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News

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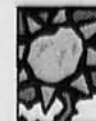

HAIL TO THE CHIEF: Get to know current SGA President Clark Jones before his time in office is up. See page 6.

Sports



SWEPT AWAY: Baseball swept the Elon doubleheader, ending their nine-game losing streak. See page 14.

Weather

 TUESDAY Mostly cloudy. High 71, Low 47.	 THURSDAY Scattered showers. High 75, Low 47.	 SATURDAY Mostly cloudy. High 72, Low 45.
 WEDNESDAY T-Storms. High 74, Low 47.	 FRIDAY Partly cloudy. High 74, Low 45.	 SUNDAY Partly cloudy. High 73, Low 47.

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world news

Israel continues West Bank offensive

In spite of U.S. pleas for a cease-fire and withdrawal of troops, Israel continued bombing Palestinian territories and camps on Sunday, April 7. Dozens of Palestinians and several Israelis have died in this attack to rid the West Bank of terrorists. The offensive began 10 days ago, and although an Israeli army official said the battle in Jenin would soon be over, there appeared to be no end in sight. Sunday was the fifth straight day Israeli shells and missiles volleyed into a Jenin refugee camp. Israel faced greater resistance than expected at this camp.

Powell visits Middle East for cease fire

Secretary of State Colin Powell left late Sunday, April 7, for a trip to the Middle East to talk with Arab and European leaders about a cease-fire. He plans to stop in Morocco, Egypt, Spain, Jordan and finally Jerusalem, Israel. Powell said that he believes Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon understands President Bush's demand for Israel to end the offensive in Palestinian territories. Though Bush called for immediate withdrawal, Israel continued its 10-day campaign to apprehend militants throughout the West Bank. Sharon pledged to "expedite" military operations, but did not announce a time frame for withdrawal.

Bush said Saddam Hussein must go

President Bush stated that he is prepared to take necessary action to remove President Saddam Hussein as leader of Iraq. Bush made this statement during a joint news conference with visiting Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain. Though Bush said it was part of his policy to remove Hussein, Blair simply agreed that Iraq would be better without him. Bush and Blair said that Hussein must prove that he is not building weapons of mass destruction.

Rocket fired at Afghan peacemakers

International security forces stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan had a rocket fired at them early Sunday, April 7, according to a spokesman for the peacekeeping force. International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) officials are investigating the incident, a spokesman said. According to authorities, no one was injured.

Spring has sprung!



SOAKIN' IN THE RAYS — With the sun shining later these days, students kick off shoes and don shades while studying on the prayer chapel lawn.

Academic calendar changes

By Mariel Williams, reporter

Summer break will be longer, Christmas break will be shorter, Spring break will be later, and Fall break will be replaced by an extended Thanksgiving break. That is the gist of the changes being made to the 2002-2003 Academic Calendar. The fall 2002 semester will begin on Aug. 28, later than past fall semesters. These extra days will be cut out of Christmas break, which will not begin until Dec. 19. In between, Fall break was eliminated to allow the Thanksgiving break to be extended to one full week, to make up for the loss of Fall break. Though the breaks change, the semester itself will not be any shorter or longer than it has been in the past. "We have no more weeks in the academic semester than we have ever had," Dr. Boyd Rist, vice president for academic affairs, said. The number of hours of class time in each semester matches the requirements set for receiving federal student aid. Several factors led to the changes in the number and length of breaks. In part, the calendar was changed to address faculty and student concerns. "The faculty feels that it is important to have at least two weeks of class time after Thanksgiving," Rist said. Also, having a longer summer break gives students more time to work. In addition, Fall break caused concerns for professors. "Faculty had begun to see a trend with the two-day October break and the two-day November break—a large number of students were extending both breaks," Rist said. "There was a feeling that we were losing the better part of two weeks of instructional time." Another problem with Fall break was that it came at a time when other activities were already impacting students' schedules. On top of Homecoming, Parent's Weekend and other early fall activities, the October Fall break seemed only add to the many distractions. Not all faculty members supported this decision, Rist said. "It was certainly not a unanimous decision among the faculty," Rist said. "I would describe this calendar as the consensus but not the unanimous opinion of the faculty and administration." Most faculty members seemed to be in favor of the change. "I went to the faculty senate and took an informal poll," Rist said.

Once again, debate finishes on top

By Julieanna Outten, assistant news editor

The season is over and once again the Liberty University Debate Team came out on top in national debate rankings. However the varsity team failed to win the National Debate Tournament at the end of March. The team has placed first in either one of the two national debate rankings ten times in the last eight years. The team consists of nine two-man teams: five novice, two junior varsity and two varsity. The young team has only one member graduating this year, team captain Travis Ausland. "From my experience this year's team has been stronger from the bottom up," Ausland, who has debated for three years at LU, said. By this he meant that eight out of the 10 novices, who joined the team last fall with no debate experience, have

debated in final rounds at tournaments. According to Director of Debate at LU Dr. Brett O'Donnell, the novices achieved a feat never before done by an LU novice squad when they finished as the top four teams at the Catholic University tournament. "This team has accomplished much including being the first novice squad from Liberty to close out a tournament in quarterfinals (advancing all four teams into semifinals) and winning the 2002 Novice National Tournament, as well as returning Liberty to the top of the ADA rankings," O'Donnell said. On another occasion, the novice team of freshmen Jay Ellison and Dave Klinedinst won the largest novice tournament of the year at Towson University in Maryland. A total of 60 novice teams participated in the tournament. "[This year's novice squad] was one of the most talented groups overall," novice

coach Heather Hall said. "They were also a very hard-working team." She said that in years past, usually one or two teams excel above the others, but this year the talent and solid performances went across the board. The novices have been able to do well largely because of the solid leadership of their upperclassman teammates. "We are going to miss Travis on the squad as he is graduating and going to law school at either Duke or Texas. He has probably been the hardest working debater I have ever coached," O'Donnell said. "He qualified for the NDT two times in three years, he is graduating a year early, he has won several tournaments, including the Naval Academy, and has been a strong leader for our squad."

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International food fest provides 'a world of taste'

By Chris Sheppard, news editor

LU had a little more culture than normal last week, thanks to the International Food Fest held in David's Place. On Wednesday, April 3 at 9 p.m., the doors to the multi-purpose room at David's Place opened to reveal a room full of bright colors and delicious aromas. Signs were painted with traditional greetings in the languages of Spanish, Czech, French and Swahili and hung on the walls. Also on the walls were pictures of flags from around the world. Tables were covered with brightly colored tablecloths and had miniature flags for centerpieces. A stage was set up at one

end of the room and had large flags on both sides. But people were not there for the decorations—they were there for the food. And there was plenty of food to be had. Sopapillas, from Mexico, are tortillas, cut into quarters, deep-fried and then drizzled with honey, sugar and cinnamon. Jollof rice from Nigeria was next. Jollof Rice is a mixture of tomatoes and rice. Maandazi, a spicy doughnut with cinnamon and coconut, and kachumbari, a salsa-like dish, represented Kenya. Palestine had tapoula, a mixture of cracked wheat, parsley, tomatoes and onion. Curry chicken from Jamaica and Haitian fried pork and plantains gave students a mini tour of the Caribbean. Pepper steak from

the Philippines was also on the menu. Finally from Bolivia there was majadito, a rice and meat dish that is a kind of stir-fry. Each table also had decorations from their respective countries. The Bolivian table even had a PowerPoint presentation about the country. "It came] to experience a variety of cultures and socialize. And to eat," junior Carly Mason said. Mason especially liked the Bolivian rice. Musical selections from across the world were played. After students ate their fill, it was time for some entertainment.



BOLIVIAN CUISINE—A brave young man tastes the Bolivian dish, majadito, at the food fest.

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The Price is Right



By Chris Price, columnist

I have lost an hour of sleep, so I am extremely cranky. So, with that in mind, here is yet another list of things that aggravate me.

Daylight savings time—I hate losing that hour of sleep. I feel as though someone has punched me in the face right after they told me my dog died when I wake up and realize that someone has stolen my precious hour of sleep. In that hour I may have written poetry, made pottery, built a homeless family a house or cured cancer, but we will never know because some person has stolen what could have been the most awe-inspiring hour that has ever ticked away. I will hunt them down and destroy them.

Underground music fans—Hey, if you like listening to bands that will sell five other copies of their album besides the one that you bought, then more power to you. But you don't have to look down your nose at those of us who enjoy our pre-packaged sellout to the corporate machine. Pop music. It never ceases to amaze me that when one of these little bands whose members work their whole lives to make music finally has a little success, then their fans begin to call them sellouts. These underground music fans don't like any music unless it's weird for the sake of being weird. They always say it's artistic. Animal noises in a song isn't artistic, it's weird. So go ahead and make fun of us Top 40-loving fools who let the man shove Nsync down our throats. I will just have to cry myself to sleep on my Justin Timberlake pillowcase.

The amount of dyed blondes on this campus—This goes out to all the guys who said, "I think I will dye my hair for Spring Break." When the first 75 percent of the male population did it, I thought it would slowly die out. Then the next 24 percent did it. Honestly guys, that is so mid-90s.

People that call me "The Price is Right"—Major aggravation. It is cool when someone tells you they like your stuff, or they hate you, but when they call you "The Price is Right" it gets old. I don't go around calling people by what they do. Never would I say "Hey wears-too-much-makeup-girl" or "Hey socially-unacceptable-man." Or even "Yo, creepy-guy-that-stares." I try to learn names.

People that make Liberty Way jokes—This is especially true when you are watching a movie and someone either kisses, shoots someone or does something else un-Liberty Way. You can always count on that guy yelling, "Hey, that's not Liberty Way" then looking around with hope in his eyes that he has somehow won the approval of his peers. Hey, that wasn't funny the first time I heard it freshman year, and it gets less funny each time I hear it. I don't even give a mercy laugh. I usually groan loudly, or tell them to be quiet they are embarrassing themselves.

Sorry to be in a foul mood again, but blame it on the lack of sleep. When it comes to being too tired to think straight, the Price is Right.

Falwell's parking space up for grabs

By Chris Sheppard & Melissa Coleman



Are you tired of driving around and around in search of a parking space? How does parking in Dr. Jerry Falwell's spot sound? You know you've always wanted to, but having your car towed by LUPD while Falwell glares at you isn't your idea of fun.

Well, dream no longer. The Career Center is currently sponsoring a raffle for Falwell's space. The winner will be announced during convocation Wednesday, April 10. From April 15 - 19, one lucky student will be parking in the chancellor's space.

For \$1 students can enter the raffle for a chance at owning, just for a week, one of the best parking spots on campus. The Career Center has set up a table in DeMoss Hall and the Hangar where students can

purchase the tickets. At the end of last week about 50 tickets had been sold, but the Career Center hopes for increased numbers as the drawing gets closer.

"If you're a commuter, it would be an awesome parking spot," freshman Brian Easton said.

The money earned from this drawing will go toward the Career Center and the College of General Studies.

"We haven't decided what the money is going toward specifically, but it may possibly go toward furniture for the reception area, or a conference table for when the employers come to interview," Tara Carney, experiential education coordinator for LU, said. She first got the idea for the raffle when looking at a newsletter about what another college career center had done.

Real Time wants to make real impact

By Chris Sheppard, news editor

Have you ever looked at your church's Web site and wished it looked a bit more professional? You know, get rid of those spinning crosses and blinking text? Well, you are not alone in those thoughts.

A new campus organization had been created to do just that—use the arts and media at the local church level to reach the mass media and to motivate Christians to impact today's culture for the Lord.

Real Time is the brainchild of Chad Kennedy, a Junior communication studies major. Kennedy started Real Time to encourage students who have creative abilities who want to use them for ministry, whether professionally or just helping out at their local church.

"Over the past two years, God has given me a vision for using arts and media to convey His truth to the masses. I believe offering Christian artists and media experts vision, strength and prayer support will help accomplish the vision of changing our culture to honor Christ," Kennedy said.

Real Time's roots began to grow last semester. Kennedy invited some students to meet at a coffee shop, where he shared his idea for Real Time. Kennedy used the feedback he received from those students to solidify his ideas.

Junior Cameo Ray was at last semester's coffee shop meeting. A junior communications studies major, Ray has been working with graphic design for several years at the high school and collegiate level. The idea of Real Time impressed her enough that she has been involved with it since that meeting.

"Being sensitive to design I noticed...that publications out of churches usually haven't been very professional. I strongly believe that everything we do should honor the Lord. Everything that comes out of a church or a Christian ministry should be excellent including the design," Ray said.

At the beginning of this semester Kennedy again summoned his friends and classmates for a meeting, this time in DeMoss Hall, where he unveiled a more structured idea of Real Time. Real Time now meets weekly in SH 135 at 6 p.m. on Mondays. There students pray for arts and media ministries on campus and across the country, screen Christian produced media for discussion and receive updates on media news, both Christian and non-Christian. Real Time also discusses issues that students might have to face in the real world.

"A lot of the issues we are trying to address and deal with are issues I personally want to know about. Such as how do you work for a secular design firm that might...want to do a project in a way that is not honoring to the Lord, [for example] using nudity whether its in a film or design," Ray said.

Both faculty and students have been supportive of Real Time. "God has brought passionate and excited creative individuals to Real Time. Several faculty members have offered advice, prayer, encouragement and support," Kennedy said.

The faculty has been so supportive that Dr. Cecil Kramer, chair of communication studies, hosted a Real Time coffeehouse in his home. Kennedy expected only a handful of students and faculty to show up. That night there were

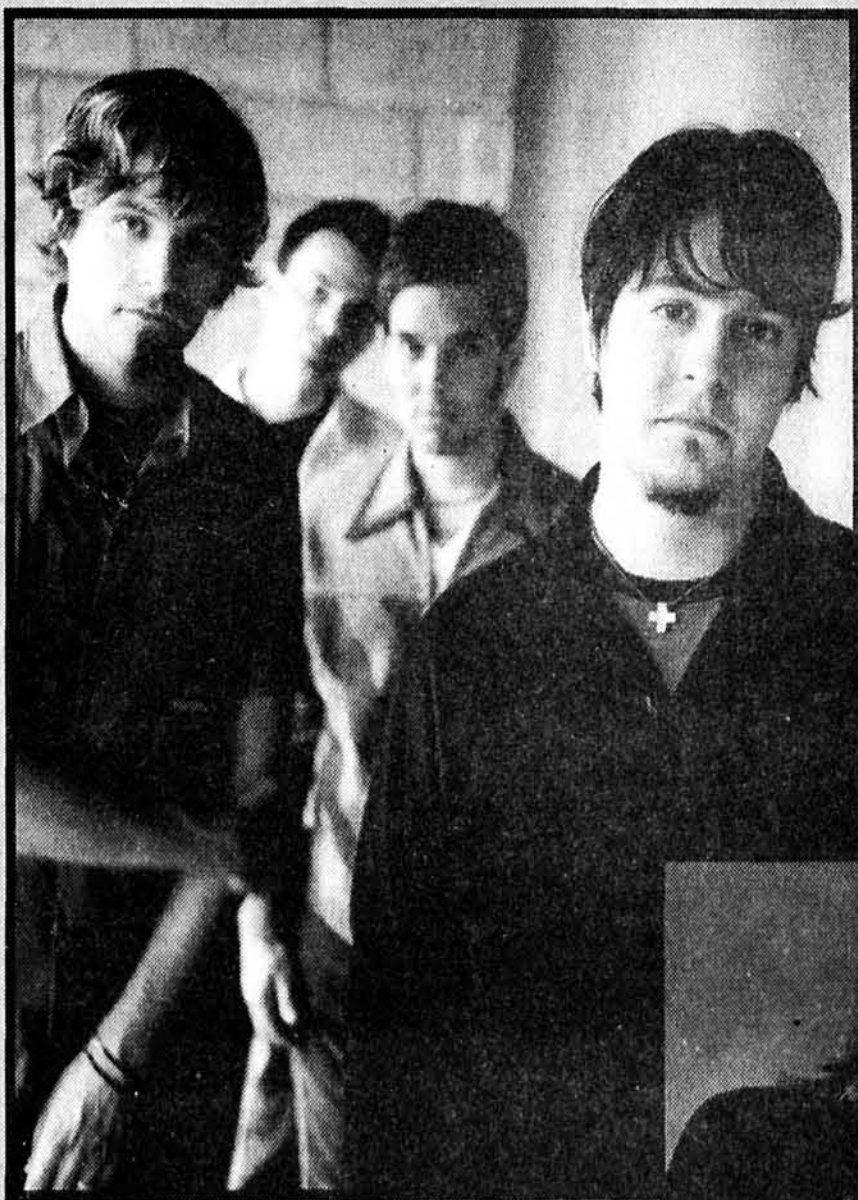
25 students, four other professors and Dr. William Gribbin, dean of the school of communications. The group watched "Mercy Streets," a movie by a Christian production company and discussed it afterwards.

"For about an hour afterwards...we talked about what we liked about the movie, what was done well, both in how they dealt with issues in the movie and technically the production of it, what could have been done better, what we would like to see of Christian movies in the future. I believe the conversation could have gone on for another hour," Ray said.

Real Time's future plans include hosting special events, guests, art fairs and film screenings, a Real Time section in the LU bookstore and publishing resources for pastors who want to use arts and media in their ministry.

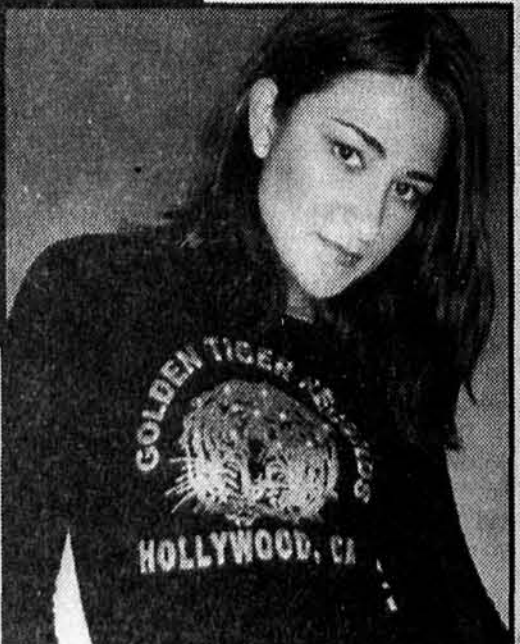
While the school of communications endorses Real Time, Kennedy is quick to say that it is not exclusive to COMS majors. "Real Time is open to any Christian who is interested in culturally relevant ministry through arts and media and making a difference in their culture for the glory of God," Kennedy said.

For more information on Real Time, e-mail realtimeministries@hotmail.com or stop by its office in FA 200C, near the offices of 90.9 FM.



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Lincoln Brewster leads LU students in night of worship

By Renee Patrick, reporter

Cheers of excitement erupted throughout the Schilling Center on Wednesday night, March 27 as Lincoln Brewster walked onto the stage and asked, "Are you ready to worship the Lord?"

Dean of Men Dane Emerick introduced him as "a young man who was willing to let the Holy Spirit lead."

"I am expecting something great to happen. God is going to show up in a great way in our lives," Brewster said after the concert got started.

During the concert, Brewster entertained and encouraged the audience with memories of growing up in Homer, Alaska and events that have happened in his life recently. He brought his five-month-old son Levi on stage and introduced him to the audience.

When asked what God has been showing him through this ministry, Brewster said, "Definitely the idea of being a genuine person. Worship above all else is about the heart. That's where it begins."

During the concert, Brewster encouraged the students to be real with God and focus on Him instead of what is going on around them. He closed the concert by leading the audience in singing the chorus of "The Heart of Worship."

"I think they did an awesome job of leading us as college students to the throne of God," sophomore Jimmy Muir said of Brewster and his band.

Freshman Sarah Metherd said, "I really enjoyed it. It was nice to have a change — to have one night of complete praise and worship...He was a really good performer and singer."

The students were not the only ones glad that Brewster could come to Liberty. "I came here once before with Michael W. Smith. I love it; it's very beautiful. Everyone is great, really friendly and amazing. I would absolutely love to come back anytime. You guys are amazing," Brewster said.

Brewster encouraged the students to visit his Web site, www.lincolnbrewster.com, and e-mail him. He said that although he would most

likely not be reading the letters, they would be seen by "a very special pair of eyes"—his mother's. He shared that his mother has not yet accepted Christ, but reading student's testimonies may help her.

According to Brewster's Web site, he was involved with secular music before becoming involved with the Christian music scene.

Brewster recorded and toured as lead guitarist for Steve Perry, former lead singer for Journey.

God apparently had other plans for Brewster. "I just knew that when you get that many people together in one place, you're going to find people with hurts and needs," Brewster said of his tour with Perry. He realized that the people needed something "life changing."

Brewster then decided to quit his career in secular music and serve the church. After a break from his music and a time of discipleship from God, Brewster began writing music again — this time to glorify God. Brewster's next album, "Amazed," will come out in July.



SUSAN WHITLEY
STRUM THIS — Lincoln Brewster and his band led the Wednesday night campus church. Brewster's next album will come out in July.

LU Web site gets face lift

Pages now have uniform and consistent look.

By Laurie Williams, reporter

The Liberty University Web site received a face change. Under the direction of Web developer David Brown, the former site underwent a major makeover.

"The administration saw the need for a more efficient use of the Web site and established a subcommittee to investigate the possibilities," Brown said.

After much discussion and exploration, a program was created using a new template design from which every page of the Web site is founded. The program is called Web Manager and it has virtually revolutionized the new site.

"New technology allows for Web pages to be created more quickly with little or no knowledge of HTML (hypertext markup language—a Web page programming language). This means Liberty does not have to hire Web developers for each department on campus. Each office can easily create and update its own Web pages," Brown said.

The entire development process has taken about a year. Early testing began in February 2001, and the official launch date of the new Web site was March 1, 2002. More than 70 students, faculty and staff were involved in the "usability testing" of the new site. Matt Good-

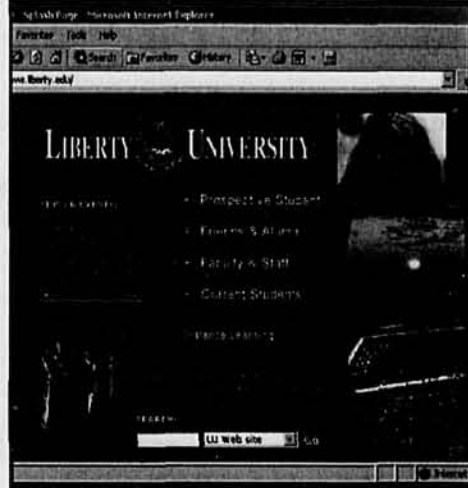
win, the only student involved in the actual creation, helped with programming and graphic work.

The new Web site offers many added features. Improved search tools are more user-friendly with a much larger pool of results. Navigational links are consistent from page-to-page and always indicate where a person is on the Web site. The campus calendar is always up-to-date and every page on the site contains dated information of the last time that particular page was updated.

In addition, there is a user feedback survey at the bottom of every page that is submitted directly to the page's author. Each page contains an option for a printer-friendly page and visitors may use the contextual navigation feature in order to ensure efficient routing.

Finally, there are no "broken links" (links that lead to a page that reads "file not found"), and link indicators will give added information about a certain link when needed. Overall, Brown and his team are satisfied with the final product, but he does acknowledge that there is always room for improvement.

"We are constantly looking for new ways to improve the users' experience on our Web



site. We get an average of 37,000 hits a day and all of them bring their own expectations of what a Web site should be. Anyone can offer us suggestions that might improve the Web site for all users," Brown said.

One element missing in the new Web site is the student announcement board.

"The forum was removed as a result of a consensus decision by a group of individuals and was not the 'call' of any single individual," Brown said.

The board was not intended for conversation, but for announcements. Many of the postings that were received were inappropriate and never even made it to the board. The process of evaluating each message was tedious and deemed unnecessary. Instead, students who have legitimate announcements may contact aaron@liberty.edu in Information Services or the SGA office.

Guatemala or bust for LUSI

By Renee Patrick, reporter

While many of us were absorbing sun rays, visiting Mickey Mouse or simply enjoying the luxuries of home over Spring Break, some students joined LIGHT Ministries and spent their break serving on a missions trip in Guatemala.

During their 10-day stay in Guatemala, the group hosted an evangelistic crusade. According to senior Brandon Newsome, leader of the LIGHT Singers, the group went to smaller villages to promote the crusade and served the people of the country by cleaning up trash and passing out food, shoes and Spanish Bibles.

"The trip was a big stretch for me as far as living conditions. Basically I just set myself aside and realized that God had me there for a reason. I learned to go with the right mindset. I truly enjoyed the trip. It was very humbling," Newsome said.

The crusade lasted five nights and attracted about 6,000–10,000 people each night, Newsome said. LIGHT Singers ministered to the people in music during the crusade.

"One of the hard things I had to get over was the language barrier," senior Russ Smith, a member of Light Singers, said.

With help from Dr. David Towles, Spanish professor at LU, the team was even able to sing two

songs in Spanish.

Towles, who did most of the translating during the trip, made it possible for Light to go to Guatemala. "Dr. Towles was our open door," Newsome said.

Towles started making trips to Guatemala in 1994, but began his current program where he integrates both evangelism and academics, in 1999. Towles has been making annual trips since then.

"[In Guatemala] we are going to build a new church, minister through a medical clinic, build a

on the summer trip. The summer trip can be taken for class credit in Spanish. Those taking Spanish are assessed on their ability to communicate in the Spanish language during the trip.

The trips last one or two months, depending on how many credit hours a student signs up for. "Short term missions is for exposure and this is for experience," Towles said. "By staying for one to two months, you really get an idea of whether God is calling you to do this or not."

The LUSI trips are not just for those studying Spanish. While in Guatemala, students will have the opportunity to assist in building a church and help with VBS. Health and nursing majors can also receive credit by

helping with the medical clinic LUSI runs during the students' stay.

Rebecca Howell, who is majoring in Spanish and teaching English as a second language, went to Guatemala with Towles in the summer of 2001. "It changed my life," Howell said. "When I came back people asked me if I realized how much we have, but it makes me realize how much we don't have. We are so materialistic. These people have nothing and are truly happy," Howell said.

For information about future trips to Guatemala contact Towles at ext. 2091.

"The vision is one day to have a university there that will shape Guatemala the way Liberty shapes our country"

—Dr. David Towles, LU Spanish professor

Christian school, build a Christian orphanage, start an evangelical program in schools and churches, teach [the LU students] Spanish through evangelism and start a Vacation Bible School," Towles said.

"The vision is one day to have a university there that will shape Guatemala the way Liberty shapes our country—even more because Guatemala is a smaller country," Towles said.

Each summer Towles takes a team of students to Guatemala to take part in the Liberty University Spanish Institute (LUSI). About 30 students, some of who are currently studying Spanish, are taken



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MIS major added

By Mariel Williams, reporter

The Center for Computer and Information Technology unveiled its plans for a new Management Information Systems (MIS) major on Wednesday, March 27. The new major will replace the old MIS concentration offered as a part of the business major.

Dr. David Barnett explained the new program to students attending the meeting. The program cannot be officially instituted until the administration, the faculty senate, the academic curriculum committee and the board of trustees, have approved it. However, new classes will be offered in the fall in anticipation of the requirements of the new major.

"It increases the amount of curricula that they're taking that's technology related," Barnett said. The added technology classes are the major's best feature.

The Center for Computer and Information Technology decided to add the new major in response to educational trends and an increasing need for white-collar workers who are familiar with both technology and management.

"Technology is integrated into everything we do," Barnett said. "The demand for people who can work in a business environment and use technology to

improve business processes will increase," Barnett said.

Trends in higher education also affected the decision to add the major. "MIS programs are in major universities all over the country," Barnett said. Having a program of its own will make it possible for LU and its graduates to compete for jobs on a level playing field.

The new major fits the needs of students like sophomore Kevin Ndlovu, who wants to learn more about computer science and less about other, unrelated branches of business. "They now have more computer classes and less business classes," Ndlovu said. Ndlovu is happy to see that the new program drops classes that do not interest him. "Like business policy—that was a class I was trying to avoid," he said.

Professor Ann Rowlette, who assisted Barnett at the meeting, thinks that other students will like the major as well. She took the large number of attendees at the meeting as a good sign in this respect.



FILE PHOTO

GETTING TECHNICAL— The best feature of the new MIS major is the added number of technology classes.

"I thought there was a good turn out," Rowlette said. The tentative requirements for the new major include six credits of accounting classes, 12 credits of business classes and 27 credits of MIS classes, as well as one business elective. Several new classes will be offered in the fall, and BUSI 102 has been renamed CMIS 201 as part of the change.

The MIS major still waits for administrative approval, but Barnett hopes students will be able to declare the major by next spring. Students who have additional questions about the major, should contact the Center for Computer and Information Technology at ext. 7150.

Tests given for accreditation

By Renee Patrick, reporter

Some were thrilled about it because they did not have to go to class. Some were angry about it because they had to wake up earlier than usual. Some just did not care. It was Liberty University's Annual Assessment Day.

On Wednesday, April 3 all students were required to report to a specified location to take one of several assessments that were given on that day.

According to Director of Planning, Research and Assessment Barbara Boothe, freshmen, juniors and non-graduating seniors were given student satisfaction surveys; sophomores were tested on English and math; and graduating seniors were given Major Field Achievement Tests (MFAT) or Departmental Exams.

The student satisfaction surveys consisted of questions about the Financial Aid and Student Accounts Offices, LUPD, LU Building Services, residence halls, convocation and LU's leadership program. Along with this students were given a survey assessing the performance of their academic advisers.

"I didn't like getting up for it. It would be better if it [Assessment testing] was at a different time, but I'm glad they had a survey so we could voice our opinion. I think they covered all the topics," freshman Sarah Metherd said.

"The purpose of the assessment is to assist Liberty in developing a quality education and environment for our students. It aids our faculty in teaching strategies and helps us determine if our students are learning what we intend for them to learn. Assessment results are an aid in strategic planning and budget planning processes," Boothe said.

Once the surveys are taken, the Office of Planning, Research and Assessment analyzes them. Results of the surveys are published in an Assessment Report each fall.

"It's nice that they care about what we think, as long as they actually do something about it," freshman Elisabeth McIntosh said.

There is no way of telling which students did not take the satisfaction surveys.

"It is very important that students participate in the satisfaction survey. These results are given to the president and his cabinet with the areas of concern highlighted. The more feedback received, the stronger the case," Boothe said.

Boothe continued, "It is a bit presumptuous to say that the changes on the campus are a direct result of the surveys. There are other venues through which cases are brought to the attention of the administration, however, the surveys definitely add weight to the arguments for change."

"The purpose of the assessment is to assist Liberty in developing a quality education and environment for our students."

-Barbara Boothe, director of Planning, Research and Assessment

The sophomores' assessment is a follow-up of the English and math test that they took upon entering LU as freshmen.

"They [freshmen] are re-tested at the end of their sophomore year to determine whether or not Liberty has had an impact on these areas," James Wagner, coordinator of testing, said.

"The purpose of these tests is part of our accreditation process. When we come up for accreditation with SACS, we will be asked: 'Are we assessing our students and making changes accordingly?'" Wagner said.

According to Wagner, seniors are tested on the content area of their major. Although it is only strongly recommended that other students take the satisfaction surveys, it is required that both sophomores and seniors take their assessments.

"The sophomores will be followed up on. They will be required to attend a make-up. The senior assessments are also required," Wagner said.

Students who missed their Assessment test should call the College of General Studies at ext. 2314.

FOOD: Taste buds tingle with new flavors

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Senior Tihara Vargas and Rebecca Hernandez from the singing team Exodus, started the evening off with some Spanish praise and worship. Vargas and Hernandez sang a medley of Spanish songs including "Si Tuvieras Fe" (If You Have Faith) and "El Espiritu De Nazareno" (Spirit of the Nazarene).

A Kenyan group sang a patriotic song "Jambo, Jambo Bwana." The song welcomes visitors to Kenya and

lets them know that in Kenya "Hakuna Matata" (there are no problems).

Students were then taken to islands of Hawaii by junior Shannon Rhoades, as she led a group of girls in a hula dance.

As the scheduled program drew to a close, students wanted more acts. A group of Palestinian students volunteered to sing. Junior Fares Abu Faha, sophomore Mudar Quimsia and freshman Paul Kahoury sang, "Lord, I Am Coming" in Arabic.

Sophomore Christen Hoggard sang

"Renueveme" (Renew Me) in Spanish.

One of the final acts came from Dominic Sasso. Sasso performed a Shaggy-esque song, "Muchacha" and drew much applause and laughs from the audience.

"It was good to see all the people come out and take part. It would have been better if there were more countries represented" senior Christine Koch said.

The evening, sponsored by the Minority and International Student Office (MISO), is an annual event and part of MISO's cultural awareness program.

BREAK: School calendar changes

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"The vote was about two to one in favor of going to a week for Thanksgiving and eliminating the October break."

However, the administration does understand that the two and a half month stretch between Aug. 28 and Thanksgiving is a long time for students to go without a break.

"We are aware that Thanksgiving and Christmas come close together," Rist said. The school is open to student suggestions, through the SGA or other channels. "We would value any input from students," Rist said.

Junior Shannon Rhoades will miss the old Fall break. "I'd rather have two breaks," she said. Rhoades said she believed that the time between the first day of classes and Thanksgiving is too long to go without a break.

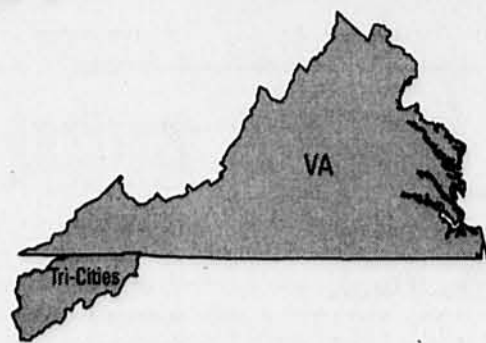
It was the shorter Christmas break that bothered sophomore Adrian Varon. "I would rather get out for Christmas early," Varon said.

However, not all students dislike the change. Freshman Chris Lakra thinks the elimination of Fall break is a good change. "I'm for it," Lakra said. "We don't need breaks; we need more academic focus in the LU community."

The spring semester will remain the same, except Spring break will be moved to begin a week later in the semester on March 17. This change was made so that students could travel when the weather is slightly warmer.

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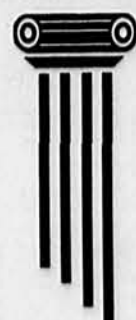
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Candidates for SGA Executive Office



Zachary Gautier
for Student Body President
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Denver, Colo.

The "Anti - Campaign"

—It is no longer business as usual. Every year presidential candidates make seven point campaign promises that always fail to come into fruition. As President, I offer only one point: to provide structural reform to the SGA's responsibility, duties and purpose.

—This includes: maximizing the ability of the SGA to solve student needs; developing methods for SGA to positively exercise its authority; and allowing the SGA control over the activity fees paid by students.

—This structural change allows for better representation of all students. If candidates and senators have realistic limitations on their power, they can be responsive to the needs of the student body.

—This structural change also allows for a unified voice of the Student Body to be heard. If the students are given a forum where their concerns are listened to, then superior interaction can occur between the students, SGA and administration. This structural reform creates the cata-



Michael See
for Student Body President
Age: 20
Class: Senior
Elwood City, Pa.

It's Time to Turn Things Around!

1. These are the goals and principles that would characterize my administration:
Reaching understanding with administration.
Emphasizing student rights.
Seeking results through compromise.
Providing a forum for every student to be heard.
Energizing student involvement.
Concentrating on results.
Turning things around.

2. These are specific actions/items that will be focused on in accordance with my platform.
—Reform women's dress code.
—Raise acceptance standards to require better GPAs and higher SAT scores.
—Improve parking.
—Seek shuttle service to airport, AMTRAK, bus station, etc., for breaks.
—Improved meal plans.
—Shorts in Dining Hall and the Hangar.
—Class Officer accountability.
—Fundraising to support activities and improvements.
—Increased SLD scholarships.
—Obtain ice machines for the dorms.



Kristen Tassey
for Student Body President
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Spring Hill, Fla.

Consistency - Experience - Vision

Colossians 3:23 "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

1. Name dorms
2. Better food options.
3. Modify women's dress code.
4. Off-campus living age.
5. Parking facilities.
6. Filtered cable.
7. Improve dorms.
8. On-campus transportation.
9. Student graduation contracts.
10. Lift senior curfew.
11. 24-hour campus.



Tim Vitollo
for Student Body President
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Albany, N.Y.



Brian Fraser
for Exec. Vice President
Age: 20
Class: Junior
Glenmoore, Penn.

Determined to Make a Difference

1. Extension of womens' winter dress code
2. Extension of weekend curfew
3. More SGA sponsored social events
—Relay for Life to benefit American Cancer Society
—More spirit days including modified dress code
—SGA sponsored concerts
4. Good Friday off
5. Change off-campus requirements to 21 with 90 credit hours
6. Enable students to sign out to other dorms
7. Provide increased support from the SGA for:
—Clubs
—Student organizations
—Athletic teams
8. Improve student access to Executive Officers within SGA
9. Increase accountability of:
—Class Officers
—Senators
—By having forums with those they represent
10. Send out weekly SGA updates via e-mail
11. Ballroom dancing at Junior/Senior Banquet
12. Install call phones for dorms

Vitollo, Fraser and McAllister are running on the same ticket.

According to the SGA Constitution, the President:

*Shall be the Chief Executive Officers of the Executive Committee

*Shall serve as the students' official spokesperson to the faculty and administration

*Shall be responsible for the faithful execution of all the provisions of this Constitution

*Shall see that all decisions passed by the Student Government Association are properly executed

*Shall report pertinent Student Government Association actions, programs, and activities to the student body-at-large

*Shall present to the student body-at-large a "State of the University" address on the last Thursday in the month of January in a special session of the Liberty University Student Government Association Student Senate

*Shall appoint qualified students to fill vacancies in the Student Government Association structure—subject to confirmation by the Liberty University Student Government Association Student Senate

*Shall appoint members to prescribed commissions specifically created to address needs as problems arise and to submit reports to the Executive Committee

*Shall perform other such duties as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Student Government Association

Paul Pittman
for Exec. Vice President
Age: 21
Class: Junior
Middletown, Va.



Professionalism - Commitment - Passion

Professionalism in Action:

1. Unity among senators and executive officers for more productivity.
2. Professional and orderly conduct during senate sessions.
3. Make senate a constructive but enjoyable environment in which to work.

Commitment in Service:

1. More student representation in senate.
2. Link student desires to administrative criteria.
3. Improve the quality of legislative procedures.

Passion in Performance

1. Senators who have a heartfelt desire for their position.
2. Committee Chairmen who work together and get the job done.
3. Vice President who maintains focus on professionalism and commitment.

Amber McAllister
for Vice President of Student Services
Age: 19
Class: Sophomore
Glen Allen, Va.



—McAllister shares the same platform as Tim Vitollo and Brian Fraser.
—She served as a senator and vice president of the sophomore class at Liberty University.
—She served as SGA director of activities, SGA treasurer, vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and treasurer of the Republicans Club at Saddleback College.
—"You must have good character to be in a position of leadership, for you have influence on others; you must be committed, otherwise you will not succeed, and you will let your team down; and you must be consistent to gain trust and to get people to take you and the organization seriously."

DEBATE: Next year's team has great potential

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They came out of preliminary rounds with a record of four wins and four losses, thus Ausland and Ross were unable to clear into elimination rounds. They needed to win five debates to break into elimination rounds.

"We performed fairly well," Ausland said. "Things came together for us but they came together too late." He said that early on in the tournament they were paired against challenging teams, such as Georgetown, North Texas and Emory University, but later they performed well.

"The varsity team did a fine job of preparing

for the national tournament. Sometimes competitions don't go the way you expect them to," O'Donnell said.

He looks to next year with optimism as most of this year's team members plan to return to debate next year and talented recruits are coming in. He said that with the senior leadership of Ausland, a solid foundation has been laid for continued success with next year's team.

Another element that will better assist next year's debate team is the new debate facilities they moved into this semester.

The debate lab formerly was a room in Teacher Education Hall half the size of other classrooms and cluttered. Next to it was a small

office space for the coaches.

The team's new facilities are on the second floor of DeMoss Hall and include a classroom, a work room, a computer lab, a couple offices and a storage room the size of the old debate lab.

"The new debate facility has already paid enormous dividends for our team," O'Donnell said. "The new space allows more students to perform research in a separate computer lab while not being distracted by other work in the debate lab. The classroom has allowed us to expand the number of practice debates and speeches we can do because we do not have to wait until the end of the day for classes to finish in order to have a classroom."

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► **4/9 SGA Elections.**

Don't forget to vote online Tuesday in the SGA elections. Go to www.liberty.edu/vote and vote between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

► **4/13 Jefferson's Birthday.**

Jefferson's Birthday. A celebration will be held at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Call 525-1806 for more information.

► **4/13 Jars of Clay and Jennifer Knapp concert.**

Student Life is hosting the concert in Vines Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for Liberty students. Tickets are available through Student Life.

► **4/12-13 Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain.**

Studio Theatre Performance: Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain. Sweet Briar College. 7:30pm. \$ 434/381-6120.

Clark W. Jones: the man behind the desk

By Johanna Price, opinion editor

Bwrestled blonde hair. Sideburns Elvis would envy. The mischievous twinkle behind blue eyes that gives glimpse to a past littered with slingshots and baseball-broken windows. Dennis the Menace never met such an adversary.

But today he sits behind a desk plaque with the gold inscribed "Clark Jones," neck-tied and white-collared. The twinkle has transformed, radiating purpose-driven passion, as Liberty University's Student Government Association president rehashes the past and envisions the future.

The youngest of three, Jones is a rarity among college students, not because of his business major with a triple concentration in finance, managing and marketing, or because of his 4.0 cumulative GPA, or even because of his high-ranking position and personal appeal. It's the internal spark, the sense of purpose and the vision that sets the Greensboro, N.C., native apart—a vision that is Christ-focused and divinely directed.

"My sole purpose in everything I do in life is to show others Christ. It's about loving people...it makes the world go 'round and I don't need money or prestige to do that," Jones said.

Not that this sense of purpose has made the ride any less work-laden for Jones. Goals are the key to accomplishing his numerous endeavors: a catalyst that has taken him from a hall senator and freshman class vice president to his current presidential position. Jones' reliance on specific goal setting has never let him down; every goal has been accomplished to date.

As a newcomer to the presidency, Clark instilled practical goals in his cabinet, ranging from the immediate to the long-term, setting plans into motion that will be fulfilled not only in his two-semester term but years after his impending May graduation. Living by the motto of "purpose, passion, persistence" Jones relayed early on that he wanted to see "professionalism with personality" in each respective role of SGA.

While he takes his job seriously, Jones has the unique ability to not take himself too seriously. "We're just students trying to get things done, having fun doing it," Jones said. "I just want to be like a regular person who is in touch with the student body."

Keeping in touch with thousands of students is no simple chore. Jones has worked to remain forefront about SGA's efforts to benefit the student body. Weekly convocation and hall meeting announcements, the former student splash page, hall senators and SGA sponsored events are just a few ways students see their student government at work. But according to Jones, there could always be more "avenues to get opinions from the students."

Jones' interpersonal flair has brought him the most beneficial results during his office stint, whether it be while working with administration to implement change or while taking an hour to speak one-on-one with a student about his or her life. You would never know in the minutes he is devoting to these relationships that Jones is surviving on minimal sleep with a 50-page paper to write by the end of the week. His focus on the people in his presence and not the tasks to be done is refreshing in an age of output-obsessed leadership.

Jones doesn't self-promote. His actions speak clearly of his leadership potential. Walking through the hallway, he is stopped by a dozen different students, each with a question or a smile and a "How has the day been?" Jones may have friends in high places, but the student's reaction to his pres-

ence shows he hasn't forgotten who he represents. Though Jones is well-liked, he understands that his position will always face opposition from those who do not look beyond the surface.

"I don't give time to complainers," Jones said. "I give time to those who work hard...any position of leadership will find you under a microscope. I find my acceptance in Christ and work with those people who see my vision."

Junior Marianne Mims, the SGA chief of staff, is one such hard worker who sees Jones daily, both in the office and outside of it.

"Clark has been such a good friend to me. He is a great encourager. He has a tough job and has to deal with people who are difficult and he is still nice. He loves people generally and no one is ever too much for him," Mims said.

Mims has been involved in SGA all through her college years and has experienced first-hand the stress of campaigning with Jones, the joy of accomplishment and the pressure of position.

"Being SGA president is a situation where you are thrown into a big lake and expected to swim. Just try to keep your head above water. I was completely overwhelmed as the chief of staff at first, so I can't imagine how Clark felt," Mims said.

But true to typical levitation form, Jones has risen to the occasion, completing his positional duties and looking towards what the future has in store. Commercial real estate, grad school and starting a family seem to be enough to occupy Jones' "to do" list as future endeavors. Running in a 26-mile marathon is also an ambition Jones has had for a long time. But the man who doesn't sleep has a larger concern in mind at the moment—leaving a legacy at LU.

"I am a big believer in preparing leaders for the future or what you've done is going to crumble," Jones said. "I hope that my example—my love for LU, love for the Lord, my vision—will rub off on other people. Hopefully they see passion in me and will see this place change as a direct result of my being here."



PHOTO PROVIDED
STRAIGHT-THUGGIN'— Clark Jones sports his out-of-the-office attire.



PHOTO PROVIDED
NOT SO SECRET SERVICE?— Current SGA President Clark Jones and his predecessor Roy Simmons act as the bodyguards for then-President Chris Stewart.

GODSPELL celebrates the life of Christ

By Chad Kennedy, reporter

Godspell opens this weekend at Liberty University. The celebrated 1970s musical gets an Appalachian update for its LU debut. Professor Linda Nell Cooper will direct her adaptation of the Broadway hit this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Lloyd Auditorium. Comedy and drama work hand in hand to share both the joy of life in Christ and the serious life-changing message of the Gospel.

In 1971, Godspell opened off-Broadway to sell-out crowds. It ran for 2,124 performances before transferring to Broadway, where it ran an additional 527. Since then, Godspell has been an international success with hundreds of productions.

The draw to Godspell should come as no surprise if you consider its subject matter. Godspell is a musical based on The Gospel According to St. Matthew that delivers the salvation message in a fresh way.

Godspell is not a church cantata, and it is not an average American musical

comedy. It is a religious experience musical that shares the Gospel through allegory. As a religious experience musical, Godspell is designed to help the audience celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ along with the cast of performers.

Nathan Lynch plays Joshua, the figure of Christ in this allegory, and his followers are Appalachian mountain people. Jonathan Robertson plays Gabe, the figure of John the Baptist, and David Zimmerman is the Judas figure named Cain. Other cast members include Michelle Brunson, Seth Johnson, Maura Lacy, Joe Leahy, Nikki Lillestol, Jennifer McCarron, Cheryl Pesce, Shannan Rebold, Daniel Stone and Scott Wyndham. The actors present the teachings and parables of Jesus from the book of Matthew through song, dance and sketches.

The musical's hit songs will be familiar to audience members, as several artists have made them popular over the years. The Jesus Freak-era DC Talk song "Day By Day" originally came from Godspell, and Out of Eden recently performed a

remake of "By My Side" with The Katinas. The musical's soundtrack has been a constant seller and nearly a dozen different recordings are available, which is evidence that the musical shares its message in a culturally relevant way.

Appalachian culture is the backdrop for Liberty's Godspell, and this is evident after the first glance of the stage. An entire Appalachian homestead and mountainside have taken over the Lloyd Auditorium. The set features several different performance levels, a log cabin, mountain greenery, and a working waterfall. The cast and crew have been hard at work to make the mountainside come to life for opening night.

Godspell can be performed in a variety of ways. It will be refreshing and edifying to see a Christian production of the musical here at Liberty, where the cast of believers can truly worship and lead the audience in worship as they perform.

Arriving just in time for College for a



Weekend, Godspell will be an exciting night of worship and fun at the theater. The show will run for three weekends. Tickets can be purchased in person at the

LU Box Office or by calling 582-2085. Performances are April 12-13, 18-20 and 25-27. All performances begin at 7 p.m. and are \$5 for students.

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Reflections of a soon-to-be graduate.

Seniors, just think, only 32 more days until graduation. In about 32 days, we will be headed out into the real world to jobs, grad school or perhaps marriage and a family. In 32 days, we will be forced to put aside our college (sometimes childish) ways and grow up. We officially become adults and leave the safety of home to become productive workers in the "real world."

It is times like these that I realize I must reflect on what I have learned over the past four years. I have learned a lot about myself; I have learned some lessons that I will never forget; I have learned more about life; and I have learned a bit of stuff in my classes as well.

I have learned much about myself. I am most definitely not the same person that my parents dropped off on the hill four years ago. I have changed, grown, matured. I am more outspoken, more opinionated (not always a good thing, but generally fun).

I am a bit more cynical now. Dr. Lynnnda Beavers told us in COMS 210 that she believed it necessary

to instill a "healthy bit of cynicism (or skepticism, I don't remember which she said)" in us. Either way, I sometimes think that I got more than my fair share of cynicism and skepticism, but it works for me.

Also, I am most definitely more sarcastic now. It was learned from friends, fellow debaters, my sister, my brother and my father, and has made life a whole lot more fun, at least for me. I, at least, have an invaluable ability to amuse myself, which has come in very handy at times.

One random lesson I have learned better while at college (I knew this before, it just has been further imprinted in my head in recent years), is that guys and girls do not think the same. For instance, a girl can ask a guy a question and expect a yes or no answer and get an "okay, thanks." I find this extremely amusing. I am beginning to heartily agree with the author of "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus." Guys speak a whole different language from us sometimes and I also believe

somedays, that they're off on another planet somewhere.

Another life lesson I have learned is people really do rise to their level of incompetence. Yes, it does sound cynical, but several people I know who have "power" are barely fitted to their positions. They did well in their jobs and then were promoted until they were promoted right out of usefulness. People who were once competent enough to do their jobs well suddenly find themselves out of their league and nothing can get done.

I have discovered from classes and missions trips that youth majors have more fun than most students. At this point in my life, I know many of the students in my youth classes which sometimes results in mass chaos and general pandemonium, but we have fun and (amazingly, sometimes) do learn a lot. And you know, that if your kids are ever in one of these people's youth classes, they are going to be taught well besides having loads of fun. It's a wonderful thing to have a youth leader who both cares about Christ and wants to make sure the kids are having fun and learning at the same time.

One thing I have learned in

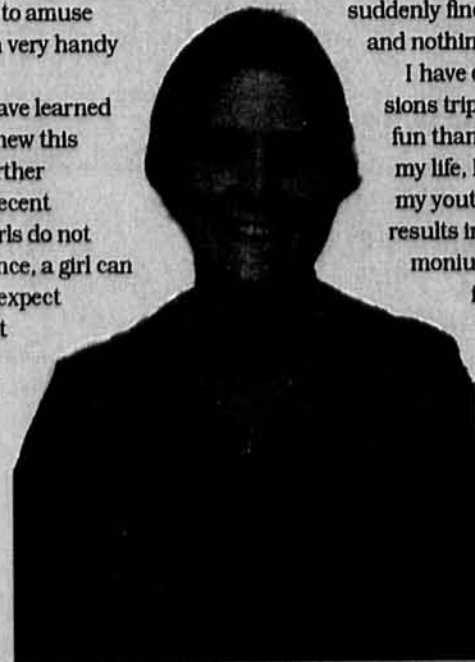
my classes that I will never forget is, "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch" (I know that's bad grammar, but that's the way Drs. Clauson and O'Reilly say this in class). Essentially, this means nothing in life is free. No matter what you do, somehow, there is a cost. Whether it costs you actual money or if it costs something else, there is always a cost associated with it (it's called an opportunity cost in economics).

While I have learned a lot and accomplished a lot in my four years, there are still a few things that I want to do.

For instance, I have still never painted the rock. I want to. If you ever see the rock painted with "(insert number here) days until graduation," you can pretty much guess that was me. A bit of advice for all those who want to paint the rock: do not paint it at 9 p.m. If you paint it too early, someone is bound to see you and, potentially, paint over it before morning. If you're going to do it, do it around 3 a.m., or for the more "law-abiding" ones of you, wait until 5 a.m. when the dorms open back up.

I've also never been to the "T" Room (The Texas Inn). I've heard scary things about it, so I'm almost afraid to try. But I think one weekend I'll get some of my friends to head over there one night and have a Coke (that's southern for a soda, for all the northerners).

I have learned and done a lot here at Liberty. I almost hate for it to end. Wouldn't school be a wonderful thing if we didn't have to go to class?



Do You Know



Robert Reid

Hometown: Berlin, N.J.

Major: MAR in Counseling.

What is your favorite day of the week? Friday.

Would you be willing to run for public office? Why? Yes, just to honor God in a way no one has.

Most treasured material possession: My Bible.

Favorite Movie: "Cast Away."

Least Favorite movie: "Shrek." **Why?** It was not funny.

What is your favorite comic strip? Spiderman.

My worst habit: sitting up at night.

Describe your ideal Saturday afternoon: Wake up, watch TV, do homework.

Words to live by: To God be the glory.

If I could go back in time I would: do more with my baby brother Joel.

If I could trade places with anyone for a day it would be: Bob Marley.

Best thing my parents taught me: To follow Christ.

Favorite thing about Liberty: the teaching, specifically Dr. Lawson.

Car that describes me: Jaguar.

What is your least favorite chore? Vacuuming.

-Compiled by Josh Campbell, reporter



Music Spotlight:

Jars of Clay "The Eleventh Hour" CD

By Caleb Knapton, reporter

Arguably one of the greatest Christian bands of all time, Jars of Clay is back after two years of silence. Their new album, "The Eleventh Hour," has been out for a few weeks now, but it's never too late for the masses to hear my opinion about an album. I have to admit, Jars of Clay's debut album continues to be one of my favorites, and is one of the most complete records Christian music has to offer. With such a high pole to vault, the band has fallen short with its last two releases. They were good albums, don't get me wrong, but they just couldn't match the first. Jars have begun to live up to that standard with "The Eleventh Hour."

The first song, "Disappear," is a very good piano and guitar-driven pop song that gives a nice intro to the solid vocal verses that fill the album. "Something Beautiful" and "Scarlet" will bring you back to the somber feel that Jars of Clay created on the "Much Afraid" album, though I'm still not sure what all the lyrics of "Scarlet" mean. "Revolution" is sure to be a hit on Christian radio everywhere. It's not really a great song, but it's got such a catchy, dance/pop, Third Eye Blind feel, people are going to love it.

"Silence" was the highlight of the album for me. It's a very scaled down, simple song, that is so beautifully put together. "Silence" is a very emotional song displaying the naked mood of abandonment. It is one of

the most sincere songs I've heard, a prayer to God asking the simple question, "Where are You?" And the best thing about the song is that they're in no hurry to finish it.

The rest of the songs on the album are all great songs. Every one is very well written, lyrically and musically. "I Need You," while a great song, does have a very weak, effortless chorus. A few songs, such as "Whatever She Wants," remind me a lot of Toad the Wet Sprocket, including Dan Haseltine's vocals. Each song is unique, and all have an awesome sound to them. Every part of this album, the vocals, the instrumentation, the song writing, the production, the mood, everything, was almost perfect. Not everyone's going to like these songs, though. They're not hard, edgy or eye-popping, but they're very good pieces of music. I can listen to this album over and over again—I already have.

"The Eleventh Hour" doesn't have the "Christian lyrics" that you might be looking for (not even the album's credits mention God), but the message is there nonetheless. I do have a hard time agreeing with the bands philosophy of writing vague lyrics and letting people, even non-Christians, get whatever meaning they can out of the song. Whatever the writer of the song has in meaning, that is what the song means, period. Lyrics should not be open to interpretation, especially Christian lyrics.

Anyway, great album? Indeed. Buy it? Definitely.



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WANNA SEE 'EM LIVE? — Jars of Clay will be at Liberty April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Vines Center.

Harry Potter strikes Movies 10

By Alexandra Harper, reporter

As a book, it was the No. 1 best seller on the *New York Times* list. Hollywood got a hold of it and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" became an instant sensation. When "Harry Potter" came to Movies 10, the debates over fantasy vs. the occult began once again.

Harry Potter is a fictional character whose fantastical adventures made J.K. Rowling's name a household name overnight. His lightning bolt scar captured the attention of the world; his magic ensnared the hearts of millions of children and adults indiscriminately.

The Harry Potter madness has reached such frenzy that the monster bookstore, Barnes & Noble, has plans to host another special midnight bash for Harry Potter fans once the fifth book of the series is released within the upcoming months. Later this year, the second book in the series will play in theaters, and the third will come out in 2004. But the question begging to be asked so near to the LU campus is the same as what one Christian author, Connie Neal, titled her book: "What's a Christian to do with Harry Potter?"

There definitely seems to be a division as some wonder if the movie and books are harmless fantasy or sugar-coated witchcraft propaganda. The four books already released in the series Rowling takes Harry Potter through his first seven years in his magical education at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Eleven year-old Potter's first year at the school began in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," which revealed his supernatural powers, his experience of learning charms and spells, surviving Professor Snape's potions class and the most grand thing of all, flying. These and other magical creatures are all carefully weaved around Potter in suspense and triumph over the dark forces of the evil Lord Voldemort.

His second year at school, titled "Harry Potter and the

Chamber of Secrets," deals with spirits, and even possession and other dark forces.

His third year, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," and fourth year, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," show Potter's struggle against Lord Voldemort's ever-present threat of return and revenge.

With its mixture of good and bad wizards, Rowling's stories borrow from different forms of the occult and mythology; most would agree that the movie leaves viewers, especially children, with a positive impression of witchcraft. The issue, however, that is frequently debated, is that most of what Rowling has done was what many other authors and movie makers have already done in the past.

For example, J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" is championed by a large percentage of those in the Christian community, but even Tolkien uses magical elements and symbolism. In fact, one of the main characters, Gandalf, happens to be a good wizard who works spells against evil spirits and beasts.

C.S. Lewis, the notable theologian of the 20th century, used dark beasts and magic in his stories in the classic "Chronicles of Narnia."

The movie "The Wizard of Oz" which seems to grace every home in America, also portrays the witch Glenda as the good witch of the North and her opposite as the wicked witch of the West. Some have also argued that Dorothy herself was a witch. Because of these books and more, it has been a struggle to say who is right and who is wrong. Sophomore Kelly Reed saw the film and enjoyed Harry Potter as only that of an imaginative unreality.

"Harry Potter is a fairy tale," Reed said. "Fairy tales are fantasies. They take you through a world no one's been to,

only imagined."

When it comes to how Christians challenge another's belief, Reed is adamant about sharing opinions in the light of love.

"Everyone has their own opinions, but no one should look down on someone because of what they believe. No matter what, everyone is going to differ," Reed said. "It makes us unique."

Senior A.D. Marr sees both sides of the argument while holding firm to his own conclusions about Harry Potter. While Marr has not read any of the books, he has seen the movie and is open to seeing it again now that Movies 10 is playing it. At the same time, Marr does have reservations about young children reading the Harry Potter books.

"It has a children's facade and a children's feel to it but the actual root is in the occult and witchcraft," Marr said. "I wouldn't let my kids watch it (if I had any) or anyone susceptible to believing that witchcraft is

positive."

At the same time, Marr did find a lot of scenes that he felt a child would not understand. "There are some aspects that are obviously intended for adults that a child would not pick up," Marr said.

Marr also puts up a caution flag for those that do watch the movie or read the books. "There are some aspects that are real, but you don't need to accept them as right. Those people that take it to the extreme on either side probably should reevaluate it because the preceding books are not truly good or evil but have elements of fantasy (which is harmless) and the demonic (which is harmful)," Marr said.



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Jr-Sr Banquet at Historic Hotel Roanoke

By Aaron Stevenson, reporter

For most girls, the chance to really dress up now and then is a huge thrill. For guys, it usually is not as big a deal, but it is still kind of fun to dress up in a tux or a suit with a girl who is equally dressed up on your arm. Well, here's your opportunity.

All Juniors and seniors are invited to "Starry Night" — this year's Junior-Senior Banquet taking place at the Historic Hotel Roanoke. This annual event takes place on Friday, April 26, with seating available beginning at 6 p.m.

The Junior-Senior Banquet continues the tradition of a romantic evening with a night of food and fun, though without the dancing that might be found elsewhere. Many plan to make an evening of it, like Junior Jacob Adamo. He plans to attend with several of his friends, and intends for them to go out for coffee beforehand, or maybe afterward. "Mostly [the idea] will be just to have fun," Adamo said.

Tickets cost \$26 each, and are available Monday through Friday at the Hangar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and at the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets available, so SGA encourages students not to wait. Getting tickets now will guarantee seats on the night of the big event.

Parking for the evening will be \$5, or for valet parking, \$7. For those who want to have pictures to remember their evening by, the first item on

the itinerary is a photography session. These sessions will begin at 6 p.m., performed by Magnifico Photography. The cost of the photographs is not included in the ticket price, and payment by cash or check will be required at picture time. The packages range from \$10 to \$35, depending on size and quantity.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., beginning with the appetizer: bread rolls and salad. The entree of Chicken Florentine, mashed potatoes and vegetables follows and the dessert of Chocolate Raspberry Bash finishes.

Immediately following will be entertainment from comedian Brad Stine. Stine has appeared on many television shows, including MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour," Showtime's "Comedy Club Network," and A&E's "Evening at the Improv." Frank Breen, president of the Gospel Music Association, describes Stine as a "gifted comedian," and his routine as "clean comedy." Indeed, Stine's work has been variously described as "clean" and "curse-free," but also "cutting" and "innovative."

The 19th century atmosphere of the Hotel Roanoke will also serve to make the night more memorable. Adamo, who attended another function at the hotel, described the hotel as "a fantastic location." He also noted that the place is conveniently close to Liberty — about an hour's drive away.

Because this is a decorous event, appropriate attire is required. For men, black-tie is the rec-

ommended apparel, but formal suits and sports coats are also acceptable. For ladies, formal-wear is also required, and it must also meet the standards of the Liberty Way. The Dean of Women's Office welcomes any questions concerning what constitutes acceptable attire.

Despite the many attractions of this special evening, many students are planning not to attend. Most of these give one of two reasons for their intended absence.

"I don't have a date," Kent Walter said. He would never consider going by himself, he said, and he is not alone. Many students are echoing his lament as the reason for their nonattendance.

Adamo differed, saying that while events like this are typically considered to be romantic in nature, they do not have to be. They can be extra special for those who go as a couple, or merely special for those who do not. For many, however, the most prohibitive element is the cost. Adding it all up, it looks like a lot of money for college students to be spending on a single evening. Walter says that the cost is high, but says it is understandable. "The school needs something fancy once in a while [and] it shouldn't come out of the student fees," Walter said, noting that the event is not open to all students.

Adamo agreed, saying that if the food and entertainment were good, it would be worth it. "Besides," Adamo said, "it's out of Lynchburg."



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DRESSED TO THE 'T' — Students enjoy last year's Junior-Senior at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Va.

Opinion

“ Forgiveness is the answer to the child’s dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again.
—Dag Hammarskjöld ”

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Holocaust Remembrance Day

Holocaust Remembrance Day is today. Just a month earlier in 1945 the landmark figure of this human slaughter died at the age of 15. Anne Frank is one voice representing millions who died over the 12-year dictatorship of Adolf Hitler. When he rose to power as chancellor of Germany in 1933, the brainwashing of the blonde-haired, blue-eyed race took root.

“What luck for the rulers that men do not think,” Hitler said. In the years to follow, Hitler’s Nazi would carry out the largest racial manslaughter in human history known as the Final Solution. This idea proposed the extermination of the Jews to create a “superior race” of purebred Germans. Over 130,000 Jews from Germany alone were exterminated, 55 percent of the country’s population. During the Holocaust two-thirds of Europe’s Jewish population was slaughtered, which calculates to one-third of the world population of Jews (“The Holocaust Chronicle”).

Today, we still remember the horrors these humans went through and think of how we’ve progressed. However, the holocaust continues against the Jewish race, in lesser numbers and not under order from a dictator. Those who hate the Jews are still great in number. Osama bin Laden is one prime example. His Taliban hates Americans for their religious basis and their support of Israel. Though there was never such a horrible time as the original Holocaust, the Jewish people still fervently need our prayers. They are a lost race of people. Though chosen by God, they have largely chosen to reject his Son. It is easy to ignore the daily wars that occur overseas, but as a nation that has been immensely blessed, we should be praying hard for Israel and the Jewish people. Or we may just see history repeated.

—J.P.

A group, B group, C group—does it matter?

A good movie and some good food make for a nice, relaxing weekend. Especially when you don’t feel like going out. After a long week filled with nights that I didn’t trudge up the steps and through my apartment door until 6 p.m. or, like Thursday night when I came in at 10 p.m. So when Saturday night rolled around, I kicked my shoes off, threw my hair up on top of my head and changed into some comfortable clothes suitable for extensive lounging. After fixing myself something to eat, I settled down to watch the hilarious edited-for-TV version of “Romy and Michelle’s High School Reunion.” I realize that this movie has no apparent intellectual merit whatsoever, and that is exactly what I was looking for—a chance to get completely lost in an outrageous story.

The whole premise of this movie is two best friends deciding to attend their 10-year high school reunion to show their classmates how impressive their lives are now.

The movie then sparked a conversation between my roommate and I about high school. Unlike a lot of people we hear talk, we actually liked high school. When our parents told us they were some of the best years of our lives, we agree. We came to realize that that was because we were heavily involved in extra curricular activities. We didn’t go through high school with the attitude of just getting through it. Some of my favorite memories come from high school—my first love, my niece being born, my name being in print for the first time...

We both can’t believe that it will be four

years since we were in high school. Of course, we also can’t believe that we are graduating from college in approximately 32 days (not that we’re counting down or anything).

My best friend from high school and I were just talking about what our high school reunion will be like the last time I was home. We speculated about what our former classmates will be like and questioned whether or not we will be impressive enough to them. But is this really important?

In the movie the main characters, played by Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino, think back to their high school days and wonder which group they were in. They decided they definitely were not in the “A”

“ There is more to life than whether or not you are in the “cool” crowd. ”

group, which consisted of the typical snotty cheerleaders and jocks, and they weren’t really in the “B” group, which consisted of drama types. They weren’t smart enough to be in the “C” group, as those were the nerds who actually spent time in the library!

It’s so funny how we put ourselves into groups. I have to say that I wasn’t in any particular group in high school. I was in every

group. While I had my main group of friends and friends from my other interests: newspaper/yearbook, clubs I was in and my honors and AP classes, I can honestly say that I had friends from every group—the “A” group, the “B” group and whatever other group there is. I would have to say that it has been that way through my college years too. I don’t like to limit myself to one type of person. There are so many interesting people. I think that if you just stick with one type of friend you miss out on so much. Being friends with a wide range of people also expands your way of thinking.

While the movie did have awesome 80s music (come on now, “Time After Time” is still a great song) and provided plenty of opportunities to laugh out loud, it still managed to be thought provoking, to me anyway. It made me fondly remember high school and gave me some great ideas on what to do at my high school reunion!

I’m not sure whether this is just a fond trip down memory lane, a piece of advice to underclassmen or a message to those people who think all there is to life is being in the right group. I think it’s all that rolled into one. There is more to life than whether or not you are in the “cool” crowd. After all, what exactly is cool? Cool to me might not be cool to you. So, whether this column amuses you or offends you, I hope that it makes you think, just like a silly movie did for me.



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Because little girls will always need their Daddies

Memories come in assorted packages like chocolate candies on Valentine’s Day. The good is mixed along with the not so good. I remember dad tucking me in the covers at night like a mummy. I remember kisses goodbye in the morning when it was still dark outside and a surprise bag of nutty buddy and a surprise bag of nutty buddy ice cream cones when dad came home from work. I remember the immaculate playhouse my dad built for my sister and I. We called it a fort. Our friends though our dad was the coolest because he built it for us all by himself. I remember playing hide and go seek, walks by the pond looking for arrowheads and playing beauty parlor with dad’s hair before it dried.

I also remember dad’s temper, the curse words and the look that meant punishment. I remember the humiliation of touching my toes and the sting of his belt. My sister and I didn’t have to be told anything twice. We were very obedient children. I remember the fights between mom and dad, the mornings when dad finally came home from work. And I remember the night my mom asked my dad at dinner whether he was going to stay with “me and the girls” or leave. The next day, dad took our camper to a friend’s house to stay.

Then my dad became an every-other-week-end dad. He never acted the same again. Eventually, our life styles became too different. When I entered college, I just decided it was too stressful to continue seeing my dad. I cut off all communication. But no matter how many times I forgave him, and no matter how many times I forgave myself, it still hurt. It hurt to see other dads put their arms around their daughter’s shoulders in church. It hurt

to hear classmates talk about how horrible it was when their boyfriends had to meet their dad for the first time. It even hurt when they complained about their dad’s strict rules.

Valentine’s Day my junior year of college, my dad sent my sister and I bouquets of flowers. The cards said, “Miss you, Love Dad.” I called to thank him for it, and it felt good to talk. The next time I traveled home, I went to see him, and it felt good to give him a hug. I felt like I had found a piece of my identity that I hadn’t known was missing. But I was still hesitant. I didn’t want to get hurt again, so I kept my distance.

One June evening that summer, the guy I had been dating for four years asked me to marry him. I said yes. It wasn’t long before my family and friends began asking me who was going to walk me down the aisle. During the time my dad and I drifted apart, my stepfather paid for my college education, he bought me a car and he supported me financially. I just couldn’t be fair, so I decided to walk myself down the aisle. I stuck with my decision and was sure...until the wedding plans actually started rolling. Suddenly I felt stupid giving myself away. I was letting hurt and bitterness prevent a God-given opportunity to build a bridge between dad and I. But how would my mom feel?

“Traci, your dad will always be your dad. Nothing is going to change that,” mom told me with tears streaming down her face. “For a little while there, he just went crazy and forgot he was a father. He never stopped loving you girls,” she assured me. Then she reminded me that it was an opportunity for me to grow closer to him. My shoulders felt a little lighter,

but I still had to ask dad. What if he didn’t want to give me away?

Sunday after church, my fiancé and I drove to dad’s so that I could ask him. “Dad, I have a question,” I said to get his attention away from the races on TV. He made eye contact with me, but I looked at my hands in my lap as I asked, “If you feel comfortable, dad, would you give me away? But only if you are comfortable.” I looked up for a response. His eyebrows narrowed, wrinkling his tan skin “Why wouldn’t I be comfortable giving you away?” he asked, puzzled. I shrugged my shoulders and said something about just making sure everyone was happy, but he interrupted me when I met his glance. The deep brown eyes that always reminded me of our Cherokee heritage looked at me in deep seriousness. “Of course I will give you away, Traci,” was his genuine answer. All I could think to say was “thank you.”

And that was that. Immediately, he stood next to me and said that I couldn’t wear heels or I would be taller than him. That was just his way to get close to me so that he could give me a hug. I read this quote out of the book God is in the Small Stuff by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz soon after, “Unconditional love comes only from our Heavenly Father.” I had to make a correction in the margin to say that perfect unconditional love comes from our Heavenly Father, but parents and their children demonstrate that unconditional love. A child is a part of a parent’s person, and a part of a child’s person is in each of his parents. I’m experiencing that bond, and it is building bridges and tearing down barriers so that this little girl can be with her daddy again.



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SPEAKUP

What is your dream job and why?



“I want to be a professional writer. That means research and hard work. It might also be fun to work at home in my p.j.’s.”
— T. Marcus Christian, Sr. Danville, N.H.



“I would be an actress with a smile like Julia Roberts, hair like Jennifer Aniston and a personality like Cameron Diaz.”
— Teresa Becker, Jr. Newton, N.J.



“My dream job would be a fashion designer to let people know that white shoes are not that cool.”
— Holly Causby, Sr. Morganton, N.C.



“I would be a vagabond journalist, who travels the world going where my whim takes me.”
— Benjamin W. Smith, Soph. Hampton, Va.



“Either a pro fisherman or a wildlife photographer. Either way, I get to be out in nature.”
— Michael Troxel, Soph. Lynchburg, Va.



“I would like to get paid to pick tulips in Holland.”
— Ariel Troxel, Fr. Lynchburg, Va.



“I would be a zoologist specializing in tigers and other big cats.”
— Anna Biddison, Jr. Baltimore, Md.

photos by Mike Troxel

Commentary



Conquering packrat addiction; spring cleaning

Hi, my name is Heather, and I'm a pack-rat. I didn't realize my addiction until recently, when I was going through some old computer files and noticed some Instant Messenger conversations I had saved from years earlier. Wanting to free up some space on my computer and in my life, I decided to clean out all the old things I had kept from past events and relationships. What did I find out? I hold onto everything. That brochure from my first trip to the zoo? Got it. Every note my best friend wrote to me in high school? Kept them. Old flowers and birthday cards? All safely stored away. With the knowledge of my packrat ways, I considered the fact that my graduation from college is fast approaching and a fresh start in the post-educational world would be advantageous.



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Therefore, I am purging my "to-be-scrapbooked" files. I know I'll never have the time to sit down and paste all these trinkets into a blank book, and most of the scraps of paper I kept have lost their luster with their age. My throw-it-out-rule read as follows: If I can't remember why I kept it, or I don't particularly want to remember why I kept it, it's alright to throw it out. Thirty-six deleted computer files and a chock-full grocery bag later, I finished my memory-cleansing exercise. A renewed feeling came as I tossed the bag into the dumpster behind my dorm. I thought about having a bonfire, such as the one Rachel, Phoebe and Monica started with all their old love letters. After a split-second

of considering this, I promptly remembered that their bonfire caught their apartment complex on fire. Flashes of charred dorm walls flew through my mind, and I imagined having to explain why I had burnt down the residence of nearly 200 girls. "...uh... I was... well... cleaning house." Firefighters and the administration would shake their heads in disappointment, not understanding the importance of conquering my packrat addiction. Therefore, a bonfire ala Friends might not have been a good idea. Still, I am starting to think this throw-it-out mentality might prove useful to me in other areas of my life. Old failures? Tossed them. Bad experiences that scarred my trust? Gone with the wind. Grudges and hurts from my past? Adios. It's refreshing to know that I can let go of these things. I can't promise that I will live every day of my life from now on never remembering anything bad or painful that happened. Remembering the sad times helps to provoke appreciation for the good times. Like my roommate says, "You can't know what a good day is without having some bad ones." But I do know that Heather-the-packrat, clutching her past with white knuckles, just took the initiative (with a little prompting) to toss out the old and welcome the new. I like the freedom that cleaning house brings. This could become addictive...

Dr. Freitag senioritis diagnosis; is there a cure ?

I can remember back to my senior year of high school. That was an awesome year for me and the thought of leaving high school was not a happy one. Now I find myself face to face with my senior year of college and I cannot wait to get out! I think I have caught the bug of senioritis! I have tried every remedy and drug (legal that is) I can think of. Nonetheless, all has failed. Here are my symptoms, any sound familiar?



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- 1) You can't remember the last meal you ate at Marriott.
 - 2) The freshmen keep getting smaller.
 - 3) If you go to the dollar theatre one more time you might just "have a spell."
 - 4) You have found that you have been placed in every section of the Vines Center for convocation.
 - 5) You keep checking your status sheet just to make sure!
 - 6) You start to think about what you are going to put on the top of your cap at graduation.
 - 7) You find yourself going to an average of two classes a week.
 - 8) That denim skirt or those khaki pants are close to being vintage.
 - 9) The sometimes wet weather makes you inquire about grad-school in California.
 - 10) You wonder how you are going to keep a steady job when you can't even wake up for your 10:50 class.
- I guess along with the 10 symptoms, I should try to come up with 10 remedies. They always say if you have a complaint

- try to come up with a solution; so here we go, 10 remedies for "senioritis"
- 1) Become involved with an intramural sport.
 - 2) Form a new accountability group.
 - 3) Take advantage of the Student Life activities.
 - 4) Visit some place in Lynchburg, or beyond, that you have never been to. For example, Monticello, the Natural Bridge, the new Children's Museum downtown, Roanoke, or any of the above.
 - 5) Ask someone out on a date, guys (there's an original thought!). Or, say, "yes" ladies!
 - 6) Buy a new outfit. This doesn't mean that you have to go all out, try Rugged Wearhouse or TJ Max.
 - 7) Start getting excited about future employment. Look up job possibilities on the Internet and start scheduling interviews.
 - 8) Try to get your picture taken with Dr. Falwell. This will always be a fun memory.
 - 9) Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish before you leave Liberty.
 - 10) Get an A in a class, wake up early, or write a professor a thank you note. Philippians 3:12, 14 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. . . I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Animal rights and the design of creation

Was creation made for man or man for creation? This question determines how mankind reacts to his environment. Evolutionary ideology, which has long inundated scientific fields of study, has molded many scientists' approach to the earth, so that a growing number of people have joined the ranks of those who cherish our environment as more than a gift from God.



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Connellsville, Pa. recently witnessed its own exhibit of environmental and animal rights activism, when a local high school planned to hold a "cow bingo," just like the one held on the Liberty University soccer field earlier this semester.

more humane and entertaining. While the entertainment value of watching a cow do his business on the school lawn may be questionable, I find the idea that it is inhumane appalling. In what respect is it inhumane?

It's not like cows normally wear clothes, and now we are profiting from their overexposure. Not to mention the fact that the animal rights activists' suggestion that such a thing is inhumane discloses an attempt to elevate animals to a position of personhood. They are suggesting that we treat cows with the same respect as we give humans. If it's a cow, why not treat it like a cow? I don't mean to suggest that we abuse any one of God's creatures, but I know we should not exalt them to a status of personhood.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the group, which most vehemently attacked the school fundraiser, said that it was against any event, which showcased animals as a kind of entertainment. PETA went further to say that beyond hurting the animals such activities incorrectly taught children that it is acceptable to use an animal for profit. First of all, how can they conclude that by standing on the gridiron before a crowd the cow has been harmed? I have glanced across many cow fields, but I

have yet to injure a cow by staring at him. Unless PETA means to suggest that the cow actually has some form of perceptive feelings, which might be hurt by dirty looks, I can't see the harm.

Secondly, in regard to children being sent the wrong message that animal abuse is acceptable, I find this highly unlikely. Of all people, children are the most sensitive to the well-being of animals. They cry for "Bambi", and occasionally refuse to eat breakfast after watching "Babe" the night before. If there were a misuse of animals, children would be the first to pick up on it. In fact, it would probably be permanently embedded into their active minds. PETA should have nothing to fear in allowing children to visit such activities, unless they perceive that there really may not be any valid abuse.

Animal rights activists have long attempted to implant human traits into mankind's perception of animals, and thereby convince the populace that they deserve equal treatment. The truth of the matter, however, is that God created animals for man. While it is man's responsibility to be good stewards of what God has given him, animals are not people, and they do not deserve the same privacy or privilege.

SGA elections promote coercion, not candidates

Every year at this time we are accosted by signs hanging in DeMoss proclaiming the names of candidates for SGA office. We are harassed in the "campaign hallway" by the candidates who are running for those offices.

And what do we get? Every year it's the same old story. We are given candy, coffee and even chicken nuggets. We are given stickers (or in some cases stickers are put on us, whether willingly or not), fliers and are generally proselytized. But after this week, will we see or hear from these candidates again?

Candidates spend this week seeing who can spend the most money to buy the students' votes. Zach Gautier's slogan is the "anti-campaign," meaning he doesn't want to attempt to buy the students' votes. Rather, he is using rhetoric to get votes and trying to persuade students that SGA is essentially "a game" the way it is and that he's going to change all that.



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Whether the candidates are spouting rhetoric or giving out food, it comes down to who can convince the most people that their way is the way to initiate change within SGA.

To most students, SGA is a joke. They feel it serves no actual purpose, that belonging to it serves only as a way to boost your resume and shows employers that you care about what goes on at your school and that you are a leader worth hiring.

That was my take on SGA and student senate when I first joined up three years ago. I didn't join my freshman year because I was on the debate team and we had team meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and the senate meetings were Thursday at 4:15 p.m. (well, that's when they are supposed to start, anyway). The varsity and junior varsity members of the team made fun of former President Alfred Thompson and the whole impeachment debacle and perpetuated these feelings of SGA's being able to accomplish nothing.

As I was no longer a debater my sophomore year, I decided to join student senate. I figured that, if nothing else, as I was then a government major, it would look good on my resume when I began searching for a job in politics.

That year, my friend Betsy and I, who I talked into joining second semester, made fun of then Executive Vice President Michael Kostiew and then Vice President of Student Services Garet Robinson. Kostiew, we decided, was merely a good-looking, well-spoken figurehead for Robinson and former Student Body President Chris Stewart. SGA and student senate accomplished little that year, yet I did it again the next year.

I took a more active role in SGA the next year. I ran for Senior Class Vice President and won (I was unopposed), and learned first hand that SGA actually did quite a bit. Of course, I wanted to work hard. Some of the others on the class officer's council

didn't work hard and, well, pretty much didn't work at all. But I saw what SGA was good for and that we could accomplish quite a bit by being willing to work with the administration and by taking small steps toward the ultimate goal.

As a class officer, I had access to then-Vice President Clark Jones, former President Roy Simmons and members of the administration. We met almost weekly with Vice President Mark Hine and were able to tell him what students thought about things. And if students had a largely negative reaction, something was done about it.

However, senate hadn't changed. Senate, under the leadership of Nathan Cooper and later Mark Murrell still did nothing. Murrell and his cronies hung to the fact that in the semester Murrell presided, 54 bills passed senate. None of those made it to President Borek's desk.

Some would tout that as a success, but I am inclined to disagree. If senate passed that many bills and none of them were signed, that's a clear sign that something is wrong.

It didn't change this year. Senate is what it always was. Executive Vice President Carl Tate ran on the promise of making senate into something the students respect. He also promised to recruit, canvassing each hall if necessary, three senators from every hall. COMS majors are purportedly not good at math, but I'm going to try some here.

There are 60-plus residence halls on campus. Sixty times three should be 180. Add commuter students into that and you have around 200 senators.

The question for Tate is, did you follow through on your campaign promise? Where are our 200-plus senators that were promised?

At last count, there were 26 senators. At the first of the year, there were around 80. What happened to the third of senate that disappeared? If they are like me, they simply gave up trying to make a change. They grew tired of the in-fighting and the inability to pass real legislation. They grew tired of powerless people pretending that they had real power.

SGA has the capability to accomplish a lot. Presidents Clark Jones and Simmons have proved this in the last two years. You simply must try. I know (or know of) all the candidates that are running for office. I have talked to them and I know what they are about. I refuse to use this forum to tell you to vote for one candidate or the other. I will, however, say this. Vote! Let your voice be heard. Vote for the candidates that will work with the administration to exact change. Don't just vote for who had the best food, candy, coffee—or line.

“ It comes down to who can convince the most people that their way is the way to initiate SGA ”

Letter to the Editor

Debate team happy to finally receive Champion coverage in Life! section

Dear Editor—

I was happy to see that an article about the debate team finally made it into the paper this semester. However, the fact that it was buried back on page six and in the Life! section was quite puzzling. When we have a team going to the National Debate Tournament, why is the front page story about a hallway in DeMoss Hall getting a drop ceiling? Somehow I think that one of our most consistently successful intercollegiate teams deserves more attention than the

remodeling of a hallway. I should hope that now that they have returned from the tournament that the Champion will give the team the recognition they deserve.

—Kristen MacNevin

Letter to the editor

Lady Flames basketball needs more support

To the Editor:

My wife and I just returned from watching the Lady Flames give the No. 3 seeded Gamecocks of USC all they could handle in the first round of the NCAA Women's tournament.

We discovered, by way of the NCAA program, almost one-third of the schools represented have an enrollment less than or equal to Liberty's. That should get us out of that "only big schools can make it to national significance," mentality. Did I mention that Duke has only a 6,000 stu-

dent enrollment?

Which leads me to the subject of mascots. Is there not one student among the on-campus 5,000 who has the talent, energy and creativity to do a credible job as a mascot? I realize we got spoiled with Paul, but come on, not one person? Somebody needs to step up to the plate to help generate fan enthusiasm. Speaking of which, the USC fans certainly had plenty. They did not just sit like bumps on a log. They cheered. They chanted. They supported their team. And by and large these were not students but

people from the community. Hmm. Wonder how we could get that at Liberty?

Lest we think we're the only ones to contend with poor officiating, take heart. We saw some amazingly poor calls in that game. By the way did you hear USC's coach say she would never schedule to play Liberty after the scare they gave her Gamecocks?

We may not realize it, but we have a women's team that is about to break onto the national scene. Watch out NCAA in 2003!

-Richard Mosure, class of '89



JOHN FISHER

GET DOWN!—Elon center fielder Jason Tuttle slides into third and avoids the tag by Liberty's Matt Hagen.

BASEBALL: Gets much needed win

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while York added, "I think when we look back on it that might be the turning point of our season."

Freshman lefthander, Dave Bechtold, pitched a scoreless 10th and 11th inning for the Flames. Right-handed sophomore, Jason Jones, pitched a scoreless 12th inning and in the bottom of the 12th the Flames scored the winning run.

York lead off the inning with a walk. Junior shortstop, Monahan, laid down a bunt that he beat out at first for an infield hit. Senior first baseman, Knouse, drew another walk and Baker, with the infield playing in, crushed a ball that the Phoenix shortstop, Brian Ingram could not handle, plating York and giving Liberty a 10-9 victory.

York, Knouse, Baker and Noble had two hits a piece for the Flames and Monahan and senior catcher, Shane Miller, each had three hits for the Flames. Jones picked up his sixth win of the season and improved his record to 6-1.

In the second game of the doubleheader, neither team would score in the first three innings. Elon pushed across the first runs of the game in the top of the fourth when they plated two runs, only one was earned. But that was all the scoring Elon could muster against Flames starting pitcher Jones.

The Flames exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Miller lead off the inning with a single and senior left fielder Marcus Maringola, followed with a single of his own.

Junior third baseman, Matt Hagen, popped up. Noble walked loading the bases with one out. Butler popped up for the second out. York then doubled to rightfield, driving in Miller and Maringola. Monahan followed with a double of his own scoring Noble and York. Knouse doubled home Monahan and Baker popped up to end the fifth.

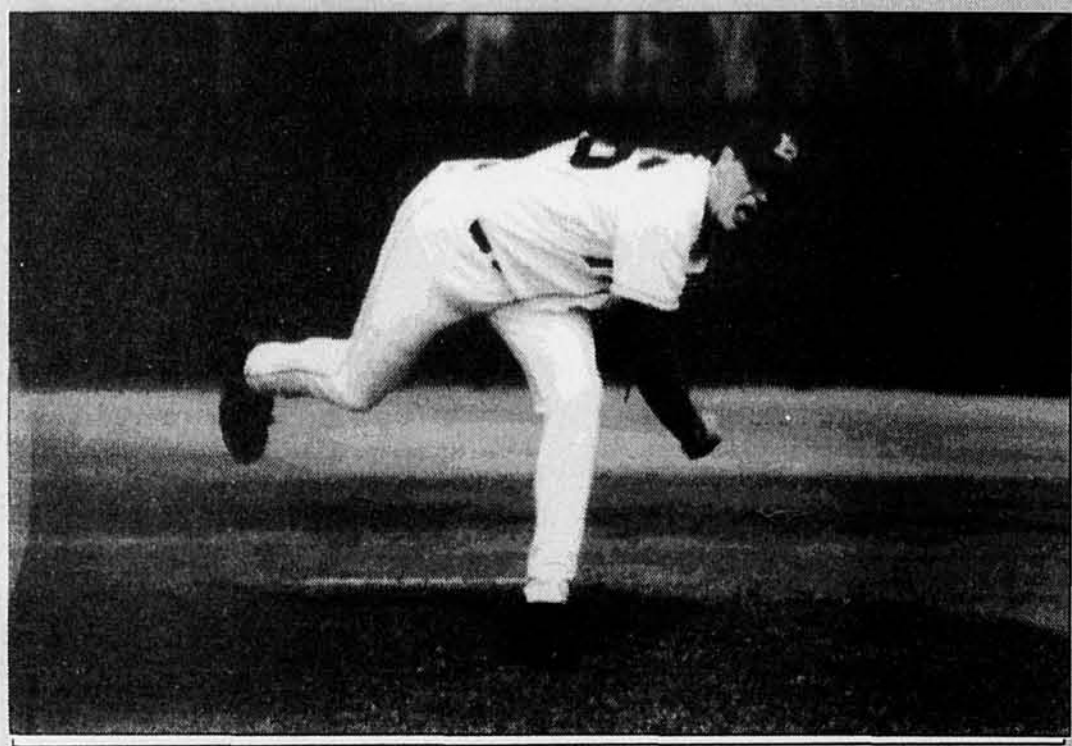
In the sixth, Maringola homered to left. Justin Weeks took the loss for the Phoenix.

Weeks (2-2) went the distance giving up six earned runs and a walk. York extended his hitting streak to 19 consecutive games.

Jones went the distance for the Flames in the second game giving up just one earned run on four hits and three walks while striking out five batters. Jones (7-1) said, "I just got lucky in the first game and had to earn it in second." Pastors said, "Jason's got it. He is aggressive. He is not intimidated and he challenges guys. It was just a matter of giving him the ball."

In sweeping Saturday's doubleheader the Flames record improves to 15-14-1. "We stuck together as a team and we are going to turn it around now," York said. In taking two out of three games from the Phoenix the Flames improved their conference record to 3-6. Said Pastors: "We had to do this. Hopefully we can turn this into a win streak and get into the upper half of the conference for tournament play."

Elon's record now stands 21-8 and 4-2. The Flames play four road games next week. One against William & Mary on April 10 and a three game series against Winthrop on April 12 and 13.



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THE ACE— Jason Jones pitched both ends of a last week's double-header against Elon and won both games.

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Maryland ends madness, wins NCAA crown

COMMENTARY

The good news for 323 NCAA Division I college basketball teams and their fans is that it is only seven months until Midnight Madness. The good news for Maryland fans is that seven months is a long way away.

College basketball was full of surprises this year, but then again isn't that what makes college basketball so good in the first place?

Of course to any fan there are your givens. Duke, Kentucky, Arizona, Kansas and a slew of others will be making noise in March. Then there are your "not-so-givens," like Southern Illinois and Ball State. No one would have likely picked Ball State to beat

UCLA and Kansas before anyone could have even said, "Did North Carolina actually lose to Davidson?" Or how about the nation's longest winning streak entering the tournament belonging to the Blue Devils, from Central Connecticut State?

I doubt anyone could have ever imagined a scenario for the NCAA tournament that had six teams from the Big East dancing, yet Georgetown and Syracuse would have to settle for watching it on CBS like the rest of us.

When all was said and done last week though, only one thing mattered. The Maryland Terrapins were the ones cutting down the nets and 323 other teams had to watch, and unfortunately for Indiana, they had front row seats

to the after party. Indiana earned the respect of a lot of people though by knocking off the No. 1 team in the nation and everyone's pick to repeat as champs, the Duke Blue Devils.

But it was Gary Williams' turn. He is the man who had coached for 20 years without a title and until last year, neither Williams nor Maryland had even reached the Final Four.

It's poetic justice I guess, that Duke, the perennial power, that many thought would cruise to the title—and unfortunately for Duke fans, so did

they—who would lose out to the other team from the ACC. A team that had played in Duke's shadow the last several years and could



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never quite seem to overcome their conference foe.

Besides, Maryland was the only team from this year's Final Four that made it last year as well. For once, they were the experienced ones, with senior leadership, an experienced, well-seasoned coaching staff and the athletic ability to hang

with Memphis Grizzlies. In the end everyone got what they deserved, right? Duke got three All-Americans, Kansas got

upset in the tournament, again. Gonzaga got its highest national ranking in school history, at No. 6, but lost in the first round of the tournament.

Pittsburgh, led by National Coach of the Year Ben Howland and Big East Co-Player of the Year Brandon Knight, put the Panthers on the basketball map. Texas Tech turned their program around, earning an NCAA tournament bid with Bobby Knight and Indiana won the Big Ten title without him.

Jerry Tarkanlan finally retired and the "Fab Five" finally got found out, we should have known there was no way that anyone could have assembled a team like that, legally, shame on us for believing it. Wait, oh yeah, the

latest word just in on the "Fab Five," Michigan who?

Maybe this year's recruiting class at Duke will make us believe that the Michigan class was just a taste of what is to come, but does it really surprise us that Coach K could pull off the best recruiting class, maybe ever?

When all is said and done and Maryland students are finished looting and pillaging College Park and Bob Huggins finally decides where he wants to coach and by the time we all forget what Salukis and Zags are, the craziness and unpredictability of this past season can be summed up with one statement. Matt Dougherty is no Dean Smith, obviously.

sportsupdate

Compiled by from various wire services

Olowokandi fined by Clippers

Los Angeles Clippers center Michael Olowokandi has been fined \$50,000 for what the Clippers call "behavior detrimental to the team." The fine came after he criticized teammates and the organization after last week's loss to Utah. "We didn't play together," Olowokandi said Wednesday. "I've said this before and I'll go on the record and say it again: Whenever you have a group of guys that are very uncertain of their future on the team, that will always happen," Olowokandi said.

Olowokandi, who attended Pacific University, was the No. 1 pick in the 1998 NBA draft. In 31 minutes a game this season Olowokandi has averaged 10.6 points and nine rebounds a game.

Islanders clinch playoff berth

For the first time since 1994 the New York Islanders are going to the playoffs. Saturday's win over the Washington Capitals not only broke the playoff drought, but snapped a 22-game winless streak against the Caps, going back to 1997.

In 1994 the Islanders entered the playoffs as a No. 8 seed, but were defeated in the first round by the New York Rangers, the eventual Stanley Cup Champions.

Did Michael Jordan make the right decision?

COMMENTARY

A year ago, Michael Jordan said he was "99.9 percent sure" that he wouldn't return to the NBA.

Now, he can say with 100 percent certainty that he won't return this season.

Sidelined with a knee injury that will force him to sit out for the remainder of the regular season, Jordan will conclude his second comeback with 22.9 points a game, over the course of 60 games: Although impressive, his stats lacked the typical panache that we saw from previous Jordan performances.

A decline in the numbers was expected: Jordan, at 39-years-old, was two years removed from the NBA and returned to play a more athletic league. But still, did he make the right move by coming back?

The quick answer would be yes. After all, the 2001-02 Washington Wizards are a vastly improved squad, already 16 wins (as of Sunday) better than

last year's team. Furthermore, Jordan's presence gave Washington a tremendous amount of exposure, as they played on nationally televised games and in front of sold-out arenas, both at home and on the road. And it can be argued that Jordan's

teammates are better as a direct result of playing with him. The Wizards' Richard Hamilton and Chris Whitney have seen their production increase this year, and rookies Brendan Haywood and Kwame Brown have no doubt benefited from Jordan's veteran leadership.

But still, it looks as if Jordan could not help the Wizards capture a playoff berth, meaning that another trip to the NBA draft lottery awaits them.

So how does Jordan affect the Wizards in the long run? Well, if MJ didn't return, Washington would probably have

been one of the three worst teams in the league this year, meaning they'd get a top pick in the lottery. Instead, they're looking at a No. 11 pick, a difference which is like night and day (to put it in comparison, the last three No. 3 picks were Pau

Gasol, Darius Miles and Baron Davis, whereas the last No. 11 were Kedrick Brown, Jerome Moiso and Trajan Langdon). So, Jordan denied his team a potential franchise player.

When Jordan was still the GM of the Wizards, he cleared his salary cap of three albatrosses, Juwan Howard, Mitch Richmond and Rod Strickland, all of which were good moves. But the reason MJ did it was in an attempt to gain enough cap room so that he could make a serious run at a top echelon free agent this summer (Vince

Carter topped his list, until he re-signed with Toronto).

But what message did he send to those free agents with his performance?

Basically, even if you are the world's greatest athlete, you're not going to take this team to the level of contendership. No matter how hard you try, this team will still lose.

This Wizards team could have gotten a player like Duke's Jason Williams in this year's draft, then picked up someone like Seattle's Rashard Lewis this offseason, and returned the franchise to respectability.

Instead, Jordan wanted to add one more accomplishment to his resume—single-handedly turning the worst team into a winning franchise—but failed at it. Because he wanted one last shot at that shiny brass ring, because he wanted to coddle his ego, his team suffered.

So MJ: Do yourself a favor. If you want the Wizards to win, retire. For good.



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LU leads Sasser Cup standings

Every year, the Sasser Cup is awarded to the Big South institution that has performed the best on the athletic field during the course of the academic school year. Last year, Coastal Carolina edged Liberty by half a point, ending LU's three-year run as champions. Entering into the spring sports season, Liberty has re-established itself at its rightful place at the top, amassing 61 of a total 72 points.

To calculate the Big South standings, eight points are awarded for a first place finish in each sport; seven points are awarded for a second place finish, etc. So far this year, Liberty has five first place finishes (women's soccer, basketball, volleyball and men and women's indoor track & field) two second place finishes (women's cross-country and men's soccer) one third place finish (men's cross country) and one eighth place (men's basketball) to account for the 61 points.

Winthrop is currently in second with 42.5 points, and they're followed closely behind by Radford (41.5) and Coastal Carolina (41). Despite Liberty's lead, there are still eight sports competing, meaning that there are still 64 points available for any school to accumulate.

Liberty gets highest rankings

While the Sasser Cup is awarded to the top Big South school, the Sears Director's Cup is given to the best school in the nation. Currently, the most recent Sears Cup standings list Liberty at 63rd in the country. Liberty looks to jump up the list as points are added to reflect the end of the winter season: the championship women's basketball team earned another 20 points for LU, giving it a total of 129.

By making it to the NCAA tournament, the women's soccer and volleyball teams earned 20 points each. Accounting for the rest of the points is the women's track team, which earned a 15th place overall finish.

York extends streak to 19

Larry Wayne York went 3-8 during Saturday's double-header against Elon to extend his consecutive game hitting streak to 19. During the streak, York has gone 34-79 to raise his batting average to a team-best .420.

If the 5-10 junior can continue his hot hitting, he could break Liberty's single-season record for batting average in Division I play, a record that is currently held by Cary McKay, who hit .419 in 1989. Additionally, York's .420 clip would be the fourth best average in LU history, as Sid Bream (who played when the Flames were not yet D-1 eligible) holds the top three spots.

Midway through his third year at Liberty, York has established himself as one of the top second basemen in the Big South and as one of the best Flames hitters of all-time. He currently has a career batting average of .374, which is the third best cumulative average in school history (behind Bream and Renard Brown, who also played before Liberty made the D-1 switch).

Schwind done for season

The leading hitter on the Lady Flames' softball team Lindsey Schwind will be out for the remainder of the season. Schwind, who hit third in the lineup and acted as the team's third pitcher, suffered the injury when she was hit in the hand against Birmingham-Southern back on March 26.

The broken hand will more than likely sideline the sophomore for the rest of the season. Schwind will end her 2002 year with a .392 batting average and a 4-3 pitching record with a 3.41 ERA.

Dunton attempts to regroup

The star recruit that men's basketball coach Randy Dunton has been trying to land this off-season has reportedly narrowed his options to two schools: Liberty and Marquette. Additionally, a second recruit has narrowed his choices down to two: Liberty or Princeton.

The basketball team is going to need to land as many recruits as possible, because some of the players on last year's team may not be returning. According to Dunton, both Torin Beeler and Travis Eisentrout are "evaluating their options", and several others are as well. Jason Sarchet was one of those players, but he later decided to return to LU. However, J.R. Nicholas, who sat out the 2000-01 season, has been temporarily removed from all basketball-related activity by Dunton.

Alder brings soccer team bright future

By Robbie Adams, reporter

"Each year we are trying to raise the bar." This is what Coach Jeff Alder expects from himself, his players and his staff. Each year the men's soccer team has continued to face stiff competition to improve on the field and share the gospel after the game.

This past year, Liberty faced No. 2 and No. 8 in the country losing both games 2-1. Both of these schools (Virginia and Maryland) have been able to recruit the "cream of the crop" for years. This year, LU is beating the ACC to the punch by out recruiting them and even sending more kids on to the professional leagues.

In the coming weeks the men's soccer team will release the players it has signed this year. Daryl Roberts from Trinidad will probably be one of them. He was highly touted by Duke and Wake Forest, but will probably choose to come to Liberty.

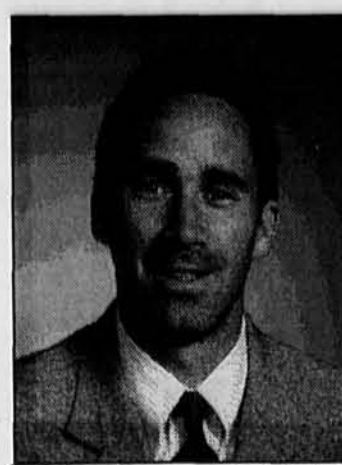
Alder attributes most of his recruiting success to having good relationships with the families of potential players. He also makes it clear to all recruits that they can receive an education and also have other players and coaches around who share in their beliefs. The final step, is prayer and trusting in God to lead the right players down the path to LU. He feels the only thing he can control is his work ethic to

inform these players on the opportunities at LU.

Two of the players from last year's team, Ben Strawbridge and Dean Short will be moving on to the next level this year. With these two guys moving on, "It gives our program credibility," Alder said. Alder can now tell these new recruits, "You can choose a different path in terms of coming to a Christian school at the Division 1 level. You will not have to compromise your moral beliefs or integrity to come to LU and while you are here you can receive a Bible-based education. After all this, you will still have a chance to play pro soccer."

Last year Jose Gomez and Derrick Alvarez both went pro. This year Ben Strawbridge has signed with the Richmond Kickers. According to coach Alder, "The Richmond Kickers are one of the top soccer organizations in all of pro soccer." Dean Short, one of the Flames greatest goalies, will probably be signing very shortly with the Rochester Rhinos. Said Alder: "The Rochester Rhinos may be the top team in all of pro soccer, even though MLS is on a higher level." Alder added: "These are two guys that truly represent Liberty."

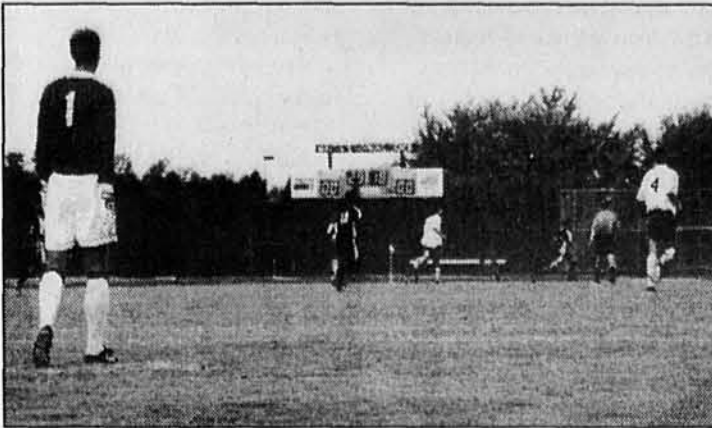
The Flames traveled this weekend to a college showcase in Rich-



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mond to try once again to beat the best. The Flames will play American that was in the final eight in the NCAA tournament last season. Navy will be there as well and it was in and out of the top 25 last year. Next weekend the Flames will play JMU, who was in the sweet sixteen in last year's tournament. So when the Flames say they are trying to raise the bar, playing nationally recognized teams won't hurt in pursuing this goal.

"Sincere, passionate and intense." These words are the best way Coach Alder of the men's soccer team describes all his players. This is the basis for one of the most consistent programs in LU history.



FILE PHOTO

GONE— Dean Short (1) and Ben Strawbridge (4) will play pro next year.

UNC: Stuns the Flames to remain undefeated vs. LU

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After surrendering a two-out double to Adam Greenberg, Horstman was replaced by first baseman Kelly Knouse, who

promptly walked shortstop Russ Adams to load the bases. Knouse then moved back to first base as he was replaced by freshman reliever Richard Long. Long beamed the first batter he faced,

Sean Farrell, to force in a run. But he would recover, striking out clean-up hitter Ryan Blake to keep the score at 5-4.

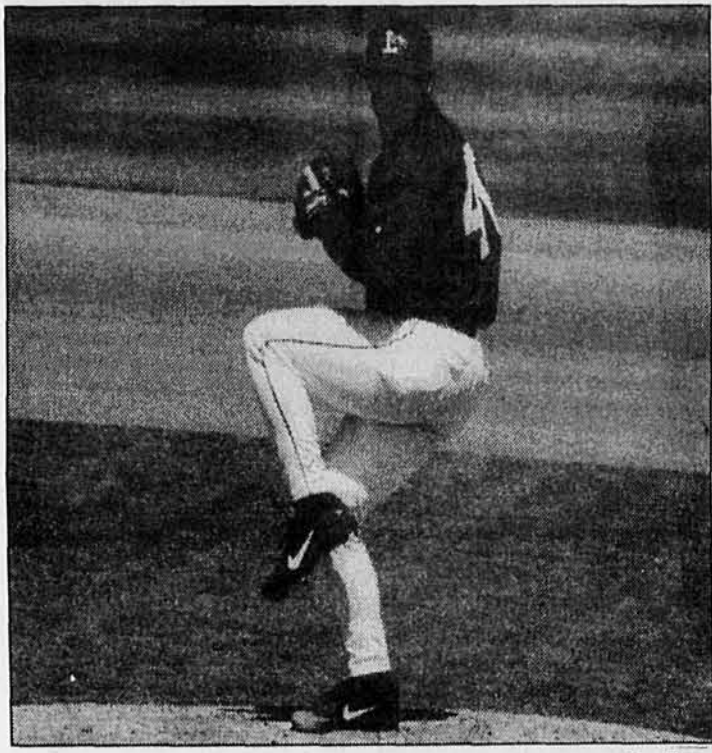
In the seventh, Knouse gave the Flames an insurance run with an RBI double to score Baker. In the eighth, Knouse was back on the mound—the sixth of seven pitching changes the Flames made in the game—but only faced three batters. He retired Mell Adams on a pop-up to the shortstop, but then hit Greenberg with a pitch. Russ Adams singled to right field to place runners on first and second when Knouse was sent back to play first base, as the Flames brought in junior Jonathan Schneider to pitch. Flames catcher Cloninger attempted to catch Greenberg on the front-end of a double steal, but instead threw the ball over the head of third basemen Matt Hagen, allowing Greenberg to score and Adams to move to third. Carolina's Farrell picked up an RBI by singling home Farrell to tie the game at 6-6.

Liberty thought they had the lead for good when they added two runs in the top half of the eleventh inning when Hagen,

who had struck out three times earlier in the game, hit a two-run double. But North Carolina had the final answer in the eleventh.

Schneider, beginning his third full inning of relief, allowed a double to Tar Heel third baseman Chris Maples. Schneider then hit Chris Iannetta; the two runners moved into scoring position after a sacrifice bunt by Chad Prosser. Maples would score on an infield single by Greg Magnum and Chase Younts, the pinch-runner for Iannetta, would tie the game by scoring on a wild pitch after Mell Adams walked to load the bases. With runners on second and third and only one out, Schneider intentionally walked Greenberg to load the bases to give Liberty the opportunity for a potential inning-ending double play. However, that would never come to fruition as Schneider walked Russ Adams on a 3-1 pitch to allow Greg Magnum to score the winning run.

The loss marked the eighth straight loss for the Flames and kept them winless against UNC. The Flames are 0-12 all-time against North Carolina, dating back to 1978.



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LIVE ARM— Steve Horstman was one of seven pitchers LU used vs. UNC.

Softball: Splits Winthrop

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Unfortunately that ended the scoring for the home team. Winthrop pitcher Kelli Johnson kept the Liberty hitters off balance all game, giving up just six hits and striking out 12 of the 27 batters she faced.

Pitcher Ali Thompson took the loss, dropping her record

to 5-7. She scattered eight hits over seven innings and allowed just one earned run.

This weekend's games were Liberty's first in the conference, and their record now stands at an even 1-1 in the Big South, 19-22 overall. The softball team will take the field again on Wednesday, Apr. 10 when it takes on Hampton at home at 2 p.m.



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WINDMILL— Ali Thompson went 7 innings, gave up three runs, but lost.

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Flames dominate LU invitational

By Dominic Sasso, reporter

In its first of three home events this spring, the Liberty track and field team dominated, winning 20 events on day two of the Liberty Invitational and Multi-Event.

The women's team led the day by taking 11 events. Tessa Sturgill won the long jump for the women, Keri Wallace won the women's hammer throw, DaNelle DeKerey tied for first in the women's pole vault and also placed first in the women's heptathlon. As a team, Liberty's

women also placed first in the 4X100m relays.

"We didn't have that much competition out here today. Our time was good which is a good thing, but we were mainly focusing on our handoffs, trying to perfect our 4X100 relay skills to prepare us for the Big South, which is coming up in a few weeks," Stephanie Walker said.

In addition to the long jump, Sturgill came in first in the 100m hurdles. "I felt very good about my races today. My first event was the hurdles, and I got

my best time in that. I really felt good about that. I was really focused, and I was trying to get my time down so that this year I can qualify for ECAC," Sturgill said. Sturgill proved to be the Lady Flames top finisher on the day, as she also won the high jump with a height of 1.21m.

In the javelin Kylee Helman took home the honors for the Flames.

Liberty's women also swept the 100m dash with Christina Henry finishing first with a time of 12.36 followed by Walker and Janelle Shiffer coming in second and third. "I had a good race, but I ran into a 2.7 head wind which means I ran two seconds slower than normal. The more races I can get in just helps all together. The more races you get in the more you get used to running your race," Christina Henry, a senior from Webster, Texas, said. Henry also took first in the 200m with a time of 25.88.

The men also fared well on the day winning nine events. Junior Guilfaly Christolin led the way on the track winning the 100m and 200m dashes with times of 10.71 and 22.40.

In the field the Flames were led by Tyler Biggins. Biggins picked up first place finishes in the shot put and discus with distances of 13.68m and 46.45m.

Chris Lyons finished first in the 1500m with a time of 4:05.22. Micah Brinkley captured first place in the 400m hurdles with a time of 57.11 and Adam Williams placed first in the pole vault with a height of 4.58m. Nick Anderson jumped a distance of 7.23m to capture first in the long jump, defeating teammates Kevin Octave and Lawrence Johnson, who took second and third in the event respectively. "Despite the weather conditions being real cold I'm pretty satisfied even though it was a low level completion I still wanted to give it a good effort," Anderson said.

James Fuertes finished first in the javelin, throwing 43.45m.

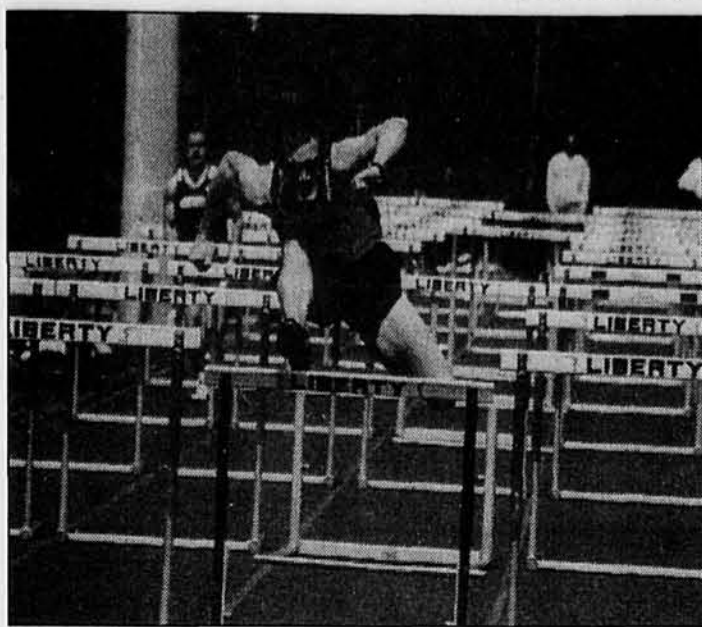
Also last weekend, Flames runner, Heather Sagan (Sr., Warrenton, Va.) captured first place at the Duke Invitational in the 1500m with a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 4:22.44. With the win Sagan continued her undefeated string for the year in the mile and 1500m.

The Flames will be back in action next Saturday, April 13, when they will compete at the Lynchburg College Invitational. Festivities are scheduled to kick off at 11:00 a.m.



JOHN FISHER

WHAT A JUMP— Kevin Octave finished second in the long jump.



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A LITTLE HIGHER— A Liberty hurdler makes his way down the stretch.



JOHN FAREL
SPORTS EDITOR

- AL East— New York Yankees
- AL Central— Clev. Indians
- AL West— Seattle Mariners
- Wildcard— Minnesota Twins
- NL East— New York Mets
- NL Central— St. L. Cardinals
- NL West— S.F. Giants
- Wildcard— Atlanta Braves
- W.S.— Yankees/Cardinals
- Champion— New York Yankees
- AL MVP— Derek Jeter
- AL Cy Young— Mike Mussina
- AL ROY— Nick Johnson
- AL HR— Juan Gonzalez
- NL MVP— Lance Berkman
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ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

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- NL HR— Barry Bonds
- All-star winner— National
- Comeback player— M. Vaughn
- Relais relief— T. Hoffman

Tennis notches key win

By John Farel, sports editor

What's been a rough season for LU's men's tennis team took a turn for the better Saturday afternoon as they upset Campbell University 4-3 at the Hershey-Espenshade tennis court.

Campbell, which defeated the Flames 6-1 last season, fell behind early as the Flames claimed two of three doubles matches. The No. 1 seeded match proved to be the most intriguing ending in a tiebreaker with LU's Ricardo Shinozaki and Luiz Rino picking up the victory 9-8 (7-3). On the season Shinozaki and Rino improved to 10-3 overall as a doubles tandem.

In singles play the Flames won four of the six matches including the No. 1 seeded match between the Flames' Bruno Coelho and Campbell's Andreas Mardbrink. Mardbrink's loss (3-6, 4-6) was his first in three years against the Flames. "For Bruno to beat him (Mardbrink) in two sets was a huge victory," Flames Coach Larry Hubbard said.

Making the victory even more remarkable is the fact the Coelho has been sidelined much of the season with back spasms.

Elsewhere in other singles action, Shinozaki defeated Sasa Ljumic 7-5, 6-3 at No. 2 and Joel Moylan and Kenan Bell picked up three set victories at No. 5 and 6, respectively.

Moylan won the first set 6-0 against his opponent Steve Hoeltschi. However, he lost the second set, 3-6, and at some point

during the third set, trailing love-30, Moylan pulled it together, ultimately winning the set, 6-4, and giving the Flames the match.

After the match Hubbard praised the team's resiliency, and team work, calling the victory the "most satisfying win of the season, because of what we had to battle through."

Because of injuries the season hasn't been quite what Hubbard expected. Going into the year the team had a goal of surpassing last season's total of three conference victories. However, while the victory over Campbell was impres-

sive, and the Flames sixth of the season, it was a non-conference win, leaving the Flames conference record at 2-4 with one match remaining. While that may be somewhat disheartening, the team is nonetheless playing its best tennis of the season having won three of its last four matches and is looking with optimism at its final three matches and upcoming conference tournament. "UNC-Asheville is a huge match for us. Not only does it allow us to equal our win total from last season, but it puts us in a winnable seed going into the tournament," Hubbard said.



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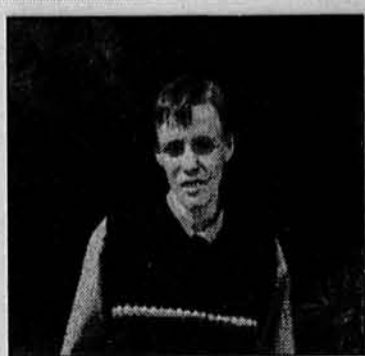
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 ▶ 4/13 vs. American, 1 p.m.

BASEBALL
 ▶ 4/10 at Wm. & Mary, 7 p.m.
 ▶ 4/12 at Winthrop, 7:30 p.m.
 ▶ 4/12 at Winthrop (DH), noon

TRACK
 ▶ 4/18-20, Big South Championship, Lynchburg, Va. 1 p.m.



John Farel

BASEBALL OPENS WITH A BANG

If you missed it, last season's start to the Major League Baseball season was unbelievable. Barry Bonds, need I say more? This guy is incredible. After 16 years in the majors he's still getting better. Forget the record-breaking 73 home runs he hit last season. This year he's already hit five in the first five games. If this continues there has to be some kind of investigation. Pitchers simply can't get him out. One baseball analyst pointed out that there is usually a zone you can pitch to in order to get guys out—but not with Bonds, or at least not at this time. He's hitting everything, which leaves pitchers with only one option, either walk him or hit him. So far, they've been doing both as Bonds has been on base a staggering 15 times in 21 plate appearances. Bonds' hot start has helped the Giants to a 5-0 record, but they aren't the only team starting strong.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that the Yankees are off to a good start. However, what is surprising is that they're doing it without any help from off-season acquisition Jason Giambi. What the Yanks are doing it with is pitching. Save for Roger Clemens poor start in the New Yorker's opener in which he gave up eight runs, Yankee's starters went on to shutdown the opposition over the next 28 innings, or four starts. Andy Pettitte, David Wells, Mike Mussina and Orlando Hernandez all have ERA's of 0.00.

Others are off to a good start as well. Like Bonds, Diamondbacks hurler Randy Johnson also appears ageless. The 38 year-old is off to a fantastic start, winning his first two decisions and allowing just one run in 16 innings while fanning 20.

And how about those Dodgers, who seem to have a knack for finding extraordinary international talent. In 1981 it was Fernando Valenzuela, in 1995 it was Hideo Nomo, this season could it be Kazuhisa Ishii? Ishii was nothing short of brilliant in his major league debut on Saturday. Twenty-eight year-old Ishii, formerly of the Yakult Swallows in Japan, struck out 10 in 5 and 2/3 innings while allowing just two hits.

But enough about baseball, the NBA season is winding down with less than two weeks remaining in the regular season. With that said the first question that comes to mind is, "will the Lakers be ready?" My answer to that is yes. However, just because they'll be ready doesn't mean they will repeat. While it is fairly certain that the champion will come from the western conference—since at least five of those teams have more wins than Detroit, who at this time is the second place team in the East—I don't think it will be LA.

They probably won't be a No. 1 seed, but that's not important. What is important is the health of Shaquille O'Neal. O'Neal has been plagued by toe and wrist injuries of late, one of which might be better by playoff time and the other most likely will not. Anyway even with Shaq healthy, I think Sacramento and Dallas are stronger teams and I expect one of them to come out of the West. As for the East, I'm going with the Celtics to upset the Nets and make it to the finals where they will probably be annihilated by whoever wins the West.

Hahn's homer lifts Lady Flames

By Kyle Adams, reporter

Lauren Hahn hit a game-winning home run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Lady Flames a 6-3 win in game two of Saturday's April 7th doubleheader with Winthrop at the Liberty Softball Field.

After falling behind 3-1 in the top of the fourth inning, Liberty tied the game with two runs in the sixth. Allison Terry led off the inning with a single, Hahn was hit by a pitch, then Amanda Goc doubled down the first base line to drive in Terry. Hahn scored on the next play when Tiffany Johnson laid down a suicide squeeze bunt.

Pitcher Jen Hurley kept the Eagles off the scoreboard for the rest of the game, setting the stage for Hahn's late-inning heroics.

Leading off the bottom of the seventh, Tiffany Carp smacked the first

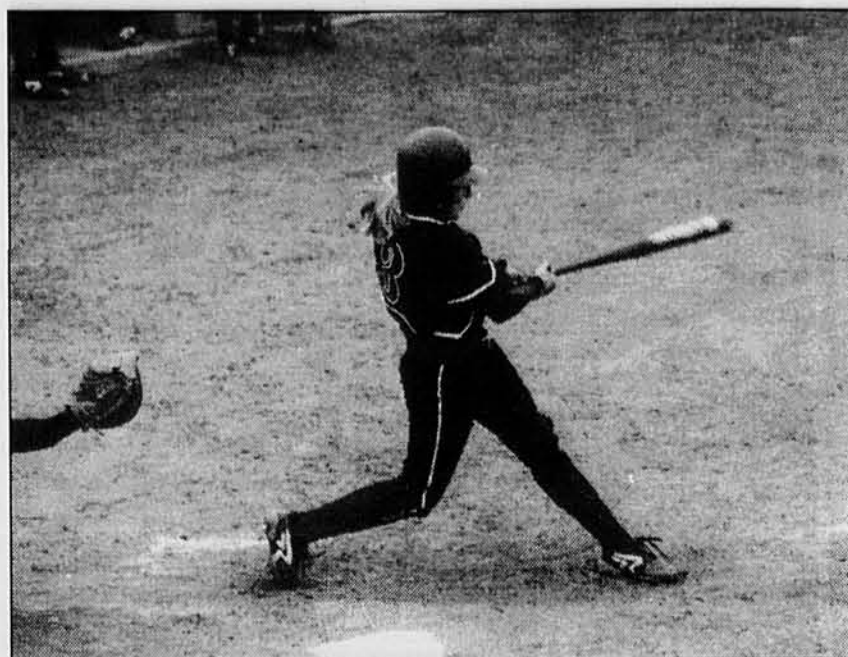
pitch into centerfield for a single.

After a strikeout, Ashley Pound moved Carp over to second with a sacrifice bunt. Winthrop pitcher Kelli Johnson then intentionally walked Terry to get to Hahn. The strategy backfired when Hahn drove a 2-2 pitch over the wall in left centerfield for her sixth home run of the year.

Hurley pitched a complete game for Liberty, striking out five and only allowing four Winthrop baserunners all game. The win moves her record to 10-12 on the season. Goc, Terry, and Carp each collected two hits to lead the Lady Flames offense.

Winthrop took the first game of the day, 3-1, when two unearned runs turned out to be the difference in the score.

The Lady Flames took the lead in the bottom of the fourth on Terry's second home run of the season.



JOHN FISHER

Please see SOFTBALL, page 12 LONG DRIVE—Amanda Maska swings for the fences against Winthrop last Saturday.

Flames take two from Phoenix

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

Just when it seemed the Flames' baseball season was about to reach the point at which it would be impossible to turn things around, the Flames got just what they needed to stay competitive in the Big South Conference. And what the Flames so desperately needed was a couple of strong pitching performances.

Coming into this week-end's three-game series against conference opponent, Elon, the Flames were in the midst of a nine-game losing streak. The losing streak began on the road on March 23 when Charleston Southern swept a doubleheader from the Flames and included losses at VCU, Wake Forest, North Carolina and a three game series sweep by Coastal Carolina in Lynchburg.

Unfortunately for the Flames in Friday's (April 5) game, Elon's Whit Bryant had a terrific day on the mound and at the plate as he led The Phoenix to a 11-7 victory. Bryant, a senior left-handed pitcher, earned the win going seven innings and allowing just one earned run. At the plate, Bryant (6-0) went three-for-four with four RBIs, scored three runs and finished the day just a single short of hitting for the cycle.

The Flames' starting pitcher, Nat Osborne, took the loss and his

record dropped to 0-2 on the season. Second baseman, Larry Wayne York, had three hits and right fielder, Steve Baker, had four RBIs for the Flames. The Flames committed seven errors which led to five unearned runs.

"During that span of time we were finding all kinds of ways to lose. Some days it was pitching, some days it was hitting and some days it was

defense," Liberty head coach Dave Pastors said.

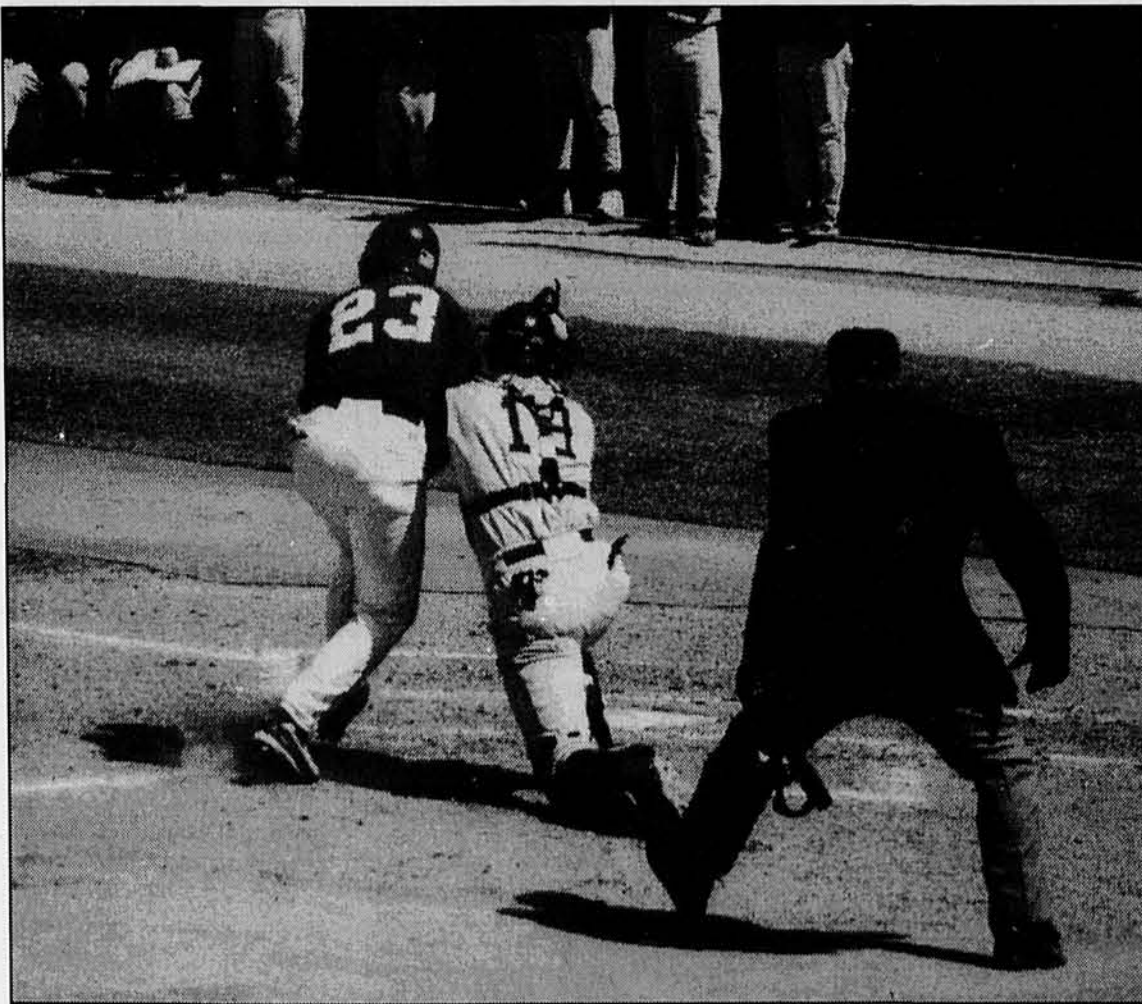
In Saturday's doubleheader, things looked bad for the Flames right from the start. Freshman left-hander, Scott Morgenthaler, got his first start for the Flames and didn't make it out of the first inning. Morgenthaler retired just two of the seven batters he faced surrendering four earned runs on four hits, a walk and hit a batsman. Enter Steve Horstman.

Horstman, a senior righthander, came into the game for the Flames and went six and two-thirds innings allowing just one earned run and most importantly a chance for Liberty's potent offense to get the Flames back in the game.

"He [Horstman] did a great job of giving us a chance," Pastors said. The Flames were trailing the Phoenix 5-0 entering the bottom of the fourth inning when they responded with a run in each of the next three innings and four runs in the seventh to take a 7-6 lead.

Elon rallied in the top of the ninth for three runs off of Flames' junior reliever, Jonathan Scheider, to take a 9-7 lead. However, the Flames' rallied in the bottom of the ninth. With two outs designated hitter, Israel Noble, singled. Center fielder, Keith Butler reached on an error and York doubled to right scoring Noble and Butler to even the score at nine.

"We thought the game was getting away from us in the ninth inning but Larry came up with a big hit for us," Pastors said.



JOHN FISHER

OUT AT THE PLATE— Kelly Knouse (23) barrels into Elon's Wes Miller (19) during the first game of a double-header.

Please see BASEBALL, page 10

Tar Heels rally late to thwart LU in 11

By Wes Rickards, assistant sports editor

So close, yet so far.

Up against the 21st ranked North Carolina 8-6 going into the bottom of the 11th inning, the Flames baseball

team looked as if they were ready to claim its first victory in 12 tries against the Tar Heels. But it was not to be as UNC scored three times in the bottom of the frame to complete the come-from-behind victory and stun

the Flames last Tuesday (April 2) at Boshamer Stadium in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Flames had never trailed until the very end, as they led on four separate occasions. But the Tar Heels had an answer every time as the Flames were unable to put the game away for good.

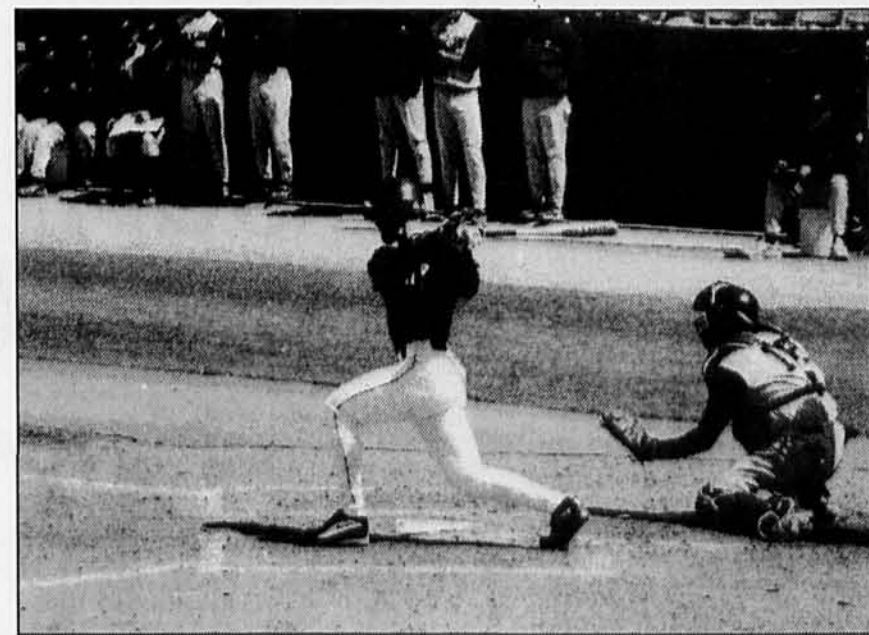
Liberty began the game by scoring a run in the top of the first inning, which was a welcome change considering that the Flames' opponents had jumped out to early insurmountable leads in their previous five contests. Larry Wayne York singled to left field with one out in the inning, then later scored on a wild pitch by UNC's freshman hurler, Carter Harrell. The Flames had two runners in scoring position, but Harrell pitched out of the jam by getting Liberty's Matt Hagen to strike out looking.

The Flames would tack on more runs in the third inning when Steve Baker launched a two-run homer over the left centerfield wall to increase their lead to 3-0. But North Carolina

responded when former freshman all-American Adam Greenberg picked up two RBIs with a single up the middle. Carolina would tie the score at three in the bottom of the fourth when shortstop Jeff Haines—who was playing in place of the injured Joey Monahan—bobbled a potential inning-ending play to allow the tying run to come across the plate.

In the top half of the sixth inning, Liberty would capitalize on several Tar Heel miscues. The Flames loaded the bases, thanks to a catcher's interference call and an error on the third baseman with Erich Cloninger up. Cloninger attempted a bunt that was mishandled by the pitcher Kevin Brower, allowing Kelly Knouse to score from third. Keith Butler gave the Flames a two-run lead with an RBI single through the right side.

But North Carolina would answer again as senior pitcher Steve Horstman walked UNC's designated hitter, Ron Braun.



JOHN FISHER

GOING, GOING, GONE— Steve Baker blasted a two-run homer against UNC last Tuesday.

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