-grandson of Liberty professor Bev Lowry, wandered away from his parents' house, accompanied by his two dogs, about 5 p.m. Saturday.

The near-nightmare started, Lowry said, when her daughter, Zachary's mother Missy Carter, called and "said they couldn't find Zach. I told her to call the police."

The police arrived, along with units from the National Guard, the Boonsboro Fire Department and even the FBI.

Eventually about 500 people volunteered to help with the search. The fire department was actually forced to turn some away.

That set off a tense night for Zachary's parents. "They thought he might have been kidnapped," Lowry said.

One of the dogs came back that night; the other apparently remained with Zachary all night, coming home early Sunday morning.

The disappearance of Zachary prompted a national outpouring of prayer. Churches as widely spread as Thomas Road Baptist in Lynchburg and Landmark Baptist



COURTESY OF BEV LOWRY

"A MIRACLE" — Zachary Ranson, the three-year-old subject of a daylong search before being found last weekend.

Temple in Cincinnati Ohio, joined to pray for Zachary and his family in response to the posting on the internet.

Temperatures dropped into the low 40s and a light rain soaked the woods as the searchers, aided by tracking dogs and a night-vision-equipped helicopter, looked for Zachary.

The quest continued through Sunday as church congregations prayed. "Rob Jackson's Sunday school class only had about 25 percent of its people," Lowry said. "The rest were out at Boonsboro volunteering to help search."

Lowry said spirits had sunk by Sunday afternoon. "After you go on and on and can't find him, you get a little desperate," she said.

Finally, about 24 hours after Zachary had wandered a quarter mile away from the house, searcher Jay Gamble heard a voice answer his calls to fellow searchers. He knew right away it was not an adult voice.

Moments later, Zachary was on his way home. Gamble asked if he wanted a drink of water. "No, I want a Pepsi," Zach said.

Lowry said Zachary was taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure. "He'll probably get released ... tonight," she said. "He looks like he's a little shocked."

Lowry expressed her thanks to the community support. Stores such as Wal-Mart and Staples contributed to the search effort.

Most of all, though, she thanked the Lord for His answer to prayer. "God answers the prayers of His people, and they were praying in a big way," she said. "I believe in angels, and they were praying guardian angels over him like you would not believe."

Zachary, meanwhile, is "not saying a lot," Lowry said. "He's very quiet right now. He did say, 'I'm tired.'"

"He's a miracle — an outright miracle."

## "Exodus" team hopes to minister and recruit for LU

By JAIME CLARK  
Champion Reporter

The newly recruited Liberty University "Exodus" singers have had great success on tour so far, as 23 decisions for Christ and over 1,000 contacts of potential LU students have been made.

The group started in January and will tour until July of this year. They will eventually cover the entire East Coast, speaking and singing mainly in Christian high schools and churches.

Differing from Light Ministries, the group's "main goal, obviously other than sharing the gospel and singing about the Lord, is to recruit students to come to Liberty," said Bernee Tuttle of Light Ministries.

The team members include Carrie Dunbar, Sarah Neff, Tihara Vargas, Aaron Cabbage, Brandon Vezmar and Scott Windham.

Also traveling with the singers are sound man Derrick Robertson and team leader Joel Oates.

The team was formed in January when Wes and Bernee Tuttle held two full days of auditions, produced a callback list and finally held interviews with the potential singers. A list of recommendations was then submitted to Oates and Ernie Rogers, Liberty's executive director of enrollment management.

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## Tuition set for slight increase; technology fee to double in '99

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of approximately 5,100 students, the fee increase will bring a calculated \$255,000 increase for the technology fund.

Young said much of the money spent this year has gone toward the purchase of new printers in the labs and

the purchase of computers for the faculty.

While Young admitted the university still had room for improvement, he stated that one university goal was the eventual installment of on-line registration.

"You can see the improvement taking place," Young said. "We have to walk before we can run."

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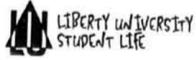
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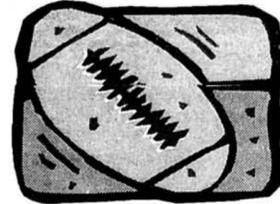
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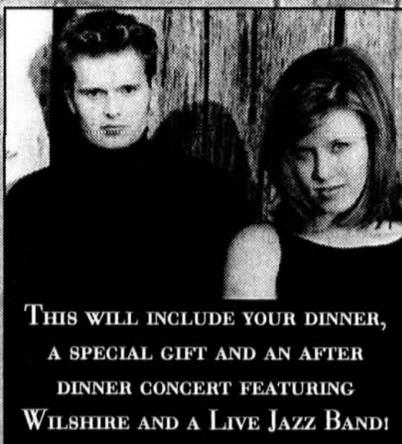
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## LU debaters still shooting for national tournament

By **CHRISSE REMSBERG**  
Copy Manager

The Liberty University debate team competed recently at James Madison University and fell just short of qualifying for the National Debate Tournament (NDT). The top six schools who have qualified for the NDT so far are James Madison, George Mason, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, Navy and George Washington.

"It just illustrates the you of our varsity debate team," said LU Debate Director Dr. Brett O'Donnell. "Only one debate had been there before."

LU will now concentrate its efforts on dethroning Emory University in the NDT and Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) rankings. With just seven weeks left in the 1998-99 debate season Liberty has pulled to within four points of number one-ranked Emory University.

A win at the JV and Novice tournament at Towson University in Maryland this weekend could send Emory a crushing blow. O'Donnell feels confident of a victory saying that LU has won there in the past. The tournament will determine the CEDA and NDT rankings.

Liberty will compete in the ADA national tournament the following weekend. O'Donnell said his goal at this point in the season is clear.

"Our goal is to do what no school has ever done before and win all three rankings (ADA, NDT and CEDA)," O'Donnell said. "It's a very realistic goal. We're over 100 points ahead of the third place team (Wake Forest)."

Liberty has broken several school records already this season, winning seven tournaments, 12 divisional titles and five double wins.

O'Donnell said that though this year's team is a young one, if they are able to sustain the effort put forth thus far throughout the season they will be able to capture all three debating organizations' national rankings championships, something no other university has ever accomplished.

## LU's associate dean of men starts new ministry

Thew will take over as singles pastor at Alabama church

By **SHAUNA MALCOM**  
Copy Manager

After 11 years at Liberty, including a stint in his current job as associate dean of men, David Thew is leaving the LU family for a new position in Huntsville, Ala.

Thew, his wife Danielle and their two young boys will join the ministry at Willowbrook Baptist Church where Thew will become the singles pastor.

Thew, who came to LU as a freshman in 1988, began a discipleship relationship with Dane

Emerick, LU's dean of men. "That's why I jumped at the position at Student Development. That's why Thew jumped at the position at Student Development. It was an honor to be in the position - to be with Liberty students."

Referencing Christ's command for his disciples to go to Jerusalem, Judea and the uttermost parts of the earth, two years ago Thew and his wife began to pray, "Lord, what is our Jerusalem?"

Thew said he wants the Lord to use him to change the world. He believes himself a visionary and a dreamer. Now he said his dream has come true.

"I am a product of God's grace and this place ... Liberty gave to me and I want to give back."

- David Thew  
Former men's dean

and a dreamer. Now he said his dream has come true.

About seven months ago, Thew went home to Huntsville, Ala. for a reunion. While in Alabama, he talked with Pastor John Deyes of Willowbrook.

Dees said the church has grown from 150 people, and is now averaging 1,300 in attendance. Recently 120 people were saved during a revival meeting. Deyes told Thew he had been fasting and praying for a singles pastor because his singles pastor had started a church on the other side of town.

Thew has had experience working with singles at Thomas Road Baptist Church and LU students.

Thew said within the years of 2000-2001 half of all Americans

will be single. He is excited about knowing the singles outreach is a pioneering ministry with lots of opportunity.

After a six-month process of praying and talking with the church, Thew knew the Lord was leading him and his family to Willowbrook. He told Deyes he would come.

His dream has come true. The Thew family moved to Huntsville on Feb. 19.

Even though Thew said the hardest part was telling his friends and colleagues good-bye, he knows the will be in each others' prayers and thoughts.

Resident Director Haoyung Chien has now filled the position as associate dean of men. Chien will also continue his role as RD for this semester.

## Food court now "The Hangar"

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retired Air Force general.

The structure, located in the far end of the courtyard, was originally scheduled for completion in late November. After numerous construction delays, the building remains in progress.

In recent months, debate around the university community has raged over the location of the building, its intent and the apparent contradiction of the design to the proposed Jeffersonian-style campus depicted by the Strategic Facilities Masterplan introduced before the spring '98 term.

Young said the food court was built to accommodate the requests of students for alternatives to Reber-Thomas Dining Hall during the developmental stages of the new campus.

"There was no intent to violate the architectural design of the campus or to insinuate that it would be there for 25 years," Young said.

Young said the nature of the structure would allow builders to take it apart piece by piece and move it to another location if the university so desired.

The temporary nature of the structure was the main reason brick was not considered for the outside of the building, according to Young. He did say the edifice would have a little brick work along with patio-style furniture for students to

sit outside.

Rumor among students focused on a supposed failed attempt by administration to secure a contract from PepsiCo., the parent company of fast food franchises such as Taco Bell, Subway and Pizza Hut.

Currently, local businesses Home Land Cafeteria, Substation, the Espresso Cafe and a convenience store will occupy the food court.

Young said that last Thursday's conversation with a Champion staff member was the first time he had ever heard that rumor.

While the administration did explore the option of securing a national chain for the food court, two factors influenced the final decision for all parties involved: expense and proximity.

Young said a national chain would have been very expensive to put in here and would have taken away from the funds available for design. Additionally, the contracts

with national chains tend to extend several years.

"If students happened to be dissatisfied with a particular restaurant, it would be difficult to switch them out," Young said. "It costs an awful lot to bring a brand name in here ... and it limits our flexibility to satisfy the students' needs."

Young also said some of the chains in question were reluctant to open a location on the campus for fear the new stores would take business away from current locations scattered within a five mile radius of campus.

The thoughts of a national chain were fully considered, said Young, but the university decided to look elsewhere.

"There are some corporations who will do (all) this (management of the food court) for us ... but we need to put our money in other places."

While the building was most recently scheduled in late February, no new time frame has been announced.

## Students rewarded for efforts at minority awards banquet

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At the conclusion of the evening, award honorees received their certificates. Lynchburg College students Gena Train, Kelli Rainey and Francesca Spencer received recognition for outstanding contributions.

Liberty introduced two new awards at the achievement awards banquet. For the first time MISO honored a remarkable freshman and a community service award.

Rachel Wingfield received the Freshman of the Year award, which was presented by Dr. Pauline Donaldson, dean of the college of general studies.

Low Weider, director of the christian/community service office, presented Sheri Johnson

with the Community Service award.

At the ceremonies finale, nursing student Doris Ghee received the most prestigious award. Ghee received the minority student achievement award for her work in the Lynchburg area.

Other students nominated for the awards were:

**Freshman of the Year:** Jeania Pace, Melissa Lake, Josiah Williams.

**Community Service award:** Regina McFarland, Nelson Ritchie, Yanira Umama.

**Minority Student Achievement Award:** Thomas Saechao, Jonathan Foster, Bada Oh.

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# "Wait Until Dark" kicks off spring drama season

By JENNIFER PAULES  
Champion Reporter

Under the direction of Professor Linda Nell Cooper "Wait Until Dark," by Frederick Knott, has turned out to be a success. The cast had been practicing for about five weeks at its first performance, and each actor fit into his or her role perfectly.

One of the most intense performers was Jeff Hodges, a freshman majoring in biology. He had the challenging role of playing a murderer named Roat.

"It was such a rush to play a bad guy," said Hodges. "It's really scary to get into the mind of a person."

The other cast members include David Thienes, a senior majoring in public relations and advertising. He played the role of Mike, who gets suckered into working for Roat. Kristen Lancaster, a junior English education major, played his accomplice, Carlino.

The play would not have been complete without the aid of Lauren Paige Edwards, a fifth grader at Bedford Hills Elementary School, and Rebecca Mix, a sixth grader at Brookville Middle School, who

share the role of Susie's little helper named Gloria. The setting of the play takes place in a basement apartment in an old house in Greenwich Village. We first meet Carlino and Mike who broke into the apartment.

Then Susie, who lives in the apartment, comes in while the other two hide. We find out that she is blind and needs the aid of a little girl, whose name is Gloria. Susie's husband, Sam, a photographer, needs to go out of town. Once he leaves, all the mayhem, murder and suspense begins.

"It was hard playing a blind person and not trying to look at things," said Scott. When asked if she had watched other actresses or actors play a blind person, she said she hadn't. She just learned it on her own.

To add to the atmosphere, between the scenes the play featured intense background music, and at one point of the play all the lights were turned off. The only sounds were screaming and people struggling, but the actors were invisible.

"We are not here tonight to teach a lesson or stimulate intellectual thought or even heighten the art form of theatre. We simply want to



LOOKING FOR ANSWERS - Carlino (Kristen Lancaster) and Mike (David Thienes) interrogate Roat (Jeff Hodges) during a scene from "Wait Until Dark."

entertain - not with laughter, but with screams; not with bright lights, but with darkness," wrote Cooper in the playbook.

For those who are interested in attending, performances are March

4, 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and March 6 at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 for the evening performances and \$3 for the Saturday matinee. Call the LU Theater Box Office at 582-2085 to purchase tickets in advance.

## NATIONAL UPDATE

### Bennett, Ireland score President over Broaddrick

Former Education Secretary Bill Bennett joined National Organization for Women president Patricia Ireland on Sunday's "Meet the Press" show to rip President Clinton over charges he raped Juanita Broaddrick in 1978.

"If you're going to be a rapist, be pro-choice, that's for sure," Bennett exploded. He demanded that Clinton release any personal records still in his possession relating to the alleged incident.

Ireland agreed. "I think that people are very concerned that this man raped a woman and is in the White House," she said. Ireland has been a consistent supporter of Clinton throughout the entire Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"If we can't look at ... a serious question of whether this man has committed rape - if that's just too messy ... then we have lost something. We've been brought low by Bill Clinton, and this is one example of how we've been brought low," Bennett insisted.

### Bizarre trial in New York pits competing interests

Judge Charles Brleant has been charged with the responsibility of sorting out a strange case in New York City.

Three Catholic families are suing the Bedford Central school district over an unusual class offering. The program includes such elements as depictions of a woman about to be sacrificed, Aztec gods and pledges to the earth for Earth Day.

The plaintiffs, one of whom is a member of the Northeast Regional Crime Investigators Association, charge that the school district is leaving its responsibility to teach the "three R's," and discriminating against Christianity by espousing Eastern religions. "This is worse than witchcraft," said one of the plaintiffs.

# "Exodus" team ministers and recruits

Continued from Page 2

The singers were trained by Bernee Tuttle during the first two weeks of January.

"This team couldn't have been put together without the unbelievable support from Wes and Bernee Tuttle," Rogers said.

Rogers also said the main things looked for when choosing the singers were lives that radiated Christ, team player attitudes and singing ability, in that order.

The singers also had to be able to tour full time. In return for this tour year, they will receive full paid tuition room and board for the coming school year.

The tour consists of singing and speaking (with Joel Oates as the speaker) every day in school assemblies and churches. "What we're trying to do is recruit the right numbers and the right kind of students we want at Liberty. So it's not just a numbers game, it's a quality and a quantity," Rogers said.

During tour, singers stay with church families, usually families that include a junior or senior in high school. Rogers emphasized, "you recruit best by one-on-one relationships and ... the glow of your personality."

In the business of the tour schedule, Oates sets the pace for the team

by encouraging a time alone with God everyday.

A new team will be picked this April to tour September 1999 to June 2000.

As for the success of the first new LU singing group in many years, Rogers stated, "It's not easy, it's very demanding, but it's been more successful than I ever dreamed."

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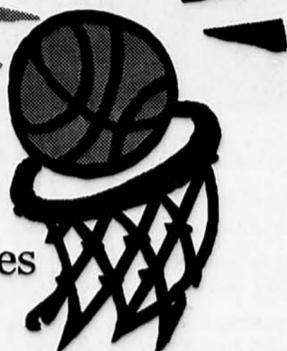


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# Counselor uses her story to help abortion survivors

Karpavage offers hope, healing to women victims of abortion

By Rick Boyer  
Editor-in-Chief

The packed prayer chapel was silent Thursday as Diana Karpavage told a gripping story.

The Liberty University grad, who now works as an M.D. in a Christian counseling center, unveiled the effects abortion has on women to a counseling department convocation.

"She has a graduate degree as well as an undergraduate degree from here," said counseling professor Patti Thompson. "She was actually here from 1900-97."

Karpavage, who herself survived an abortion as a young single woman, told the prospective future counselors what to look for as symptoms of "Post-Abortion Syndrome" (PAS).

Thompson said the main purpose in inviting Karpavage to speak was to "help students understand what to look for and how to help these women."

Karpavage painted a bleak picture. "There are so many women, not only here but all around the world, that the issue can no longer be ignored," she said in her quiet, carefully controlled voice. "Abortion actually is a trauma event in a woman's life." She noted that as many as 25 percent of women of childbearing age have had abortions.

"(There have been) 35 million abortions since Roe Vs. Wade," she said. "Those are the babies. If you think about it, there's a woman attached to each of those."

Karpavage said women often experience unforeseen aftereffects to abortion. "After the trauma, the person will relive the trauma in some form. She may have dreams, nightmares or flashbacks."

"There's an unresolved grief issue," she added. "She may never get over it, even 15-20 years later."

Often women's problems don't surface until years later. "They can shut down their emotions. A lot of times these women haven't cried in a long time. This also suppresses her good emotions," Karpavage said. "The average time of a woman getting help for an abortion is eight years."

Some women dissociate. "They just remove themselves mentally

from some triggers" that set off memories, she said. "She'll deny that it really hurt her that much."

But the pain can be all too real. "There are hundreds of real, even thousands of women coming into counselors' offices with problems," Karpavage said, noting that Christian women tend to have almost as many abortions as their secular counterparts.

"Our society says abortion isn't really a death, it's just a termination of a pregnancy," she said. She described that argument as "false peace. I've had so many women who've been to secular counselors who don't address the spiritual side of this, and they don't get well."

Karpavage, who wrote a book called "Songs of Deliverance: A Biblical Post-Abortion Healing Process," said that under her program of counseling, "women are getting ... a lot better."

She said Christians in the fight against abortion must realize the pain women feel, and meet the need. "I think where we really need to focus is on the women," she said. She added that Christian organizations can help by simply telling women the truth.

"When they go into clinics, they rush them," she said. "They don't give them all the information. Most women make the decision to get an abortion less than a week after they find out they're pregnant."



MATT HENNING

HER TESTIMONY - Diana Karpavage speaks to a packed counseling convocation

Karpavage said PAS survivors are ignored by the abortion industry. "People don't want to say this is a problem," she said. "Then they'd have to deal with the problem that it's legal."

Karpavage closed with a message of hope. Though "helping a woman forgive herself is probably the toughest thing," she said, Christ can forgive.

She said Christians must "be very non-condemning," and instead reflect Christ's forgiveness, to help PAS survivors know they can be forgiven and have their own "Songs of Deliverance."

Thompson said student reaction was positive after the talk. "We had several who ...stuck around afterwards asking her questions. They seemed to have a genuine interest."

# Summer Spanish Institute will acquire new home in Guatemala

By JENNIFER PAULES  
Champion Reporter

Dr. David Towles has announced the new location for the Liberty University Summer Spanish Institute on Feb. 12 in Ministry Chapel. It will no longer be held in El Salvador but will take place in Guatemala. He will be building on the land that is owned by missionary Carlos Vargas.

"I had around five possibilities," said Dr. Towles. "Some of the choices were Peru, Mexico and Chile. But at the top of my list was Guatemala."

Vargas is a part of Ambassadors International and is the Director and Founder of Esperanza de Vida, Inc. (Hope of Life) in Liano Verde (Green Valley), Guatemala.

This 1,000-acre ministry site, located on top of a mountain, houses seventy-five elderly people and a number of children. Some of the other facilities on the site are a cafeteria, classrooms, a farmhouse with livestock and sports facilities.

Dr. Towles and Josue Calzada, a graduate from Liberty, flew down to Guatemala in January to check the site out. There are around 40 students and graduates who are interested in going.

Also helping the team out is Mynor Vargas, Carlos' younger brother. He is an evangelist who can be heard on 900 different radio stations.

While they are there, the students will be building orphanages, which will be called collectively "El Paraiso Infantil," meaning the Infant's Paradise. Some will also be helping by providing medical treatment, dental care and health education.

According to Dr. Towles, he wants to demonstrate an "attitude of love" with the people and get out of this idea of "collecting pelts," which bragging about the number of people led to Christ.

Every weekend they plan to have a bonfire where hundreds of kids can come and sing, put on skits, and hear a good preacher. Besides Dr. Towles, other professors that are going are Dr. Joseph Mix and Professor Chris Foley.

"Not only will the students be working all the time, but they will have the opportunity to meet a lot of diplomats, have dinner with the ambassador of Costa Rica, and go to different schools," said Carlos Vargas.

Vargas himself has been working with and helping the homeless

of Guatemala for around two decades. When he was 13, he dreamed of coming to America. At the age of 15, his father sold their house just so Carlos could come to America. When he came, Carlos started working and eventually was able to buy a house.

"I found Jesus in the States. I found a wife in the States," said Vargas. "For me, America was a blessing. Guatemala can be a blessing for you."

In the pueblo where Vargas is located, there are around 350 people. Vargas jokingly told the students that after the first week, they will know everyone in town.

"You can never anticipate how much fun or how much you will be blessed," added Mynor Vargas. As a whole, Ambassador International has ministry sites in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and in the future they plan for one on the border of Mexico.

Carlos Vargas hopes that this will begin a long partnership with LUSI and a lasting relationship with the people of Guatemala.

For those who are interested in learning more about LUSI or about the other two ministries, Ambassadors International and Esperanza de Vida, Inc, contact Dr. Towles at ext. 2091 or Josue Calzada at ext. 4048.

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JESSICA MILLER

**We're not as strong as we think we are**

I had a tough time coming up with a topic to write about this week. Maybe it's a power complex — I feel that my measly 600 words every other week actually fascinates readers so much that they are inspired to traverse the continent with ethereal intentions.

Or maybe pride had once again twisted my thinking, creating illusions of grandeur where none had a right to exist in the first place.

Whatever the reason, as I contemplated the newspaper column before me, I realized that it is this struggle with pride that arrests the faith of mankind in the full adequacy of Christ.

Time and again, God reminds us that we are not so significant as we might like to believe; that in fact, as the owner of our universe, He controls the happenings within it. Many times He proposes that we are quite incompetent in handling the roller coaster of life without His daily assistance.

As I Cor. 1:25 says, "the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

No matter how much wisdom we try to obtain in the perception of other people, God will always be wiser and stronger.

Even the lowest sort of His ability, the kind we would label "foolishness," is still higher than any delusion of distinction that we attempt to give to ourselves.

Whether the styles of clothing we wear, or the words we speak, the positions we hold or the services we perform for others, no attempt to elevate ourselves will ever raise man to God's level.

I Cor. 3:18-19 supports this view. "Let no one deceive himself," it says. "If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

It seems impossible to relinquish every aspect, becoming foolish in the world's sight so we might become wise in God's sight.

Clothes and positions act as grown-up security blankets in the competitive atmosphere of making money and finding the most prestigious occupation. Removing these things from our lives is as easy as removing a toddler's favorite truck from his sticky fingers.

Yet despite the uncompromising statements of I Corinthians, God does give us incentives if we obey His explicit commands.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control," says Galatians 5:22.

As we find the ability within ourselves to release our pride in earthly possessions, we find that the Holy Spirit will adequately supply much more than our need for prestige or power.

Beginning with love, joy and peace, the fruit of the Spirit creates a foundation of faith that carries over into every aspect of our lives.

And it is the seeds of this faith that gradually remove our pride in such things as clothes or positions, the things called foolish by God.

However, in order to take advantage of the myriad of incentives, we should remember that we must make the first gesture of release.

When we open our arms to let go of our pride, we'll find that we'll be able to receive the abundance of faith and love that God has for us.

# Life!

## Job Hunting made easier

Upcoming Career Fair is the first step for students searching for that perfect job

By KRISTIE KAUFFMAN  
Life! Reporter

For students interested in looking for a job, the Career Fair is just around the corner. But don't expect the same old stuff -- this spring's Career Fair has a few changes.

The fair will be held in the Reber Thomas Dining Hall on Tues., March 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students who wish to attend should pickup an invitation and submit an R.S.V.P. to the Career Center by March 1. However, they can also register at the event.

Organizations expected to attend the Career Fair include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, College Directory Publishing, Aristar Financial and Mortgage Services, Bethesda Christian Academy, Cameron Boys Camp, First Virginia Bank, the U.S. Army and Litton Marine Systems.

Career Center Director Karin Griffin, coordinated the fair. She said that the purpose in having the career fair is "for students to find jobs and make contacts with employers who are actually hiring and recruiting."

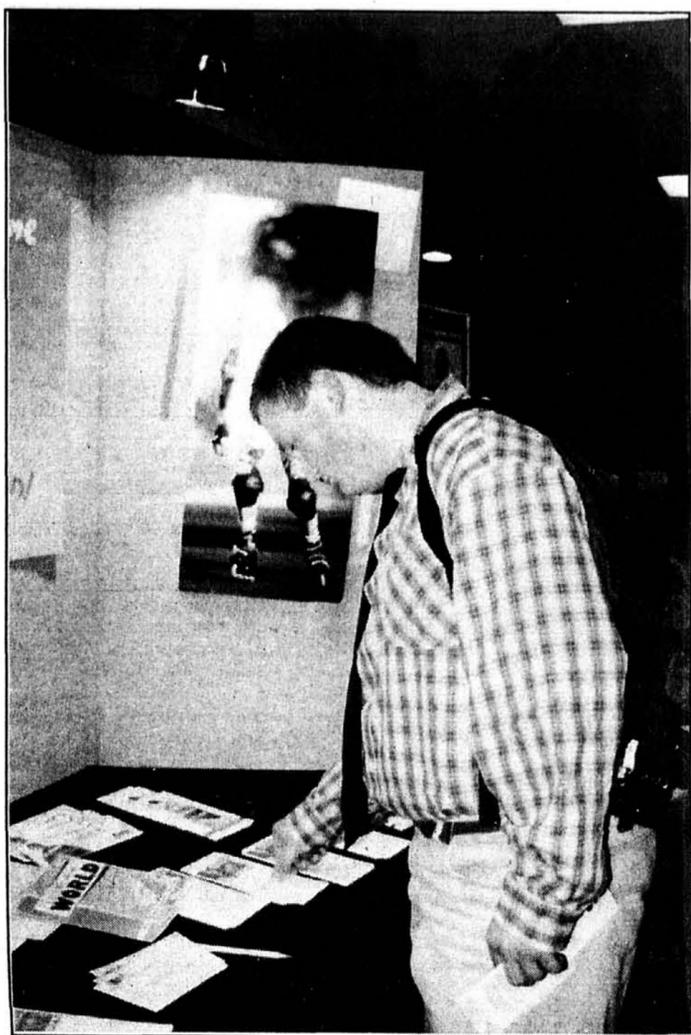
Personal invitations to the Career Fair

have been handed out in on-campus FOCUS meetings and have been mailed to all off-campus juniors and seniors, Griffin said. She said freshmen and sophomores are also invited to attend the fair to explore career options.

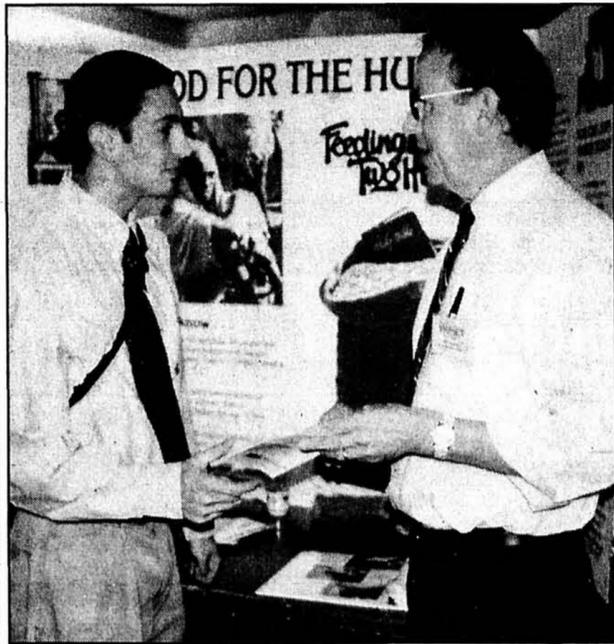
There is also help available for those who want to prepare resumes and learn interviewing techniques. Students who need assistance with their preparation for the job search process can attend workshops designed to target these very needs. Every Monday the Career Center holds an internship application workshop in DeMoss Hall (DH) 118 at 4 p.m.

Resume assistance workshops are also offered every Tuesday in DH 118 at 4 p.m. In addition, every Thursday in DH 118 at 4 p.m., workshops are offered to prepare students for a successful interviewing process. Special speakers also provide unique insight.

Any student interested in attending the Career Fair who has not received a registration form can pick one up in the Career Center located in DH 107. For more information check out the Career Center website on the splash page or at <http://www.liberty.edu/resources/career/index.htm>.



FILE PHOTO  
**JOB? WHAT JOB?** — Shaun Chelgreen perused the literature at the 1998 Career Fair. The Career Fair features organizations such as the FBI, Aristar Financial and First Virginia Bank.



FILE PHOTO  
**AND THE HUNT BEGINS** — Representatives from various organizations are available for preliminary interviews at the annual Career Fair. Students should dress professionally and bring several copies of their resume when attending the Career Fair.

### Do's and Don'ts for Resume Writing

- Do**
- Highlight accomplishments
  - Make a good first impression
  - Make the copy clean, crisp and professional
  - Print it on high-quality stationery
  - Make it brief but not oversimplified
  - Make a cover letter of three to four paragraphs if you mail your resume
  - Use action words
  - Indicate what you have learned not only what you have done.
- Don't**
- Forget to check for spelling and grammatical errors
  - Write long paragraphs
  - Make false statements
  - Summarize qualifications
  - Divulge personal information such as age, where you grew up and weight
  - Use a hard or confusing format
  - Provide salary information
  - Give reasons for leaving previous jobs

List compiled from the Career Center

### Excellent resumes require detail

By STEPHANIE JAMES AND TARA WILLIAMS  
Life! Reporters

When a car salesman tries to sell a car, he uses every tool and technique available to him. The same is true for someone trying to find a job. You need to use all the tools available to you, and the biggest tool you can use is a resume.

Career Center Director Karin Griffin said the resume "shows the employer how you can meet their need."

A resume represents what skills you have achieved. Employers can gain an idea of your experience and determine whether they will hire you.

Suggested divisions of the resume are education, experience, community service, employment history and references. The resume should be professional, accurate and brief. Employers prefer a one page resume because they take only about 10 to 20 seconds to review it.

"The key is not to list tasks performed, but proficiencies, which you possess as seen through skills gained in various positions," said Griffin. "This will attract an employer's attention if it shows that you have the ability to meet a specific need at the company."

For those who want information on writing a resume from start to finish, Griffin recommends "Knock 'em Dead," a best-selling book by Martin Yale and "The Edge Resume and Job Search Strategy," by Bill Corbin and Shelbi Wright. These and other resume writing books are located in the Career Center. The web site [www.careercity.com](http://www.careercity.com) is also helpful in writing a resume.

Griffin also conducts resume workshops in Demoss Hall 118 every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

## Knowledge of interviewing skills proven critical in the job search

By SCOTT ROMANOSKI  
Life! Reporter

With the upcoming career fair next week, many students have begun thinking about where they would like to work this summer and after they graduate.

However, before a business establishment hires someone, they normally subject the candidate to an interview.

While the employer asks many questions, the prospective employee should also ask some. Amy Wannemacher, of Mainland China Missions International, expects missionary candidates to ask personal questions, especially "What can I expect to learn?"

Liberty alumna Rhonda Crosby is currently the Elementary Assistant Principal at Montrose Christian School in Rockville,

Md. She looks for other types of questions. "We're a high profile school. We're looking for people who fit our philosophy," said Crosby, who wants teacher candidates to ask about the school's philosophy and curriculum.

Crosby also mentioned that she expects candidates to show excitement and vigor when interviewing for teaching positions. She also added that the majority of the Liberty students she interviewed showed these qualities.

"Great Jobs for Psychology Majors," a book by Julie DeGalan and Stephen Lambert, provides a list of 22 questions for interviewees to ask prospective employers.

These questions apply to those students talking to employers about different career options. Some of these questions include the following:

- What are the entry level jobs in this field?
  - What types of training are provided to persons entering this field?
  - What are the salary ranges your organization typically offers?
  - What changes do you see in the field in the next two years?
  - How can I prepare myself for these changes?
  - Do you have any information on job specifications and descriptions that I might have?
- The Career Center staff encourages students to use these questions while speaking with business representatives at the career fair.
- They also suggest that students check out the "Great Jobs For..." series of books for jobs in many different academic disciplines for more information.

# Dressed to the Nines

*She says...* *He says...*

**By CORRIE DUIS**  
Life! Reporter

We've all been there. The hassle of finding what to wear to the most important social event of the year (at LU anyway). Hopefully, by sharing my recent dress finding experience, you'll be able to get down to business and go straight for what you really want to wear to this year's Junior/Senior Banquet.

With Celebration Bridal and Formal being right next to school, I thought this to be as good a place as any to start. I was actually fairly pleased with my findings.

In general, the store has dresses ranging in size anywhere from a four to 44, depending on the dress and designer. The three dresses I tried on here were a shimmering green Faviana, a light blue Alfred Angelo, and a simpler black by Alyce Designs.

The Faviana was my favorite here. Floor length with double criss-cross neck straps, it had a slightly purple tint to it. The dress cost a reasonable \$114 for a formal.

The Alfred Angelo was slightly more expensive at \$158. It seemed to look a little more like spring with its slightly above the knee length and spaghetti straps. Finally, the black Alyce Designs swept the floor with a tapered flowing sheer skirt. A halter-top lined with cubic zirconias completed the ensemble. This dress was a perfect fit, but it ran slightly more on the expensive side at \$188. (Celebration does, however, offer \$15 toward accessories with a dress purchase of \$100 or more.)

My next destination was Dayspring on Fort Ave. Here I tried on a floor length light blue Alfred Angelo. It had a snug sheer top with a pearl floral design and ended with a loose flowing skirt.

The dress, although very elegant, ran a little higher than Celebration's at \$199.95.

I found Dayspring to be a little crowded and dim, but they did have a variety of dresses and designers that included Jessica McClintock, Bill Levkoff and Moonlight. The colors ranged from pastels to dark winters, and the majority of dresses were

on sale (not the one I tried of course). They also carried a wide assortment of purses, pearls, shoes, head ornaments and feathers (if you're into that sort of thing), and gloves. Another plus: they do shoe dyeing.

Next was the mall. Hecht's was a letdown. It doesn't have a formal department, so you can go ahead and cross them off your list.

However, Belk had a surprising amount of nice formals. They had some older looking designs downstairs that were "nice," but I migrated my way up to the junior department where they had Jessica McClintocks (a reigning favorite of mine) and several Rampages (also winners). My two recommendations here were a long, fitted navy Jessica McClintock at \$116 and a floor length spaghetti strapped black Rampage (only \$62) with four small blue flowers embroidered on one side of the dress.

Belk's junior department in general offered a great variety. Dresses ranged from knee-length to floor-length, straight to full and very formal to somewhat casual.

Perhaps the best aspect about this department was the prices. I saw a lot of the same designs as in the other stores, but prices here hovered around \$100 with some prices even lower.

When all was said and done, I actually had a positive shopping experience. All the sales representatives were helpful and friendly, and I managed to find something I liked in every store I visited.

So maybe finding a formal for the Junior/Senior Banquet doesn't have to be such a hassle after all. Here's to a happy dress-finding adventure ... good luck!



**ALL DOLLED UP** — (top) Life! reporter Corrie Duis models a black Alyce Designs gown from Celebration Bridal and Formal. The dress costs \$158. (above) Mitchell's Formal Wear offers a wide selection of tuxedos that are perfect for the Junior/Senior Banquet.

**By ERIC LOWE**  
Life! Reporter

With the Junior/Senior Banquet just around the corner, I look into my closet and realize that I am totally unprepared. Because of this, I decided to create a checklist of things I need to do to prepare for it.

First I had to decide if it was worth the money. The tickets cost only \$22.50, but you have to add on the cost of formal wear, floral items, traveling expenses, as well as other expenses.

What am I getting out of this event? I decided to talk to junior class vice president Beth McDonald for inside information on the event. McDonald says that the banquet will be worth the money.

"(We've) put a lot of planning into it," she said.

McDonald feels the students will enjoy the program more than last year. There will be a swing band playing as the students come in, and the main concert is the Christian band Wilshire.

Also, there will be information provided on the Roanoke area for the students, including places to go such as coffeehouses, skating and the big star.

"Everything is planned for them, so there is not much left for them to do," she explained.

After deciding this was an event I didn't want to miss, the first thing I planned to do was buy tickets. McDonald recommended purchasing tickets as soon as possible if students wish to sit with their friends.

Available in the SGA office, students can purchase tickets until March 24, and also reserve a table to have seats for friends.

Next, I needed to find something to wear. McDonald claimed that most male students wear tuxes, but suits are fine. I decided to look first at suits, finding the best value at the River Ridge Mall Value City. They have full suits available starting at \$60. But before buying a suit, I decided to check into tuxes.

Dayspring Bridal &

Formal, at 3701 Fort Avenue, was very helpful in answering all my tuxedo questions. Also, they had the most reasonable tux prices that I could find, with tuxes starting at \$41.95. For those who prefer a more flashy look, Dayspring features a wide variety of specialty tuxes, including 1940s zoot suits.

If you're looking for a tux, however, the people at Dayspring said to place your order ASAP. It usually takes about two weeks for the tux to arrive after ordering, as spring is the busiest season.

After finding a tux, I then went to look into a corsage for my date and a boutonniere for myself. What better place for a Liberty student to go than Holiday House Florist in the back hall of DeMoss?

Holiday House features a wide variety of corsage and boutonniere selections to choose from. The most popular and impressive corsage is probably the white rose, according to Manager Lurline Braud. Holiday House is offering a \$13.50 three-rose corsage special, with a free boutonniere. Holiday House also works with sweethearts (small roses), and carnations as well. Carnations especially have a wide variety of colors to choose.

Braud was extremely helpful in answering all of my floral questions. This was most helpful for a lot of us floral illiterate males. But order soon, so the florists will have time to fill your order.

"The earlier we receive your order, the better equipped we are to meet your floral needs and assure availability," Braud said to potential customers.

The last thing I thought about was transportation. I look out into my driveway for transportation, as a limousine may be a little out of my price range. This was a tough choice — a beat-up Chevy truck, or an old rusty Nissan. Maybe I'll carpool.

Okay, I think I have everything I need now. I have tickets and I've reserved a spot at a table with my friends. I've got my zoot suit and a new hair cut, as I want to look my best for pictures. I have a change of clothes for after the banquet. I have my beat-up old Chevy truck. I have a boutonniere for myself and a corsage for my date.

Wait a second ... a date! I knew I was forgetting something!

## Considering LILY

Flash back to 20-some years ago ... two girls were being born on opposite ends of the world — one in New Zealand and the other in California. Both girls would show evidence of their love for music and performing at a young age. A love for God and a desire to serve Him with their lives also began to emerge.

As they approached their teen years, their lives continued to parallel as both felt the calling to serve God with their talents. But the similarities wouldn't stop there. Although one would be born brunette and the other blonde, they would both grow to the same height (5'10") have the same birthdays and their wedding anniversaries would be two months apart. Even their mothers' names are the same.

Coincidence? Maybe, but Herdman and Barrett would like to believe otherwise.

Meet Considering Lily, two women who were surely destined to cross paths — Jeanette Herdman and Pearl Barrett. "We constantly discovered things that were connecting us and we took them as affirmations that God had brought us together," Barrett explained. Hence their album title, "The Pieces Fit," is especially appropriate.

The circumstance that created the need to join these two "pieces" together arose in early 1998 when Serene Allison, Pearl's sister and musical partner left the group to be a full-time mother. "Considering Lily had acquired a good fan base and the record company and I felt strongly about continuing on with the group," Allison said. "And I still felt God calling me to go on with this ministry."

The search for a new partner for Allison would prove to be short. Eddie DeGarmo, Vice President of

A&R at ForeFront Records, had someone in mind from the onset of Allison's departure. Herdman, wife of Audio Adrenaline member Bob Herdman, had been talking with DeGarmo about a potential solo project around the time Allison left the group. "The idea of pairing Pearl and Jeanette together just came to me one day. I thought it was a long shot, but I felt compelled to pursue it," said DeGarmo.

Following his gut instinct, DeGarmo introduced Herdman and Barrett and the ball started rolling ... and rolling rather quickly. Two days after their initial meeting, they began writing tunes for the new album.

The duo agreed to work together and construct a new album, together with producers Barry Blair and Michael Quinlan. The album in its completion would showcase Barrett's soothing harmonies and the strength of Herdman's lead vocals. With a fresh, decidedly modern-pop feel, the two voices create a blend that works together to form a smooth, distinctive sound.

"We wanted to utilize components that would create more of a pop sound, with more drum-loops and keyboards programming," Herdman said. Barrett added, "We felt like we had the right songs and we wanted to capture their passion yet make it an album that people would want to listen to over and over again."

The two women sat down and started writing music together, with their first collaboration called "What I Was Made For," an outpouring to God, acknowledging that the very reason we were created was to praise Him. "We wanted this song to exhort people to abandon their inhibitions when it comes to worshipping the Lord. We feel like this song can be a powerful tool during our concerts to get people



**THE PIECES FIT** — Considering Lily (Jeanette Herdman and Pearl Barrett) introduced their newest album, "The Pieces Fit," on Feb. 23.

joining us in praise," said Barrett.

The first song on the album is "Great Expectations," a song of hope that was penned with producer Quinlan. The song is based upon 1 Cor. 2:9 ("No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind can conceive what God has prepared for those who love Him.")

The album's title track, "The Pieces Fit," is a powerful ballad that speaks to a conspicuous undercurrent running throughout the project. Barrett describes it as being about God's plan for our lives. "Even though we can't know what He has for us, we can have hope and assurance for what awaits."

While they share many of the same talents and physical traits, there are obvious differences in per-

sonality — on and off stage. While Barrett confesses to being introspective and focused on the artistry of the show, Herdman is drawn towards a more interactive role with the audience.

Both share a deep concern for the spiritual message that is being relayed during the show. Herdman explained, "I believe that our live show is one of the main tools of our ministry."

While we can't always know God's plan for our lives, it's clear through the testimony of Herdman and Barrett that God knows which people and circumstances to orchestrate. His timing and planning are perfect, and with Considering Lily, the pieces truly fit.

— Forefront Records

# OPINION

## THE LIBERTY CHAMPION

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"... Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

### Sometimes you just have to sit back and relax

Papers, tests, clubs, sports, work, friends — it's a juggling act. Some folks say that the college years are the best years. But though we as students appreciate the privilege of extending our education, sometimes it's hard to enjoy this era of our lives when stress infects us like a plague.

It's easy to just give up and surrender to apathy when it seems as though 24-hour days are not enough time to accomplish tasks, but instead of giving in, we should just look back. Sometimes it's good to just take a piece of paper and write down everything we've done.

From time invested in relationships, to conclusions for the dreaded term paper, to laundry that finally escaped inside the washing machine, a list will show us that we've come a long way. Now it's time to smile. That's it — a big grin of accomplishment.

Sure, several mid-terms, a double-shift at work and room check rest on the horizon, but you've come this far and Spring Break is only 10 days from now. We can make it. We just have to put every effort into each activity as though it were our last.

And most importantly we just have to take one thing at a time. We can't let anxiety mold our shoulders into a ball of tension. We just have to place everything in God's hands and rest in His arms as He carries us moment by moment.

When we sit back and look at everything God has done through us, we will find that life is much easier because we did not have to go at it alone.

### LU hosts MEW and TRW

Every year Liberty celebrates Missions Emphasis Week (MEW) and Teacher Recruitment Week (TRW). Students get a chance to pack their summers, spring breaks or career paths with internships, missions, student-teaching and a myriad of other opportunities.

Liberty has the privilege of hosting on-the-field workers, who display booths varying from biking across America to teaching at Heritage High School. In addition free paraphernalia such as snacks, pens and stickers attracts students to the booths to discuss opportunities.

In the past, MEW occurred in the fall, while TRW came in the spring. However, according to Center for Ministry Training Director Jim O'Neill "Some faculty and students desired to move Missions Emphasis Week out of the fall." So, Vice President of Planning Research and Assessment Dr. Ellen Black and O'Neill collaborated to combine the events for the first time.

According to Black, the administration made every effort to include every recruiter interested in participating. Rather than turning people away, the decision was made to accept all applicants, on the condition that some would be placed in less desirous locations. Traditionally, recruiters prefer to establish their booths in high-traffic locations, so they can minister to more students. However, several recruiters willingly made the compromise.

Students appreciate the opportunities and free stuff that accompany MEW and TRW, but in the future it would be nice to have them spread out. O'Neill said that when March hits, students are preoccupied with Big South tournaments and spring break. "The schedule is designed to fit these special weeks into February." But he said in the future, "We will work through what is best and most appropriate."

times of these very special events next year.

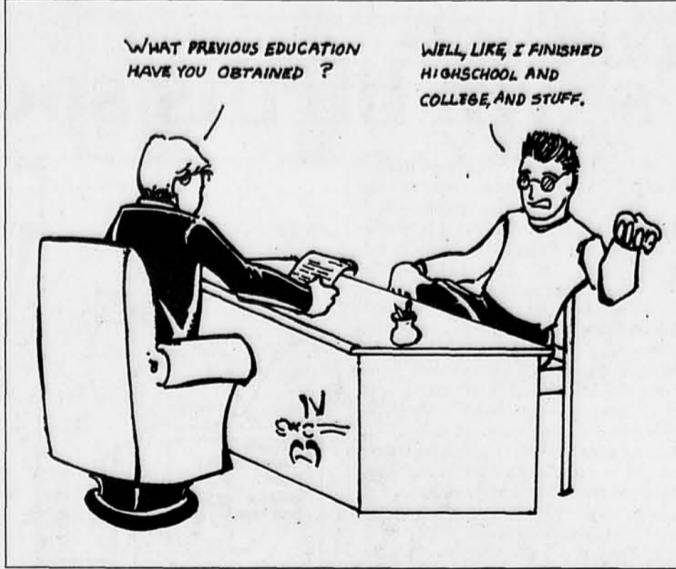
### Quotes of the week ...

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

— Romans 8:26

"How can I disprove lies that are stamped with an official seal? You can deny all the things I've seen, all the things I've discovered, but not for much longer because too many others know what's happening out there and no one, no government agency has jurisdiction over the truth."

— Mulder, X-Files



### Why it's, like, so hard to find a job

It's about that time again. Graduating seniors are working on resume's and panicking over where they'll get that first real job. Who wants to go back to McDonald's after four years of school, right? Or in my case, the construction trade.

It's too stressful to involve much humor. But one thing really cracks me up. Students spend so much time learning the skills that will help them in the job market. All the latest technology, digital editing, photography, biotechnology, medicine, computer skills, they're all on the list.

Other hands-on skills like resume preparation, interviewing and researching for job opportunities are all part of the daily grind. That makes it all the funnier to watch what may be the most important ingredient getting no attention.



RICK BOYER

Surveys of employers show huge percentages putting communication skills, command of the language, at the top of their lists of desirable traits in prospective employees. That's funnier still in an era when the language has become so debased in everyday usage.

Besides the gems we Southerners always get picked on for, such as "ain't" and "y'all," the most obvious sign may be the irritating cliches one hears in everyday conversation. Generation X buzzwords, changing every day though they do, are so non-descriptive. I can hear an employer now. "So college was 'awesome?' Good. Now what was college like?"

Or perhaps your college experience was really "screwed up." That phrase conveys so much pertinent information. Not to mention how much, like, words like like get thrown around. As in, "College was just, like, so totally, like, awesome, you know." No, I really don't. Could you translate?

Even those who don't like totally pervert the language often show it no respect. The average American's vocabulary never seems to top three syllables, if that. *Thank God for 'Hooked on Phonics.'* Maybe it's because so many Americans find it so hard to think. Sometimes finding the word to express one's meaning requires some thought.

Yet, a command of one's own language (with apologies to Ebonics fans) should be a reasonable expectation. Employers should be able to expect those they hire to both understand and communicate understandably in their native tongue.

If one plans to move to a foreign country, one learns the language of that country. Americans need to learn English. Those who fail to do so doom themselves to a whole life underneath a glass ceiling.

It's not recent immigrants I'm questioning here. I'm questioning the vast bulk of Americans who've grown up here, have seldom heard any other language, and have usually gone through 12 years of schooling in English.

Yet those schools don't seem to be especially concerned about correct English. They're so concerned with the feelings of those who use ignorant country bumpkin-speak or communicate in such lingo as "Whassup, yo," that they refuse to tell them the truth.

As George Orwell put it in his great essay "Politics and the English Language," A scrupulous writer ... will ask himself ... "What am I trying to say? What words will express it? What image or idiom will make it clearer?"

This advice applies equally well to job-seeking college students. It's time to stop turning America into a modern Tower of Babel. It's time to use language as a means of communicating information, not just making noise.

We're short-circuiting our own future. Maybe this language schizophrenia isn't so funny after all.

### Building morals for 1999

The government constructs spacecrafts similar to those portrayed as unidentified flying objects, scientists clone new life forms, AIDS victims sip mild cures for their fatal diseases and now man can create reality.

It's amazing. The wave of technology sweeping this nation has reached shocking proportions that make many turn their backs in disbelief, just as critics did when Columbus discovered that the world was round and when the Wright brothers proved that man could defy gravity.

With the advent of High Definition Television (HDTV), digital technology and other such forces, mankind cannot only create reality, but a hyper-reality that communicates events better than the actual occasion.

For instance, if Dr. Falwell gave an interview for the Disney boycott controversy, and he was simply standing alone without any gimmicks, digital technology could place a Mickey Mouse doll in his hand, providing imagery for the interview. Though this is only a small scale example, it's fascinating to think of how reality can be reinvented.

The O.J. Simpson chase could have been a farce, Princess Diana's wreck could have been a hoax and the Bosnia wars could have been an illusion. Though these events that contributed to the shaping of society and the history of mankind truly transpired, one can't help but think of what isn't real when watching the news these days.

"Wag the Dog," a recently released film, exemplifies the extremes of this new technology. In this movie, the media invented a fictional war on television in order to manipulate society's thought.

According to Don Piper, a professor at Regent University, the equipment to produce this seamless reality costs around \$200,000, so many local broadcasters cannot afford to manipulate stories.

However, national networks have the power to rearrange events so that the audience can have a better idea of what's going on. If an employee on strike makes a statement and no protesters decorate the background during the interview, then editors can throw a mob holding poster boards behind the employee in order to convey the force of the protest.

Such incidents seldom occur because the media has only begun to explore the potential of this new digital technology. But the moral dilemma that arises from such manipulation comes when one asks, "Are these pictures lies?" Sure this new hyper-reality is better, but is the displacing of time, direction and situations, in order

to communicate events, honest?

Many Christians hesitate to label this new technology good or evil. One can understand their caution, for it's not so much the technology, but the motivations behind the use of the new inventions that corrupt this modern era. After all, the internet, in and of itself does not transmit corrupt messages, but the pornographic sites that spin the web infest computers with temptation.

The motivations that feed the internet vary from Christian to demon. But since the devil practically monopolizes the modern media, one cannot help but suspect that he will abuse HDTV to suit his profane entertainment standards.

Unfortunately, since technology explodes at such exponential rates "it is impossible for the government to create legislation to handle it," Piper said. The garbage that possesses both television and the internet exemplifies this fact.

If the press cannot maintain integrity with the new technology, then regulations should be instituted immediately, before their purpose for truth becomes still more shadowed. According to Christianity Today news editor Tim Morgan, the "very best journalists respect absolute truth." If twisting reality around, even in an effort to portray a better reality, degrades absolute truth, then it should not be allowed on the news.

Standards need to be established before evil forces influence this infant technology. Christians cannot allow what happened to television and the internet to occur to HDTV and digital technology.

Years ago, when Carlos Baptista molded the film projector to focus on Christian doctrine, he labeled his invention with the words, "God was our helper in conceiving and producing this useful machine. It was designed and manufactured ... for His glory, that through it Christ be made known to men. It's our fervent hope that this instrument will not be used with films that debase and degrade but with films that educate, enlighten and uplift."

Baptista used this motto, because he wanted Christians to claim the film industry before a liberal society disintegrated any purity left on the screen. In the same way, Christians must move fast before people with ignoble motivations harbor complete power over HDTV.

It is especially important for students interested in broadcast television to educate themselves on the technological outbreaks so they can hold a sprinting field accountable for their new creations.



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**IN YOUR OPINION**

"What do you miss doing most as a kid, that you can't do now?"

"Picking my nose!"  
— Meredith Richards Jr., Connecticut

"Playing with Barbies and shampooing their hair."  
— Betty Beaubrun, Sr., Connecticut

"Crawling around in the mud, playing with G.I. Joe."  
— Matt Anderson, So., California

"Not having any responsibilities and being carefree."  
— Lee Ann Livesay, Fr., Tennessee

"It's a toss up between having no fear on my BMX bike and transformers and G.I. Joe."  
— Myles Lawhorn, Jr., Pennsylvania

"What are you talking about? I still am a kid!"  
— Jamal Saba Sr., Israel

— Photos by Amara Lennon

# COMMENTARY

## Clinton's win births socialism

By JOHN FERGUSON  
Champion Editor

"It is therefore ordered and adjudged that William Jefferson Clinton be and hereby is acquitted of the charges in the said articles," declared Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist.

On Friday, Feb. 12, the United States Senate voted 45-55 to strike down the perjury charge and voted 50-50 to defeat the obstruction of justice charge against the president of the United States.

American justice has been subverted and the Constitution thrown out the window for the sake of popularity, party and personal gain.

This has caused many to wonder, as did US Rep. Henry Hyde during the impeachment trial, "I wonder if, after this culture war is over... if an America will survive that will be worth fighting to defend?"

This is the second major trial during this decade in which the facts necessary to convict were blatantly obvious, and the jury failed to convict, sacrificing justice on the altar of public opinion.

The difference between the president's trial and that of O.J. Simpson is the possible end result of the juries' decisions. In the Simpson trial, the jury feared another outcry and foolish rioting with anarchists citing racial preferences. In the trial of the president, senators feared voter retribution or concession of victory to the other party.

Although both had different reasons for their decisions, both trials suffered the same disastrous long-term result. Rule of law is dead, and the great American principle of "All men are created equal" exists no more. The end result is that the rich, the famous and the politicians are indeed above the law.

Big government has been on the rise in America since the early part of this century. Immorality was given an open-armed welcome in the 1960's, and with the President's acquittal the social elite has officially been established. The preliminary stages for socialism have been laid down in America.

The scariest things about America's culture war has been the lack of outrage and the increasing level of cynicism by Christians, the supposed righteous. Dr. Jerry Falwell has said, "The biggest problem with Christians is that when they lose, they quit. And when they win, they party with exuberance and cynicism towards the

quit." The evidence of Christian apathy is painstakingly obvious.

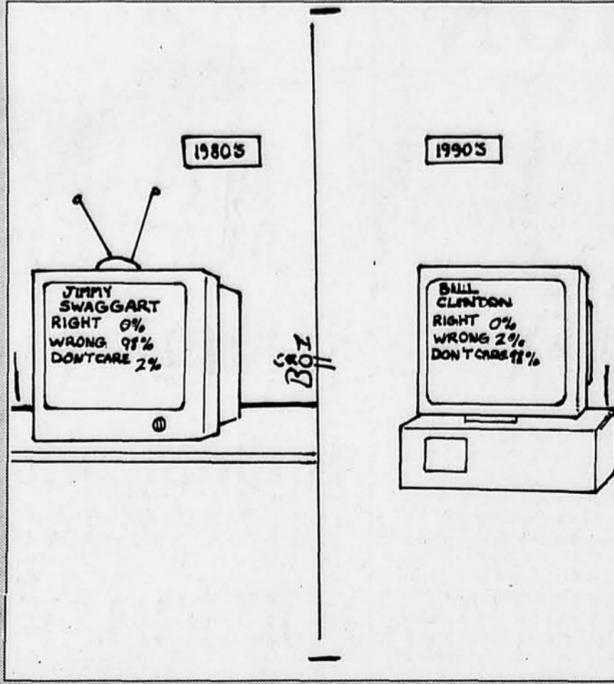
In 1994, Christians fought back and elected the first conservative majority in Congress and governorships in 40 years. Christians won and then they quit. In 1996, Christians conceded to moderates and allowed Bob Dole to be the standard bearer. In 1998, Christians didn't even get dressed for battle, and the results of 1996 and 1998 have been made.

During the senate trial of the president, Christian broadcaster and founder of the Christian Coalition, Pat Robertson declared that Republicans should concede victory to the president and end the impeachment trial. After the trial, conservative activist Paul Weyrich complained, "I no longer believe that there is a moral majority. I do not believe that a majority of Americans actually share our values...The culture we are living in has become an ever-wider sewer...we are caught up in a cultural collapse..."

Such attitudes and concessions by conservatives and Christians are more deadly than the sin of the immoral. "But our most formidable opponent has not been opposing counsel nor any political party. It's been the cynicism...that cynicism is an acid eating away at the vital organs of American public life. It is a clear and present danger because it binds us to the nobility and the fragility of being a self-governing people," said Rep. Hyde during the impeachment trial.

Hyde is correct, and the righteous cannot afford to disagree.

Christians and Americans alike should realize the grace of the fact that Jesus Christ did not



sin. Christians and Americans alike should feel fortunate that the patriots at Concord and Lexington did not carry such concession and cynicism toward the British and independence.

"Politics is the last contested battlefield of our culture war, for only through politics can the new cult, a militant and intolerant secularist faith that will abide no other, impose its values on us," writes Pat Buchanan.

Most Americans cite the rapid increase of immorality in society as the greatest threat to America, yet abortions are still legal, homosexuality is still acceptable, divorces are as common as car-piercing and President Clinton has been acquitted.

So many questions remain. Has outrage really died? Will immorality increase in America? Will the cynical acid attack more American vital organs? Will anyone take a stand just as Christ did on the Cross and the patriots did at Lexington and Concord?

## Facing genetic issues

By PAUL FIELDS  
Champion Editor

A recent internet article revealed some frightening genetic news occurring in Iceland. The article's subtitle read, "Iceland to Map Genetic Code."

The article revealed that neurologist Karl Stefansson, wants to store the genetic profile of every Icelander in a computer database. Access to the information will then be sold, at substantial profits, to pharmaceutical and other research companies. In return, his company, Decode Genetics, will computerize the entire country's medical history, and give Icelanders free access to any drug produced through the effort.

Iceland was chosen for this new experiment with genetic manipulation because it is a small, genetically homogeneous nation of 270,000 people, nearly all of whom can trace their roots back to the Vikings. In the past 1,000 years, few people have immigrated to the country. The homogeneous nature of the population makes it easier to spot tiny genetic mutations that would go unnoticed in a larger, more diverse population. The potential benefits to medicine would be enormous.

Of course, there are objections. Companies could use the information to practice hiring discrimination. Insurance companies could deny coverage on the basis of "predisposed conditions." If such organizations recognized any flaw or handicap such as a heart defect or potential for cancer, they could discriminate against their prospective clients. If Stefansson has his way, private genetic information will be broadcast to any interested party.

The controversy found in Stefansson's plan is not whether or not mapping an entire population's genome is right or wrong. Something in and of itself is not wrong; for instance, a scalpel in a surgeon's hands could be used to save a life, while that same instrument in the hands of a killer could be used to take it. The difficulty of these genetic issues comes when one questions the motivations: "Will this knowledge be used for good or evil?"

Man has been given an amazing gift with the ability to acquire and interpret knowledge. Unfortunately, man has also demonstrated his potential to misuse it. Man should not be afraid to shy away from the potential to understand God and His creation. Arguably, every discovery in the history of mankind could be subject to this same argument. Where would humanity be if the great discoveries had been rejected on these grounds?

In regards to this new controversy, fail-safes could be instituted. However, the integrity of those in charge of the genetic codes must be impeccable. Within a Christian framework, the possibilities for advancement are limitless as long as the new technology rests in the right hands.

## Ungratefulness betrays Christian hypocrisy

By JOSH COLLISON  
Champion Editor

Sometimes during the course of life when everything seems negative and monotonous, it is good for mankind to stand back and reflect on all his blessings.

On a certain McDonald's on "29 cent hamburger night," a man came in barefoot, wearing a t-shirt and shorts. The evening was rather cool and definitely not "beach clothes weather." He stood and waited, and upon approaching the counter, proceeded to order 25 hamburgers. After he walked out with his food, a customer who was also present blurted out "What ever happened to 'no shirt, no shoes, no service,'" and laughed, thinking it was funny.

The man he was laughing at may have just lived around the corner and ran over to grab some food and did not bother to put

on shoes, socks, long pants or a coat, but it is quite probable that he was poverty-stricken. The hamburgers could have been his food for the week until the next Wednesday "29 cent sale."

Many people may respond to the rudeness of the customer who made fun of the allegedly poor man with thoughts of anger, or by commenting on his ungratefulness and lack of sympathy.

In Psalm 30:12, the Bible says "Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever." But is thankfulness something that Christians are often mindful of?

Many times students associate LU Dining services with "Yuck!" Gross!" and "Rot." and "I cooked better when I was eight."

Well in response to these ungrateful results, one would have to note that food at LU Dining Services is definitely not free

and there are plenty of homeless people in the world who could define much better what garbage tastes like, because many of them are forced to dig through trash cans for their meals.

Almost all students bow their heads before they touch their cafeteria meals. But it is hypocritical for them to pray a blessing over their food when they know they will complain about it in five minutes. Often times people take things for granted and then forget the blessings of God.

Students tend to overlook the fact that they have food, heat, shelter, a good college education and much more that they do not even consider.

This editorial is not in any way a judgmental, "how dare you" article and it is not a commercial for LU Dining Services.

It is simply intended as a wake-up call for students to realize and truly be thank-

ful for the blessings God provides. There are so many simple things in life that pass by without recognition or that are complained about, when the truth is that without them there would be much confusion and chaos.

As the days pass by and experiences come and go and God continues to provide, try to keep things in perspective. Focus on the good aspects in situations and realize how the things you might view as "bad" are really

not that bad after all. Don't wait for Nov. 25 to count your blessings. Make Thanksgiving a daily celebration before you realize that when it was time to count your blessings, you weren't looking.



## Liberty Forum

### Chapel noise distracts some.

Dear Editor

When I was a dorm student, I admit I felt that attending convocation was an annoyance at times. I also remember how strict my RAs were about us paying attention to the speakers, not getting too physical with our boyfriends/girlfriends, and impressing any visitors by our good listening skills.

I am currently a senior and a commuter student who occasionally has to work during convocation, but when given the opportunity, I enjoy attending. Or at least I used to. Now I find myself becoming annoyed the minute I sit down in convocation all because of the students around me. I don't sit in the assigned commuter section because the view of the stage is so poor and I feel I would be sitting alone because so few commuter students attend.

What upsets me is the disrespect the students have for the speakers. They talk about them and their appearance, they do homework, eat snacks or a full course meal and even sleep. I can sympathize with dorm students for not wanting to be there, but suck it up, life is full of doing things that we may or may not always want to do.

Also part of this blame goes to RAs. I have noticed their lax behavior, they are only concerned with whether or not everyone checked in. Then they become so

enthralled by the speaker or their friends that they don't keep their hall in line or take any disciplinary steps.

I would like to thank the few RAs who do have control over their hall and have the ability to show visiting guests that we are good, disciplined Christian students here at Liberty University. I only wish I knew where the responsible students were located in the Vines Center so I could sit and enjoy convocation in peace.

— Jill Taylor, Sr.

### America's use of vogue evil betrays her state of denial.

Dear Editor,

Our culture is in a state of denial. We live in a time when it is vogue to call evil good and good evil. Our president is guilty of high crimes and the polls say "give him a pass." Little guys' rights are trampled, exploited, misrepresented and often served a sentence of injustice to protect the person in a high position of power. The Democratic party used to be the party for the little people. Many Democrats still believe this, despite the overwhelming evidence of facts to the contrary. The present administration is proof of this truth. I saw the handwriting on the wall years ago, when I left the Democratic party because

the party left me.

What a state of denial the United States of America is experiencing. The word "gay" now means homosexual. The word "niggardly" is now a racial slur. The words "we are going to have a baby" is now, "we have tissue growing which may turn into a baby and you will be a Granddaddy!" Sexually transmitted diseases are epidemic and yet we say "have 'safe sex'" to our culture of immorality, perversion and lying. The politically correct language is the language of denial.

We were sued by a teacher who said the book "Last of the Wine," was state approved. The local school board said the book was approved. The suit was based upon a lie: the book is approved by a college board in Georgia, not Florida.

We are the United States in a state of denial! "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."

— Rev. Robert Henry McDuffie  
El-Jobean, Fla.

### Keep Espressway in DeMoss.

Dear Editor,

I sincerely feel that the administration is trying very hard to improve many facets of LU campus. I appreciate the new computers, the David's Place renovations, the re-

opening of the Vines Center to rollerbladers, the bookstore's improvements and now our new food court.

The food court will provide an alternative for commuter students, so they can get quality, reasonably priced food between classes without having to leave campus. As poor as we claim to be, students amazingly find money for Papa Johns and Movies 10 when it is needed.

I also appreciate the administration's attempts to "decongest" the DeMoss atrium by moving the Espressway Cafe' to the food court. The problem however, as I remember, pre-existed the cafe'. I have pushed through and bumped elbows between classes since the first day of my freshman year. I also sympathize with Building Services workers, who are perpetually cleaning the litter and spills of food and drinks. Yet the removal of Espressway will not solve this problem either as long as the bookstore remains stocked with Pepsi, grape juice and potato chips, which they are trying to implement at some point in the near future.

Many times I enter class five or six minutes before class and pass my professors rushing to grab a well-deserved cappuccino to enable them to "make it through" the next class session. I know for a fact that many of them would not be able or willing to tramp out to the far end of the food court, through the ever-congested DeMoss to grab a cup of coffee and get back in time

to promptly start class.

If the administration wanted to truly appear as concerned about faculty, staff, and students at the success of the food court, they could easily kill two birds with one stone. Put a Taco Bell Express in the food court and leave the Espressway Cafe' warming the heart of DeMoss. A smaller, secondary cafe' would sell drinks in the food court substation and still leave room for Taco Bell.

— Corina Hansen, Jr.  
Newport, N.C.

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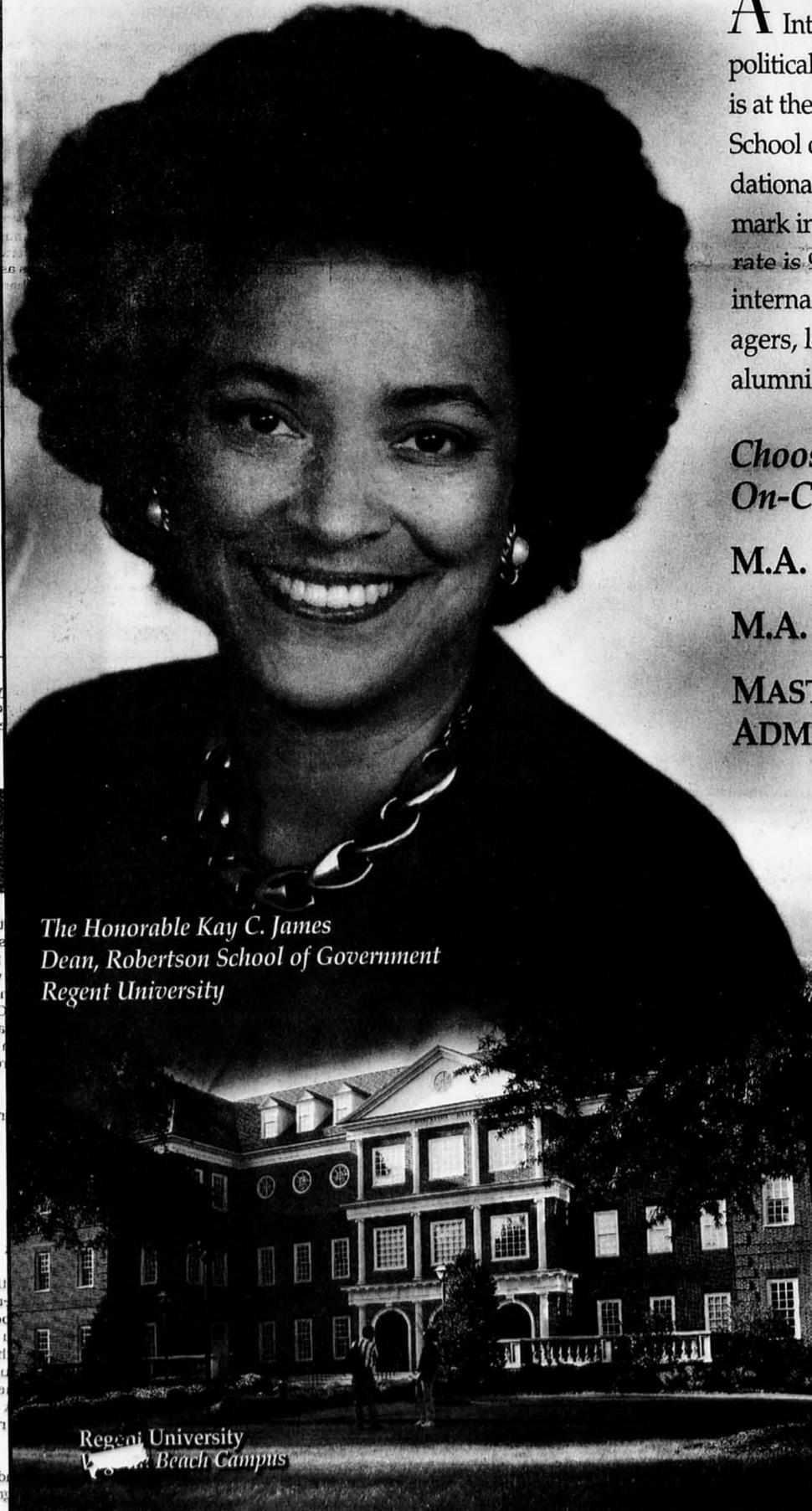
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# LADY FLAMES HEADED BACK TO BIG DANCE



JOHN FISHER

**GOING TO THE BIG DANCE** — Junior Sharon Wilkerson cuts down her third net in three years for Liberty. LU looks to head into this year's NCAA Tournament seeded higher than a No. 16 seed.



**VICTORY ONCE AGAIN** — The Liberty bench celebrates a basket by one of their teammates en route to the 68-55 victory over No. 2 seed Coastal Carolina.

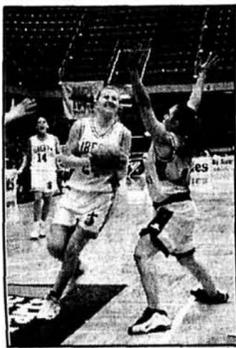


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**MVP SMILE** — Junior Elena Kisseleva soaks up the win. Kisseleva was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player.

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**TOURNEY MEMORIES** — Jennifer Spurlbeck plays with an injured Rachel Young (right). Kisseleva drives for two (top).



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**"WE LOVE COACH REEVES!"** — Coach Reeves has a new found friendship with the infamous Radford "Redheads" who showed support for the coach during the Championship game of the Big South Tournament.

## Baseball team opens with two wins at home

By BROOKE HERRMANN  
Champion Reporter

"Take me out to the ball game..." echoed in the Worthington Stadium crowd as the Liberty Flames opened their season at home Feb. 25 against North Carolina A&T. After beating the Aggies, the Flames moved on to Saturday's game against nationally ranked James Madison University.

LU senior Tim Strong started off the game with a single to centerfield. After first baseman Ryan McClellan hit a bomb down the first base line, driving in Tim Strong and Trey Miller. Liberty closed out the first inning with a 3-2 lead over the Dukes.

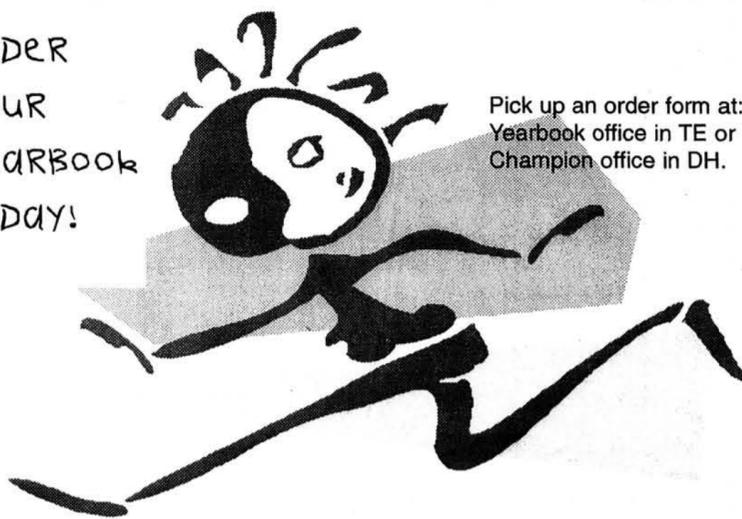
Freshman Josh Brey pitched strong for three innings while only giving up four hits and totaling three strike outs. Coming in the top of the fourth and closing out the game for the win, Jason Suitt, gave up only four hits, and struck out four.

Defensively, the Flames are on fire with only one error in two games. According to Ryan Morris, senior pitcher, "Our strength is coming from the fact that we are beginning to gel as a team. It's still early, but there is more of a core unit now than there was in the fall."

Things were tied up in the third and fourth inning, when the Dukes came on strong, but Suitt, and the Flames offense became aggressive and sacrificed base hits to bring in the runs. "Their pitcher was gaining confidence, so we started hitting the ball stronger," said Strong. In the bottom of the seventh Liberty took the lead and held on to it till the end. With runners now on second and third John Bona stole home on a wild pitch. Liberty upset JMU 9-7.

Liberty will host Virginia Commonwealth University on Wednesday at 3:00p.m. Flames will also face 20th ranked University of North Carolina and 14th ranked Clemson this week.

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# Maryland ends Liberty's season with 6-3 victory in ACCHL playoffs

By DOUG STEWART  
Champion Reporter

After winning only one out of their last six games and being affected by injuries, sickness and suspensions, the Liberty University hockey team limped into the first round of the ACCHL playoffs to face the Maryland Terrapins on Friday afternoon in Charlottesville.

The Terps had been more than a worthy opponent for the Flames in the regular season after beating LU twice (6-3, 10-1).

Maryland took an early lead and eventually held on for the 6-3 victory over Liberty in a game that was well played by both sides. As they did in the two regular season games, the Terps scored first and grabbed the momentum early with a goal by Jimmy Frazetti with 14:37 remaining in the initial period of play.

Maryland's Frazetti scored again and gave his team a 2-0 lead at the 12:02 mark by putting a wrist shot past LU goaltender Max Fritz.

Just as it began to look like the Terps would run away with the game, the Flames showed the character of their team by fighting back and stepping-up defensively with solid checks and effective goaltending. Maryland continued to have numerous scoring opportunities, but LU's defense tightened up and kept the game within reach.

With 5:22 left in the first period LU's Andrew Tattrie scored on a beautiful goal that was assisted by Kirk Handy and Neil Nicholson. The first period ended with the score 2-1 in favor of Maryland.

Both hockey teams came out firing in the second period. The Maryland Terrapins turned their opportunities into reality four minutes into the second period with a goal that deflected off Maryland's Kevin McCool's stick and through the legs of LU goalkeeper Fritz, giving the Terrapins a 3-1 advantage.

The Terrapins continued to apply the pressure offensively and extended their lead to three with a powerplay goal with 5:30 remaining in the second period. 10 seconds later, a Maryland let-down and a relentless Liberty attitude equaled another Tattrie goal, reducing UM's lead to 4-2.

LU continued to show its resiliency in the final period when freshman Chris Lowes netted a goal on an assist by fellow freshman Travis Anderson.

After giving up two consecutive goals, it was Jeff Kaloz who closed the door on the LU offense and allowed his team to add two late goals that iced the game and ended the Flames season. The win propelled the Terrapins to the championship game.

Although Liberty did not end the season on a positive note as far as wins and losses are concerned, Tattrie was impressed with his team. "We stayed tough today. This season has been a reflection of good players and great coaching."

According to Handy the Flames were hindered by missing players. "We had a short bench today. We all played 100 percent today, but things didn't go our way. But we fought hard and never gave-up. This team is the best group of guys on any

team I have ever been on."

For most of the LU squad, it is difficult to think of playing next season without graduating team leaders like Tattrie, Handy and Nicholson. "It's a shame that my three roommates have to leave. They are great leaders on and off the ice," sophomore Jon Schubert said.

Coach Carodo Puglisi added how much his seniors will be missed. "They are the heart and soul of our club. It's like eating spaghetti without sauce, it is hard to put into words what those guys mean to us."

The Flames are not just about hockey but much more said Nicholson. "This team is dedicated to Jesus Christ. Serving Him is our No. 1 mission and I feel like I can speak for the entire team in saying so."

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# CHAMPION SPORTS

## Lady Flames 3 Peat!

LU to make third straight appearance in the 'Big Dance' after 68-55 win over Coastal Carolina in BSC Finals

By MATT KEENAN  
Sports Editor

The Lady Flames of Liberty University wrapped up its third straight conference title in convincing fashion this past Saturday in Asheville, N.C. by cruising to a 68-55 win over No. 2 seed Coastal Carolina.

With the win, Liberty became the first team to officially qualify for the NCAA Tournament field of 64 by accepting the automatic berth that goes along with the championship. The Lady Flames will find out this Sunday where it will head for the first round when the brackets are unveiled in primetime on ESPN.

LU seemed a little subdued when clinching its third straight title at the Asheville Civic Center.

To junior forward Elena Kisseleva this year just didn't seem to compare to the past two title runs.

"I think that I was more happy last year and especially my freshman year," Kisseleva said in comparing the championships. "I mean, we were playing at home in front of 6,000 people last year and everybody ran onto the floor. When we won then, you could just feel the atmosphere."

After struggling to find her shooting touch for most of the season, Kisseleva

regained her shooting confidence in the Big South Tournament as she was named the tourneys Most Valuable Player. Kisseleva scored a game high 28 points against Coastal to lead the Lady Flames to victory.

"Somebody had to step up and lead the team," Kisseleva said. "I'm glad that I could actually find myself and be a leader. All season, coach always reminded us upperclassmen that we had to step up and be leaders."

The Lady Chanticleers gave Liberty everything it could handle for most of the first half, until LU gained control of the game for good at the 11:23 mark on a Dawn Woodruff layup.

However, foul trouble plagued both of the Wilkerson twins, forcing Head Coach Rick Reeves to dig deep into his bench.

"I'm so proud and happy of the achievement of these kids, especially the kids who came off the bench in the first half," Reeves said. "I told them before the game that everyone was going to have to step up today."

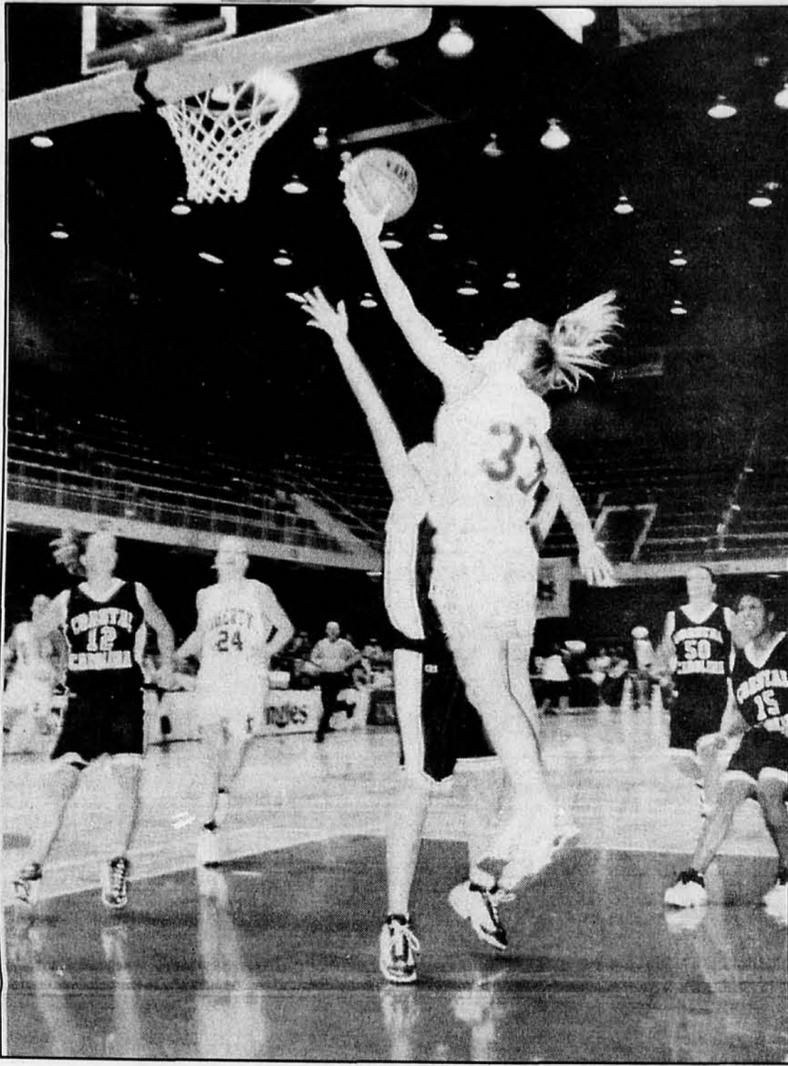
So, even with two of its best players sitting for a majority of the first half, the Lady Flames still carried a 34-28 lead into halftime.

LU shot a respectable 13-of-24 from the field (54 percent) in the first half.

The pesky Lady Chanticleers would not go away so easily in the second half, even with both Wilkersons back in the game. Coastal tied the game at 40 with 15:47 remaining, before Liberty made an instrumental 8-0 run to prove to be the deciding factor of the contest.

Sarah Wilkerson's jumper with 1:42 left on the clock sealed the victory before Coastal had to start fouling to stop the clock. Liberty made its free throws down the stretch to cap the 68-55 victory over the Lady Chanticleers. Coastal was making its first appearance in the championship game after being picked to finish last in the conference in the preseason polls. Coastal's 18-10 record is also the first season the Lady Chants have posted a winning season on the Division I level.

The Lady Flames won't be content to stop here though as they know bigger challenges await them in the NCAA Tournament. Only a first round victory



'COASTING' TO THE BIG DANCE — Junior Sharon Wilkerson drives to the basket for two of her 16 points in the Championship game. Liberty will find out Sunday where it will head for the first round.

would make LU happy after completing its third straight 20 win season. Liberty will also be carrying a 12-game winning streak wherever it goes for the first round of the tournament.

"I think we deserve a 15 or even possibly a No. 14 seed this year," Reeves said. "The one good thing is that we're not undefeated this year."

Kisseleva led all scorers with 28 points, while Sharon and Sarah Wilkerson added 16 and nine points respectively. All three were named to the All-Tournament team.

Senior Roslane McGill and junior Cheri McNeil paced Coastal with 16 and 11 points apiece.

Now Liberty will play the waiting game to find out its destination for the first round which will be played on March 12-13.

"I want to go to the NCAA Tournament and show the whole United States that we're not just a small Christian school," Moscow native Kisseleva said. "We have a great opportunity to show everybody what we stand for, what we play for and what kind of basketball Liberty plays."



REEVES FOR PRESIDENT — Head Coach Rick Reeves celebrates his third straight title.

## LU contributes to history in 106-98 loss to UNC-Asheville

Freshman Jamaal Bennett breaks tourney scoring mark with 35 points

By MATT KEENAN  
Sports Editor

The Liberty University men's basketball team bowed out in historic fashion, 106-98 to the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs in the quarterfinals of the Big South Conference Tournament this past Thursday.

The 204 total combined points between the two teams proved to be the highest scoring game in Big South Tournament history, eclipsing the old record of 188 points set by Winthrop and UNC-Asheville in 1993. Overall, there were five team records that fell in the game, including the 106 points scored by UNC-A, breaking the old record of 96 set by Radford in 1988.

Most impressively for the Flames was the play of freshman Jamaal Bennett, who scored a record tournament high 35 points in the game. Bennett finished the evening on 11-of-16 shooting (69-percent), including 6-of-9 on three-pointers (66-percent).

"The only thing I was concentrating on was winning," a subdued Bennett said. "I don't even know how many points I had. I was just trying to do what I could do."

Liberty found itself down by 26 points, 84-58, with 10:01 left in the game before it started to chip away at the lead.

Even down by 26 points, LU Head Coach Mel Hankinson insisted on keeping full court pressure on the Bulldogs.

"I don't apologize for the press," Hankinson said. "We were in a tight situation and we took a calculated risk to try and win the basketball game. We didn't press tonight the way you're going to see us press next year."

In the first half, Liberty pulled to within three points with 6:00 remaining in the half before UNC-A went on a 22-6 run to close the half for a 53-34 lead.

The Bulldogs continued to pull away and dominate the game until the final 5:00 of the game when Liberty made things respectable.

LU's Bennett scored 11 unanswered points in a span of 30 seconds, including three treys before the Flames just ran out of time, thus ending their season.

The Flames got into a little foul trouble committing 30 team fouls, tying a tournament record, while three players fouled out.

Despite scoring 98 points, a season high for LU, only three players

reached double figures in scoring. Bennett's 35 led the team while C.J. Cowgill poured in 30 points and Delawn Grandison added 11 for the Flames who finished the year with a 4-22 record.

The Liberty players finished the season strong despite a year full of adversity.

"I'll tell you this, next year is not going to be the same," Bennett said.



HISTORY MAKER — Jamaal Bennett for two of his Big South record 35 points.

## Indoor track teams repeat as BSC Champs

IC4A Championships up next for Flames tracksters

By BRIAN WOOLFORD  
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Liberty's men and women's indoor track and field teams captured 'Big South' titles for the second straight year two weeks ago in Blacksburg, Va. Liberty's squads won their respective championships in convincing fashion in only the second year of the event.

The men's team recorded a resounding 240 points, while the women's team notched 176 points in their lopsided victories over Big South foes. Charleston Southern placed second in the men's division with 72 points and Coastal Carolina claimed second place in the women's division with 127 points.

The Flames underclassmen shined at the conference championship, which was held on the campus of Virginia Tech University. The young sprinters scorched the track to help Liberty win the conference crown.

Freshman Michael Decker remained virtually unbeatable in indoor meets by cruising to victory in both the 200m and 400m races. Decker outpaced the Big South's top sprinters in the two races.

Freshman Jeremy Wagner triumphed in the men's 60 meter dash with a time of 7.11. The Waterfield, Pa. native recovered from a near disaster to acquire his first collegiate conference title.

"I thank God for giving me a

good race", Wagner said. "I stumbled off the starting block and almost had a really bad start."

Ken Howell collected two first place medals at the championship. Howell, who has technically qualified for the NCAA national championship, easily won the pole vault event. Howell also captured the 60 hurdles race with a time of 8.08.

Liberty's relay teams also conquered the track at Virginia Tech. The men's and women's 4x400 relay team and men's distance medley both won their respective races.

Several members of Liberty's track and field team will compete at the IC4A championship this weekend in Boston, Mass. IC4A championship features about a third of the Division I track teams in the country, mostly from the East Coast. Some of Liberty's elite athletes will have the opportunity to display their talents in front of a large arena.

Stephen Githuka will travel to Boston in an attempt to capitalize on his successful season. Githuka won in three events at the Big South Championship. He anchored the men's distance relay team, which notched a time of 10:25.70. Githuka has qualified for IC4A in the 3,000 meter and 5,000 meter race.

"I am confident that I will do well at the IC4A meet," Githuka said.



Matt Keenan

### What fans didn't see

After I returned this past weekend from the Big South Conference Championships in Asheville, N.C., I was surprised to see the lack of support for the Lady Flames. On Saturday afternoon on Regional TV, Liberty claimed its third consecutive Big South title in front of a sparse crowd at the Asheville Civic Center.

Now I realize that Asheville isn't exactly a hop, skip and a jump away, but I was really disappointed with the student turnout for the Championship game. I could have counted the number of students that were at the game on all of my fingers. That's how pitiful the turnout was.

And then when I got back here to Liberty, I saw a campus that was more than less appreciative of what our women's basketball team has done for this school. The smallest amount of effort could have been put forth to at least set up screens in the Vines Center so students could have watched the game on television. I know that a lot of people missed out on the game because it's not exactly like we have cable like reception here on campus.

Well, since 99.9% of you missed out on Saturday here's what you missed.

° Asheville, N.C. — ahhh what a city! No, really, I'm not being facetious either. Asheville is a beautiful scenic city to visit. The downtown streets left something to be desired though. Trying to work our way around town proved to be confusing sometimes.

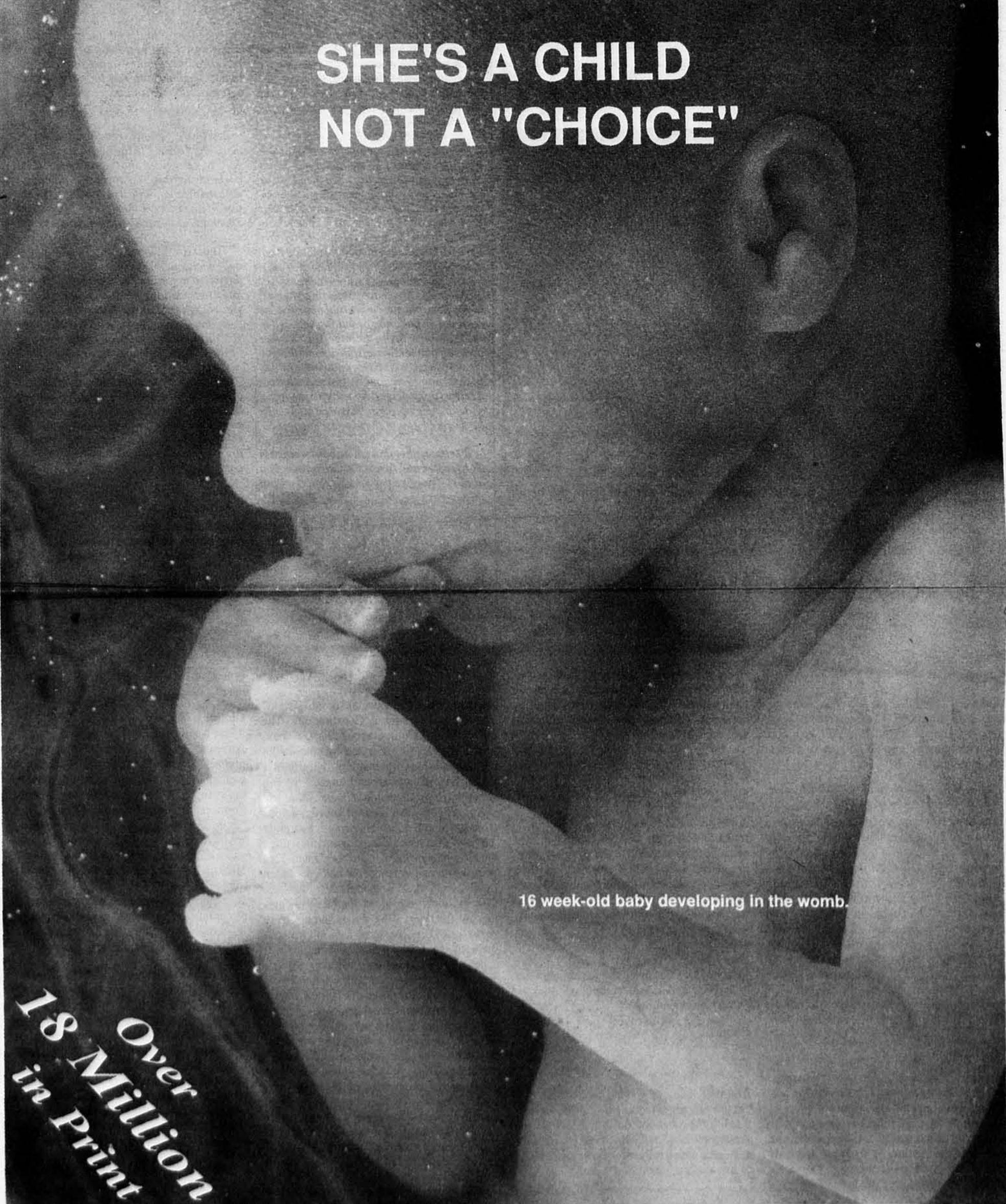
° Asheville P.D. — What a bunch of nice guys! Enough said.

° Asheville Civic Center — In my opinion this definitely wasn't the ideal arena to move the Big South Tournament to. A couple words could describe this arena to you. Cold and colder. The Civic Center is also home to the Asheville Smoke, a minor league hockey team. This arena is definitely better suited to watch hockey games. I found myself trying to keep my hands and toes warm like I was at a fall football game or something. Attendance figures were down this year compared to the past couple year's the tournament was held here at Liberty. I think the Big South will find out in due time that Lynchburg is a better home for the tournament.

The only thing I would take the Civic Center over the Vines Center for would be the parquet floor. There for a second I thought I had walked into Boston's FleetCenter. Uhm, O.K., for a millisecond. ° Radford Redheads — Just one week after Liberty Head Coach Rick Reeves became friends with the rowdy bunch from RU, a "Redhead" entered the women's Championship game displaying a sign reading "We love Coach Reeves." The display of likeness and respect drew a smile from Reeves.

° Dance squads — Just how long will it be for Liberty?

There it is, the 1999 Big South Tournament in a nutshell. You'll hear about how big of a success the tournament was, but trust me, the tournament has a home in Lynchburg. Bring it back!



**SHE'S A CHILD  
NOT A "CHOICE"**

16 week-old baby developing in the womb.

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# The of the Matter



The special love between a mother and baby comes straight from the heart.

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Dear Reader:

If you're in a crisis pregnancy, or know someone who is, please be assured that we understand the emotional trauma you are going through — the doubts, the fears, the sense of shame and frustration. We know the agonizing decisions you face and the pressures you feel.

At first blush, opting for an abortion probably sounds like the "quick-fix" solution to your problem. You need to be advised, as this supplement does in numerous articles, that abortion is not in your best interest. Those who have been telling you that it's a "women's rights" issue have been withholding critical information from you.

Actually, if you are subjecting yourself to the possible after-effects of abortion, as outlined on page six; or putting yourself in the position of being the anguished mother pouring out her heart from personal experience (on page seven); or making yourself two to four times more prone to breast cancer (documented by recent research), shouldn't people who claim to be for women be warning you of these consequences?

Perhaps abortion isn't about women's rights after all! What then, or whom, is it about? The answer can be found within these pages.

For instance, isn't it exciting to discover, as Dr. Jerome Lejeune points out

on page four that the miniature language mapping out the new baby at the time of fertilization contains more information about him/her than can be stored in five sets (not volumes) of Encyclopedia Britannica?

It is our hope that in reading this Supplement and relating to the preborn child you will be convinced that abortion, besides not being in your best interest, is indeed an unjust, inhumane and irreversible destruction of an innocent human life. **There are alternatives to such a drastic measure!**

Is carrying your baby to term a manageable decision? Yes it is! Please refer to page five to realize the number of people and organizations ready and eager to help you. Don't hesitate to call on them, whatever your needs. The support is there to see you through your crisis pregnancy - and beyond!

Remember the decision you make will affect you for the rest of your life. Don't let anyone pressure you into a quick decision! We don't pretend to have an easy solution - but a just, manageable, rewarding one, one which you will not regret: continued life for your baby!



Marlene Reid, President  
Human Life Alliance of Minnesota

## Fact vs. Fiction: Exposing the Myths

**Claim:** Abortion is legal, therefore, it must be right.

**Answer:** If child abuse were suddenly declared legal by the U.S. Supreme Court, would that make it right? Would we ignore such an injustice and do nothing to protect the children?

**Claim:** I have the right to "choose" to abort my baby - a woman's "right to choose!"

**Answer:** How can anyone have the right to choose to kill another individual? The only "choice" in abortion is between a dead baby or a live baby. Furthermore, the advocates who defend the "choice" to abort, producing a dead baby, are not consistent. Why is it only in the case of abortion they argue that "choice" should be absolute? Using the same rationale, shouldn't people have the right to "choose" to use drugs ("It's my body") or the right to "choose" to practice prostitution? Should our society allow a person to "choose" to kill another person (or have that person killed) to solve the first person's problem?

**Claim:** The government should not interfere with a woman's "right" to abortion.

**Answer:** Our Declaration of Independence declares that we have an "inalienable right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Thomas Jefferson defined government's role, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." President Reagan, a defender of the human and civil

rights of the preborn, called it "the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning." (Without life, taxation, education etc., are immaterial).

**Claim:** If public money (tax money) is not available to pay for abortions "poor" women will be denied access to abortion. They will be discriminated against.

**Answer:** Are we obligated to provide cigarettes and alcohol to poor people if they cannot afford them? On the contrary, government is very explicit about which items may be purchased with food stamps. Is this considered discrimination? The same people who argue for "public" subsidies for abortions are the same ones who argue that it is a "private" decision. To quote Congressman Henry Hyde, "We have a 'right' to free speech. Does this mean the government has to buy us a personal computer? A typewriter? A megaphone?"

**Claim:** I am personally opposed to abortion, but I would not interfere with another's right to have an abortion nor impose my morality on others.

**Answer:** Analogy -- if the abolitionists had bought this argument regarding the slavery issue, some states could still be saddled with slavery today. Every law ever passed sets standards which reflect someone's (or a body of law-makers') morality.

**Claim:** You want to ban women's "constitutional right" to abortion.

**Answer:** This is a "spurious" or false "right" - having no basis in the Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court claims to have discovered a "privacy" right in the "penumbra" of the Constitution ("penumbra" definition: a partly lighted area around an area of full shadow). Court decisions (*Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*) are aberrations (deviations from truth) and do nothing more than grant temporary license to kill children in the womb, the most dangerous place of residence. This license is tenuous and could be over-ridden by reversal or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Indeed, to guarantee the permanent freedom of the slaves and establish rights for all U.S. "persons" the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was passed. It states, "...No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law." (emphasis added). In *Roe v. Wade* the Court determined that unborn children are not "persons" even though they have the right to inherit property, the right to be protected from a drug-addicted mother, and many other rights. Some states have entire sections of law outlining Crimes Against Unborn Children in which they, from conception on, are

protected from negligent or willful harm or death.

**Claim:** If legal abortions are banned, women will resort to back alley abortions.

**Answer:** In 1972, the year before the Supreme Court legalized abortion, a total of 39 women died from illegal abortions, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Former abortion provider Carol Everett states, "In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500" (p.10). If the numbers are this astounding for her four Texas clinics, it doesn't take an expert mathematician to figure out that the number of maternal casualties happening nationwide at the over 2200 supposedly "safe" abortuaries would be in the high hundreds.

**Claim:** Abortion should be legal to end a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest.

**Answer:** It is important to remember that the child conceived in rape, or incest, is no less human than any other child. David Reardon's article, (page 8) points out that the very worst solution that can be offered to the pregnant woman at this crisis time in her life is an abortion. Abortion compounds the problem! If a small child were killed in the street by a negligent driver and it was later determined that the child had been conceived in rape, would the driver be held less responsible? Is that child's death less tragic?

## Test Your Abortion I.Q.

- On January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through which month of pregnancy?  
A) 3rd month; B) 4th month; C) 6th month; D) 9th month
- Since surgical abortion was legalized in 1973 the number of preborn babies' lives extinguished by surgical abortion alone is:  
A) 6 million; B) 12 million; C) 30 million; D) 35 million
- Abortion is the leading cause of death in the U.S., causing what percent of total deaths?  
A) 21%; B) 35%; C) 44%; D) 52%
- What age group of women have the greatest number of abortions?  
A) 15-19; B) 20-24; C) 25-29; D) 30-34
- About 10 million Black children have been aborted since abortion was legalized. This is what fraction of the present Black population in the U.S.?  
A) one-eighth; B) one-fifth; C) one-third; D) one-half
- The percentage of babies born in the U.S. to unwed mothers is:  
A) 15%; B) 20%; C) 28%; D) 31%
- Women who abort their first child stand how much greater risk of developing breast cancer?  
A) 3 x; B) 2 x; C) 4 x
- With the advances in medical science the number of surgical procedures which are now performed on babies in the womb is:  
A) over 50; B) 80; C) 90; D) over 100
- One out of every how many teen pregnancies end in abortion?  
A) two; B) three; C) four; D) six
- What percent of abortions performed in the U.S. are repeat abortions?  
A) 30.5%; B) 40.2%; C) 53.9%; D) 60.7%
- What percent of women who have had abortions experience suicidal tendencies?  
A) 45%; B) 62%; C) 70%; D) 77%
- A developing baby's heart begins to beat at:  
A) 21 days; B) 30 days; C) 45 days; D) 60 days
- How many Americans now have an incurable sexually transmitted disease?  
A) 20 million; B) 36 million; C) 56 million
- Every year up to what number of U.S. women become infertile because of STDs?  
A) 66,000; B) 75,000; C) 98,000; D) 150,000

The answers to these questions can be found on p. 9.

## Abortion is Legal During 7th, 8th and 9th Months

In *Roe v. Wade* the Court allowed states to restrict abortions in the 3rd trimester "except where it is necessary... for the preservation of life or health of the mother." However, in *Doe v. Bolton*, the companion case to *Roe*, the Court defined "health" to include "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient." Because of this broad definition of "health" the Court, in effect, permitted abortion-on-demand in all fifty states right up until birth for any reason!

## Chronology of a New Life

**Fertilization:** The sperm joins with the ovum to form one cell. This one cell contains the complex genetic makeup for every detail of human development—the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone etc.

**Month One:** The first cell divides within several hours and then cell division continues in an orderly fashion every few hours as the small group of cells travels down the Fallopian tube to the uterus, where the uterine lining has been prepared for implantation. There are over 100 cells present when this tiny embryo reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization. **Day 20**—foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are already established; **day 21**—the heart begins to beat in a regular fashion; **day 28**—the backbone, the rest of the skeleton, and muscles are forming—arms, legs, eyes and ears have begun to show. At one month old, the embryo is 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg — and developing rapidly. The heart is pumping increased quantities of blood through the system. The placenta forms a unique barrier that keeps the mother's blood separate, but allows food and oxygen to pass to the baby.

**Month Two:** At 35 days the pre-born baby has all her fingers. Brain waves can be detected at **day 40**; the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs. The jaw forms, including teeth buds in the gums. The eyelids seal during this time to protect the baby's developing light-sensitive eyes which will reopen in the seventh month. The stomach produces digestive juices and the kidneys have begun to function. The tiny human being responds to touch. By 8 weeks, the developing baby is now referred to as the fetus, a Latin word meaning "young one" or "offspring."

**Month Three: Day 63 (9 weeks):** Unique fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth - often sucking her thumb. Her palm, when stroked, will make a tight fist. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. By 12 weeks all the organs and systems of her body are functioning. The only major activity from now until birth is growth - the increase in her size.

**Month Four:** By the end of this month (**16 weeks**) the baby is 8 to 10 inches in length and weighs a half pound or more. Her ears are functioning, and there is evidence that the baby hears her mother's voice and heartbeat, as well as external noises. The umbilical cord has become an engineering marvel, transporting 300 quarts of fluids per day and completing a round-trip of fluids every 30 seconds. Because the preborn child is now larger, the mother usually begins to feel her baby's movements during this month.

**Month Five:** Half the pregnancy has now passed. The baby is about 12 inches long. If a sound is especially loud or startling, she may jump in reaction to it. Babies born at this stage of development (**19 - 20 weeks**) are surviving at an increasing rate, thanks to advances in medical technology.

**Month Six (24 weeks):** Oil and sweat glands are functioning. The baby's delicate skin is protected in the amniotic sac by a special ointment "vernix."

**Month Seven:** The baby's brain has as many cells as it will have at birth. The preborn child uses the four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. Research has documented that she can now recognize her mother's voice.

**Month Eight:** The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. Antibodies increasingly build up. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day, more if it is sweetened. She often hiccups. She has been urinating for several months.

**Month Nine:** Toward the end of this month, the baby is ready for birth. The average duration of pregnancy is 280 days from the first day of the mother's last menstrual period, but this varies. By this time the infant's heart is pumping 300 gallons of blood per day. In response to signals from the brain the child triggers labor, and birth occurs. After birth new brain cells are being formed for nine months. Likewise, other organ systems are still maturing. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have taken place in the womb. Only four more will come - during the rest of infancy and childhood, but before adolescence. In developmental terms we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.



Photo courtesy of Joseph R. Stanton, M.D.

6 Weeks



Photo by S.J. Allen/Int'l Stock Photo Ltd.

16 Weeks



Photo Courtesy of Origin Films, Ltd.

20 Weeks

## Life Begins at Conception

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Dr. Jérôme LeJeune

Jérôme LeJeune, M.D., Ph.D. tells us much about the intricacies of the begin-ning of human life. Contrary to the popular view that the baby becomes more and more "developed" as the weeks of pregnancy go on, Dr. LeJeune says that the very first cell, the fertilized egg, is "the most specialized cell under the sun." No other cell will ever again have the same instructions in the life of the individual being created.

In the words of Dr. LeJeune, "Each of us has a very precise starting point which is the time at which the whole necessary and sufficient genetic information is gathered inside one cell, the fertilized egg, and this is the moment of fertilization. There is not the slightest doubt about that and we know that this information is written on a kind of ribbon which we call the DNA."

He explains that the fertilized egg contains more information about the new individual than can be stored in five sets (not volumes) of the Encyclopedia Britannica (if enlarged to normal print). To further emphasize the minuteness of this language, Dr. LeJeune states that if all the one-metre-long DNA of the sperms and all the one-metre-long DNA of the ova which contain the instructions for the 5 billion human beings who will replace us on this planet were brought together in one place the total amount of matter would be roughly the size of two aspirin tablets.

When Dr. LeJeune testified in the Louisiana Legislature (House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, June 7, 1990) he stated, "Recent discoveries by Dr. Alec Jeffreys of England demonstrate that this information (on the DNA molecule) is stored by a system of bar codes not unlike those found on products at the supermarket... it's not any longer a theory that each of us is unique."

Dr. LeJeune states that because of studies published within the last year we can now determine within three to seven days after fertilization if the new human being is a boy or a girl.

"At no time," Dr. LeJeune says, "is the human being a blob of protoplasm. As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

In the testimony Dr. LeJeune gave on *The Seven Human Embryos* (Circuit Court for Blount County, Tennessee at Maryville, Equity Division, August 8-10, 1989) he compared the chromosome to a mini-cassette, in which a symphony is written, the symphony

of life. He explained that if you buy a cartridge on which a Mozart symphony has been recorded and insert it in a player, what is being reproduced is the movement of the air that transmits to you the genius of Mozart. In making the analogy he said, "It's exactly the same way life is played. On the tiny mini-cassettes which are chromosomes are written various parts of the opus which is for

human symphony, and as soon as all the information necessary and sufficient to spell the whole symphony (is brought together) this symphony plays itself, that is, a new man is beginning his career... as soon as he has been conceived, a man is a man."

*Dr. Jérôme LeJeune died on April 3, 1994. Dr. LeJeune of Paris, France was a medical doctor, a Doctor of Science and a professor of Fundamental Genetics for over 20 years. Dr. LeJeune discovered the genetic cause of Down Syndrome, receiving the Kennedy Prize for the discovery and, in addition, received the Memorial Allen Award Medal, the world's highest award for work in the field of Genetics. He practiced his profession at the Hospital des Enfants Malades (Sick Children's Hospital) in Paris.*

*Dr. LeJeune was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, a member of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, The Royal Society of Science in Stockholm, the Science Academy in Italy and Argentina, The Pontifical Academy of Science and The Academy of Medicine in France.*

*"I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."*

## Legalized Abortion Based on Lies and Fraud

Early in 1970 Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of *Roe v. Wade*, claimed that she had been gang-raped and became pregnant. Attorneys Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, newly graduated from the University of Texas Law School, needed a "client" in order to challenge Texas' 100-year old law that banned abortions. They convinced Norma that she should be seeking an abortion.

The case was subsequently argued all the way to the Supreme Court which resulted in legalizing abortion in all 50 states in 1973. In the meantime, Norma's baby was born and released for adoption. In 1987, McCorvey admitted that the gang-rape was a lie. In August 1995, she joined Operation Rescue stating that she was tired of being exploited by the pro-abortionists.

While *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion, on the same date, *Doe v. Bolton* provided for abortion-on-demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy and was the legal vehicle which provided Court sanction for the over 2200 abortion mills across the country.

**Sandra Cano was "Mary Doe" of *Doe v. Bolton***

Sandra Cano now says she was an unwitting participant in fraud on the highest court in the land. Sandra was a young expectant mother with three children facing a divorce from a husband who was in jail for child molestation. Cano's three children had been taken from her by family service workers. They were being shunted from one bad environment to another. Cano loved her children dearly. She was almost insane with grief when she turned to Legal Aid Services for help. The offer of N.O.W. lawyers to take the whole mess off her hands, obtain a divorce and regain custody of her children sounded too good to be true.

When the attorneys hinted that they would like to strike a deal which would include aborting the child Sandra was carrying she made it very clear that she could never do that. Yet, her attorneys ignored her objections and ran roughshod over her. When she realized her case had been used to obtain abortion-on-demand she said, "...why would I stretch my imagination to include a plan so bizarre that it would give people in a civilized society permission to kill their own babies? ... I surely never thought they would tie my personal anxieties about retrieving my children to a scheme to make abortion-on-demand legal." Ironically, the Cano baby, like the McCorvey baby, was carried to term and relinquished for adoption. Yet, 35,000,000 other babies have lost their lives to surgical abortion because of these two cases. Both Norma and Sandra now promote the pro-life cause.

**Sarah Weddington was the Attorney**

Sarah Weddington, the attorney who argued *Roe v. Wade* before the U.S. Supreme Court, gave a speech at the Education Ethics Institute in Oklahoma. She explained why she defended the sketchy story and false rape charge of a Texas waitress "Jane Roe" all the way to the Supreme Court: "My behavior may not have been totally ethical. But I did it for what I thought were the right reasons." *Tulsa World* 5/24/93

**Playboy Provided the Funding**

Hugh Hefner, founder of *Playboy* claims to have done one great thing for women: "*Playboy* probably had more to do than any other company with *Roe v. Wade*. We supplied the money for those early cases and actually wrote the *amicus curiae* for *Roe*." *Miami Herald* 11/18/92

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

*"With no hype at all, the fetus can rightly be called a marvel of cognition, consciousness and sentience."*



"She slides into the world with eyes alert, the tiny ridges of her ears living antennae scanning the conversation frequencies in the room. She finds her mother's voice with her ears, and her eyes."

The baby's alertness and awareness begins with early development in the womb. The preborn baby can hear and respond to sound. Car horns can make the baby jump. Her heartbeat quickens.

When Peter Hepper of Queens University in Belfast repeatedly played to 30-week-old fetuses the theme song from a popular soap opera, they relaxed. After

birth, the babies became "quite alert" when they heard the tune. "...When a loudspeaker directs speech syllables at a mother-to-be's abdomen, the fetus's heart slows, a sign of attentiveness. The heartbeat speeds up as the fetus gets bored with the sounds, then slows again if new ones flow into the womb."

A fetus remembers some experiences and may alter her behavior as a result.

The title, the direct quotes and other pertinent information in this article are taken from: *Newsweek* Special Issue, "How Kids Grow," Summer 1991 (Begley).

**If you would like to obtain a copy of Dr. LeJeune's testimony on *The Seven Human Embryos* Send \$4.00 to Human Life Alliance of MN, Inc., 3570 N. Lexington Ave., Suite 205, St. Paul, MN 55126-8059**

Feeling Alone? Don't know where to turn? We're here to help you.

## Pregnancy Support Resources

**Birthright**  
1-800-550-4900

**Nurturing Network**  
1-800-866-4666

**Bethany Christian Services**  
1-800-238-4269  
www.bethany.org

**Pregnancy Hotline**  
1-800-848-5683

**America's Crisis Pregnancy Helpline**  
1-800-672-2296

**CARE NET**  
(703) 478-5661  
www.goshen.net/CareNet

**Crisis Pregnancy Centers Online Directory**  
www.prolife.org/cpcs-online

## Post Abortion Resources

**T**he abortion may be far behind you, but you struggle with an intense inner conflict that won't go away. Are you alone?

No, in fact, health care professionals are discovering a tremendous number of people, of epi-

**Conquerors Hotline**  
(612) 866-7715

**American Rights Coalition**  
1-800-634-2224

**American Victims of Abortion**  
(202) 626-8800 ext. 132

demographic proportions, who are suffering from post-abortion syndrome (PAS). This condition is caused by deep-rooted guilt and grief associated with an abortion.

The following organizations are committed to helping people deal with these issues.

**Life Dynamics (Legal Help)**  
(940) 380-8800

**Project Rachel**  
1-800-593-2273

**Silent Voices**  
(619) 422-0757

## Educational Resources

**S**urprised by what you've read? Want to learn more? This supplement begins to expose the brutal realities of abortion.

All the facts and subjects ad-

**American Life League**  
(540) 659-4171  
www.all.org

**Human Life Alliance**  
(651) 484-1040  
www.humanlife.org

**National Right to Life**  
(202) 626-8800  
www.nrlc.org

ressed in this supplement are well documented by numerous sources. The following organizations can provide you with additional information on this life or death matter.

**Human Life International**  
(540) 635-7884  
www.hli.org

**Vida Humana Internacional (Spanish Resources)**  
(305) 662-1497  
www.vidahumana.org

**Ultimate Pro-life Resource**  
www.prolife.org

# Virginia Pregnancy Resources

**T**here are alternatives to abortion. The following organizations can help you. They offer:

- ♥ Crisis pregnancy help
- 🏠 Housing assistance
- ♣ Post abortion help
- ♣ Educational materials

Unmarked listings offer many of these services, and some marked listings may offer additional services.

### ALEXANDRIA

Catholic Charities  
131 South West St. 22314  
703-548-4227 🏠

Catholic Charities USA  
1731 King St., Ste. 200 22314  
800-227-3002

Mariah Center  
3230-B Duke St. 22314  
703-370-4774 ♥

### ANNANDALE

Assist Crisis Pregnancy Center  
5101-D Backlick Rd. 22003  
703-354-7272 ♥ ♣

### ARLINGTON

Catholic Charities  
3838 N. Cathedral Lane 22203  
703-841-2531 ♣

### BLACKSBURG

Crisis Pregnancy Center  
102 Marlinton St. 24060  
540-552-3347

### BURKE

Catholic Charities  
5294 Lyngate Ct. 22015  
800-227-3002

### CHARLOTTESVILLE

Pregnancy Center  
635 Hillsdale Dr. 22901  
804-973-4547 ♥

### CHESAPEAKE

Catholic Charities  
3804 Poplar Hill Rd., Ste. A 23321  
757-484-0703 ♥

### DANVILLE

Little Life  
2960 N. Main St. 24540  
804-836-5433

### EDINBURG

Pregnancy Center  
82 Landfield Rd. 22824  
540-984-4673 ♥

### FAIRFAX

Bethany Christian Services  
10378B Democracy Ln. 22030  
703-385-5440 ♥

### FALLS CHURCH

A Woman's Choice  
6201 Leesburg Pike, #220 22044  
703-538-4305 ♥

Hope in Northern Virginia  
610 Park Ave. 22046  
703-536-2020 ♥

### FARMVILLE

Crisis Pregnancy Center  
804-392-8483

### FREDERICKSBURG

Bethany Christian Services  
1406 Princess Anne St. 22401  
540-373-5165 ♥

Birthright  
811 Lafayette Blvd. 22401  
540-371-6119 ♥

### Pregnancy Help Center

1901 Plank Rd. 22401  
540-370-1800 ♥

### FRONT ROYAL

Front Royal Pregnancy Center  
1354 Progress Dr. 22630  
540-635-6181 ♥

### GALAX

Tri-Area CPC  
540-236-7121

### HAMPTON

Peninsula Crisis Preg. Center  
2019 Cunningham Dr.  
Ste. 402 23666  
757-827-0303 ♥ ♣

### HARRISONBURG

Harrisonburg Pregnancy Center  
1014-A Reservoir St. 22801  
540-434-7528 ♥ ♣

### LEESBURG

Birthright  
18 Loudoun St. SE 20175  
703-777-7272 ♥

### NEWPORT NEWS

Catholic Charities  
12829 Jefferson Ave. #101 23608  
757-875-0060 ♥

### NORFOLK

Birthright of Norfolk  
150 Kingsley Ln. 23505  
757-489-0222 ♥ ♣



Life Line  
15-B Catoctin Cir. SE, Ste. 207  
Leesburg, VA 20175  
703-771-3030 ♥ ♣

### LURAY

Page Preg. Assistance Ctr.  
315 W Main St. 22835  
540-743-1464 ♥

### MANASSAS

AAA Women for Choice  
9380-A Forestwood Ln.  
703-330-9312 ♥ ♣

Birthright  
10752 Ambassador Dr. #B  
703-361-9769 ♥

CPC of Prince William Co.  
8741 Plantation Ln. 20110  
703-330-1300 ♥ ♣

Catholic Family Services  
1301 Colonial Ave. 23518  
757-625-2568 ♥ ♣

### PETERSBURG

Liberty Home  
804-863-0843 🏠

Tri-Cities CPC  
1360 E. Washington St. 23803  
804-861-5517 ♥ ♣

### PORTSMOUTH

Crisis Preg. Ctr. of Tidewater  
5000 Portsmouth Blvd. 23701  
757-465-8888 ♥ ♣

### RICHMOND

Catholic Charities of Richmond  
1512 Willow Lawn Dr. 23230  
800-227-3002

Richmond Metropolitan CPC  
3202 W Cary St. Ste 200 23221  
804-353-2920

### WEBA

3202 W Cary St., Ste 200  
23221  
804-359-1500 ♣

### ROANOKE

Catholic Charities  
820 Campbell Ave. SW 24016  
800-227-3002

CPC of Roanoke  
5034 Williamson Rd. NW 24012  
540-362-9492  
Office # 540-362-3007 ♥

### SCOTTSVILLE

Emmaus With Child  
804-286-2250

### STAUNTON

Pregnancy Help Center  
1409 N. Augusta 24401  
540-885-6261 ♥

### TASLEY

Accomac Northampton PC  
23385 Tasley Rd. 23441  
757-789-5333 ♥ ♣

### VIRGINIA BEACH

Bethany Christian Services  
287 Independence Blvd #241 23462  
757-499-9367 ♥

Catholic Charities  
4855 Princess Anne Rd. 23462  
800-227-3002

CPC of Tidewater  
522 S. Independence Blvd #101 23452  
757-499-4444 ♥ ♣

### WAYNESBORO

Pregnancy Help Center  
13th and Magnolia 22980  
540-943-1700

### WINCHESTER

Abba PCC  
2438 Valley Ave. 22601  
540-665-9660

Catholic Charities  
1011 Berryville Ave. #1 22601  
540-667-7940 ♥

## Additional Resources

### Adoption

Mother Teresa's Home for Infants  
Referrals: (202) 237-6633

### College

Collegians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL)  
Box 2598806  
Madison, WI 53725  
(608) 256-2255  
callnet@aol.com

### Chastity

National Abstinence Clearinghouse  
801 E. 41st Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
1-888-577-2966

### Euthanasia

International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force  
P.O. Box 760  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
(740) 282-3810  
www.iaetf.org

### Family

Family Research Council  
700 13th St. NW, Ste. 500  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 393-2100  
www.frc.org

Focus on the Family  
8655 Explorer Dr.  
Co. Springs, CO 80920  
1-800-A-FAMILY  
www.family.org

### Legal

American Center for Law & Justice  
Box 64429  
Virginia Beach, VA 23467  
(757) 226-2489

## The Wound Heals, a Scar Remains...

Beyond the battle of ideals and rhetoric, the hard reality exists that women suffer mental and emotional anguish of abortion. For some, it takes years before they experience a profound reaction. Dr. James Fogel, a psychiatrist and obstetrician, as well as an abortion provider, acknowledges the effects of abortion on the mother:

"Abortion is an impassioned subject... Every woman--whatever her age, background or sexuality-- has a trauma at destroying a pregnancy. A level of humanness is touched. This is part of her own life. She destroys a pregnancy, she is destroying herself. There is no way it can be innocuous... It is totally beside the point whether or not you think a life is there. You cannot deny that something is being created and that this creation is physically happening... But it is not as harmless and casual as many in the pro-abortion crowd insist. A psychological price is paid. It may be an alienation; it may be a pushing away from human warmth, perhaps a hardening of the maternal instinct. Something happens on the deeper levels of a woman's consciousness when she destroys a pregnancy. I know that as a psychiatrist." 1

Linda Bird Francke, a professional journalist and feminist describes how, when faced with an unplanned pregnancy, the decision to abort seemed logical and practical until she and her husband were sitting in the waiting room:

"Suddenly the rhetoric, the abortion marches I'd walked in, the telegrams sent to Albany to counteract the friends of the fetus, the Zero Population Growth buttons I'd worn peeled away, and I was all alone with my microscopic baby..." She recalled how intellectually, she tried to concentrate on how small the fetus was, and therefore how impossible it was for it to be human... her own body kept telling her that there was real life growing within her. "Though I would march myself into blisters for a woman's right to exercise the option of motherhood, I discovered I was not the modern woman I thought I was." She longed for her husband to valiantly "burst" through the door and stop it from happening. When he failed to do so, she begged the doctor to stop. But it was too late... "the hum of the machine signaled that the vacuuming of my uterus was completed, my baby sucked up like ashes after a cocktail party." Francke revealed how, during times of relaxation, when she had time to reflect on the beauty of the world, she experienced the common reaction of "visitations" from her aborted child. Her benign "little ghost" would come to her and wave. And she would tearfully wave back to reassure her lost baby that if only he could return, now they would make room for him in their busy lives.2

Five years later, Francke wrote *The Ambivalence of Abortion*, in which she transcribes reactions to the abortion experience of other women, couples and men. The interviews were consistent with the findings of other researchers. The majority expressed guilt, remorse and negative feelings toward their abortion. Most saw that abortion involves a baby.

1. From an interview with columnist Colman McCarthy, "A Psychological View of Abortion," *St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press*, 3/7/71. Dr. Fogel, who continued to do abortions for the next two decades, reiterated the same view in a subsequent interview with McCarthy, "The Real Anguish of Abortions" *The Washington Post*, 2/9/89.
2. Jane Doe [Linda Bird Francke], "There Just Wasn't Room In Our Lives For Another Baby," *NYTimes*, 5/14/76



*Glamour*, the popular women's magazine, received input from 3000 women and in Feb. 94 reported that, "Virtually all of those who'd had abortions in the past said that if they'd only known how much they'd regret having an abortion after the fact, they never would have agreed to the procedure." The magazine also noted, "The births of subsequent children or some other exposure to the intricacies of child development were often listed as experiences that helped them see just how misguided they had been in deciding to abort." One woman said "Society told us it (abortion) was safe and legal. And the abortionist and her crew never counseled me on anything--the procedure itself, the risks, the alternatives...I wondered why, if I had participated in this wonderful, self-liberating experience, I did not feel a sense of deliverance, but a loss of self respect, and little by little a loss of myself."

## Physical Risks Of Abortion

"People do not understand that there are thousands of serious physical complications from abortion every year in this country."

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, OB-GYN

Intense pain	Inability to become pregnant again
Punctured uterus	Miscarriage/stillbirths
Excessive bleeding	Tubal pregnancies
Infection	Premature births
Parts of baby left inside	Pelvic inflammatory disease
Shock/coma	Cervical injuries
Damage to other organs	Hysterectomy
Death	Higher risk of breast cancer

"Abortion has a painful aftermath, regardless of the woman's religious beliefs, or how positive she may have felt beforehand about her decision to abort."

Vincent Rue, Ph.D, Psychologist.

The above complications and their frequencies are documented in the following publications. These resources are only a fraction of the many studies published pointing to the risks involved with legal abortion. For a more complete listing, request a copy of *Major Articles and Books Concerning the Detrimental Effects of Abortion*, from The Rutherford Institute, P.O. Box 7482, Charlottesville, VA 22906-7482, 1-804-978-3888.

- American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* 1992; 166:100-103  
*International Journal Gynaecol. Obstet.* 23:45-50 (1985)  
 Joint Program for the Study of Abortion, (JPSA): C. Tietze and Lewis  
*Contemporary Ob/Gyn* 35(2); 58-69 Feb. 1990  
*Bernadell Technical Bulletin*, 1989;1:1:1-2  
 "Induced Abortion, A World Review," C. Tietze, The Population Council, New York (1983), p 83  
*Annae Chirurgiae et Gynaecologiae* 70: 331-336 (1981)  
*Fertility and Sterility*, 45(1): 5-16 (1986)  
*Journal of American Medical Association* 243: 2495 (1980)  
*Clinics in Obstetrics and Gynecology* 13(1): 95, Mar. 1986  
*Danish Medical Bulletin*, 35(1): 64-75, Feb. 1988  
*American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* 1989; 1260:642-6

## Breast Cancer and Abortion

Almost all of the known factors which increase the risk of breast cancer are associated with excess exposure to the main female sex steroid hormone, estrogen. For several years, the tie-in between abortion and breast cancer has been recognized. However, it is unknown to the general public how and why they are interrelated.

High levels of estrogen flood the woman's system in the first trimester of pregnancy. This stimulates a massive growth of breast cells to develop a system capable of producing milk. Toward the end of the pregnancy other hormones act to make the breast cells mature and eliminate cells that are not needed. Once the cells complete this period of growth and maturation, there are no further significant changes for the rest of the woman's life. Research shows that when a woman completes her first full pregnancy, the hormonal changes that occur permanently alter the structure of her breasts in a way that greatly reduces her risk of breast cancer. (E. Wertz, S.W. Duffy, *Br. J. of Cancer* 1988)

An abortion will not reverse the changes which have begun with pregnancy, it only interrupts them. Ultimately, an induced abortion of a first pregnancy circumvents the protective effects of a full-term pregnancy, possibly leaving millions of breast cells in vulnerable transitional states. (Russo *American Journal of Pathology*, Vol 100, 1980) The consequent sharp increase in the number of vulnerable cells thus elevates breast cancer risk. (Krieger, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, Vol 131, 1990)

Miscarriages (spontaneous abortions) do not confer an increased breast cancer risk. One reason many spontaneous abortions occur is because the woman's ovaries do not secrete an adequate amount of pregnancy hormones and never generate the high estrogen levels necessary to maintain a pregnancy. A miscarriage is the natural termination of an abnormal pregnancy while an induced abortion is the artificial termination of a normal pregnancy.

There are at least two dozen published peer reviewed studies pointing to the abortion/breast cancer link that go back as far as 1957. Dr. Joel Brind, an endocrinology specialist and a team of researchers are currently performing a "meta-analysis," which compiles the results of every research study completed to date. As of Nov. 1993, based on work in progress, Brind reported that every study of induced abortions performed before the first live birth is consistent with an initial increase in breast cancer risk of at least 50%. If multiple abortions are involved, the risk can increase up to 400%.<sup>(1)</sup>

Information continues to be released regarding the connection between abortion and the onset of breast cancer. In November 1994, Dr. J. Dahling published a study in the *Journal of the National Cancer Inst.* indicating a minimal 50% increased risk.

"Our data support the hypothesis that an induced abortion can adversely influence a woman's subsequent risk of breast cancer." This study also showed, as have others be-

fore it, that women experiencing naturally occurring spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) were not at a higher risk.

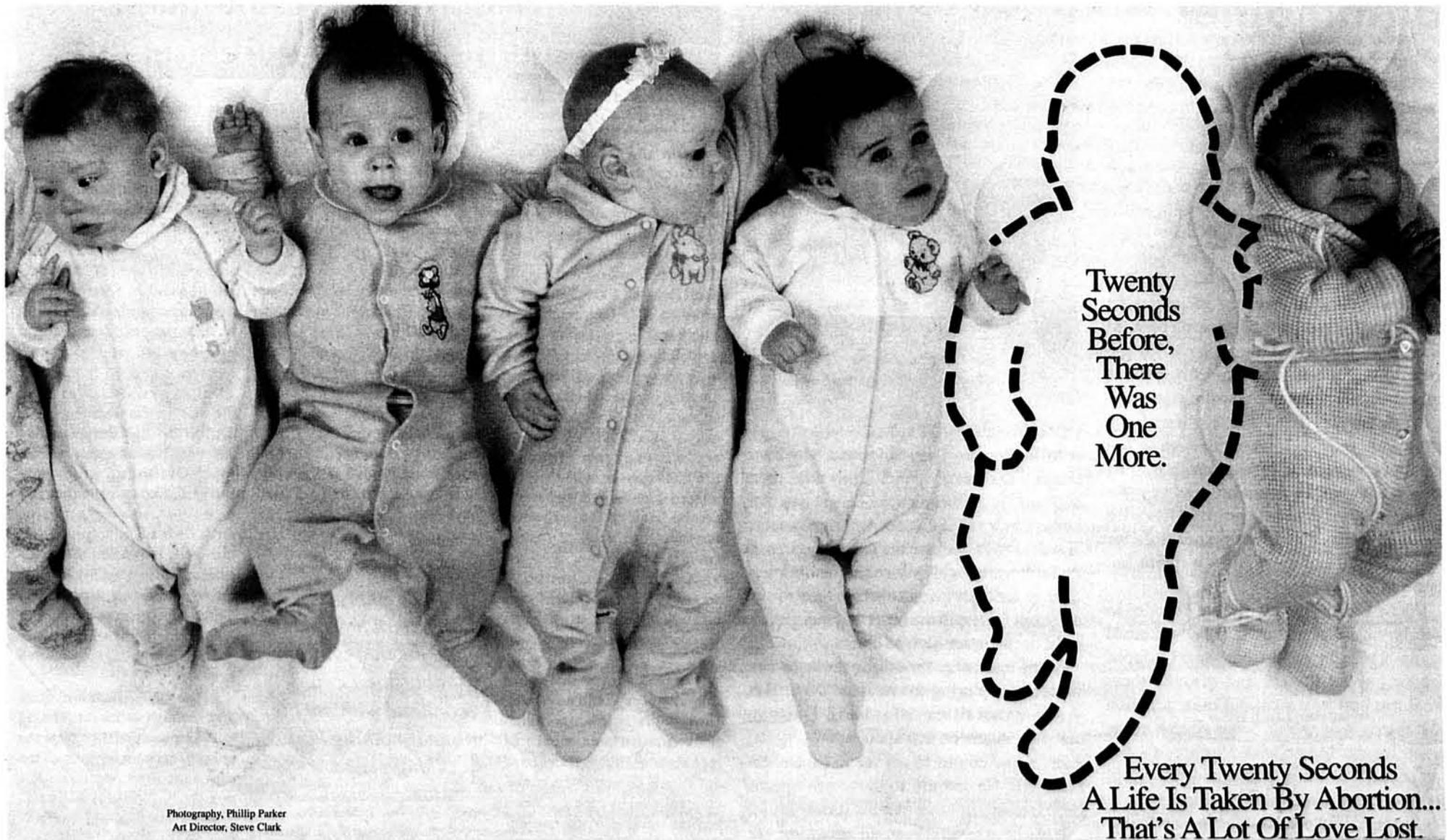
In his work, Dr. Brind points to the difference in severity of the cancer because of a woman's abortion history.

"There are several studies which show that women who have breast cancer and who have a history of abortion not only have a greater incidence of breast cancer, but the cancer grows more rapidly, is harder to treat, (2) is more invasive and is more aggressive,(3) The cancer recurs, on an average, in a shorter period of time and death occurs more readily.(4)"

Annually, 800,000 women get abortions who never had a full-term pregnancy, thereby increasing their lifetime risk of breast cancer by at least 50%.



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## I've been there too!

"Tim, I think I'm pregnant." It was New Year's Eve, 1973. My boyfriend sighed deeply, his gaze remaining fixed on the TV. He then muttered something that made me feel already deserted. I felt a sour lump in the back of my throat. Yes, I was pregnant, and I was scared!

I knew from first hand experience how tough it is raising a child as a single mother. I already had a 2-year old daughter, Jennifer, from an earlier unsuccessful marriage. We lived in the inner city and could barely make ends meet. When my pregnancy was confirmed, Tim's non-committal response to my distress and his move to Chicago, 400 miles away, left me despondent and leaning more and more toward abortion as the "easy way out." I was already struggling financially with one child. How could I raise two?

I drove to Chicago to try to convince Tim to marry me. He was deaf to my pleas and unmoved by my tears. Believing I had no viable alternative, I convinced him to give me money for an abortion.

As I sat in the abortion clinic waiting my turn, everything around me seemed like a nightmare. Women lounged on garishly printed couches as rock music played on the intercom. Everything seemed so casual, and there I was, feeling like I wanted to die.

When the nurse called my name, I changed

my mind, broke into tears, and left.

I felt desperately alone. Back at the university, I often cried myself to sleep. I decided to confide in a couple of college professors. They collected money to fly me back to Chicago to have an abortion. Now I was determined, even obligated, to go through with it. Still, I agonized!

Ironically, that semester, I was taking a class in fetal development. I knew there was a baby in my womb with her heart beating and her own circulatory system. Those pictures flashed in my mind as I sat there, clad in a paper gown and paper slippers.

I was summoned to the room where the abortions are performed. I could hear a woman sobbing hysterically in the recovery room. It reminded me of someone who had witnessed the death of a loved one in a fatal

accident. It haunts me still.

As the doctor was examining me, prior to performing the abortion, he suddenly stopped and said to the nurse, "Get her out of here! She's too far along!" Relief instantly washed over me! How odd! I had thought I wanted an abortion but now felt instantly relieved to know I was still pregnant.

I decided to use every ounce of courage I could muster to deal with my pregnancy. My ambivalence turned into love for my unborn child. When my beautiful daughter was born,

I named her Melanie.

It took energy and creativity to support the three of us. My two daughters inspired me to do great things. They never stood in the way of my career. They have only enhanced it. I finished my degree; then I went on to get my Master's and Ph.D. Besides being a proud mother, I am happily married, a published author, a motivational speaker for one of the largest seminar companies in the U.S. and a part-time musician.

I have learned that life is really about developing character. When we endure something tough, our character and self-esteem are strengthened. Many women who have confessed to me that they've had abortions have discovered that the "easy way out" is just an illusion. Some of them are in abusive relationships. Some are on anti-depressants. Others just seem detached from life. Some sadly remember their aborted child's "would be" birthday each year.

If you are in a crisis pregnancy, I cannot promise that it will be easy. I can only promise that the anguish will pass and there are people who will help you through this trying time. (pg. 5) As someone who has "been there" I understand the anguish you are experiencing. One day you will look back on the birth of your child, and say, as I do, "I did the right thing. And I feel proud."

Sincerely,  
Dr. Angela Woodhull

### -Abstinence- Save the Marital Act for Marriage

Sex is not something you do, rather it is actually a sharing of persons - a commitment. Chastity is that virtue that integrates sexuality into the human personality. Chastity waits for marriage. Chastity is healthy, practical and possible.

- Avoid the pitfalls of promiscuity**
- Sexually-Transmitted Diseases
  - AIDS (condom failure rate is 10-30%)
  - Guilt, doubt and worry
  - Deceptive relationships
  - Loss of self-esteem
  - Unwed pregnancy
  - Abortion trauma
  - Exploitation and emotional disorders

#### Enjoy freedom

that comes from abstinence

- Live free of all above complications
- Develop a meaningful relationship free from sexual obligations
- Develop rewarding skills and abilities
- Decide what you want for your future
- Become the best person possible!

## Birthmother Opts for Adoption... The Loving Alternative

It was the beginning of my junior year in high school. I was excited, looking forward to another year of diving, gymnastics and track. But this excitement quickly came to an end when I realized I was pregnant.

When the pregnancy was confirmed, my mind went racing. It wasn't enough to just say that I was scared - I was terrified! The idea of having an abortion was never a consideration for me. I could not live with the realization that I was responsible for taking the life of my child - a death because of my actions.

My first instincts told me that I needed to raise my child on my own. I knew I could love and care for a child, but when I stopped thinking about myself, and thought about what was best for my child, I knew adoption was the right decision. I was sixteen at the time. I wanted to go back to school for my senior year and wanted to participate fully, in sports etc. I wanted to go on to college.

I knew I could not do all of this and raise a child at the same time. I did not want to have to live with my parents indefinitely and depend on them for everything. I did not want them to be thrust into the role of prime care-givers for my child. It just would not be fair for any of us, for them, myself or the baby. I knew that placing my child for adoption would be the right thing to do, the loving alternative!

The adoption procedure I opted for is not your ordinary plan. I chose to do an independent open adoption. Through this process I was able to select from among the prospective adoptive parents. I had the opportunity to establish a personal relationship with them as well as to develop a lasting friendship. The more I got to know them the more excited I was about placing my baby



Lisa O.

with this couple. They had so much love and security to offer my child. They were there with me in the hospital when my son was born. Their video camcorder ran non-stop.

I will always treasure the three days I spent in the hospital with my son. Handing him over to his new parents was by no means easy, but I knew in my heart that this was the right decision for both of us.

Many tears were shed throughout the nine months and during the hospital stay. But, they were not all tears of sadness. I miss my son very much. I think about him every day and a smile comes to my face. I thank the Lord that He led me to two such special people to be adoptive parents for my child.

It has been several years since my son was born. He now has an adoptive sister. I keep in contact with the family through letters and pictures. I can't begin to explain the feelings of pride and contentment that I experience when I see the smile on his face.

I am now a junior in college majoring in paralegal studies. Relinquishing my son was the hardest decision I will ever have to make but I'm more confident than ever that it was the right one. While in the hospital I received a card which read, "Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same." This is so true!

Testimony by Lisa O. of Minnesota.

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Every year over two million requests for adoption go unsatisfied.



18 week-old baby developing in the womb.

*If he is not alive,  
why is he growing?*

*If he is not a human being,  
what kind of being is he?*

*If he is not a child,  
why is he sucking his thumb?*

*If he is a living,  
human child,  
why is it legal to kill him?*

## The Abortion Experience for Victims of Rape and Incest

by David C. Reardon

Rape and incest are very emotional topics. They often elicit in the general populace feelings of revulsion; people draw back from the issue of rape and incest, even from the victims of rape and incest. People don't know how to handle a person who is in that much pain. There is no quick fix....

Some people who are otherwise very pro-life will condone abortion in rape and incest cases because they don't know what else to offer. And they will accept it as a rare case. This pro-life difficulty in defending the unborn even in rape and incest cases is largely due to ignorance because the facts, as I have found them, show that the victim's needs are not being served by abortion. In fact, rape and incest victims actually suffer considerably from the abortion.

The facts suggest that only a minority of rape and incest victims actually choose abortion—so right there, one should pause and reflect. Abortion is not usually chosen as the immediate solution by rape and incest victims but that is the prevailing belief of the general population. A woman has been raped and made pregnant: "Oh, she's got to have an abortion." No one has studied the rape and incest victims' needs; abortion is presumed to fill their needs.

Kathleen DeZeeuw states, "Having lived through rape, and also having raised a child 'conceived in rape,' I feel personally insulted and assaulted every time I hear that abortion should be legal because of rape and incest. I feel that we're being used by pro-abortionists to further the abortion issue, even though we've not been asked to tell our side."

The children conceived through sexual assault also have a voice which deserves to be heard. Julie Makimaa, conceived by an act of rape, works diligently against abortion. She believes every life has a value beyond measure, a purpose which only time can reveal. Not ashamed of her origin, Julie proudly proclaims: "It doesn't matter how I began. What matters is who I will become."

### ABORTION ADDS TO THE PAIN OF RAPE

Various studies and my own research indicate that rape and incest victims fall into the high risk category of aborters, and the existence of rape or incest is actually a contraindication for abortion. Jackie Bakker, whose

testimony is in my book,<sup>2</sup> says, "I soon discovered that the aftermath of my abortion continued a long time after the memory of my rape had faded. I felt empty and horrible. Nobody told me about the emptiness and pain I would feel deep within, causing nightmares and deep depressions. They had all told me that after the abortion I could continue with my life as if nothing had happened." This is the same story we hear from a lot of aborted women. But for the rape and incest victim it is an especially keen story, because they have been told, "In your situation that is the only thing you can do." And they have been betrayed by that advice.

*I felt empty and horrible...They had all told me that after the abortion I could continue with my life as if nothing had happened."*

### VICTIMS GAVE REASONS TO FOREGO ABORTION

Perhaps the best study was done by Dr. Sandra Mahkorn, published in Psychological Aspects of Abortion.<sup>6</sup> Dr. Mahkorn was an experienced rape counselor who, in 1979, identified 37 pregnant rape victims who were treated by a social welfare agency. Of these 37, only five chose to have an abortion. Of the 28 who gave birth, 17 chose adoption and 3 kept the child themselves; for the remaining eight, research was unable to determine where the child was placed.

*"I was being sexually attacked, threatened by him and betrayed by mom's silence...the abortion which was to be in 'my best interest' has not been...it only 'saved their reputations,' solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on."*

Several reasons were given for not aborting. First, several women felt that abortion was another act of violence—that it

was immoral or murder. One said she would only suffer more mental anguish from taking the life of a baby. Second, some saw an intrinsic meaning or purpose to the child. Somehow this child was foisted into their lives, but, on the other hand, they sensed some sort of hidden purpose behind it. And although not responsible for having brought the child into being, it had happened, and the consequences could be lived with. Third, at a subconscious level, the rape victim feels that if she can get through the pregnancy she will have conquered the rape. Outlasting pregnancy shows she is better than the rapist who brutalized her. Giving birth, then, is the way rape victims seek to reclaim their self-esteem. It is a totally selfless act, a generous act, especially in light of the pressure to abort. It is a way for them to display their courage and strength to survive even a rape.

In her study, Mahkorn found that feelings or issues relating to the rape experience were the primary concern for most of the pregnant rape victims—not pregnancy. While 19%—a significant number—placed primary emphasis on their need to confront their feelings about the pregnancy, including feelings of resentment and hostility towards the unborn child, the primary difficulty they experienced with the rape pregnancy was pressure from other people who saw the pregnancy as a blot to be eliminated. Family and friends just weren't supportive of the woman's choice to bear the child.

Dr. Mahkorn also found that in the group who carried their pregnancies to term, none, at the end of pregnancy, wished she had decided on an abortion. Abortion therefore inhibits the healing to the rape victim and reinforces negative attitudes.

### ABORTION REINFORCES WOMEN'S POWERLESSNESS

Another example from my book is Vanessa Landry, another rape victim who said, "I didn't really want to have the abortion. I have always been against abortion all my life. People think that whenever anyone is raped, they have to have an abortion. My social worker just kept telling me all kinds of things to encourage me to have the abortion. They didn't give me any other option except to abort. They said I was just another minority bringing a child into the world and there were too many already." Here is a

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## Abortion Techniques Described

From a compilation of works by W. Colliton MD, Dr. J. Willke, Dr. B. Nathanson and Planned Parenthood.

### SUCTION-ASPIRATION

The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic tube into the dilated uterus. "This tube is attached to a suction machine. The suction machine is turned on. The uterus is emptied by suction." (2) The suction tears the baby's body as he/she is being pulled through the hose.

### DILITATION AND CURETTAGE (D&C)

After dilation of the cervix, a ring forceps is inserted into the womb and the baby is extracted in pieces. Then the abortionist inserts a curette, "a rod shaped instrument with a sharp edged spoon on the end" (1), into the uterus to scrape the after-birth (placenta) from the wall of the womb and confirm that the womb is empty. Bleeding is usually profuse.

### DILITATION AND EVACUATION (D&E)

Used after 12 weeks. The baby is too large to fit through the cervix. The baby "must be removed with instruments and suction curettage." (2) A pliers-like instrument is needed because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. The spine must be snapped and the skull crushed in order to remove them from the womb. Body parts are then reassembled and counted to make certain that the entire baby has been removed from the womb.

### SALINE INJECTION ("SALTING OUT" (1))

This is used after 16 weeks. A long needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen into the baby's amniotic sac. Some fluid is removed and a strong salt solution is injected. The solution is swallowed and "breathed" and slowly poisons the baby. He/she kicks and jerks violently as he/she is literally being burned alive. "The uterus begins to contract, as in labor. The contractions continue until it pushes out the fetal and placental material." (1)

### HYSTEROTOMY

Used mainly in the last three months of pregnancy, the womb is entered by surgery, as in a caesarean section. An incision is made through the abdomen. "The fetus and placenta are removed, and the incision is closed with stitches." (2) The tiny baby is allowed to die by neglect or direct act.

### PROSTAGLANDIN CHEMICAL ABORTION

This form of abortion uses chemicals, developed by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co., which cause the uterus to contract intensely, pushing out the developing baby. In one article, one of the complications listed with this method was "live birth." In fact, the two most "dreaded" complications for an abortionist are a dead mother or a live baby.

1. Planned Parenthood of New York City, Inc. *Abortion: A Woman's Guide* Pocketbook Press 1973
2. Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. *Abortion: Questions and Answers* August 1991

### DILITATION AND EXTRACTION (D AND X - PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION)

At a September 13-14, 1992 meeting of the National Abortion Federation, a trade association of abortion providers, an Ohio abortionist, Dr. Martin Haskell, described the D&X technique he has perfected. With the D & X method the preborn baby is alive until the end of the procedure when the child is killed by suctioning the brain tissue through a hole at the base of the skull while the baby's head is still inside the birth canal. Then the intact aborted child, minus brain content, is removed. The late Dr. James McMahon, a former abortion colleague of Dr. Haskell's, admitted that he used this D&X technique to abort preborn children up to 32 weeks "or more."

After three days of preparations, the abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother's abdomen and locates the child's legs and feet. The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby's legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down (breech) position. He continues pulling until the baby's leg is drawn into the birth canal.

Next, using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby's body in a manner similar to a breech birth. First, the child's other leg is delivered, followed by the torso, shoulders, and arms. The baby's head "usually" remains inside the uterus.

The abortionist then performs the last step which Dr. Haskell calls "fetal skull decompression." Using blunt-tipped surgical scissors in a closed position, he pierces the child's head at the base of the skull. He then forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening. The abortionist then inserts a suction catheter into the brain and vacuums out the child's brain tissue (in Dr. Haskell's words, "evacuates the skull contents") causing the baby's death. The skull collapses and the dead baby is removed.

Barbara Radford, Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation said of this abortion technique, in a 6/18/93 letter to NAF members, "Don't apologize: this is a legal abortion procedure."

(The preceding information has been taken from the *American Medical News*, July 5, 1993 edition).

**Answers to Abortion I.Q. Quiz** 1) D; 2) D; 3) C; 4) B (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control, Abortion Surveillance Report, July 1991); 5) C (St. Paul Pioneer Press, C. Thomas 4/2/93); 6) D (1995 Fed. Gov. Report—National Center for Health Statistics); 7) B (British J. of Cancer 1981;43:72-76); 8) D (Quote from Dr. Bernard Nathanson, 1987); 9) B (May 1997—Report from National Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy); 10) C (1997 Pro-Life Activist's Encyclopedia, Brian Clowes, PhD. 11) B (*Aborted Women, Silent No More*, David C. Reardon, 1987); 12) A (Color Atlas of Life Before Birth, Marjorie England, Yearbook Publ.); 13) C (1 in 5); 14) D (#13 & 14 from Guttmacher Inst. 3/31/93)

## What the nurse saw...

In September, 1993, Brenda Pratt Schafer, a registered nurse with thirteen years of experience, was assigned by her nursing agency to an abortion clinic. She considered herself "very pro-choice," and didn't think her assignment to an abortion clinic would be a problem. She was wrong. The following is what Nurse Schafer witnessed:

"I stood at the doctor's side and watched him perform a partial-birth abortion on a woman who was six months pregnant. The baby's heartbeat was clearly visible on the ultrasound screen. The doctor delivered the baby's body and arms, everything but his little head. The baby's body was moving. His little fingers were clasping together. He was kicking his little feet. The doctor took a pair of scissors and inserted them into the back of the baby's head, and the baby's arms jerked out in a flinch, a startle reaction, like a baby does when he thinks that he might fall. Then the doctor opened the scissors up. Then he stuck the high powered suction tube into the hole and sucked the baby's brains out. Now the baby was completely limp.

I never went back to the clinic. But I am still haunted by the face of that little boy. It was the most perfect, angelic face I have ever seen."

## The Abortifacient Nature of Some Contraceptives

The birth control pill causes 150 different chemical changes in the woman's body. This fact is documented in the *Textbook of Contraception* by Malcom Potts, Director of Planned Parenthood of England (Cambridge Press 1983, p.144). The "pill" works in three ways:

- 1) Temporary Sterilization - preventing ovulation; however, it is estimated that the low dosage pills now in use, fail to suppress ovulation 50% of the time!
- 2) Contraception - The "pill" thickens the cervical mucus slowing the transportation of the sperm to the ovum.
- 3) Abortion - altering the lining of the womb, making it hostile to a newly conceived child and preventing implantation in the womb.

The Intrauterine Device is sold as a contraceptive, but, in reality, the I.U.D. does not prevent conception. Neither does it prevent ovulation. The I.U.D.'s mode of action is to create a hostile and inflammatory environment in the womb so that a newly conceived child cannot implant and grow there. The fertilized ovum is thus expelled from the womb.

Other "contraceptives" that can act as abortifacients: Depo-Provera, Norplant, Cytotec etc.

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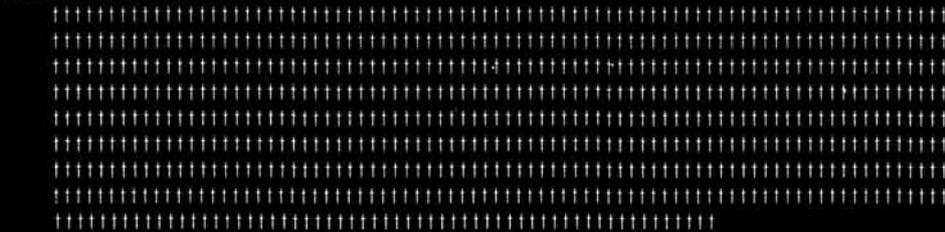
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## ☆☆☆ American War Casualties ☆☆☆

Each cross represents 50,000 people killed.  
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Civil War	(498,332)	+++++
World War I	(116,708)	++++
World War II	(407,316)	+++++
Korean War	(54,246)	+
Vietnam War	(58,655)	+
Gulf War	(298)	+
War on the Unborn	(35,000,000)*	+++++



\*This number and the subsequent crosses represent only those children killed by surgical abortion. Chemical abortions would increase the number of casualties by about 400%. (See page 9).

### Rape and Incest (continued from page 8)

woman who is being victimized not only because she is a rape victim, but also because she is black and a minority and she has a low income. That is one of the stories that upsets me the most.

Childbirth can be a victory. For the majority of pregnant rape victims who wisely choose to forego abortion, childbirth is the choice of triumph over rape. It is a choice that says, "Rape will not dictate my life." It allows them to show their own courage and generosity. When the need of pregnant rape victims is carefully examined, it can be shown that the abortion is not necessary, and indeed is very likely to hinder recovery by increasing feelings of guilt, shame and low self-esteem.

#### LIKE INCEST, ABORTION PROMOTES SILENCE

Incest victims face similar problems. Incest is a very complex issue and it is hard to say much in a very short period of time, but the vast majority of incest victims want to carry their pregnancy to term. These are young girls for whom pregnancy is a way to break out of an incestuous relationship with their father, whom they may love despite their confusion and resentment about the way they have been used as sexual objects. Since they still love the father, having the child can, not only help expose the incestuous relationship, but also give hope of beginning a truly loving relationship.

In studies of incest victims, the vast majority choose to carry the pregnancy to term.<sup>8</sup> Those in the minority who have an abortion do so only under pressure from their parents to conceal the incestuous relationship. Because incest is a family pathology that involves father, mother and daughter, all are involved in a conspiracy of silence.<sup>9</sup>

I interviewed Edith Young, now 38 years old, who was a rape and incest victim at 12 years of age. To cover up the incident, her parents procured an abortion for her without telling her what was to happen. The emotional and physical scars of incest and abortion still last to this day. She said, "I was being sexually attacked, threatened by him and betrayed by Mom's silence...the abortion which was to be in 'my best interest' has not been...it only 'saved their reputations,' solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on."<sup>10</sup>

Pro-life persons don't have any reason to be ashamed to defend a pro-life view in the case of rape or incest. The ones who need to be ashamed are the pro-abortionists who have been exploiting the problems of rape and incest victims, confusing the public and promoting abortion for their own social engineering goals.

To my knowledge, pro-abortionists have never yet brought together a group of rape and incest victims who carried their pregnancies to term who said, "Oh, that was the worst thing I ever did. Why didn't somebody give me an abortion when I needed it?"

We, on the other hand, can produce women who took the advice of the pro-abortionists, had the abortion and now say, "This abortion ruined my life. What were you telling me?" We need to join rape and incest victims in demanding that pro-abortionists stop exploiting the pain of innocent women's problems for their own political and financial ends.

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David C. Reardon is Director of the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research and author of the book "Aborted Women: Silent No More" (1987). For a copy of *Post-Abortion Review Newsletter*, write to: P.O. Box 7348, Springfield, IL 62791. The majority of this article appeared in *Association for Interdisciplinary Research Newsletter*, Vol 2, Fall 1988.

### Planned Parenthood Ignores Own Advice

In 1963, a Planned Parenthood publication, *Plan Your Children For Health and Happiness* stated: "An abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health." Yet, Planned Parenthood now operates the nation's largest number of abortion mills.

Carol Everett was involved in the abortion industry in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, area from 1977 until 1983. As director of four clinics, owner of two, Ms. Everett was responsible for the clinics' daily operation. Everett, who had an abortion soon after it became legal in 1973, now speaks out on...



Carol Everett

## "What I Saw in the Abortion Industry"

**Q** What is the governing force behind the abortion industry?

**A.** Money. It is a very lucrative business. It is the largest unregulated industry in our nation. Most of the clinics are run in chains because it is so profitable.

**Q** How much money were you making in the abortion industry before you quit?

**A.** I was getting a commission of \$25.00 on every abortion I "sold". In 1983, the year I got out, I would have pocketed approximately \$250,000. But, in 1984 we expected to be operating five clinics, terminating about 40,000 pregnancies, and with that projection I planned to net \$1 million. Money, Money, Money — that's where my heart was.

**Q** Why do you refer to "selling" abortions?

**A.** The product, abortion, is skillfully marketed and sold to the woman at the crisis time in her life. She buys the product, finds it defective and wants to return it for a refund. But, it's too late. Her baby is dead.

**Q** In what way is the woman deceived?

**A.** In two ways — the clinic personnel and the marketers must deny the personhood of the child and the pain caused by the procedure. Every woman has two questions, "Is it a baby?" and "Does it hurt?" The abortionist must answer "NO". He/she must lie to secure the consent of the woman and the collection of the clinic's fee. The women were told that we were dealing with a "product of conception" or a "glob of tissue". They were told that there would be only slight cramping, whereas, in reality, an abortion is excruciatingly painful.

**Q** What type of counseling was offered at the clinics?

**A.** In the clinics in which I was involved we didn't do any real counseling. We answered only the questions the woman asked and tried not to "rock the boat." We did not discuss alternatives to abortion unless the woman forced us to. We sold abortions.

**Q** What method of abortion did your clinics use?

**A.** For the most part, the abortion industry stopped using saline and prostaglandin procedures because of the number of live births. A live birth means you have to let the baby die, or dispose of it in some distasteful way. Most second and third trimester abortionists use the D & E (dilation and evacuation) method. The abortionist uses large forceps to crush the baby inside the mother's uterus and remove it in pieces. The side effects of live births and the mother going through labor are avoided. But it is a horrible procedure in which the baby must be re-constructed outside the uterus to be certain all the parts have been removed.

**Q** How did you dispose of an aborted baby?

**A.** In our clinics, we put them down the garbage disposal. We used the heavy duty model. Some second and third trimester babies' muscle structure is so strong that the baby will not come apart, so they must be disposed of through trash receptacles.

**Q** Abortion is supposed to be a "safe" experience. What complications did you witness?

**A.** We were doing a one-day traumatic dilation, which has a higher rate of complication. In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500. Common complications that take place are perforations or tears in the uterus. Many of those result in hysterectomies. The doctor might cut or harm the urinary tract, which then requires surgical repair. A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowels through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some of those can be reversed, some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives.

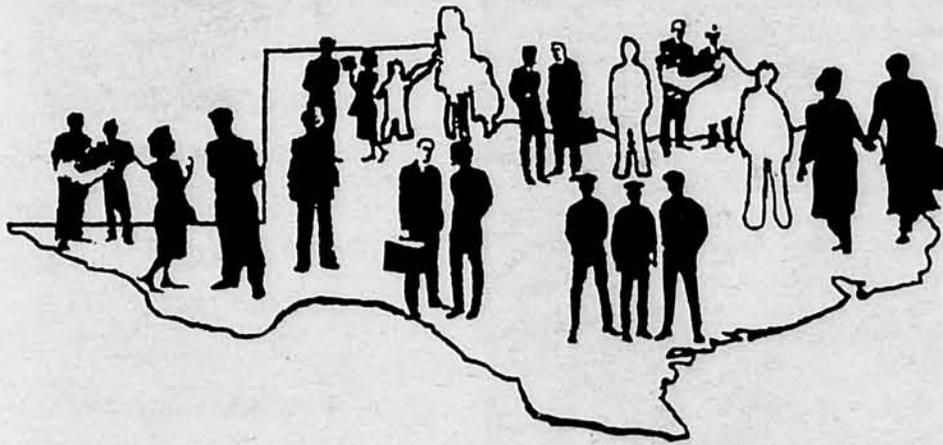
**Q** How did you keep these complications and deaths from the public?

**A.** The woman would be loaded into my car (an ambulance outside an abortion clinic is terrible advertising) and transported to a hospital that would protect the doctor and the abortion clinic's reputation. The concern is not with the patient only in keeping an unblemished reputation. You have a built-in cover-up with the patient's family. They are dealing with their guilt and emotions over the situation and do not want to deal with the added pressure of exposing the truth through the media.

**Q** Why did you get out of the abortion business?

**A.** Two things came into play at about the same time. I experienced a profoundly religious transformation—a conversion. At about the time I was having second thoughts a Dallas television station did an expose disclosing the abortions performed at my clinic on non-pregnant women—all for money! I finally realized, "We weren't helping women—we were destroying them — and their children." By then my transformation was complete and I knew that I not only had to stop being involved with abortions but I had to help promote the truth.

## World Population Can Be Housed In Texas



According to the World Almanac and Book of Facts 1993 and the 1994 World Population Data Sheet from The Population Reference Bureau, the entire population of 5.6 billion people could be housed in the state of Texas.

Consider these facts: The land area in Texas is some 262,000 square miles and current estimates of the world population are about 5.6 billion. By converting square miles to square feet - remember to multiply by 5,280 feet per mile twice - and dividing by the world's population, one readily finds that there are more than 1,300 square feet per capita. A family of 5 would thus occupy more than 6,500 square feet of living space.

These numbers apply to just one story ranch house-type dwellings. With a housing mix of multi-story buildings, including town houses, apartment buildings and high rises, appreciably greater living space could be provided. Such an arrangement would allow ample land for yards and all the necessary streets and roads.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world would be available for farming, manufacturing and recreation. The World Health Organization continually announces that there is more than enough food for the world's people. In an executive summary accompanying the main report, Donald Mitchel, a senior economist at the World Bank, stated: "Prices of agricultural commodities are at their lowest level in history and crop yields continue to rise faster than population." The problem is distributional, not population.

Throughout the history of the U.S., it has been the experience of the American

people that population growth produces plenty - not poverty. Population growth has continually proved to be a sign of health and well being for the country and its citizens. Unfortunately, throughout the world birth rates and total fertility rates are plunging faster and further than ever recorded in human history. Despite the predictions of overpopulation theorists, the fact is that population growth rates in many countries are already below replacement levels and the world's growth rate is rapidly approaching that figure. According to an April 1994 report of the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 59 nations that have total fertility rates that are below replacement level. The following are some statistics from the report on world population, *World Population Profile: 1994*:

- "The world's population growth rate has declined to about 1.5 percent at present," the lowest rate in some 50 years. (p.5) (Replacement level is 2.2)
- "Fertility levels have fallen so low in some countries, mainly in Europe, that no return to 'replacement level' fertility is expected in the foreseeable future" (p.29).
- "Fertility rates throughout the world have been dropping so rapidly that the Census Bureau has just cut its three-year-old estimate of world population in the year 2000 by 120 million, and in the year 2020 by more than 300 million" (p.A-1 in both the '94 & '91 editions).



## Men & Abortion: Forgotten Fathers

There is no denying that men are affected by the abortion decision, and men, like women, often experience post-abortion trauma. This is a fact that is seldom discussed or dealt with. The truth is that many men suffer silently, deeply, and often alone.

If the decision to accept or terminate a pregnancy rests solely on the caprice of the mother, is it fair to speak of paternal responsibility? If the woman chooses to

allow the child to live, we condemn the father if he runs away from responsibility and financial obligations. But if she chooses to abort, he is expected to remain silent while his child's life ends. This severs the natural, devotional bond between man and woman and parent and child.

Consider the following letter to the editor printed 3/29/96 in the *University of Minnesota Daily* after the Supplement was distributed on the U of M campus:



"Rarely is the male's side of the story explored. Many of the same emotions felt by the would-be mother are also felt by the would-be father. I am speaking from first-hand experience. My girlfriend became pregnant when we were 18-years old. This

fact was concealed from me until after the pregnancy was already terminated... Our relationship deteriorated in the months after because of behavioral problems not unlike those mentioned

in the insert (*She's a Child, Not a "Choice"*). For many months, and even years, after this experience I sometimes try to imagine what our child would look like. What would be his/her name? Would I be a good father? These and many others are the questions that still go through my mind.

I am not suggesting that my pain, or any pain felt by males, can equal that of the female, but it should be addressed. After all, abortion is an issue that touches us all."

College of Liberal Arts Senior, UM

## Abortion: The Inside Story

Further shocking testimony on practices within the abortion industry is revealed in the video "Abortion, the Inside Story." The video features former abortion providers - women who had worked in abortion mills as administrators, directors, assistants, nurses, even one who had anesthetized patients and performed abortions though she had no medical training. It is an expose of the lies, cover-up, greed and criminal negligence within the abortion industry, and also gives insight into the effect and power of sidewalk counselors.

In the video, Hellen, a former administrator of an Atlanta abortion clinic confessed, "In the abortion clinic there are women exploiting women and I was one of them. There are a lot of things that go on in a clinic that you would not tolerate if they happened in other branches of medicine." (Comment: An understatement, for sure, like non-physicians performing abortions. Also, why is informed written consent as to the risks involved required for all other surgical procedures, but not for abortion?) Hellen stated,

"You may hear abortionists say, 'We're standing up for women's rights...for the right for you to choose abortion. That sounds so wonderful. The American public has bought into that pack of lies. Behind closed doors we used to joke about the term 'pro-choice.'"

Hellen also talked about the complications and cover-ups. She said, "Incomplete abortions happen very, very frequently. I kept a file in my office. It was under lock and key; absolutely no one had access to it but me. Those were our problem patients, purged from the normal filing system... You need to understand when you stop and look at CDC (Center for Disease Control) statistics or other statistics on just how safe abortions are, who reports those statistics." (Comment: So much for "safe and legal" abortions.)

HLA recommends you get your own copy of this powerful testimony. The video is available from Pro-LifeAction League, 6160 Cicero Ave. #600, Chicago, IL 60646, for \$19.95 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling. (773) 777-2900

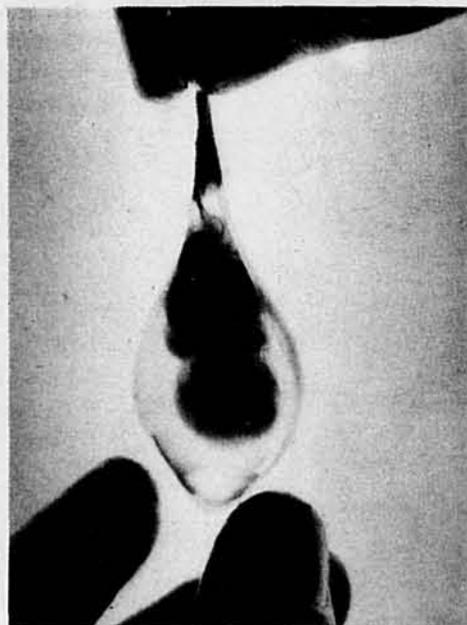
## Back Alley Abortions?

Since illegal abortions are not reported, the most accurate statistics are the reports on the number of maternal deaths from illegal abortions. In 1972, the year prior to *Roe vs. Wade*, 39 women died from illegal abortions. That same year, 25 women died from legal abortion (abortion-on-demand was legal in 2 states). There is ample evidence that there is under-reporting of deaths

from legal abortions. Often, another cause of death is listed. For instance a 1991 abortion death in Maryland was reported as "Cause of death - therapeutic misadventure."

Either there were not many illegal abortions or illegal abortions are extremely safe! The above info. is taken from the brochure, *Never Again? Never Was!* Hayes Pub. Co., 6304 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45224

## How Developed Is Your Baby?



### Baby at Approximately Six Weeks

This remarkable photograph of a tiny preborn baby in his unruptured amniotic sac was taken after surgery (for a tubal pregnancy) at the University of Minnesota by medical photographer, Robert Wolfe, in 1972. This picture demonstrates the remarkable early development of a preborn baby at only six weeks after conception.

### Consider This Testimony

"Eleven years ago while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured ectopic pregnancy (at 8 weeks gestation). I was handed what I believe was the smallest living human ever seen. The embryonic sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny human male swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid, while attached to the wall by the umbilical cord. This tiny human was perfectly developed, with long, tapering fingers, feet and toes. It was almost transparent, as regards the skin, and the delicate arteries and veins were prominent to the ends of the fingers.

"The baby was extremely alive and swam about the sac approximately one

time per second, with a natural swimmer's stroke. This tiny human did not look at all like the photos and drawings and models of 'embryos' which I had seen, nor did it look like a few embryos I have been able to observe since then, obviously because this one was alive!

"When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost his life and took on the appearance of what is accepted as the appearance of an embryo at this stage of life (with blunt extremities etc.)."

Statement by Paul E. Rockwell, M.D., anesthesiologist, as quoted by Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke in *Handbook on Abortion*.

### The Feet of a Baby at Ten Weeks

Dr. Russell Sacco of Oregon took this picture of the perfectly formed feet of a 10-week-old aborted baby waiting for disposal in a pathologist's laboratory. The feet in the picture are held between the doctor's thumb and forefinger.



## Don't Make My Mistakes



*Some people say that abortion is "an informed decision between a woman and her physician." You hear that a lot. But the fact is that most women never meet the abortionist until they are on the table, as happened in my case.*

*I was 18 years old when I got pregnant. I wasn't serious about my boyfriend. It was a casual relationship. Since I had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life.*

*My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. I was there for about four hours. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being done I asked to see it. But this wasn't allowed (so much for "an informed decision"). Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant. That hit me hard. I knew then that my baby was further developed than I had thought. I started doubting, and wanted to talk to my friend. But, I wasn't allowed to do that either.*

*When it was my turn the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I've ever felt in my life. It felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body. Afterwards I went into shock!*

*After the abortion, I tried to make up for the abortion by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back. I never got pregnant again. I don't know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. I found out later that this is part of the grieving process.*

*Two-and-a-half years later, I ended up in the hospital with bulimia. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done so I was punishing myself. I became obsessed with women who were pregnant, with women who would talk about their pregnancy. My life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma.*

*When I was 21 years old God brought me help through a woman who was involved in pro-life activism. She helped me a lot. I went through a post-abortion counseling program called "Conquerors." God not only forgave me, He challenged me to help others. I answered the challenge!*

*I started sidewalk counseling. There is a healing process that comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students about abstinence and I share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, "Please don't make the same mistakes I did."*

See pages 5 & 8 for alternatives to abortion!

If you or someone you know has had a change of heart about abortion, or if a baby's life has been spared, as a result of reading this supplement, please contact Human Life Alliance (651) 484-1040.

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