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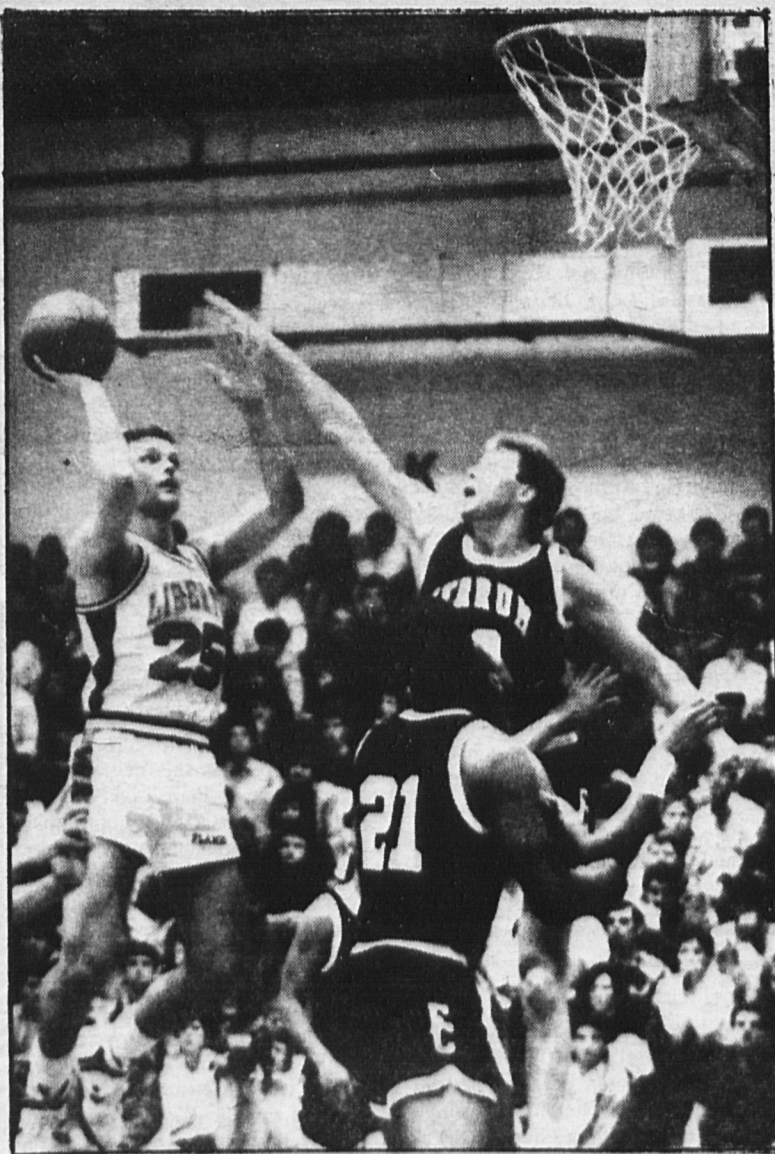
...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.—II Cor. 3:17

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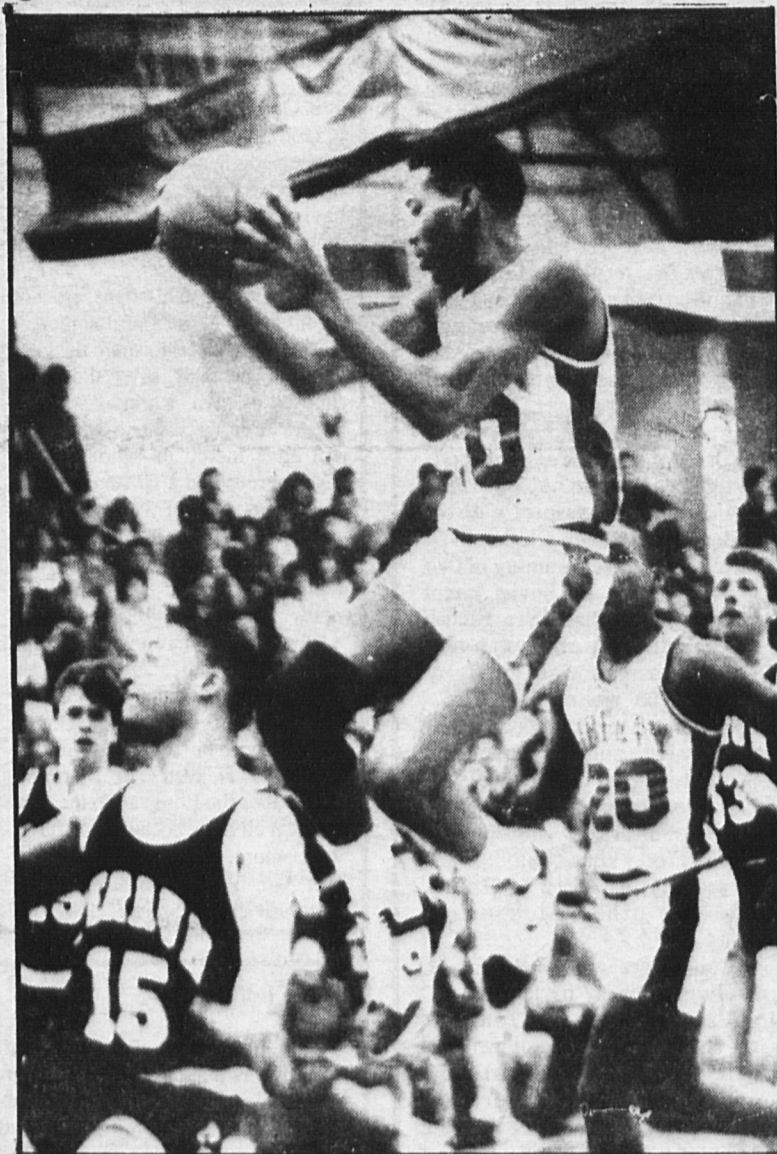
Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

Wednesday, March 2, 1988

Alston, Hamersley make All M-DAC team



TWO YEARS RUNNING—LU senior Brad Hamersley was voted second team All M-DAC for the second year in a row.—Photo by Tim Lyons.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR—Liberty sophomore guard Bailey Alston was honored by the M-DAC for his performance in 1987-88.—Photo by Tim Lyons.

By Bruce A. Stanton

LU sophomore guard Bailey Alston is the 1987-88 Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Alston, already one of the most prolific scorers in Flames history, averaged 26.4 points through 27 games to win the conference scoring title.

"Obviously we're very pleased with Bailey," Coach Jeff Meyer said. "His performance throughout the season has certainly been instrumental in any success that we have enjoyed as a team this year."

This season, Alston set personal game highs of 46 points (vs. Ferrum), 10 rebounds (vs. Virginia Union and Wilmington), eight assists (vs. Ferrum), six steals (vs. Davis and Elkins) and three blocked shots (vs. Longwood).

Alston also holds the sophomore scoring record (714), the single game scoring record (46), the record for consecutive 30 point games with six and ranks third for single season scoring.

Joining Alston on the First Team are Longwood's Daryl Rutley, Mount St. Mary's Mike Tate, Pitt-Johnstown's Tyrone Doleman and Randolph-Macon's Brad Meyers.

The second team consists of LU's Brad Hamersley, Mount St. Mary's John Moore and Mike Grimes and Randolph-Macon's Todd Bowden and Charles Boyd.

Hamersley is on the second team for the second year in a row.

He finishes his career with 793 points, ranking him twelfth on the all-time Flames scoring list.

Hamersley also pulled down 468 rebounds to rank eighth for his career.

The senior from Dana, Ind., had career highs of 23 points (vs. Pitt-Johnstown and Davis & Elkins), 12 rebounds (vs. Mount St. Mary's), seven assists (vs. King's College and Mt. St. Mary's, N.Y.), four steals (vs. Rockford and Assumption) and five blocked shots (vs. Bluefield).

Liberty faces Mountaineers in semifinal

Liberty University will play host to the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Tournament this Friday and Saturday.

LU, 4-4 in the M-DAC, will play conference co-champion Mount St. Mary's (6-2) at 9 p.m. on Friday in the second semifinal game. Co-champion Longwood

College (6-2) will play the winner of Tuesday's first round matchup between Randolph-Macon (3-5) and Pitt-Johnstown (1-7) at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The championship game will be played on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$3 for general

admission and \$2 for students.

Liberty has split its games with the Mount this season, winning at LU Gym 87-78 and losing to the Mountaineers 77-80 at Emmitsburg.

"They (Mount St. Mary's) have played as well as anybody in the league for the past month," LU

Coach Jeff Meyer said.

"Certainly we have our work cut out for us Friday night. They have an excellent blend of players.

"But the post-season is called the second season. Every team is playing in a sudden-death situation."

Editorial

News Briefs:

By Steve Sitzai
From UPI Newswire

Gary Hart says he will stay in the Democratic presidential race—at least temporarily—to influence the candidates' debate. Hart has little voter support. He concedes he has virtually no chance of winning the nomination.

The Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think-tank, says private management of prisons is a bad idea. It says privatizing prisons will not save tax money and takes control of prisons out of the government's hands.

Massachusetts is hunting for an exterminator able to battle a swarm of rats expected to be made homeless by a highway construction project in Boston. Officials say hundreds of thousands of rats live in the path of a seven-mile tunnel.

Police in Miami say a 90-year-old man beat his 76-year-old bride to death with a hammer. They had been married less than a week. Police say the husband attacked his wife during a quarrel over honeymoon plans.

A report indicates the latest disgraced evangelist, Jimmy Swaggart, tried to make a deal with the disgraced minister who exposed him. A New Orleans newspaper (*The Times-Picayune*) says Swaggart offered to help Marvin Gorman return to their mutual church.

Pat Robertson says he believes God has forgiven evangelist Jimmy Swaggart for his confessed sin. Robertson is a former television evangelist now running for the Republican presidential nomination.

Lawyers say people have filed more than 100 claims against the federal government for illnesses caused by radioactive iodine leaking from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state. Cancer of the thyroid is one of the illnesses.

About 150 hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan and Klan protesters clashed Saturday on the steps of city hall in Dallas. Police arrested at least one person. The Klan members were escorted from the area.

Two more people have been killed by gangs in Los Angeles County. In South Los Angeles, nearly 100 suspected gang members were arrested in a police crackdown. Rain halted a second night of the use of a large police force.

Jordan and Syria have turned

down Secretary of State George Shultz's Middle East peace plan. The Arab nations want an international conference to include the Soviet Union and the PLO.

Protesters marched on the U.S. embassy in Manila Saturday to protest U.S. air bases. Demonstrations also were held in other Philippine cities. A spokesman says the protesters want all foreign bases and troops removed.

Ten million dollars worth of cocaine was found Saturday aboard a former navy boat which was towed from Haiti to Miami. The boat had been given to the Haitian government. It is not clear who currently owns the vessel.

President Reagan says he will not quit working when he leaves the White House next January. In his weekly radio address, Reagan said he and his wife, Nancy, will continue to try to create a drug-free nation. Reagan says they have already made some progress. Reagan noted 2,000 people will be in Washington tomorrow for the White House conference on a drug-free America.

U.S. analysts suspect a direct order from Moscow was involved in the deliberate ramming of two U.S. warships by Soviet naval vessels in the Black Sea earlier this month. The analysts say the move was designed by Moscow to scare off U.S. ships from moving too close to Soviet shores to check Soviet naval activities. The analysts also note that both countries engage in so-called "chicken" maneuvers in efforts to learn how the other side operates.

Consumers are getting their confidence back, and fears of an imminent recession due to the October stock market crash have been dispelled, according to a University of Michigan survey released today in Ann Arbor.

Vice-president Bush had harsh words for Robert Dole. Bush accused Dole of cheapening the contest for the Republican nomination by suggesting Bush should have known Panama's strongman was involved in drug trafficking.

New York police believe Thomas Godbolt, reputed head of a drug ring, ordered the killing of a police officer from his jail cell. The officer was killed Friday outside the home of a witness he was protecting.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Patriotism is virtually dead at Liberty University. Our flag means nothing to most students. If you don't believe me, just go to a Flames basketball game.

During the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, few fans respond with proper respect. They should stand at attention, face the flag, put their right hands over their hearts and sing the words.

Instead, most students talk to their neighbor, look around, throw

toilet paper or simply fidget. Few know the words. The lack of respect for Old Glory is disgraceful.

As a veteran, I am ashamed by this lack of patriotic respect for our flag. I spent eight years on active duty in the Army between high school and LU, and I am presently in the Army Reserve.

I never spent a minute in combat, thankfully, but thousands of military personnel have died through the years in defense of our country, our freedom and our flag. Military members are still killed every year

by terrorists.

Hearing the National Anthem still sends goosebumps up and down my spine. I hope it always will. As a soldier, I am prepared if necessary to die for my country and my flag. I think the rest of you could at least show proper respect. God bless America!

Tim Pinkham

Dear Editor

Is God impressed with numbers? Is God going to reward Christians at the judgment seat of Christ on the basis of how many "souls we have won?" Here are some thoughts from Scripture on evangelism.

First, we as Christians are not commanded to be "soulwinners." God commands us to share the gospel and he will save those he chooses to save. Romans 9:15-16 states, "For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So, then, it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God who showeth mercy." God does the saving or "soulwinning," if you will. In John 6:44, Jesus said, "No man can come to Me, except the Father, who hath sent me, draw him..."

What will be the basis of our reward in Heaven? In Matthew 25:21, does the Lord say to the servant, "Well done because you have 'won more souls than anyone else,'" or "Well done because you have built a large church?" No. The

Lord says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." I Corinthians states, "Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." If I am faithful in my relationship to God, and doing what I know is right, God will bless and use me as he sees fit. Dr. Francis Schaeffer said, "God has not called us to be successful, but to be faithful."

Let's look at some examples of Bible characters. Noah warned the people of God's coming judgment as he built the ark for 100 years. Yet, he took only his family with him on the ark. Jeremiah prophesied to the people of Judah for 40 years, but saw possibly only one convert, his scribe Baruch. Were these men unsuccessful? Possibly, from the modern "numbers philosophy" perspective. But they were faithful to God, and that is what counts. People like this will probably receive more rewards because they were faithful in spite of the fact that they saw few converts. On the other hand, Jonah spoke but once to the people of Ninevah, and the whole city repented. What was the difference? As was stated, God chooses to bless as he sees fit. It is God who "gives the increase."

(I Cor. 3:5-9)

How should we view evangelism then? Certainly, we need to do all we can to see people saved through prayer, speaking to people and being an example with our lives. However, it is ultimately God who saves people and God who blesses our faithfulness. John 15:5 states "I (Christ) am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me, ye can do nothing."

Anton Matzal

Dear Editor

I was greatly interested in your "Pro and Con" column on Kemp vs. Robertson in last week's *Champion*. As this debate wages on, I believe there is on question the "Religious Right" should answer in picking a candidate to support.

Who has been in Washington DC trying to push forward the agenda of the conservative movement and the Reagan Revolution?

Any American can burst on the political scene with ideas and pronouncements on what he or she would do as President, but unless there is a platform to put ideas into action, your ideas are meaningless.

As I have followed Jack Kemp the past 7 1/2 years, I knew one day this opportunity for Jack Kemp to become President of The United States would come to pass. As the process is now under way to select the Democrat and Republican nominees, I have one question for Christians and active conservatives in America. Why are you unwilling to stand up and fight for the man who has fought for you the past 18 years?

Sincerely,

Curt Olson

Dear Editor

After four years of college, I can finally say that the *Liberty Champion* has reached a level of professionalism. I am more than pleased with everything the *Champion* has accomplished throughout this controversial year.

You have kept us informed on many major developments in the world as well as events that pertain to the students on campus. You have tried your hardest and have succeeded in giving the students at Liberty a hard, honest look at campus problems and ordeals with administrative decisions.

You kept us informed in depth during the Craddock-Terry takeover and have done a superb job in presenting facts that help the interested student.

As a politically minded person,

I also appreciate your new "political issues" page. You have done an excellent job of informing the uninformed on political issues, candidates and concerns which have direct outcomes in our lives as citizens and as people.

Thank you for performing as true "Young Champions." Because of your professionalism, I can proudly show students from other universities the *Liberty Champion* and say, "this is what people at Liberty can do." Thank you for four years of news and information. I wish you all the success in the future.

Gratefully,

Mark Brungard
Chairman,
College Republicans

News

Falwell loses to Flynt Whitt reviews SGA promises

By Robin Brooks

Satire, even the pornographic variety, is protected under the First Amendment.

So ruled the United States Supreme Court last week when the justices handed down a unanimous 8-0 decision in the Falwell vs. Flynt libel case.

The case centered around a 1983 ad parody that appeared in Flynt's *Hustler* magazine. The liquor ad portrayed Falwell as an incestuous drunk. Falwell sued Flynt for \$45 million in damages on the basis of libel and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

A federal jury dismissed the libel charges, but ruled that Falwell in fact had suffered emotional distress and awarded him \$200,000 in damages. A U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the ruling, and Flynt appealed to the nation's highest court, which agreed to hear the case last year.

The eight justices overturned the lower court's verdict with Chief Justice William Rehnquist writing that the court needs "to protect the free flow of ideas on matters of public concern."

Talented students perform in annual talent show

By Steve Sitzai

DELVIS--the man, the mystique, the legend! Students will catch a glimpse of him at Search '88 on March 5, 1988 in the Multi-Purpose Center. Youthquest Club, its sponsor, is promising that Search '88 will be "a hot show," Dean Francis, club president, said.

Basically a talent show for Liberty students, the event will "give students an opportunity to use the talent God has given them."

Prof. Del Rey Loven and Kelly Wick will host the show.

Twelve to 15 students have been chosen to perform.

Among the acts: Mike Allen will do a comedy routine, Brian Webb will perform on the piano, and Gary Bartlett will do a magic act. Also scheduled is a band, a rap number, a vocalist performing an original song, along with many other performances

by students who want to show their fellow students what they can do.

All prospective performers in the show had to first audition before a selection committee consisting of Dean Francis, Bev Buffington, coordinator of student activities, and Mark Cobbett, assistant show coordinator.

The committee based its decision on talent and what they felt added more variety to the show. This year, 30 people or groups tried out for 12 to 15 places in the show.

"Stage Sound", a company in Roanoke, rented concert sound equip-

The high court's newest justice, Anthony Kennedy, did not vote because he was not on the bench when the case was argued.

Washington libel attorney David Branson was interviewed last week on Newscenter 13 concerning the deci-

sion. Branson stated that he felt it was a surprising decision. However, he added that during the last 15 years virtually all First Amendment cases have been ruled for the press.

Branson further noted that while this ruling allows for caricatures and parodies, no matter how outrageous, it does not allow untruths.

As far as the court is concerned, bad taste is a small price to pay for free press/speech. Satirizing is acceptable, no matter how hurtful.

As far as Larry Flynt is concerned, nothing and no one is sacred anymore. He said he felt the First Amendment gave him the right to be offensive, and last week the Supreme Court unanimously agreed with him.

ment to the university for the event. Also, Youthquest hopes to have a 10' x 10' screen on stage for one of Delvis' videos, Francis said.

The show will be videotaped by WLBU for showing at a later date.

By Jennifer Ferrell

Liberty's 1987-88 SGA cabinet under the leadership of President Jim Whitt and Vice President Darin Waters has kept 70 percent of its March 1987 campaign promises.

Whitt received 44 percent and Waters received 50 percent of the student body vote in that election.

Whitt says, "I gave my promised 100 percent. I work 25 to 40 hours a week for SGA plus an additional 25 hours a week at Eckerd Drugs." Darin Waters puts in 50 hours a week with SGA.

Whitt promised Liberty a more active voice in issues in the community and at the national level.

Nationally, SGA along with the College Republicans and Liberty Federation helped sponsor Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court by sending a petition to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and by sending bus loads of students to picket in Washington, D.C.

Locally, SGA held a record-breaking Thanksgiving food drive when LU students gave 1.25 tons of food to Lynchburg's food drive.

Whitt proposed in his campaign speech to nominate a student committee to represent the student body in community and administrative matters.

Whitt now says there was no need for the committee because of the spiritual maturity of the student body, especially the freshman class. His committee was to rid students of the hassle they were receiving from local business establishments about cashing out of state checks during the 1986-87 school year.

He says, "The students are showing good support of the athletic teams, and the chapels have improved. We're trying to discourage toilet paper throwing at ball games by pushing the fanatic towels."

The dry cleaning system has improved, and Whitt's push for microwaves in the dorm was a success.

The promised new refrigerators never arrived. Why? SGA rented more used refrigerators to make up the money it lost on them in previous years.

Waters proposed that better relations should exist between the students and the business office.

Whitt says, "The relationship has improved some." There is a weekly meeting between the SGA officers and Dean Baker.

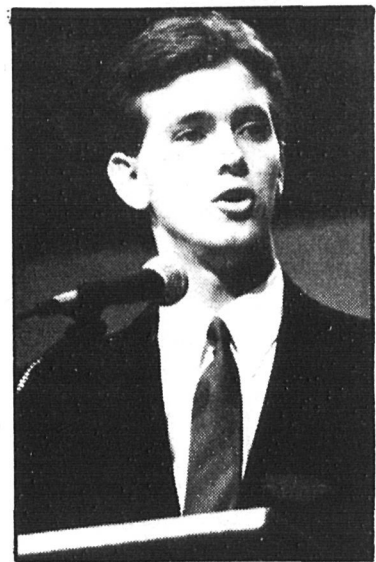
Waters promised to alleviate the number one student complaint--parking.

The administration has passed a proposal for the 1988-89 school year that will drop the car registration fee to \$25 per semester instead of the present \$50 per semester. The school has also considered limiting the number of cars freshmen can bring to school.

Whitt said that Terri Martin, the activities director, did an excellent job of making the activities more interesting. He says, "There's only so much you can do with LU's facilities."

Whitt said in his first presidential speech, "I think it's going to be a great year between the two of us (Whitt and Waters)."

Whitt agreed Wednesday with his former statement that he and Waters had a good year running student government.



SGA president Jim Whitt

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Baseball Preview Section

'Take me
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Coach Bobby Richardson

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Baseball Special

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PEPPER!- Players take a few ground balls at Worthington Field during final preparations for the season last week. Left to right: Rodney Carter, David Clarke, John McClintock, Tony Beasley and Mike Rivas. The Flames are hoping to improve from last year's 12-26 record.-Photo by Bruce A. Stanton

Richardson is excited about '88 Flames

By Frank Banfill

The LU baseball team is excited about the new season, says Coach Bobby Richardson.

"We will be a lot better than we were last year. I feel we'll have a winning percentage."

LU was 12-26 overall for the 1987 season.

"Last year, we were hurting pitching wise. This year I feel we have a chance in any game we play," Richardson says.

He's enthusiastic because of the addition of eight pitchers to the staff, including LU quarterback Paul Johnson.

"I feel he has a good chance of moving into our pitching rotation," Richardson says of Johnson.

His pitchers will certainly have their work cut out as they face a tough schedule.

He says his Division I ball club will get its greatest challenges from Clemson, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Virginia Tech and Old Dominion.

Richardson, in his second year at LU, has just completed his first recruiting year for the Flames.

Now his greatest challenge is in developing this team.

"We've brought some pitchers in. We have both junior

college pitchers and high school pitchers.

"We've also added power and speed to our ball club," he says.

He is satisfied with his recruits and feels they will greatly add to LU's program.

Tony Beasley and Phil Kulp are two recruits he has high aspirations for.

He is also looking to senior Rodney Carter and sophomore John McClintock to provide a high batting average.

"He (Carter) has a little injury right now. If he can get around that, I think he'll do well for us. And I think McClintock will be right at the top as far as batting average."

Last year, the Flames were hurting for power, this year Richardson feels he has five guys who can hit the ball out of the park.

However, he feels the primary trait of the 1988 Flames will be speed.

"I think we'll be hit-and-running a lot and stealing a lot of bases," he says.

Last year, the Flames hit only six home runs, while giving up 43 to the opposition.

"I think the power will just come. I think by the end of this year we will have more home runs and really be known as a power team."

He looks for Beasley to be his primary base stealer and John McClintock, Mike Rivas and Chris Robbins to provide speed for the Flames.

While most of the preparations have been for this year's team, Richardson is already looking forward to one of next year's trips when LU will be in a tournament in California facing the University of Calif. at Los Angeles (UCLA) and other major west coast teams.

Additionally, Richardson has other goals for Liberty.

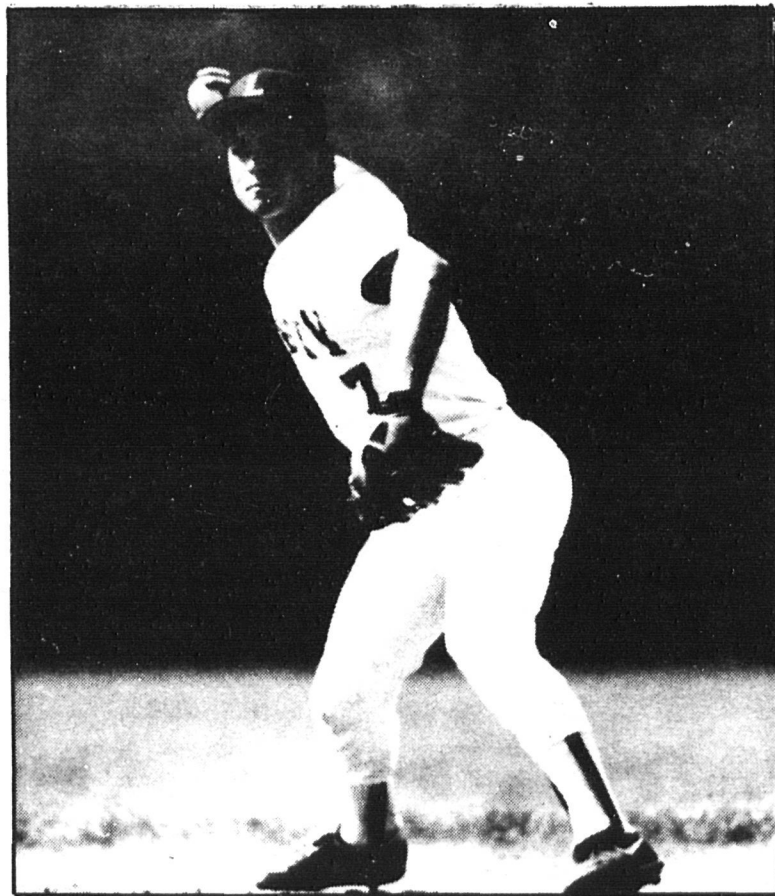
"I would like to be in a conference and be a serious contender to win that conference, which means we would get a chance to take part in regional play.

"The thrill of baseball is playing in the college world series. That's the highlight and that's our aim," he says.

Richardson has experienced that thrill. He took the University of South Carolina to the College World Series in 1975.

Baseball Preview

Youth movement infiltrates non-senior starting lineup



MIKE RIVAS- The Flames' second baseman is the only returning player starting in the infield.-Sports Information Photo.

By Bruce A. Stanton

This is not meant to throw a scare into any of the Flames' baseball fans out there, but LU will not be starting any seniors among its eight regulars this season.

In fact, Liberty will be starting four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

But even with this lack of senior leadership, Coach Bobby Richardson is expecting good things.

"I'm really excited about these guys," he says. "Honestly, I've never had a ball club with team unity like this one, and I've coached for a number of years."

With that, Richardson has determined the starting lineup for the 1988 baseball Flames.

INFIELD - LU will add three newcomers to returning second baseman Mike Rivas to form the infield.

Rivas (.275 with seven stolen bases) is a junior who also plays soccer for the Flames.

Starting at first base will be 6'4" freshman Phil Kulp. "The potential is really there," Richardson says.

At shortstop will be juco transfer Tony Beasley (.353 during freshman season at Louisburg, N.C.)

Mike Tatum will play at third base for the Flames. Tatum, a junior, saw action in 12 games last season

and batted .341 in 41 plate appearances.

The Flames' top utility infielder will be sophomore Jamey Mason (.169 and nine stolen base).

OUTFIELD-The outfield will be led by sophomore John McClintock, whom Richardson calls the "unofficial team captain."

McClintock (.314, 17 RBI) was second on the team in batting average and successfully stole 14 out of 15 bases last season.

In right field is junior David Clarke (.143, 5 RBI). "David has been hitting the ball really hard," Richardson says.

Starting in left field will be Cary McKay, a sophomore transfer from Alabama. "He can run like a deer and he'll be running," Richardson says.

CATCHER - Sophomore Doug Reynolds will be the starting catcher for Liberty. Reynolds (.100 and 152 putouts) played in 18 games in his freshman season.

DESIGNATED HITTER - Redshirt freshman George Baker has been penciled in at the DH position. Baker should add needed home run power to the Flames' bats.

"This team is really something else," Richardson says. "When I sit someone on the bench, instead of their getting jealous, they root for the other guy."

1987 SEASON STATS

LU	OPP	
5	Virginia	3
2	Jacksonville	4
0	Florida International	4
3	Army (U.S.M.A.)	5
4	West Chester	7
7	Maine	6
1	Florida International	2
5	Army (U.S.M.A.)	2
5	West Chester	4
6	St. Francis	1
1	North Carolina State	14
0	George Mason	7
8	Westfield State	4
4	Slippery Rock	3
7	Slippery Rock	24
6	Atlantic Christian	9
11	William & Mary	13
1	Kent State	2
6	William & Mary	0
3	Longwood College	6
0	Maryland	8
1	Towson State	21
3	Old Dominion	15
0	James Madison	4
7	Lynchburg College	3
11	North Carolina Wesleyan	5
6	Norfolk State	11
3	Norfolk State	4
6	Virginia	8
3	Richmond	12
1	Virginia Tech	3
6	Virginia Tech	8
8	North Carolina-Charlotte	7
0	Old Dominion	5
4	James Madison	10
8	North Carolina Wesleyan	11
4	Campbell	2
1	Campbell	9

Overall Record: 12-26
NCAA Division 1: 8-20
NCAA Division 2: 1-4
NCAA Division 3: 3-1
NAIA: 0-1
In State: 3-11
HOME: 5-9
AWAY: 2-12
NEUTRAL: 5-5
DOUBLEHEADERS: 2-4
ONE RUN GAMES: 4-3

McClintock is hoping for consistency, wins

By Keith Miller

After a summer in which he competed for AIA (Athletes in Action), John McClintock is back to lead the Flames this year in their quest to reach the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

McClintock, who was chosen Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman last season, batted .341 and won All-Tournament honors at the Florida International Tournament last year. He also led the team in hits (46), at bats (147) and stolen bases (14) and was second on the team in batting average, runs batted in (17) and on-base percentage.

Coach Richardson calls McClintock "a team leader" and plans to bat him third in the lineup.

"Playing for AIA was really awesome," McClintock says. "It gave me a chance to play against good competition and it was good because it taught me a lot about my faith in Jesus Christ."

"Also, I had a chance to be a witness for Christ on a daily basis."

McClintock feels that the Flames can turn things around from last season's 12-26 record.

"I definitely think we will be improved this year," McClintock says. "We have a lot of good young

talent and we have that winning attitude that we need."

"The team unity is really great on this team," he says. "If I have a problem, I can go to any player on the team and pray, or we can go to Coach Richardson and pray too. That really means a lot."

"It seems like the Liberty baseball program is improving every year and it looks like will be a top program in the East, the next couple of years," says McClintock. "Next year we are going to California and that will really help the program to get some visibility."

He also hopes to make strides for himself.

"Individually, I think I need to be more consistent this year and I would like to improve in all my offensive categories," McClintock says. "I still need to improve my fundamentals and I hope to continue to improve."

Off the diamond, McClintock is majoring in business management and plans to enter the business world if he can not play professional baseball.

"It's always been my dream to play professional baseball, but if I don't I know that it was the Lord's will and I'll be happy either way."



CONCENTRATION- Coach Bobby Richardson and John McClintock (22) have their sights set on improvement in 1988.-Sports Information Photo.

Baseball Preview

LU pitching staff is out to destroy 'rag arm' image from last season

By Bruce A. Stanton

We want a pitcher, not a belly-itcher!

The LU pitching staff probably did a lot of belly-itching and head scratching last year after putting together a combined 12-26 record and a team ERA of 5.93.

"Last year we really had only one pitcher," Coach Bobby Richardson says.

"Other than Randy (junior left-hander Randy Tomlin, 5-5 with a 3.77 ERA), we didn't have much."

But this was Richardson's first year of recruiting at LU, and he recognized pitching as a top priority when he hit the trail.

"We have two things this year that we didn't have last year," Richardson says. "That's speed and pitching."

LU reaped eight new pitchers in last year's recruiting harvest. Richardson signed five freshmen, two junior college transfers and an in-house product,

the LU football quarterback.

"We brought in two junior college pitchers," Richardson says. "Tony Beasley carried his team to the Junior College World Series last season, but I'm about to decide to use him at shortstop because he is so good there."

The other transfer is Robert Townsend, who will be used in relief but is fighting for a third starting position.

The bumper crop of freshmen includes the AA Player of the Year in South Carolina. Brent Brady was 20-1 at Palmetto High School in Williamston, S.C. and had a 1.28 ERA for his career.

"Brent has an air of confidence about him. Anytime that he gets on the mound, he thinks that it's his game to win," Richardson says.

Other freshman pitchers are: Mike Bacon, Mike Linch, Mike Stigman and Toby Toburen.

One of the biggest boosts the pitch-

ing staff gets will be from a guy who is better known for throwing 50-yard bombs-- LU quarterback Paul Johnson.

"The football team didn't want Paul to play baseball for two years. But now I feel that he can really help us," Richardson says.

With all of this new talent, LU appears to have its pitching problem under control, especially when you throw in senior Mike Hammond (0-1 and 6.1 ERA last year) and sophomore Brooks Lowe (1-2 and 6.75 ERA).

"Mike gives us real senior leadership. He and Brooks will see a lot of action in relief," Richardson says.

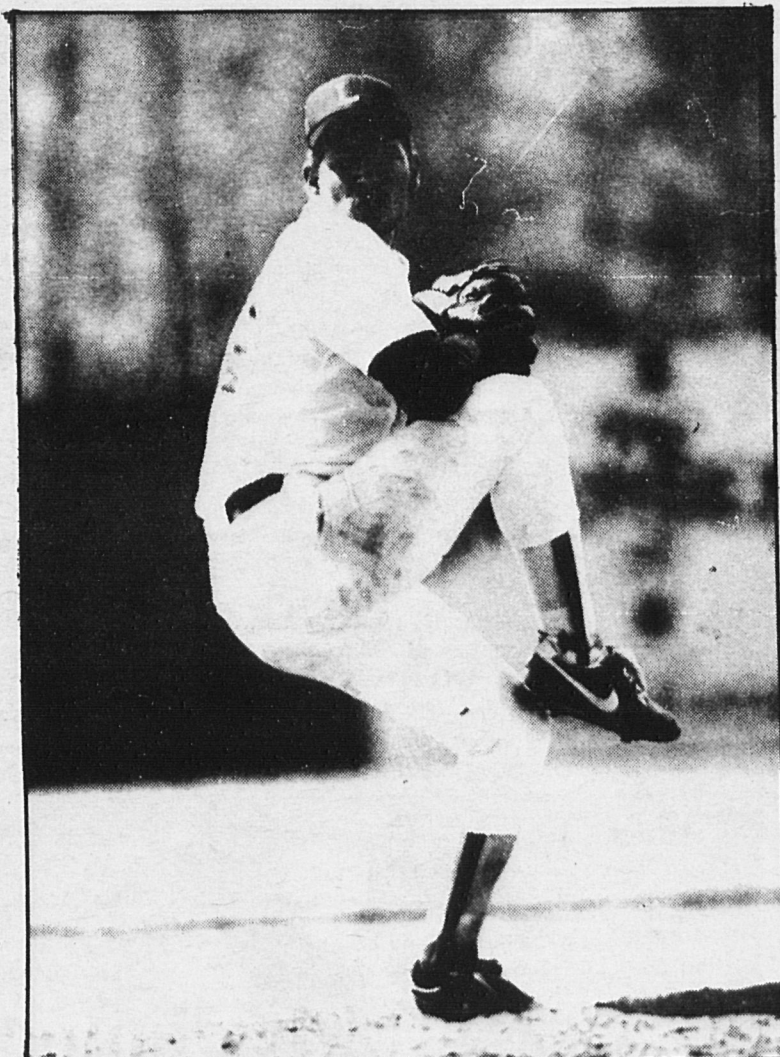
All told, Liberty will have a total of 14 pitchers on the roster including junior Frank Speek (1-2 and 4.70 ERA), junior Mike Lotspeich (2-4 and 3.96 ERA) and junior David Higgins (0-1 and 9.13 ERA).

The Flames will start with a three-man rotation, but will adjust according to the schedule.

Tomlin will be the number one pitcher, while Johnson and Brady will pitch on second and third days.

"There's no question that Randy is the staff ace," Richardson says. "We haven't decided between Brad and Paul for the second spot though."

"Robert Townsend is battling for the third spot and should see action as a spot starter."



LEFTY- Randy Tomlin (5-5, 3.77 ERA) returns for his junior season at Liberty as the staff ace.-Sports Information Photo

Flames banking success at short on junior college transfer Beasley

By Keith Miller

After an outstanding junior college career at Louisburg in North Carolina, Tony Beasley is now ready to show his prowess for the Liberty Flames baseball team.

At Louisburg, Beasley led his team to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., with a two-year pitching record of 14-1, including a 3-0 playoff record.

Playing shortstop for the Flames last fall, Beasley batted .496 and impressed Coach Bobby Richardson so much, he will continue to play at shortstop for LU this spring.

"There were several schools that were after me but I chose Liberty because here I could play quality baseball and give the glory to God," Beasley says.

"The guys here have a really great attitude, a winning attitude, plus we depend on the Lord to take care of any problems we might have," comments Beasley.

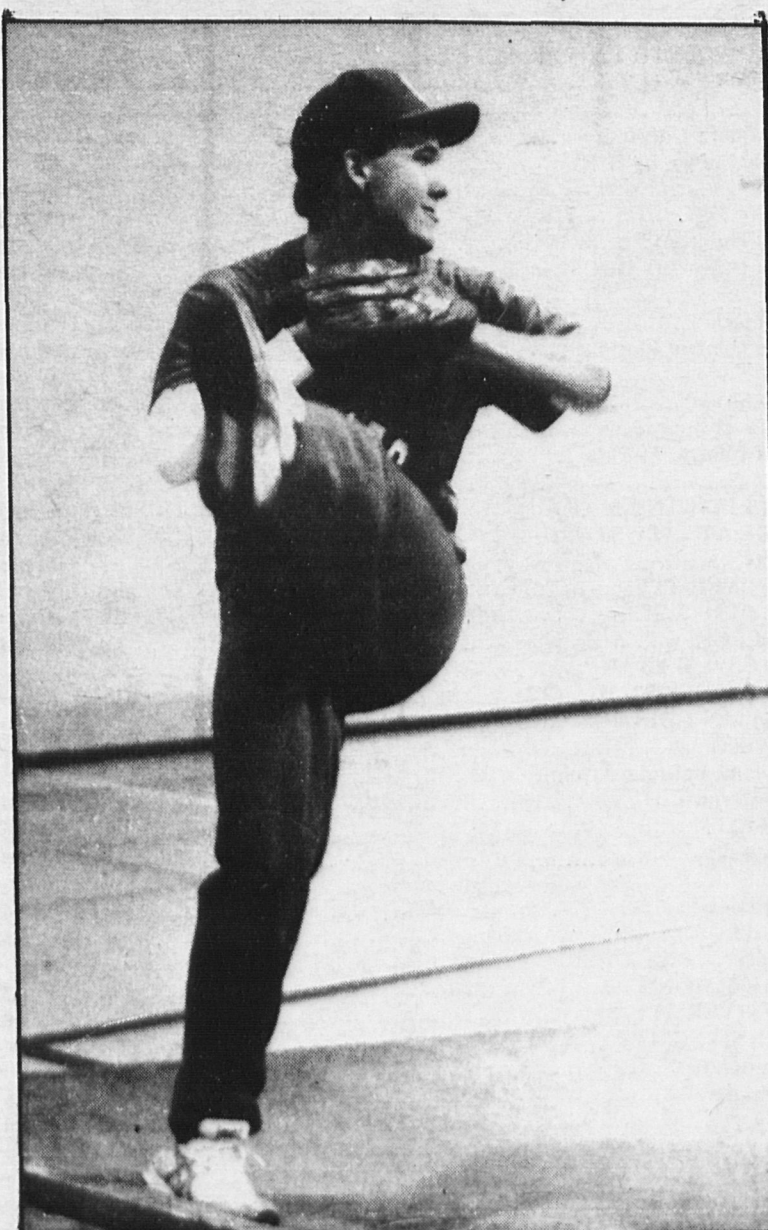
A business management major, Beasley hopes to play professional baseball after his career here at Liberty.

"If I perform up to the best of my abilities, then I feel that I have a good shot."

"There are still some things that I need to work on, like hitting to

the opposite field and being more consistent at shortstop but I feel that I will improve in those areas of my game," he said.

"I am looking for a winning season this year and the team has high expectations so I am looking forward to a good year."



RIGHTY- Freshman Mike Linch winds up during one of the Flames' practice sessions last week.-Photo by Bruce A. Stanton.

Baseball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
2	Tony Beasley	P/SS	18	Kevin Price	OF
4	Robbie Moore	C	19	Brooks Lowe	P
5	Chris Robbins	2B	20	John McClintock	3B/OF
6	Brent Brady	P	21	Doug Reynolds	C
7	Mike Rivas	2B	22	Phil Kulp	1B
8	George Baker	C/INF	23	Paul Johnson	P
9	Toby Toburen	P	24	Mike Bacon	P
10	Mike Linch	P	26	David Higgins	P
11	Greg Simmons	1B	28	David Clarke	OF
12	Mike Tatum	3B	29	Robert Townsend	P
13	Jamey Mason	C/INF	31	Mike Hammond	P
14	Randy Tomlin	P	32	Mike Stigman	P
15	Mike Lotspeich	P	33	Cary McKay	OF
17	Rodney Carter	OF	34	Frank Speek	P

Baseball Preview

Baseball offers chance to see school's best

Just give me a sack full of peanuts and a pair of shades, and I'll be ready for baseball season.

You just can't beat a day at the ballpark on a spring or summer afternoon (if the Reds are winning).

I'm sure everyone has their favorite pro baseball team. In fact, I'm sick of hearing about some of them (i.e. Sean Smith and his St. Louis Cardinals).

But before you start getting hyper about the Baltimore Orioles, the New York Mets or the Lynchburg Red Sox, don't forget about the Liberty baseball team.

Traditionally, the Flames have the best winning percentage out of the "big three sports."

The baseball stadium, Worthington Field, is located on campus and is a beautiful setting for a day at the ballpark.

The seating capacity is only 1,000, but don't shy away. Maybe some strong attendance figures could force additions.

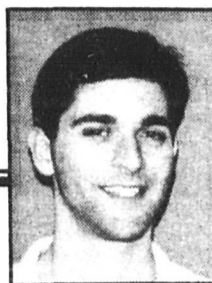
The part I like best is the chair-back benches. No more hunching over like at basketball and football games.

"BUT ARE THEY WORTH GOING OUT TO WATCH?" you might ask. Of course they are.

The baseball team has successfully competed against

Bruce Stanton

Sports Editor



Division 1, 2 and 3 schools and boasts the strongest schedule of any sport at Liberty.

Baseball is definitely the showcase sport for the school. This year's schedule includes 53 games against 31 different teams. That's including Division 1 schools Clemson, Virginia, Virginia Tech, N.C. State, Wake Forest and Old Dominion just to name a few.

More universities will see the Liberty baseball team than the men's basketball, women's basketball and football teams combined.

Plus, LU has the most impressive figurehead of any

sport-- baseball Coach Bobby Richardson.

Richardson was with the New York Yankees for 12 years and played on five World Series Championship teams.

He also has a head coaching record of 294-155-2 at South Carolina and Coastal Carolina. That's impressive in any sport.

"BUT WHAT ABOUT LAST SEASON'S 12-26 RECORD?" you may ask. This is Richardson's first recruiting year at LU.

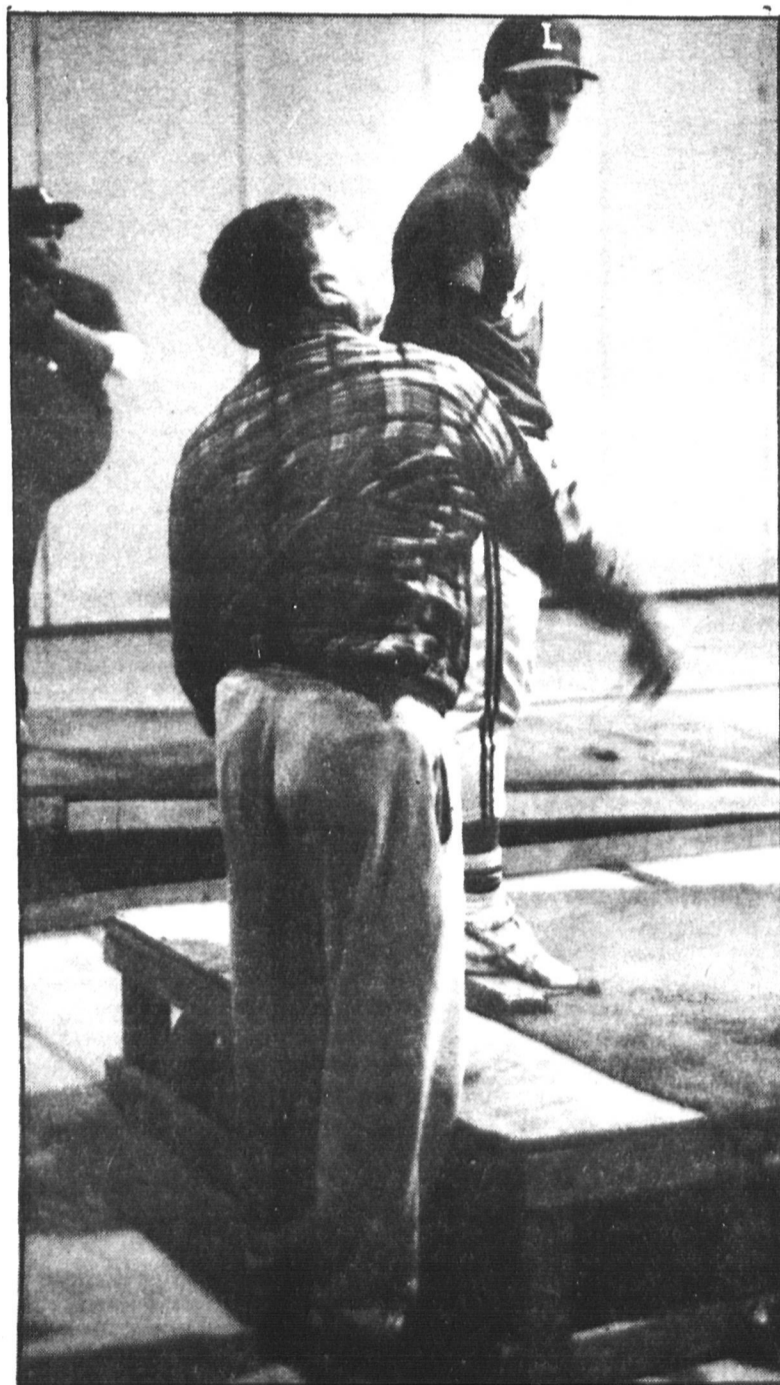
He has brought some quality freshman and transfer athletes to the program this season.

Last year's depleted pitching staff has been given new life with the addition of LU quarterback Paul Johnson and South Carolina AA Player of the Year Brent Brady to help staff ace Randy Tomlin.

The infield has been solidified with junior college transfer Tony Beasley at shortstop and freshman Phil Kulp.

Plus, the team is acting as a unit, Richardson says.

Come out to the ball game this year. And if you can remember, bring me a sack of peanuts.



SO THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT?- Pitching Coach Al Worthington gives a pointer to junior pitcher Randy Townsend.-Photo by Bruce A. Stanton.

1988 FLAMES BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Time
Feb. 27	at Atlantic Christian College (DH)	1:00 pm
Mar. 1	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Mar. 2	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Mar. 3	at William and Mary	3:00 pm
Mar. 4	at Virginia Commonwealth University	3:00 pm
Mar. 5	at George Washington University (DH)	1:00 pm
Mar. 8	JUNIATA COLLEGE	3:00 pm
Mar. 10	at Clemson University	3:00 pm
Mar. 11	at Western Carolina University	3:00 pm
Mar. 12	at Western Carolina University (DH)	12:00 pm
Mar. 14	at Central Florida	7:00 pm
Mar. 15	Bradley at Central Florida	1:00 pm
Mar. 16	Eastern Kentucky at Central Florida	1:00 pm
Mar. 17	at Central Florida	7:00 pm
Mar. 18	Bradley at Central Florida	1:00 pm
Mar. 18	Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Boardwalk	7:00 pm
Mar. 19	Eastern Kentucky at Central Florida	1:00 pm
Mar. 21	at North Carolina	3:00 pm
Mar. 22	COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY	3:00 pm
Mar. 23	FERRUM COLLEGE AT CITY STADIUM	7:00 pm
Mar. 24	at Radford University	3:00 pm
Mar. 25	WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Mar. 26	NORFOLK STATE (DH)	1:00 pm
Mar. 28	LONGWOOD COLLEGE	3:00 pm
Mar. 29	NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN	3:00 pm
Mar. 30	WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Mar. 31	ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	3:00 pm
Apr. 1	at Towson State University	3:00 pm
Apr. 2	at University of Maryland-Baltimore County	1:30 pm
Apr. 4	at North Carolina Wesleyan	3:00 pm
Apr. 5	CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Apr. 6	at East Carolina University	3:00 pm
Apr. 7	at Virginia Tech	3:00 pm
Apr. 8	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	3:00 pm
Apr. 9	RADFORD UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Apr. 11	at Campbell University	3:00 pm
Apr. 12	UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND	3:00 pm
Apr. 13	OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Apr. 14	JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY	3:00 pm
Apr. 15	at University of Richmond	3:00 pm
Apr. 18	at Wake Forest University	3:00 pm
Apr. 19	VIRGINIA TECH	3:00 pm
Apr. 20	at North Carolina State University	3:00 pm
Apr. 21	at University of Virginia	3:00 pm
Apr. 22	at Old Dominion University	7:00 pm
Apr. 23	at George Mason University	2:00 pm
Apr. 26	at James Madison University	3:00 pm
Apr. 30	at Norfolk State (DH)	1:00 pm

All home games are listed in capital letters. All times are subject to change.

Sports

Track teams claim crowns

By Bobby Bunn

BLACKSBURG -- Veterans are expected to give their teams winning performances. The Liberty track teams' veterans are no exceptions.

Both the men's and women's teams relied on strong veteran performances to win the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Indoor Championships held Feb. 27.

For the men, Most Valuable Performer Gerald Swann led the way. The All-American junior from Orlando, Fla., won four individual events, setting meet records in the 300-meter run, 500-meter run and long jump.

Swann also anchored the second place 4 x 400 relay team and place fourth in the pole vault.

Other first place finishers for the LU men were Ray McClanahan (1500-meter and 1000-meter run) and James Wilson (high jump).

As a team, the Flames scored 195, while its nearest competitor, Frostburg State, scored 111.

While the men were having few problems, the Lady Flames had to win the meets final two events to claim the title over Christopher Newport.

Lady Flame victories in the 4 x 400-

meter relay and the 4 x 800-meter relay, along with one, two, three finishes in three distance events, sealed the championship.

Liberty was led by senior All-American Annie Fairchild.

Fairchild, who was named the meet's Most Valuable Female Performer, set meet records in the 800-meter and 1500-meter runs and anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay team.

The Flames also got help from Pam Fauber in the 1000-meter run and from Debbie Klittich in the high jump.

MEET STANDINGS

Men	
Liberty	195
Frostburg State	111
Mt. St. Mary's	109
Catholic U. of America	26
Christopher Newport	25
Mary Washington	18
Maryland-Baltimore Co.	18

Women's	
Liberty	140
Christopher Newport	130
Frostburg State	48
Maryland-Baltimore Co.	32
Mount St. Mary's	30
Mary Washington	30
Catholic U. of America	7



NOT TODAY BOY!—The LU lacrosse club lost its first two games of the season to North Carolina State (10-3) and Old Dominion (11-1). Scott Hawkins (30) is being chased by an N.C. State player in last Friday's match.—Photo by Aaron Hamrick.

Six LU men's track records fall at Marriot Invitational Track Meet

By Michael Wilson

When the LU men's indoor track team competed at Virginia Tech in the Marriot Invitational Meet on Saturday, Feb. 20th, Coach Brant Tolsma said, "This was definitely our best performance to date. We should do well at Nationals, and we're looking forward

to a great outdoor season."

The track team competed against 15 other schools, broke five school records and had three members qualify to compete nationally.

Many school records fell when:

—Gerald Swann placed first in the 400-meter run (at 47.7) and ran the

55-meter hurdle semi-final run with a time of 7.55.

—James Wilson, also known as the school's slam dunk champion, jumped 7 feet 1 1-2 inches in the high jump for another record.

—Ray McClanahan set a new standard by placing second in the 1000-

meter run at 2:28.5.

—The 4 x 400-meter relay team of Scott Queen (at 49.8), Henry Elliott (at 49.0), Trever Strachan (at 48.7) and Gerald Swann (46.4) placed second.

—Kevin Love placed second in the 35-pound weight throw with 51 ft. and

1 inch.

Three members qualified for the national competition in this meet.

McClanahan qualified in the 300-meter run, Wilson in the high jump, and Swann in the quarter-mile run and hurdles.

3 on 3 champs going to DC

By Mike Sparks

LU is sending three intramural teams to the National Three on Three Schick Basketball Tournament at George Washington University on March 6.

"Beach Club" is representing the women, and "Jam session" for the men.

One other team slot is being fought over by "the Apostles", "Boyyz" and the "Heels" who are in play-offs this week.

The winner of the Washington D.C. tournament will play at half-time at the Washington Bullets professional basketball game on March 24.

Regular season three on three basketball will start March 2.

IN OTHER INTRAMURAL NEWS:

Indoor soccer season has begun and the schedule is in full swing.

In Men's Division A, "Fuzzy Naval" is on top with a 2-0 record. "Hysteria", "Export", "Minor Threat" are 1-1, and "007" and "Sudden Impact" are 1-2.

The Division B group is led by "New Hampton" at 2-0. "Harvard Crew" is right behind them at 1-0. "The Lawyers" are 1-1, while the "Silver Beetles", "Free Enterprise" and the "Pacemakers" are 0-1.

In women's indoor soccer action, "Mikies girls" are 3-0, "Coy n Raes" are 1-2, the "Flamettes" are 1-1, and "Our team" is 0-2.

ONE FINAL NOTE: The deadline for softball sign up is March 3.

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Sports

Cox's middle name is 'Ms. Consistency'

By Bruce A. Stanton

Stephanie Cox's friends laughed at her when she decided to play basketball at Liberty. But it appears the joke is on them.

Cox has started 22 out of 24 games as a freshman for the Lady Flames this season and averages 11 points per game.

Probably more impressive than that though are her passing and long range shooting abilities. Cox ranks fourth in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference with 4.7 assists per game and ranks second in three-point goal percentage at .467 on 28 for 60 shooting.

"I'm real comfortable shooting out there (behind the three-point line)," Cox says. "I feel better shooting out there than I do standing under the basket."

That's a bit unusual because Cox didn't play with the three-point rule in high school, and she says that the competition wasn't strong.

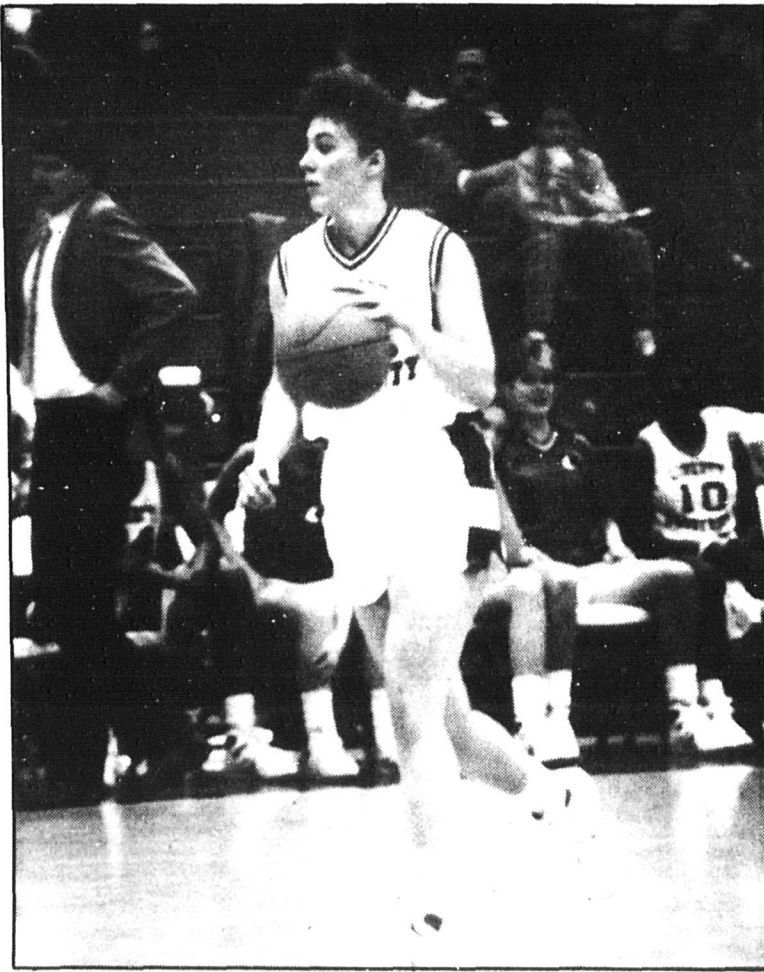
"Christian high school basketball was downright ridiculous. I practiced with a public high school team though, and their coach helped me out a lot," Cox says.

She also averages 4.6 rebounds and 2.3 steals per contest.

The 5'7" guard from Elizabethtown, Penn., has definitely left a good impression with Coach Mike Goad, who signed Cox as a part of his first recruiting class at Liberty.

"Stephanie Cox is 'Miss Consistency'," Goad says. "She'll always give you 110 percent."

Cox attributes her success to hard work.



WATCH OUT!—LU opponents never know whether freshman Stephanie Cox is going to shoot or pass.—Photo by Don Hayden.

"I try to do everything my best, and however it turns out is the way it turns out," she says.

Things have definitely turned out well for Cox and the Lady Flames, who have the possibility of having a winning season for the first time in years.

"If we continue to play disciplined ball and play good defense, we have a chance (to win a few more games)," Cox says.

A conference championship would be a great ending to this season, but Cox has her sights set higher for the future.

"I want to go to the National Championships of Division I," she says. "Then everyone can look at LU and see what we did as a Christian school."

"When I said I was coming to LU, they laughed," Cox says. "But I said, 'I'll prove y'all wrong.'"

Two are on M-DAC squad

Senior Annetta Paraham and freshman Kristi Mercer have been named to the second team of the M-DAC All Conference squad.

Paraham and Mercer have each won a Player of the Week award in the past two weeks.

Paraham averaged 14.2 points per game, 9.2 rebounds per contest and was the conference leader in field goal percentage at 61.4 percent.

Mercer was the conference leader in assists (8.4 per game) and free throw percentage (87). Mercer also averaged

13.4 points per game.

The Player of the Year was Sally Mosay of Pitt-Johnstown. Mosay's teammate Jill Halapin was also a first team pick.

Rounding out the first team are Mount Saint Mary's Jenny Brown, Zena Edwards and Kim Rhock.

Joining Paraham and Mercer on the second team are Randolph-Macon's Beth Dunkenberger, Pitt-Johnstown's Bridget Hale and Longwood's Barbie Burton.



Annetta Paraham

Liberty succumbs to Lady Yellow Jackets' second half comeback 90-83

The Lady Flames fell to a strong second half surge by the Randolph-Macon Lady Yellow Jackets on Friday night, losing 90-83.

Liberty held a 43-40 lead at the half, but was outscored 50-40 in the second half.

The difference in the game came at the free throw line where Randolph-

Macon shot 23-32 compared to 14-20 for the Lady Flames.

Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Player of the Week Annetta Paraham led all scorers with 26 points while claiming 16 boards.

Also scoring in double figures for Liberty was Kristi Mercer (16 points), Lynn Attwood (16 points, eight re-

bounds) and Sandra Bridges (10 points).

The Lady Flames fall to 12-13 (1-7 in the M-DAC) with the loss.

Liberty travels to Randolph-Macon to face the Lady Yellow Jackets in the first round of the M-DAC Tournament on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

PARAHAM averaged 22.5 points in

Ax women's sports

Let's get rid of women's sports at Liberty University. No one will miss them, believe me. Why should funds be wasted on sporting events no one watches or cares about?

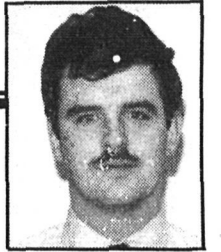
The money that the athletic department now squanders on scholarships, uniforms, equipment, officials and other expenses for women's sports would be better spent on things of real importance—like men's sports.

The school could then provide financial support to the hockey and lacrosse teams. A much-needed 15,000 seat athletic facility could be built for basketball, wrestling and indoor track.

The only negative thing that would result from banning women's sports is that LU could not move up to Division I-AA. The National Collegiate Athletic As-

Tim Pinkham

Sports Columnist



sociation requires all Division I schools to field a minimum of six women's teams.

A women's soccer team is scheduled to begin play next fall, which would fulfill the NCAA requirements. Terrific, another women's team everyone can ignore. That's the last thing we need.

Intramural play for women provides good exercise, but intercollegiate sports are not necessary. The proper place for Christian women is in the home, not on the athletic court or field.

Paraham leads Lady Flames to win in final home game

By Keith Miller

Playing the last home game of their Liberty careers, Annetta Paraham, Robin Vestal and Pam Stanfield led the LU basketball Lady Flames past the Ferrum College Lady Panthers 69-56 on Feb. 22 at the multi-purpose center.

Paraham led LU with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman Kristi Mercer pumped in 15 points, while Stanfield and Vestal each added six.

The Lady Flames won the opening tip and jumped out to a 14-9 lead at the 13 minute mark of the opening stanza. LU dominated inside with the 6'2" Paraham pounding the boards and a host of Lady Flames bombing away from the outside.

Ferrum kept close with some aggressive defense and some sloppy turnovers by the Flames. Still, LU scored the last six points of the half and led 27-20.

After a halftime show that saw the three seniors get flowers from the team, the Lady Flames came out and scored the first two points of the second half to lead by nine, 29-20.

With 13 minutes left, Coach Mike Goad inserted the Flames' version of the twin towers, Paraham and 6'2" freshman Tracey LaRose. From there the Lady Flames took control at both ends of the backboards and started going inside. Paraham hit a bucket with 14:35 left to put LU up by eight.

At the eight minute mark, freshman Kristi Mercer hit a three-pointer to put the Lady Flames up by 11, a lead that LU never relinquished.

FERRUM (56)- Angela Thomas 4-5 2-5 15, Keller 0-0 0-0 0, Andra Thomas 5-10 1-3 14, Smith 6-19 2-3 14, Sherwood 0-0 0-0 0, Frier 1-3 4-4 5, Wasiuk 0-0 0-0 0, Parker 3-6 1-6 7. Totals 19-43 12-21 56.

LIBERTY (69)- Vestal 1-2 4-6 6, Bridges 0-7 0-0 0, Attwood 1-4 0-2, Mercer 7-11 0-0 15, Cox 4-8 0-0 9, Paraham 9-15 1-4 19, White 2-4 0-0 4, Ingalls 0-0 0-0 0, Ensing 1-2 0-0 2, LaRose 1-2 2-2 4, Gouch 1-2 0-0 2, Stanfield 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 30-64 7-12 69.

Halftime - LU 27, Ferrum 20. Three-point goals - Ferrum 7-13 (Angela Thomas 4-5, Andra Thomas 3-7, Smith 0-1), LU 2-6 (Bridges 0-2, Mercer 1-2, Cox 1-2). Fouled out - none. Rebounds - Ferrum 28 (Parker 10), LU 37 (Paraham 10). Assists - Ferrum 10 (Angela Thomas 5), LU 18 (Mercer 5). Total fouls - Ferrum 14, LU 20. A-200.

4 23, Dunkenberger 6-13 5-6 17, Bell 1-4 0-1 2, Carroll 9-12 6-9 24, Tiller 6-15 6-8 18, Yarbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Keffler 1-7 2-2 4, Eoppolo 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 31-66 23-32 90.

Halftime - Liberty 43, R-M 40. Three-point goals - LU 1-9 Mercer 1-5, Cox 0-4), R-M 5-11 (Fearnow 5-11). Fouled out - none. Rebounds - LU 55 (Paraham 16), R-M 31 (Carroll 6). Assists - LU 13 (Mercer 4), R-M 13 (Keffler 6). Total fouls - LU 26, R-M 18.

LIBERTY (83)- Vestal 0-0 0-0 0, Bridges 5-9 0-0 10, Mercer 5-13 5-7 16, Attwood 6-11 4-5 16, Cox 4-9 1-2 9, Paraham 12-18 2-3 26, White 0-1 0-0 0, Ingalls 0-1 0-1 0, Ensing 0-0 0-0 0, LaRose 2-5 2-2 6, Stanfield 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 34-72 14-20 83.

RANDOLPH-MACON (90)- Fearnow 7-14 4-

Sports

Liberty fries Wesleyan by twenty

By Bruce A. Stanton

If the scoreboard at Liberty Gym doesn't fall apart on its own, the Flames will short circuit it themselves if they have any more games like the 117-97 win over West Virginia Wesleyan last Tuesday night.

LU had six players in double figures, led by Bailey Alston's 37 points. Brad Hamersley added 18 points for the Flames.

Eric Cunningham, Tim Scarborough and Stephen Leary each chipped in 14, while Charles Richardson scored 10 and dished out 12 assists.

"If you would have told me that the score would be in the hundreds, I would have said that we were in deep trouble," Coach Jeff Meyer said.

The Flames were in trouble for a while though. With leading scorer Alston not starting and sixth man Jim Pearce benched for disciplinary reasons, both teams were on a 100 point pace at the half with the Flames leading 55-52.

"We wanted to do a better job defensively. I wanted the game to be in the 60's or 70's," Meyer said.

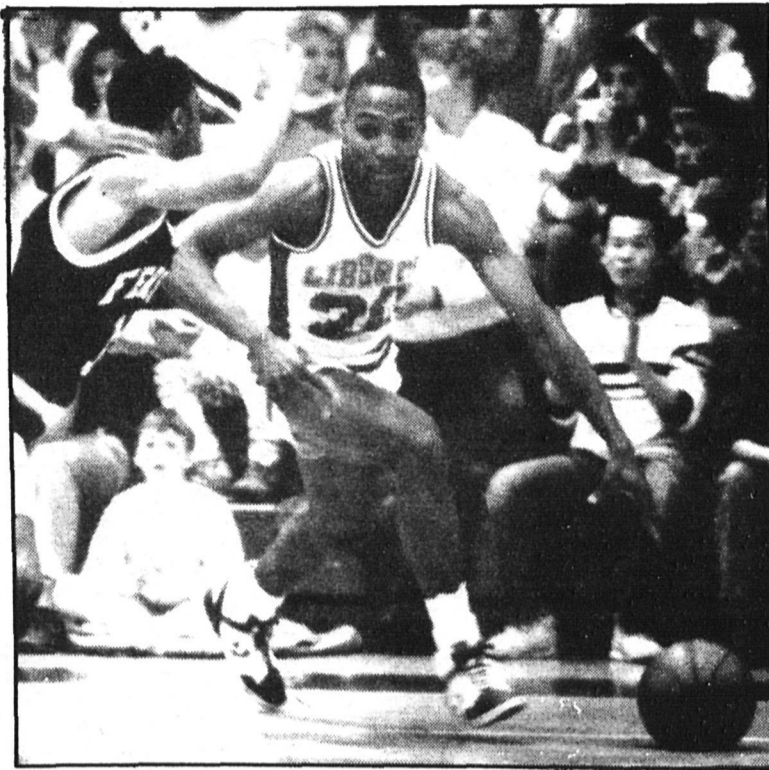
But when defense fails, offense takes over. The Flames scored 62 second-half points en route to their gym record 117.

"Coach wanted us to push it up and get all we could get by scoring on the transition since they were a good half-court defensive team," point guard Stephen Leary said.

LU blistered the nets in the second half on 22 of 31 shooting from the field for 71 percent (66.7 percent for the game).

"We shot the ball very, very well," Meyer said. "I thought we gained back some respect tonight."

Liberty also had its best three-point



ALMOST PERFECTION—Timmy Scarborough hit seven out of eight shots to score 16 points against Ferrum on Friday.—Photo by Tim Lyons.

shooting night of the season, as the team hit seven of nine for 78 percent.

Alston and Richardson hit two each, while Leary had a perfect three for three behind the curved line.

"I just had a lot of confidence going into the game," Leary said.

"I thought that I was in a slump going in, so I got in the Word and God gave me a good spirit to do well."

LU improved to 12-14 with the win, redeeming an earlier 90-79 loss to Wesleyan, which dropped to 16-9.

The Flames also appeared to rebound from a rough weekend, which included two tough losses to Virginia Union and Bluefield.

"We had just come through the most disappointing weekend in seven years here at LU," Meyer said.

"We had seemingly lost some support and respect. Tonight, we were faced with the situation of getting back

to basics.

"We had to go out and play for some respect, which is something we haven't had to do for a long time."

WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN (97)—M. Jemison 5-9 2-2 12, Camp 11-20 6-7 33, B. Jemison 7-18 1-2 16, Helms 1-2 0-1 2, McIntyre 5-12 2-4 13, Parker 0-0 2-2 2, Carter 5-6 0-0 10, Bibey 1-4 0-0 3, Gooch 2-3 2-5 4. Totals 37-74 15-23 97.

LIBERTY (117)—Alston 14-19 7-9 37, Scarborough 4-8 6-10, Richardson 2-6 4-4 10, Leary 5-6 1-2 14, Hamersley 7-11 4-4 18, Cunningham 6-8 2-7 14, Tellechea 2-2 4-4 8, Ward 0-0 0-0 0, Nazigan 0-0 0-0 0, Perry 0-0 2-2 2, Soldesi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-60 30-42 117.

Halftime - LU 55, WVW 52. Three-point goals - WVW 8-16 (Camp 5-8, B. Jemison 1-2, McIntyre 1-5, Bibey 1-1), LU 7-9 (Alston 2-2, Richardson 2-4, Leary 3-3). Fouled out - M. Jemison, B. Jemison, Gooch. Rebounds - WVW 38 (Camp 10), LU 36 (Hamersley, Cunningham, Richardson 7). Assists - WVW 21 (McIntyre 9), LU 29 (Richardson 12). Total fouls - WVW 29, LU 18. A-1800.

Alston sets scoring record in blowout

By Bruce A. Stanton

Bailey Alston set an LU single game scoring record with 46 points to lead the Flames to a 104-79 rout over Ferrum College Saturday.

Alston hit 17 of 21 field goal attempts (3 of 5 three-pointers) and was 9 of 14 at the free throw line to break the record of 45 set by Ed Vickers in 1979 against Guilford.

"We won. That's the most important thing," Alston said. "It was a team 46 points if you ask me."

"I'm glad he's my teammate," guard Tim Scarborough said. "I am very happy for Bailey."

Alston and the Flames got off to a slow start in this game though, as the Panthers tried to use stall tactics to stay in the game.

"I wanted to go over and tell their coach (Ferrum's Bill Pullen) to speed up the game because it was on national TV," Alston said. "I didn't want people to turn the channel."

There probably wasn't much dial changing going on for the first half of the contest. The game remained close as LU squandered an 11 point lead and ended the half leading only 40-39.

But Liberty quickly ran out to an 11 point lead three minutes into the second half.

"It was just a matter of clamping down on defense," Scarborough said. "We know we can score points."

That's exactly what LU did. The Flames outscored Ferrum 64-40 in the second half to improve to 13-14.

Scarborough also had a hot hand for Liberty as he hit on seven of eight shots from the field (2 for 2 on three-pointers) to tally 16 points.

"Yeah, I was feeling it tonight," Scarborough said.

"Like I've been telling the press all year, Timmy's a good player," Alston

said. "He really keeps me on my game."

Senior Brad Hamersley chipped in 15 points and yanked eight rebounds in his final regular season appearance at LU Gym.

Also making their final appearances were seniors Dan Perry and Eduardo Soldesi.

The next game for Liberty will be in the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference Tournament held at LU Gym.

The Flames play Longwood College in a semifinal game.

"We can't fool ourselves," Alston said. "We've got to go out and work hard to beat Longwood."

"We've just got to be mentally ready. I feel very confident about the tournament."

ALSTON HAS SCORED 714 POINTS this season, ranking him third behind Karl Hess for single season points (Hess scored 972 in 79-80 and 757 in 78-79).

Hamersley will end up at twelfth for career scoring with 803 points, behind 1987 LU graduate Mike Minnett who scored 1,001 points in his career.

FERRUM (79)—Maresea 0-1 0-0 0, D. Richardson 1-5 0-0 2, Cotton 6-17 5-6 20, Livisy 4-11 7-9 16, Terry 8-20 5-6 22, Page 0-0 2-2 2, Lackey 1-4 0-0 2, Wimbush 5-11 3-4 13, Overton 1-1 0-0 2, Wyatt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-70 22-27 79.

LIBERTY (104)—Alston 17-21 9-14 46, Scarborough 7-8 0-0 16, Richardson 0-3 2-2 2, Leary 0-3 2-2 2, Hamersley 7-14 1-1 15, Pearce 4-9 1-3 9, Cunningham 3-5 0-0 6, Tellechea 3-4 0-3 6, Soldesi 1-2 0-0 2, Perry 0-1 0-0 0, Ward 0-0 2-2 2, Nazigan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-70 15-25 104.

Halftime - LU 40, Ferrum 39. Three-point goals - Ferrum 5-18 (D. Richardson 0-2, Cotton 3-8, Livisy 1-2, Terry 1-5, Lackey 0-1), LU 5-12 (Alston 3-5, Scarborough 2-2, Richardson 0-2, Hamersley 0-1). Fouled out - Overton, D. Richardson). Rebounds - Ferrum 35 (Livisy, Terry 8), LU 47 (Hamersley, Alston, Cunningham 8). Assists - Ferrum 12 (Cotton 5), LU 26 (Pearce 9, Alston 8). Total fouls - Ferrum 22, LU 23. A-2650.

The 'Man without socks' overcomes hardships

By Keith Miller

All right, you Liberty basketball nuts, name the LU player who comes off the bench, leads the conference in assists and looks like he doesn't wear any socks.

Well, the last part of the question gives it away. If you haven't guessed by now, we are talking about Number 33, Jim Pearce.

"I don't like socks," Pearce says. "But I do wear them. I just roll them down and it looks like I don't wear any. Off the court, I like to go casual or do not wear any at all."

Born in Baltimore, Md., Pearce attended Cardinal Gibbons High where he played basketball all four years.

After spending one year at Fork Union Prep in Virginia, he started his college basketball career back home at the University of Maryland in Bal-

timore County. But there was one problem.

"I was saved while I was at Fork Union, and I just wasn't fitting in at UMBC," Pearce says. "I was looking to transfer when we played Liberty here. I looked around and liked what I saw and the people were nice. So I came here."

After sitting out a year for transferring, Pearce played the last two years for the Flames. But he says that this season has been the toughest.

"Two games before the Christmas break, I ran into a blind side pick and hurt my back. Then after the break started, I had a car accident and reinjured my back and hurt my knee. That set me back another month.

"It's been a funny year for me," Pearce says. "With all the injuries I've had and the adjustment of coming off

the bench, it's been a struggle. But I enjoy playing basketball too much to stop."

Leading the conference in assists is no small feat for a starter, yet Pearce leads the Mason-Dixon conference with a 6.3 average per game off the bench while also averaging more than 12 points per game and shooting the 3-point field goal well enough to be ranked in the top ten in the conference.

"It's really not that hard," Pearce says. "When you got guys who can score like our guys can, you just pass them the ball and they will score."

"Plus, the three-point goal is a big part of our offense and Coach Meyer wants us to shoot it," Pearce says. "The three-point shot has become such a very important part of the game that every team needs someone who can shoot it from 19 to 20 feet. I just thank

the Lord I have that ability."

Teamwise, the season hasn't been what the players or LU fans have expected.

"We came into the season with such high expectations. We've had to overcome some injuries and some other things, but we've been real competitive," Pearce says.

"We played four Division I schools real tough after we came back from the break (Christmas) so it looked like we were really coming on. But then we lost our last two here at home (Feb. 19 and 20 against Virginia Union and Bluefield), and they were tough to take."

Off the court, Pearce likes to relax with friends and just be around people.

"People are what makes any place special, and that is especially true here at Liberty. The people here mean so

much to me. You can just see the love of Christ come through here. That is the big reason I came here was because of the people.

"I think that in our society, athletes are looked up to especially by the young and I try to honor and glorify the Lord by being the best witness I can through the gift that God has given me of playing basketball.

"As a team, we pass out tracts; but I think the best way to witness to the fans or other teams is to get their respect on the court first. Then maybe we can witness and be effective for the Lord," Pearce says.

"I'm proud of Liberty, and I'm proud to represent this university. It's something I'll always remember."

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Flames lose to hockey Blue Devils

By Robin Brooks

Winning two consecutive championships is tough in any sport or in any league. Even the New York Giants couldn't do it.

So the Flames shouldn't feel too badly after their 3-2 loss to the Duke Blue Devils in Sunday's Southern Collegiate Hockey Championship.

"We did the best we could," Coach Gary Habermas said following the contest. "We were first last year and second this year. That's better than any team's ever done."

The Flames battled the Blue Devils down to the wire after getting off to a slow start. In the third period alone, LU took 16 shots on goal while allowing Duke only three during the last 25 minutes of play.

It began as a battle of the defenses as the two teams fought to keep each other out of reach of the goal. But, with 8:05 left in the first period, Duke's Lincoln slipped one past LU's Jon Ohlhauser for an early lead.

After the initial goal, the battle of the defenses heated up once more as the icers fought for possession and a chance for a shot. Then, at the 8:22 mark of the second period, Duke's Smith managed to smack one in on an assist from Hubbel. It didn't take long for Duke to strike again. Duke's Frazee bagged another Blue Devil goal and it was 3-0.

The third period, however, belonged to LU. The Flames took to the ice, and Duke felt the pressure. Darren Richards got the Flames, and the fans fired up when he hit his goal at the 14:51 mark. A little more than five minutes later, Rich Hill netted his own goal and pulled the Flames to within one.

During the last minute of play, an LU goal was recalled due to a checking penalty against the Flames. It would turn out to be a costly call. When time ran out, the Duke Blue Devils had beaten the Flames, 3-2.

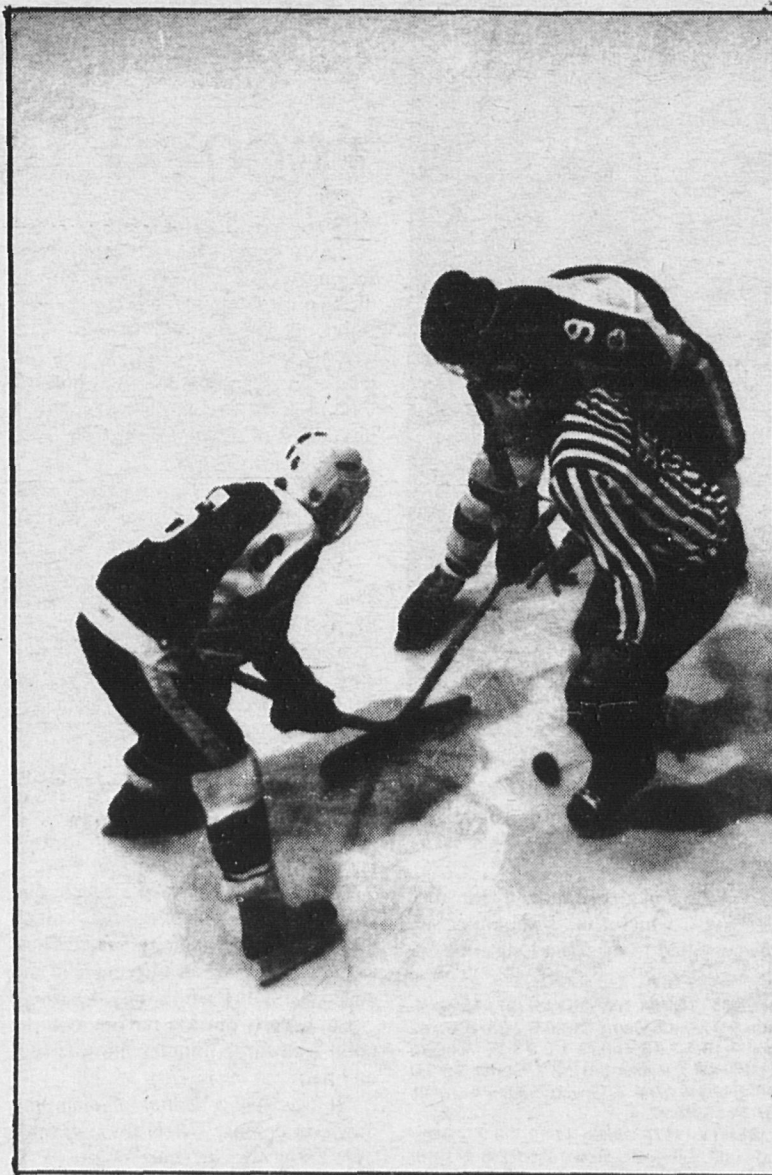
In Saturday's semi-final match, the Flames defeated the North Carolina State Wolfpack, 2-1.

After a scoreless first period, LU finally got on the board when number 10 Rich Hill connected on an assist from Jeff Schmidt at the 7:07 mark of the second period.

Neither team would score again until the third period. LU's Darren Richards hit on an assist from Dan Davey at the 13:00 mark, but NC State quickly answered with one of its own as Brian Teague scored the Wolfpack's only goal with 12:44 left in the match.

The Flames held on to the lead sending them into Sunday's championship game with Duke University.

Following the championship game Sunday, Duke's Hubbell was named the tournament's most valuable player.



FACEOFF!—LU's Dan Davey (6) faces off against a North Carolina State player in Saturday's SCHA semifinal match.—Photo by Robin M. Brooks.

Golf team began season ranked fifteenth in Division 2

By Dennis Bailey

Liberty University's golf team began its spring season Monday ranked 15th in the NCAA Division 2 Golf Coach's Association Poll.

Coach Mike Hall believes the national recognition has been a lift for the team, giving them momentum in their first tournament at Campbell University.

In addition, the team's practice sessions have been unusually productive due to the cooperative weather. Coach Hall says, "The team has had three and one-half weeks of good practice, the most we have had in the last four years due to the winter weather."

These factors are important, considering Liberty's schedule, which includes other top ranked teams such as the University of Virginia, William and Mary, and Penn State. Seventy percent of Liberty's opponents are Division 1 schools this season. The Flames will compete in seven major Division 1 golf tournaments.

Liberty's schedule indicates how the team has advanced. It has come home with the state's Division 2 championship for the last two years and will compete entirely on the Division 1 level beginning next year.

The team is led by captain Daniel Owen, whose 1987 accomplishments include a record score of 136 for the 36-hole VMI-Washington and Lee Fall Golf Classic. He was also the leading scorer in the 1987 Virginia Division 2 State Championships his sophomore year.

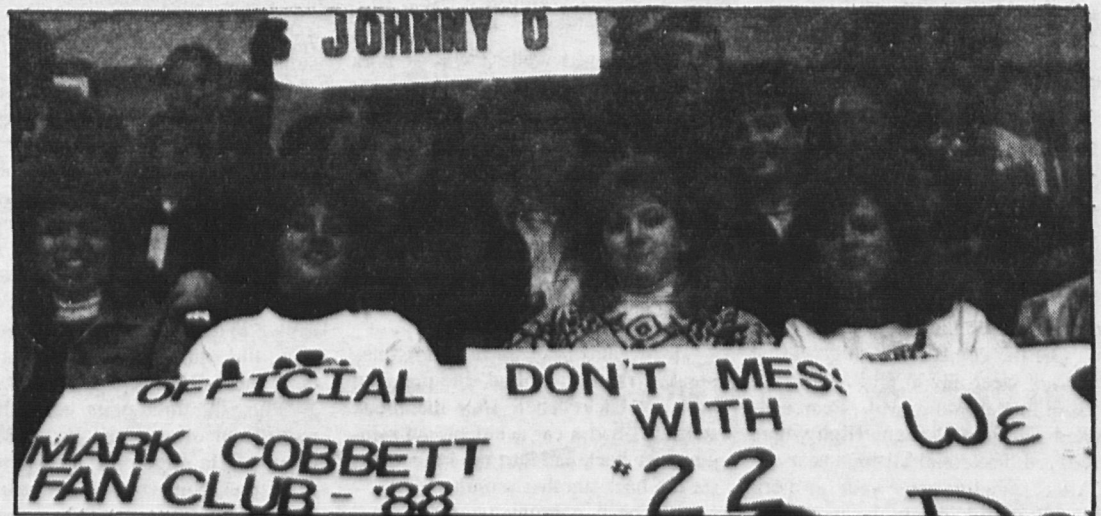
Also setting the pace for Liberty is

junior Lane Patrick, the team's Most Valuable Player in 1987. His consistency provided for an LU record 78.6 stroke average for 17 rounds in the 1987 schedule.

Liberty's Most Improved Golfer for 1987, junior Troy Dixon, will again be a major contributor to this year's squad. Dixon's average last year was

81.6 strokes over ten rounds.

Rounding out the top five will be freshman Chris Turner, who proved in 1987 to be a fierce competitor, being among the leaders in every tournament in the fall schedule. Turner will be followed by freshmen Brad Hurt and Bryan Pacheco, who have been battling for the No. 5 position.



FAN SUPPORT—A contingent of Liberty hockey fans made the trip to Lancelot in Vinton for LU's SCHA championship game loss to the Duke Blue Devils 3-2 on Sunday.—Photo by Pamela K. Windham.

'Jonny O' gave LU winning tradition

"A hockey team at Liberty will never go anywhere!"

This is what my freshman roommate told me three years ago. A year before that, I watched him sell all his hockey equipment because he didn't think any college in Virginia, of all places, would ever have a hockey team.

Fortunately for Jon Ohlhauser, he was wrong.

When Jon told me that three years ago, I agreed with him. A hockey program here was unlikely.

Equally hard for Jon to believe, though, would have been someone telling him he would graduate as the Liberty University Hockey Club president with a SCHA (Southern Collegiate Hockey Association) championship, three winning seasons and a personal record of 30-5 to his credit!

Each member of the Flame's hockey team and support staff rightfully deserves a tremendous amount of credit. In my opinion, though, no player is more deserving of this than Jon Ohlhauser.

Jon grew up on a farm near Carbon, Alberta, Canada. He began playing hockey on local ponds at an early age. Jon played hockey

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right through his teen years at Prairie High School in Three Hills, Alberta. (Nothing personal Jon, but I never cheered for your team.)

After graduation, Jon ended up here at Liberty, minus all his hockey gear. When Flames hockey officially started a year later, Jon bought some more equipment and was ready to play goal again.

As club president, I've seen my senior roommate put in hours upon hours of hard work. Win or lose, Jon was responsible for making sure everything was running smoothly. Everything from wrestling with crucial decisions to typing chapel announcements at 1 a.m. (and then not having them read!) was part of the job for Jon.

Jon, congratulations on an outstanding record-- both on and off the ice. Thanks for helping hockey at Liberty go from a spark to a Flame!