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# The Liberty Champion

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# Searching for solutions

## Peace found at unique anti-violence forum

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS:** Eric Johnson astounds fans during the slam dunk contest at Liberty's first annual Midnight Madness. Read the story on page 12.



**ONE YEAR, ONE MONTH, ONE DAY PARTY:** Student Life celebrated the grand re-opening of DP all over again. Despite a chilly forecast, the celebration — it's all on page 2.



**ON WRITING WELL:** Writers and publishers come to Liberty to share their Christian perspective at the writers' conference. See page 7.

**VOTE CONSCIENCE, NOT POPULARITY:** Christina Loh has a lot to say about researching candidates and voting accordingly. Find out the scoop on page 8.

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

Friends of Liberty Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell and gay activists met Saturday night at Thomas Road Baptist Church in an "anti-violence forum" initiated by gay minister Mel White, which was designed to promote love and peace between the two groups.

The 200 participants hand-picked by Falwell came from both TRBC and LU. The 200 gay activists were selected by White, a co-founder of Soulforce, which seeks unity through nonviolence with people of different sexual preferences.

But not everyone was for love and peace. As the forum participants turned into the parking lot, they were greeted by protesters accusing them of giving in to the other side. (Please see FRINGE, this page)

"The protesters represent small groups, not major ones," said Falwell in a press conference following the forum.

While the Soulforce group focused primarily on hate between gay and anti-gay groups, Falwell included people hated because of their faith and race. "We are here because innocent people of various religious faiths, racial and ethnic groups, and sexual preferences have increasingly had their lives abruptly and violently ended by people with opposing views and beliefs in recent months and years," Falwell said.

While most in the group were polarized in their position regarding homosexuality, one mother, Mary Lou Wallner, was not, and she shared her story in the press conference. Her lesbian daughter committed suicide because she felt completely rejected by her family.

"I still believe homosexuality is wrong, but I want to save people from the pain and anguish I go through every day," she said. "You have to look in the mirror before you can look out the window."

The forum itself was held in the Lynchburg Christian Academy gymnasium, and pictures of those killed in hate crimes hung on the walls.

The participants were seated at round tables in groups of about eight and were given the opportunity to talk and share their stories in order to gain reconciliation.

In his Sunday sermon, Falwell said the atmosphere of the forum was like "tiptoeing through the tulips," but it was the way they thought would be the most beneficial.

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PUTTING A STOP TO VIOLENCE — (Left to right) Mark Hine, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Rev. Mel White, Mary Lou Wallner and Rev. Jimmy Creech discuss the results of Thomas Road Baptist Church's anti-violence forum at the ensuing press conference. The forum was closed to the public.

## Fringe activists protest summit

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

For a few hours in history, pro-life bumper sticker-labeled cars parked next to vehicles marked with decals like Gore-2000 and gay insignias such as the upside-down, rainbow-colored triangle. Meanwhile signs reading, "God hates fags!" faced poster-boards claiming, "God is gay!"

The paraphernalia showed that activists protesting the Oct. 23, anti-violence forum came from opposite sides of the morality spectrum. But one thing these extremists had in common was their mutual dislike for both Dr. Jerry Falwell and Rev. Mel White.

Bob Kunst, Oral Majority president, may not have

brought the 100 homosexual protesters he obtained a permit for, but he did bring Tinky Winky. From earrings, to dolls, to posters, this purple Teletubby was the mascot for both Kunst and the seven other homosexuals who were not affiliated with the Oral Majority.

Meanwhile, Rev. Ed Nelson, associate pastor of Fairmont Baptist Church in Nelson County, Va. stood with about 10 Citizens Against Moral Deterioration. He said his group called homosexuals to repentance.

Rather than pleading for homosexuals to convert to Christianity, both Rev. Fred Phelps and Rev. W. N. Otwell

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THE PHELPS FAMILY — Rev. Fred Phelps' followers display signs protesting homosexual activity and Falwell's involvement in the forum.

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## ABOUT

**BEN YEHUDA LIVE:** This Christian rock band will perform with pocket change and farm life Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 with costume.

**IN-HOUSE DEBATE:** Is it effective for Christians to boycott companies? Find out at the debate, Oct. 26 in DH 114 at 7 p.m.

**NURSING FUND RAISER:** Nursing students promote child safety, Oct. 30 from 12-3 p.m. at Wal-Mart.

**CAREER FAIR:** Find a job in this year's fair Nov. 3 from 12-5 p.m. at Reber-Thomas Dining Hall. RSVP online at <http://www.liberty.edu/resources/career>.

**ALL-NIGHT VOLLEYBALL:** The Ad Team will sponsor a night long volleyball match, Nov. 5 beginning at 11 p.m. in the Schilling Center.

## Three LU grads 'open up' to forum, community

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

Mark Hine, Liberty's vice president for student affairs, said the he has dealt with the issue of gay students as long as he has been at LU.

But for three Liberty graduates, Saturday's anti-violence forum was more than the first time evangelical Christians from the gay and straight communities sat down to discuss hate speech. It was more than the first time the issue had been openly addressed in the

Liberty community.

It was the first time the trio was openly known as gay and lesbian graduates of Liberty University.

I came to put a face on it ... to humanize it ... to say it's true," Shelley Craig, a '94 grad, said. "I couldn't do that when I was in school because I honestly feared for my life."

Now working in Florida as executive director for ALSO for Gay Youth — a group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender young people — Craig said she

nearly took her life after four years at LU suppressing her identity.

"I almost killed myself the night before my graduation. But then I said, 'I've been through this much. ... I need to finish it,'" Craig said.

Craig said she told LU Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell her story for the first time after the forum. She said Falwell said he was glad she did not commit suicide.

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## Party-goers jam old school style

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

The Minority and International Student Office's "Old School Jam" gave students a chance to flashback to the '70s and '80s.

Students came dressed in their best bell-bottoms, big hair and leisure suits and spent the evening playing games and listening to disco hits.

The theme of the Oct. 23 event was "recess."

According to Melany Pearl, dean of MISO, the goal of the event was not only to flashback to age experienced by students' parents, but also to make students feel like they were in

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I WEAR MY SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT — MISO students sport '70s gear at late-night party.

## LU alum runs as Democrat

By Shauna Malcom, reporter

Liberty graduate Jason Campbell is a candidate for the 22nd District seat in the House of Delegates. Campbell is a Democrat running against incumbent Delegate Kathy Byron, Republican in the November election.

The 28-year-old alumnus of Lynchburg Christian Academy and Liberty University is motivated to run by his mother's death to cancer earlier this month. He stands opposed to abortion and supports allowing prayer in public schools.

"I don't agree with a lot of the

social issues of the Democratic Party. But I believe the Democratic Party is a very strong party ... there's no other party that I would want to be involved in," said Campbell at an interview conducted by The News & Advance reporters and editors Oct. 7.

Though Democrats are traditionally renowned for their left-wing stance, the 22nd District is conservative. However, Campbell says the Democrats need someone who is more conservative than their opponent, Republican Byron.

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# DP celebrates one day, one month, one year

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

One thing can be said of David Place's one day, one month, one year party — it sure was cold.

America Online weather reports indicated the wind chill factor lowered the temperature to 36 degrees on DP's grand re-opening celebration.

The cool conditions not only dampened the party mood, but they also cut the number of party-goers.

Because of the cancelled cook-out, the grand opening did not bring in thousands of hungry students. However, the approximately 50 coffee drinkers enjoyed the cozy atmosphere.

At least they did before some interesting voices caressed the

karaoke microphones.

Student Life workers had determined to make the best of a chilly situation. Though they had to cancel the scheduled cookout at the student center, the students who came to DP enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate and cheese cake.

The new Café @ DP's first hot beverage patron, Joe Decue, junior, said his hot chocolate was "creamy and rich."

Meanwhile his comrade, Tom Quinn, tasted and savored the first bite of cheese cake which he described as "the bomb!"

Due to the fact that DP had to cancel its outdoor activities such as psycho swing and air ball, Student Life decided to liven up the indoors.

The day began with a pool tournament where the winner received a gift certificate to Legends and ended of course with karaoke.

Jeff Boyer, director of student activities, said when Substation owner Travis Hunt, left DP, the student center was left without a food source for its patrons.

Boyer said the revamped café focused on coffee rather than other products such as pizza, because students didn't seem to eat there very often. He said most of the Substation's food orders were deliveries.

In order to better the café, Matt Gallagher, Student Life representative ordered coffee from around the world, via the Internet. He

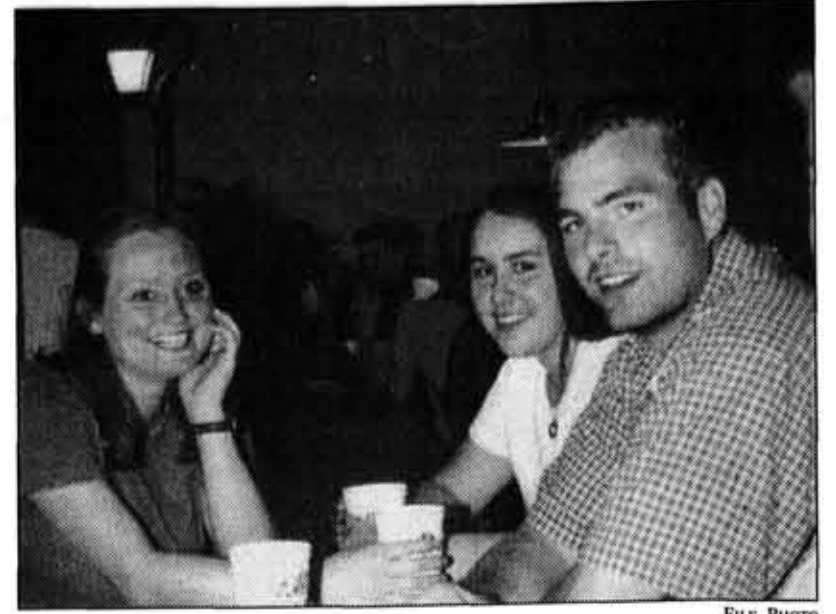
said the beans were well priced and came from countries such as Hawaii, Costa Rica and of course Columbia.

Though Gallagher initially promised lattes, he said the machines cost too much money. He said Student Life would expand the beverage choice as "money, time and success permits."

Meanwhile Student Life resorts to a gas station cappuchino maker and bottled frappuchinos.

Boyer considered the café to be an overall success.

"The Student Life has really worked hard to promote a first class student center," Boyer said. "The café just completes that goal."



QUENCHING THIRST — Students filter in and out of DP to enjoy beverages, games, and the social scene, as they enjoy the grand opening of DP.

## Club promotes cancer awareness

Chrissy Remsberg, asst. editor

"Albert, it's breast cancer awareness month. Do you have your pink ribbon? Men can get breast cancer too," called out Jannie Teufel from the Health Dimension Study club booth.

The month of October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and to help make students more aware, Liberty's Health Dimension Study club sponsored "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" in DeMoss Tuesday.

Throughout the day, Leslie Rowls, president of the club, Jennifer Andrews and Teufel, handed out literature and pink ribbons to passerbys.

According to the American Cancer Society, "More women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer every year than with any other cancer except skin cancer."

Rowls hoped by making stu-

dents aware of the facts concerning breast cancer they would be able to prevent the disease from spreading.

On a national level, many scientists are searching to find a cure for breast cancer. Rowls said the Susan G. Komer Foundation sponsors

**Remember:  
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Race for the Cure and the United States Postal Service sells special stamps and gives six or seven cents from each sale toward breast cancer research.

The American Cancer Society says the best defense against breast cancer invasion is early detection.

In support of early detection, the Health Dimension Study club gave students information about self examination as well as breast cancer.

Along with the informative literature, shower cards and bookmarks were given out as handy reminders of breast cancer.

"Yesterday we distributed them (shower cards) to all the female RAs," said Rowls. "And they were supposed to put them

in all of the female shower stalls. So as of today or tomorrow, all of the shower stalls on campus should have the shower cards hanging in them."

The members of the recently re-established Health Dimension Study club have been busily planning similar activities intended to bring health awareness to Liberty's campus. Rowls said following this initial event, the club plans to sponsor a foot screening in November and a health fair some time next semester. They are also putting together a Web site for the club.

While the club is just getting under way with this event, it is already looking for interested students who would like to participate. Rowls said the club is considered a Christian service and makes a good resume builder for students.

The American Cancer Society admonished women ages 20 to 39 to do a breast self-exam each month and to have a clinical breast exam every three years with its slogan, "Remember: A breast self-exam could save your breast — and save your life."

## Nursing students host child car safety day

Liberty Nurses Student's Association sponsors seat belt precautions at their annual fund raiser, to be held at Wal-Mart and Sams Club

By Stephanie James, reporter

The Liberty Nurses Students' Association will conduct a child safety community service project Oct. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot between Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. Among other things, local families will be taught the proper installation

of a car seat. "Child safety is an issue that needs to be addressed. To me there is a knowledge deficit in this area. We are hoping to educate the community," said senior Tracy Mousseau, president of LNSA.

The association will offer games for the children to play as well, such as the fish game, bean bag tosses and miniature golf. The students hope such entertainment will attract crowds.

Some of the community organizations helping with the service project are Allstate, the Lynchburg Police Department and Discovery Toys. Donna Tahaferro from Discovery toys will have a

booth showing educational toys. Allstate has provided the Association with 500 pamphlets on car safety, and the Lynchburg Police Department has loaned them traffic cones and tables. Also Whit Clark, a Lynchburg police officer, will check to see if car seats are safely installed.

"The big thing is that their car seat is in good condition," said Vice President Diane Castelli.

Mousseau and Castelli are advertising the event by passing out flyers to churches and stores. Tamra Rasberry, faculty adviser for the event, said they expect 100-200 people to attend.

"It is an excellent resource for young families," said Rasberry.

Each year the association competes with other schools to create the most worthwhile community service project. Last year Liberty won \$100 for its community service project on elder abuse. Rasberry said the different schools' community service projects are judged according to their creativity.

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**-Tracy Mousseau, president of LNSA**

## Debaters sit on top of NDT

In the early-season rankings, LU debate team claimed first place in the tournament, beating schools such as George Mason Univ. and N.Y. U.

By Rick Clark, reporter

With three tournaments under their belt, the Liberty University debate team has a strong first place lead in the National Debate Tournament rankings.

"The freshman Varsity recruits began to show they will be a force in debate even in their first year of competition," Head Coach Dr. Brett O'Donnell said.

The team proved to be well prepared as they collected the most NDT points at the Kings College Tournament Sept. 23-26. The teams finished second in the junior varsity division and third in the novice division.

"This is definitely a good start, but we need to have a full year of good tournaments with continued improvement at each tournament," O'Donnell said.

Freshman varsity recruit, John Ross, began the season strong by achieving second speaker at Kings, which was only his second college debate tournament.

"I was extremely pleased it happened," Ross said.

Sophomores, Rebekah Meador and Dave Cooper debated in the junior varsity division and did not lose a single ballot until the final round where they lost to New York University. The junior varsity division at Kings dominated the awards ceremony by collecting more speaker awards than any other school.

The team then went to the University of Richmond Oct. 8-10 and swept the tournament. In the final rounds, a Liberty team was competing in all three divisions.

The varsity team of Nick Yingst and Leah Frazier defeated the Naval Academy and Pittsburgh in the elimination rounds to win the varsity division.

"I thought it was an encouraging tournament at all levels, as all divisions met their goals and in some instances exceeded them," Yingst said.

Meador and Cooper again took second place in the final round behind Catholic University. At George Washington University, the varsity team, Jared Woodard and Ross "defeated teams from Dartmouth, Michigan, Miami, and Michigan State only to be defeated by Liberty's rival Emory University in the final round," according to O'Donnell.

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### Veteran parachutist plunges to her death during protest

Jan Davis, 60, fell, Friday, from the top of 3,200-foot El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, Calif. Davis was one of five jumpers who planned to leap off this cliff during a protest intended to show that such jumps can be done safely. The group organized the protest in response to the June 9 death of a man who parachuted off the same peak, only to drown in the river below.

Davis, the fourth jumper, hit a pile of rocks at the base of El Capitan after her parachute failed to open. Davis fell for 20 seconds; the first jumper took about four minutes to float down into Yosemite Valley.

Witnesses said her husband, photographer Tom Sanders, who was shooting the jump, slumped onto his camera in grief after watching her fall around 2 p.m.

### Russia blocks road out of Chechnya, trapping refugees

Russian troops sealed the road out of Chechnya for a second day Sunday, Oct. 17, leaving no escape from fighting in the breakaway region.

With Western concern mounting over heavy civilian casualties, the closure of the last highway to the neighboring Ingushetia region worsened the plight of many refugees.

More than 160,000 people have fled Chechnya in the month-long military campaign, most of them along the highway leading to Ingushetia, which is struggling to cope with the flow and is receiving international assistance.

Hundreds were jammed on either side of the new roadblock, which closes what Russia sees as a chink in its armor. Troops say they have been ordered not to let anyone cross the border.

### Controversial Web auction of models' eggs begins Oct. 25

He's spent a lifetime snapping pictures of beautiful women, but photographer Ron Harris still wants his models to give him just a little bit more: their eggs.

Harris has started offering up models as egg donors, auctioning off their eggs on an Internet Web site to would-be parents willing to pay as much as \$150,000 or more in hopes of having a beautiful child.

"Choosing eggs from beautiful women will profoundly increase the success of your children and your children's children, for centuries to come," Harris says on his Web site promoting the procedure.

But his plan is coming under fire from infertility groups who contend that the auction is a frightening development they had hoped to avoid.

### Paleontologists uncover new subspecies of dinosaurs

Paleontologists have found a new dinosaur species — a couple of kangaroo-sized plant eaters that roamed Madagascar in the dinosaur era.

The same site also yielded fossils of the reptile lineage that later evolved into mammals.

Researchers from the Field Museum in Chicago, Northern Illinois University, University of California at Santa Barbara, and Universite d'Antananarivo in Madagascar collected the fossils during four separate expeditions between 1996 and 1999.

The findings are reported in the Oct. 21 issues of the journal, *Science*.

The Madagascar fossils will be on display at Field Museum Oct. 22 through Jan. 2, 2000.

With a relatively sparse fossil record, "Madagascar has always been something of an enigma," Shubin says.

Madagascar is an island off east Africa. Local paleontologists refer to it as the treasure trove of fossils.

## Peace possible as East Timor gains independence

By Jessica Miller, Life! editor

During the day, soldiers patrol the streets of Dili, East Timor, armed and waiting for any hint of dissonance in the streets. Yet when the sun sinks below the horizon, the soldiers take up weapons as guerilla warriors, fighting for the cause the Indonesian government has ordered them to crush.

However, in a surprise move last month, Indonesia's parliament, the People's Consultative Assembly, moved up the presidential election and East Timor vote ratification scheduled for November. The rescheduling resulted in the Assembly's endorsement of the East Timor vote for independence.

East Timor, a small half-island located in the southwestern corner of the sprawling Asian archipelago of Indonesia, has fought Muslim Indonesia for political and religious independence for 25 years. The result has been more than 200,000



COURTESY OF THE EAST TIMOR ACTION NETWORK

Timorese deaths from famine, disease and fighting since the annexation.

"Women, the aged and the children are in concentrated camps where they do forced labor and many starve to death," Sergio Bruno G. Tavares, an East Timor native wrote in his Web site.

Officials fear that giving East Timor independence will cause other Indonesian countries to follow suit.

voters cast ballots for independence. Within hours of the vote, however, the United Nations said that Indonesian military forces resumed its mass killings that forced up to a third of the population out of the region.

In an effort to end the weeks of rioting by forces opposed to independence, the U.N. dispatched the international warships to East Timor. Australia took the lead, while the U.S. added nearly 200 troops to the mission.

In the face of international sanctions, Habibie agreed to remove the majority of his troops from the country and turn control over to the multinational task force. The president did not have a chance to implement his strategy.

Habibie was replaced by Muslim moderate Abdurrahman Wahid as president.

Indonesia is expected to officially hand East Timor over to the United Nations by the end of the year.

## Floyd tested Lynchburg and LU's storm readiness

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

The emergency plans of Lynchburg and Liberty University were put to the test last month as Hurricane Floyd swept through Virginia. Fortunately, Floyd did not affect the Lynchburg area as much as Hurricane Fran in 1996, but this false alarm became a chance for the city and LU to show their storm preparedness.

Barry Martin, director of emergency services for the city of Lynchburg, said that when a severe storm like a blizzard or a hurricane threatens the area, the first step is to activate the city's emergency operations center to evaluate the storm's strength and impact.

After the storm's strength has been evaluated, Martin said, "We make sure that all

our resources are up to speed. We also make sure that we have access to additional fuel and make sure that we have additional staff for the situation."

While the city of Lynchburg prepares its residents for the storm, the leaders of LU prepare students for the emergency situation.

Michelle Bunts, associate dean of student development, said the administration at LU prepares the students by taking a "pro-active" approach to storms.

A meeting, which included the deans, field operations, maintenance and the police department, was planned two days before Floyd hit the area Sept. 15.

Several of the important matters discussed focused on preparing students and

pushes for storms.

In case of high winds (in excess of 65 mph) the men living on the circle in the one-story dorms would be moved to the brick dorms. Those students residing in brick structures would be instructed to move into the hallway if wind conditions became dangerous.

Mandatory hall meetings were scheduled for midnight on Wednesday to discuss the status of the storm. Students were also restricted to their halls from midnight through 7 a.m. on Sept. 15.

Bunts said that during Hurricane Fran, which affected the city and LU with wind gusts of 79 mph and eight to 15 inches of rainfall, the university did not take the same measure to prepare the students as they did with Floyd.



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# Summit: Peacemakers argue on what constitutes hate speech

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"The only way to understand homosexuality is to know a gay person," White said. Forum attendee Jimmy Creech, a United Methodist pastor who conducts gay marriages, said any progress made is going to be difficult. He said the groups need to "proceed patiently." He thought the group's sincerity was "affirmed by the fact they came together to talk and listen."

Both groups said in the press conference they considered the forum a success, but the issue of homosexuality itself was purposefully never discussed, and Falwell mentioned several times he was not changing his position of homosexuality.

"Mel White has never asked me to refrain from preaching what I believe, that the Bible describes the practice of homosexuality as a sin against God," Falwell said. "I could not even if he had asked."

White quickly corrected Falwell's definition of homosexuality as a sin, preferring instead to call it a lifestyle. But White said though they don't agree on this issue, they can still agree to stop hate speech, which can lead to violence. White said both sides have shown violence and both



**IN SEARCH OF COMMON GROUND** — Dr. Jerry Falwell's son Jonathan (right) speaks with Rev. Mel White (left) during the anti-violence forum.

sides have been wrong. Falwell agreed, saying radical homosexual groups have "desecrated places of worship like St. Patrick's Cathedral, mailed containers of AIDS-infected urine to my office with written threats of physical harm, and stormed and disrupted meetings where I was speaking."

On his part, Falwell said he was wrong in not building a bridge to the gay community like he has with alcoholics and unwed mothers. He has built homes to help hurting members of these groups: the Elim home

for alcoholics and the Liberty Godparent home for unwed mothers. He said he has considered a hospice for AIDS patients, but he didn't see a need for one in Lynchburg since it is a small town. But he said he might support some in other areas of the country.

He also said he would monitor more closely the many letters and mailings that go out with his name attached. White then related a story where he was in Falwell's office trying to hammer out a definition for hate speech. He found Falwell's Web site, and

showed him where he thought Falwell sounded hateful. "Falwell said, 'How did that get there,'" White related. "And then he said he would make sure that got taken off."

Other hate speech areas weren't so easily resolved. White said Falwell's hate speech would completely stop only when he stopped calling homosexuality sin. And Falwell has no plans of doing that. Falwell said he has never said anything intentionally to hurt anyone, but White doesn't believe that.

Both sides agreed meeting together was a step in the right direction. The unofficial consensus of Saturday's forum according to White was "you have a gay kid in your family, you love your child." Both Falwell and White said they were planning on more forums to find more areas of agreement. "Falwell couldn't have done better," White said in an interview after the Sunday service.

Senior Taryn Blake attended the forum and enjoyed meeting the people at her table, but she thought the forum had limited potential. "The bad guys aren't here," she said. "The people who are here aren't the ones who are going to be perpetrating those things."

# Protesters: Gay and anti-gay extremists vent opinions

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and their groups condemned the gay protesters to hell. Though four groups ordered permits for a total of 200 protesters Saturday, only about 60 arrived.

Sue Strought, a homosexual from Roanoke, Va. held a sign reading, "God is gay!" Ironically she said, "I don't really think God is gay."

Strought said she just wanted anti-gay protesters to understand her position and the fact that homosexuals would "be here forever," she said. "We ought to just live together and not start the name calling and bashing."

While she spoke, a member of Otwell's group yelled from across Thomas Road, "I hate you!" Otwell, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Mt. Enterprise Texas, admitted that Falwell's biblical theory to "hate the sin, but love the sinner" had credibility. However, he said White's group does not believe homosexuality is sinful, so they cannot receive Christ.

Meanwhile Phelps said, it's a "metaphysical impossibility" to love the sinner. "Only in the area of unbridled goofiness could such a thing exist. Does the judge send the crime to the penitentiary or the criminal? Does God send the sin or the sinner to hell?" Phelps said he, his followers from Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., and every mainstream church for the past 2,000 years,

believe that God hates sinners. Phelps confessed to being a sinner, then he said, "God doesn't hate all sinners."

Of the hate-speech banter back and forth along the sidewalks of Thomas Road, Kunst said, "These folks here are so nasty, it's perfect for us. ... They represent Christianity which gives Christianity a bad name."

Otwell said the media and public would just have to get over their hate speech. He said this forum gave the homosexuals status in society, like "black groups, feminists and pro-choice people." He traveled from Texas to protest this status.

"They're getting recognition right now; they wouldn't get anywhere else," Otwell said. Nelson said he differed from Otwell and Phelps in that he does not believe cursing and name-calling brings about peace. However, he said perversion cannot be "sugarcoated." He felt Falwell softened his anti-homosexual stance when he scheduled the forum.

David and Jeanett Lytle, the only two Lynch-



**OUTRAGED PROTESTER DISPLAYS WRATH** — A member of Rev. W.N. Otwell's congregation points at homosexual protesters as he condemns them to hell.

burg citizens who protested from a conservative standpoint, agreed with Nelson. "What did God do to the homosexuals in Sodom and Gomorrah?" Jeanett asked. "Did he go and have a conference with them before he destroyed them?"

Major Jack Lewis of the Lynchburg Police Department believed the forum, the protest and the ensuing church service Oct. 24, were successes.

"I thought it went as well as it possibly could have. ... The people were able to share their messages and opinions."

# Grads: hope for progress

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Hine said that if the graduates had come out about their sexual orientation while students, a dean would have sat down with them and lovingly informed them of LU policies.

"We do it in a loving manner ... we do it in a very discreet manner — you are never going to hear about it — but we do it because we believe that position would be wrong," Hine said.

"Just the same way, if a guy and a girl come to us and they are struggling in their relationship, we are going to work with those individuals to try and help them turn from that behavior and get into the type of behavior that would be pleasing to God."

During the forum press conference, Hine read a statement from the Liberty Way regarding the University's policy against hazing and derogatory comments of a sexual, religious or racial nature.

The student guidebook also says that any act of harassment of any kind that threatens a person will not be tolerated or condoned. However, inappropriate immorality of any kind —

homosexual or heterosexual — could result in administrative withdrawal from the University.

While he did not agree fully with school policies, Brian Randall, a '91 grad, said the homosexual group wanted to show they loved the school and the students. However, he felt the perceived atmosphere within the Liberty community against homosexuals may have kept others away. Randall said there was a short list of 15-20 openly gay graduates invited by Soulforce to the forum.

Mark Denham, a '90 grad, said that any change in attitudes toward homosexuality because of the forum would be gradual and students need to confront each other about "hateful" attitudes and speech.

"What they need to learn is to create an atmosphere where people can be themselves — and you don't have to agree with their choices and you can work to change them — but you have to create an atmosphere where they are comfortable enough with who they are to address that and to be able to not let their peers look down on them," Denham said.

# Flashback: students groove

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elementary school again. Pearl said, "I want it to be like back when we were in fourth or fifth grade and color boundaries weren't as big of an issue as they seem to become."

Stations set up throughout the Schilling Center had games such as twister, the dating game, four square, double dutch and spades.

Throughout the evening, participants listened to music from the '70s and '80s and watched re-runs of the television show "Good Times."

Junior Katrina Marshall said the most exciting part of the evening was "seeing who looked the best in their old school gear."

For freshman Mekeesha Pines, the best part of the event was, "listening to the music from back in the day."

While the "Old School Jam"

brought fun and a time to flashback, it also brought a chance to unite the campus.

Students from all races and backgrounds were encouraged to attend the event and show their support for MISO and campus unity.

Pearl said, "We have such an urge for non-minorities to participate. It's just a time for everyone to get together and participate in what we're doing."

Senior Sheri Johnson, the event's coordinator, said she hoped the jam was a start for the March for Unity, to be held in the spring.

Johnson said, "If we can unify here then we can unify for March for Unity. I just want to have everyone get together united and having fun."

"I want people to know that MISO is not just for minorities and internationals," Johnson concluded.

# Campbell: Alumnus runs as a Democrat in the race for House of Delegates

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Campbell takes a stand for prayer in public schools and thinks legislation has a responsibility to force an issue that the majority is fighting for.

"We've seen a decline in our school system since we kicked prayer out," said Campbell.

Campbell said that the Supreme Court allows the teachings of humanism, which he believes to be evolution. He believes the school system should allow 'equal opportunity' for everyone to view his or her religious views, not just Chris-

tian. Students from Liberty can also stand for their rights and freedoms. In the coming November election, students are encouraged to vote for their state and local government, either by absentee or going home.

Liberty senior Leneta Lawing said she will vote absentee for the election in her hometown of Dillwyn, Va.

"If I don't vote, I don't have the right to complain about who gets office," said Lawing. She normally votes absentee while she is at Liberty.

Krista McDaniel, an 18 year-old fresh-

man from Prince George, Va., plans to return home for her first time to vote.

"I'm ready to have a part in something ... to voice my opinion," said McDaniel.

Every vote counts. In the 1882 election for U.S. House of Representatives in the 1st District of Virginia, Readjuster Robert M. Mayo defeated Democrat George T. Garrison 10,505 to 10,504.

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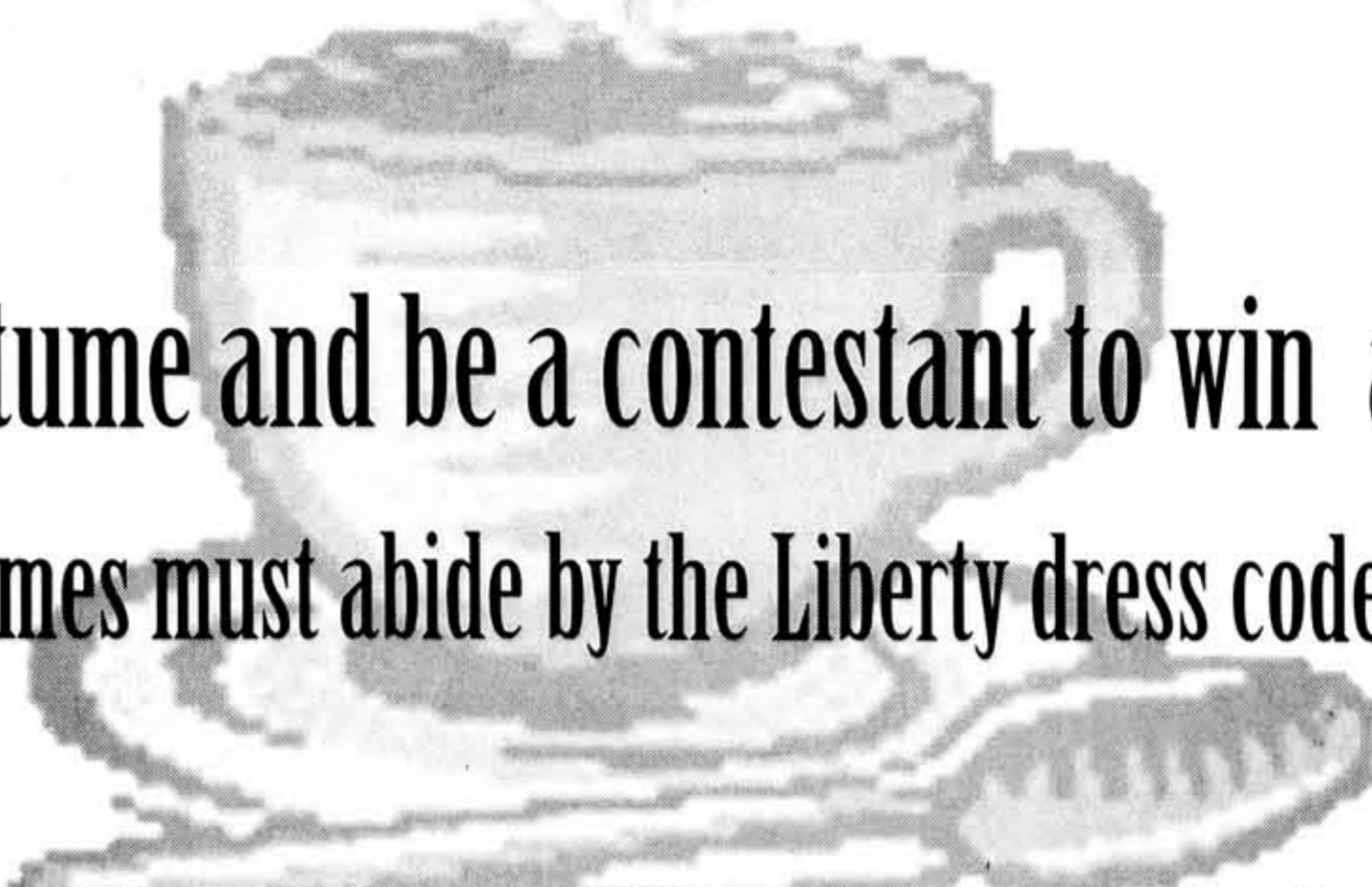
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# Life!

## picks of the week

► **10/26. Volodymyr Koshuba Concert.**  
World-renowned Ukranian concert organist Volodymyr Koshuba will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Lynchburg Chapter. Free.

► **10/29. Masquerade Coffee House.**  
Come dressed in your favorite costume to the midnight showing of student talent. Prizes awarded for top three costumes. Refreshments available. \$2.

► **10/30. Harvest Festival.**  
Celebrate the conclusion of the harvest season with farmers selling late season goods, and a pumpkin carving contest. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lynchburg Community Market. 847-1499

► **11/1. Internship Seminar.**  
If you're planning on an internship, plan to attend this seminar from 4 - 4:30 p.m. in DH 107. x2644.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

## scared to DEATH

By Corrie Duis, reporter

Darkness engulfs the surrounding woods. The crackling of broken branches and shuffled leaves prick the silence. People, ghosts, and the walking dead peek through the dark curtain and escort viewers along their twisted way.

An occasional ear-piercing scream rips through the night, uttered from a source unknown. Through it all, timid steps continue toward the dark decrepit house where scarier revelations await.

The structure is aged and broken yet alive with deadly allusions. A pallid butler sweeps the door open with a lifeless arm. There is no turning back: You have entered...the House of Death.

In the midst of its 24th year, Scaremare was designed as an evangelistic outreach to the Lynchburg community. Now headed by Shepherd Ministries, the project attracts participants from all over Virginia and takes more than 150 students to run.

"(Scaremare) is built, run and managed by students," said executive director Dave Marston.

Preparations begin each year in August and by the middle of September, rooms are already being organized and built.

A gallant success, the house has seen nearly 265,000 people through its winding rooms since 1975, including over 4,700 in this year's first weekend. With more than 14 areas and a seemingly endless maze, the house lives up to its exertion of doom.

"The idea is to confront people with mortality," said Marston. "We want to ask — are you ready to die?"

And death the house depicts. From the dining room to the art museum, each component offers a different situation and view on death.

"Some of the rooms are standard, and we just put some new wrinkles in them," said Marston.

However, Shepherd Ministries introduced several new rooms this year.

Perhaps the most effective new scene is the high school shooting room. The room takes place in the aftermath of a classroom execution.

A sense of morbidity wafts from the dead children scattered throughout the room, as hysterical girls wail and scream over the loss of their friends.

Blood cascades down the walls and over the floor painting them a somber maroon. The shooter remains in the room mocking a phrase on the chalkboard: "Do you believe in God?"

Project director Tony Philpott said he has heard nothing but positive remarks on the room.

"Cassie Bernall's statement on the board is really effective," Philpott said, referring to the teen killed in the Littleton High School shooting last year. "(The shooting room) is one of our best rooms this year."

Also new and improved is the car accident scene. The rear end of a semi-truck protrudes through a concrete wall, leaving a recently-crowned prom king and queen dead on the pavement.

The scene is incredibly impressive, said Philpott, thanks in part to LU freshman Shelby Smith, who convinced a local metal company to donate sheet metal to

make the scene more realistic.

Another new addition to Scaremare is the process in which salvations and decisions are handled.

After weaving through the house's tight curves and corners, which takes nearly 30 minutes, participants are led to the final room.

A sobering image of Jesus hanging on the cross holds value for those who know His love. To those who don't, it offers an opportunity to befriend Him. Escorted to one of several "preaching tents," listeners are presented with a short salvation message and are given an opportunity to make a life-changing decision.

"The purpose of Scaremare is to

lead people to Christ," said senior Brian Guthrie. "First we get their guard down by scaring them to death in the house, then we present them with the gospel."

However, the new accessory to the project is a follow-up program. In the past, there was no further contact with individuals who were saved.

This year, however, project heads implemented a new plan in which several members of Shepherd Ministries and the YouthQuest prayer and encouragement teams will follow-up on the saved persons by way of phone and personal contact.

Philpott said so far the follow-up program has proven very effective, as most of the 500 decisions made in the first weekend were already contacted by the following Tuesday.

"The follow-up is key this year," said Philpott. "It's the most important aspect to me and everyone else."

Project members will continue to check on the people periodically throughout the year, inviting them to church and encouraging them in their newfound faith.

With all the changes and additions to Scaremare, the purpose remains the same — to reach the unsaved and let them know God has

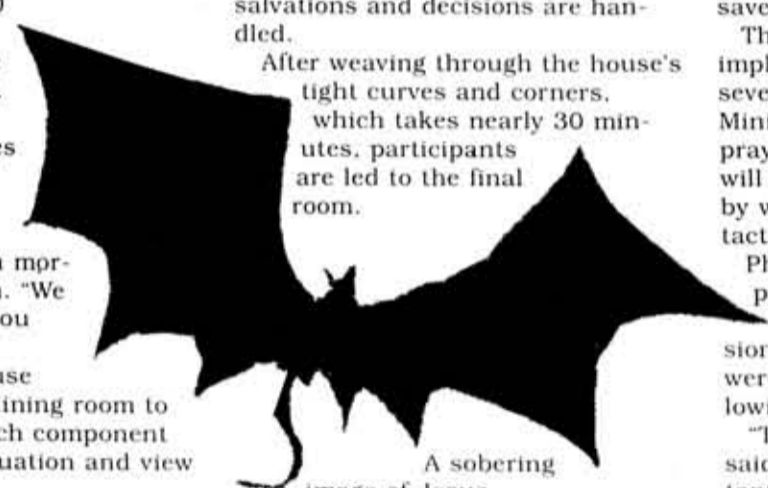
made a provision for them.

As participants are faced with the reality of death and the damage wrong choices can make, they are left with a lingering thought — one day a choice will face every individual, regardless of their lifestyle, past and beliefs.

As an LU tent speaker said, "Death—which you saw in the

house—and heaven are the only two choices we have."

Scaremare's final weekend is Oct. 28 - Oct. 30, dusk until 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$6.



## A House of Horrors

With previous locations in Madison Heights, New London, and an old hospital building, Scaremare is now in its fourth location. However, the old house off Carroll Street is perhaps the most effective site in which Scaremare has ever been held.

Built around the turn of the century, the house was originally used as a daycare for nearby cottonmill workers. Liberty purchased the abandoned property in the early '80s with the intent of using it for additional classrooms, offices and dorms.

Ultimately only a storage warehouse, the house was converted to the permanent House of Death in the early '90s.

Youth Ministries faculty member Matt Wilmington believes the house to be the best site for Scaremare.

"It's an old house that only gets better with age," said Wilmington.

— By Corrie Duis

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### Having the time of our lives

Over fall break, I visited a couple of recently graduated friends.

It was fun catching up for a while. According to them, life in the "real world" was good; they had a spacious apartment and well-paying jobs.

But as the conversation progressed, it became apparent that life after college wasn't all the freedom they had imagined it to be.

They began to lament the burdens of "real jobs" and the cushy schedules of college students, namely me.

"When you're out working in a

real job, you don't get breaks," one said, with an world-weary air of authority, as if decades, not degrees separated our perspectives.

"You work straight through summer. And don't even think about a month-long Christmas break."

Sigh. "No breaks," the other repeated.

"SOME of us have to get up and go to work tomorrow."

Sigh. "And there's nobody to give you exten-

sions when something's due. College is the best time of your life," they reminded me. "You don't know how good you've got it."

Sigh. Personally, I don't think I've got it all that easy. I work all the time, thanks to the Champion. I don't get a lot of sleep.

I eat cafeteria food at every meal. I don't have a lot of money. And, like every other college student, I must soon make the life-changing decision of what to do after the black mortarboard becomes headgear of the past.

Sigh. So much for my relaxing fall break. But the worried warn-

ings of my well-intentioned (but whiny!) friends brought to mind an aspect of post-graduation life that I had not perceived.

Despite my impatience to leave the safe confines of campus life, the fear I read on these formerly carefree faces caused me to waver in my resolve for independence.

Perhaps the demands of college, compared to the hefty burdens my worried friends shouldered in "real jobs," weren't quite so bad after all. But as Solomon wisely penned in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

In the grimy reality of life, these words provide a shimmering drop of hope.

Our lack of control over the circumstances of life directly contrasts God's eternity and sover-

eignty. God's sovereignly predetermines all of life's activities.

So, I thought my life was hard. My friends thought theirs was harder.

But whether or not we can outdo each other with the difficulty of our lives, God promises us that will we not be overcome. Every trial or blessing has its own allotted season.

I think I'll just enjoy the luxury of a nice long break every couple of months. And no matter how much I hate cafeteria food, I know I can't surpass the bounty equivalent to Thanksgiving dinner that Marriott provides three times a day, seven days a week.

In other words, I'm having the time of my life.

I think I'll go to grad school.





# Once upon a time ...

Autumn Writers Conference brings authors and publishers to share expertise

By Hannah Ladwig & Jessica Miller

More than 100 people met Saturday to learn a Christian perspective of writing at Liberty's second Autumn Writers Conference.

"How a person writes depends on whether he is a Christian writer or a writer who is a Christian," said keynote speaker Angela Elwell Hunt during the first session. "But anyone who writes should have a burning desire to glorify the Lord through excellent writing."

Along with tips on writing, the speakers discussed how to get works published.

"Networking is very important" said Liberty alumna Susan Wise Bauer. "I published my first novel through contacts I had here at Liberty."

A graduate of the class of 1988, Bauer has also authored both fiction and non-fiction works.

Hunt told the audience to "do their homework" when writing a book in a certain genre.

"Writing is like building," she said. "Each type of book has its own blueprint."

Victor Oliver, president of Oliver-Nelson books, said he could tell within the first 20 minutes of reading a manuscript whether it was publishable.

But writers shouldn't adhere too strictly to convention. In her workshop, Virginia Poet Laureate Margaret Ward Moreland said beginning poets should try out styles of famous poets but eventually find their own individual style.

"Look around you," Moreland said. "Poems are waiting to be found."

The conference was co-sponsored by the A. Pierre Guillermin Library and the Department of English and Modern Languages.

Even though many residents of Lynchburg attended the event, co-coordinator of the

event Dr. David Partie said the primary audience was students.

"The ultimate goal is to teach students at Liberty how to relate the world of academics with the world of work," he said.

According to Partie, the event is designed to give students practical assistance with developing the skills used in the professional world.

Harry Kraus, a professional surgeon who writes suspense and medical thrillers, said he uses his work experience to add realism to his stories.

To conserve research time, Kraus recommended that authors should "write what you know."

On the other hand, Hunt said she does tremendous amounts of homework for every novel she writes. She has written about the medieval period, colonial times as well as the present; she has covered subjects as diverse as DNA and breast cancer.

"With every book I write I become a temporary expert on many topics," she said.

Hunt said Christian writers should write for people outside as well as inside the Christian marketplace.

"The universal plot of boy meeting girl and boy losing girl is just like what is in the Bible," she said.

She said many secular writers think Christian fiction is a relatively simple genre, in which characters just talk about God.

But Hunt said Christian fiction is actually more difficult because while secular writers think about character and action plots, Christian writers should have a "faith plot" as well.

"If part of a character's faith-walk is not what it should be, non-Christians will accept a faith plot if it springs naturally," she said.

She declared herself a writer who is a Christian, meaning she writes clearly and knowledgeably, but she has a Christian message.

Other authors agreed. "Everything I write has a spiritual tone underneath," said Moreland. "I can't write without that."



SHAWN CHELGREEN

**ASK AWAY —** (left to right) Poet Margaret Ward Moreland, Harry Kraus, Angela Hunt, Susan Wise Bauer and publisher Oliver-Nelson Books Victor Oliver answer questions during a panel discussion during the Autumn Writers Conference Saturday.

## Award-winning alumna advises aspiring authors

By Michelle Kennedy & Hannah Ladwig

When a friend suggested to award-winning author Angela Hunt that she change her major from music to English while a student at Liberty University, Hunt could never have guessed writing would take her down this long and successful path.

Since that time, she has written more than 75 books, won the Silver Angel Award from Excellence in Media, been a finalist for the Evangelical Christian Publishing Association Gold Medallion and won the Children's Choice award.

"I've always had a natural aptitude for words and I've always been a reader," Hunt said.

Liberty English professor Ruth Chamberlain remembers teaching Hunt in her Modern Grammar class. She recognized Hunt's talent even then.

"I remember her precision in language," Chamberlain said. "She had an objectivity and maturity about her, one not seen in college students."

Hunt graduated in 1980 and taught high school English at Lynchburg Christian Academy for a year.

Then she began doing secretarial work for a writer and "absorbed more than I ever dreamed I would," Hunt remembered.

She decided she wanted to write, so she quit her job, printed up business cards to promote her freelance writing business, and began to find out everything she could about writing.

"I would no more attempt writing without studying the craft than I would attempt brain surgery without years of medical school," Hunt said. "Just because I can carve a turkey doesn't mean I could handle a scalpel."

Still, jobs came slowly. She began working for multiple businesses, writing letters, brochures and adver-

tising copy.

After studying writing books and spending hours of rewriting and polishing her skills, Hunt entered a contest for unpublished authors of children's books in 1988. Hunt's manuscript titled, "If I Had Long, Long Hair," won out over 500 other entries.

"My philosophy is that a writer is like a builder — if you know how to use the construction tools, and if you follow the blueprints for a particular job, you can master the work," Hunt said.

Hunt said that she has found writing for different age groups and genres presents different types of challenges. For her, the learning never stops.

"I am still learning and reading and studying, for each genre requires that a writer master certain requirements," she said. "Romance novels are very different from suspense, and non-fiction is a different book altogether."

Chamberlain said she is always impressed with



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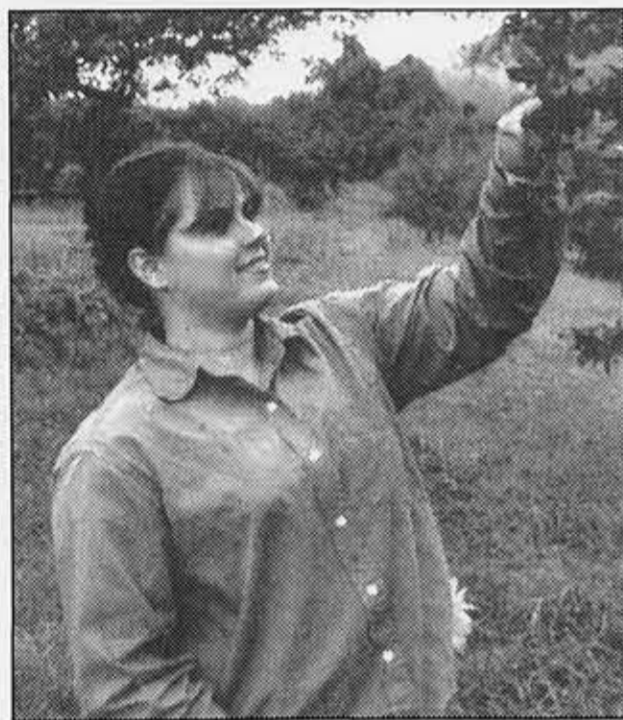
**FEATURED AUTHOR —** LU alumna Angela Hunt has authored 76 books.

Hunt's meticulous research of her stories, and said she is proud to have had Hunt as a student.

"When I think of Angela, I think, 'May her tribe increase,'" she said.

Some of the books Hunt has written include the best-selling "Tale of Three Trees," "The Theyn Chronicles" and the "Keepers of the Ring" series.

Hunt lives in Florida with her husband and children.



MATT HUENBO

**APPLES OF MY EYE —** Senior Michelle Warner picks apples at Johnson's Orchard in Bedford County.

## Picking apples more than just climbing a tree

By Scott Romanoski, reporter

They come in over 200 varieties and basically three colors. Some say they keep the doctor away. They are as American as the pie that bears their name.

With names like Red Delicious, Rome, Winesap and Blushing Gold, apples make a great addition to any meal or a great 80-calorie snack, according to the Virginia Apple Growers Association.

The apple orchards of Central Virginia provide the fruit direct to consumers without the supermarket overhead.

"Here we use less chemicals," said Danny Johnson of Johnson's Orchard in Bedford County.

Johnson also added that most of the apples in the local supermarkets come from Washington State and are not as fresh as his right-

from-the-tree fruit.

Johnson's Orchard, located at the base of the Peaks of Otter since 1919, welcomes visitors everyday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from mid-August through mid-November.

"We knew we had found the right place because there was a big statue of Johnny Appleseed looking over the entire orchard," said senior Michelle Warner. "The area was really pretty. It was surrounded by beautiful foliage every where you looked."

"The Good Lord has blessed us with a beautiful place," Johnson added. "It's well worth the trip."

At the orchard, one can choose from 30 to 40 varieties of apples to pick or buy pre-picked. Other items on sale at the orchard include everything from apple cider to apple pancake mix.

Also on the property, a visitor

can look at typical farm animals including goats, turkeys, pigs, sheep and ducks. Johnson allows tours of this portion of the property because many people are now three or four generations removed from farm life.

While visiting the orchard, one can also provide a helping hand for the needy by participating in charitable fundraisers for various organizations.

The farm hosts an annual benefit festival the third weekend of September. According to Johnson, this started as a fundraiser for a young man suffering from paralysis. Now it helps many different charities.

Other visitors help the needy in a more direct way.

Volunteers from the Society of St. Andrew, an ecumenical organization dedicated to feeding the hungry, follow the biblical example

of Ruth by gleaning apples that have fallen off trees during harvesting.

The society maintains a gleaning network in which they work to match local farmers with volunteers interested in gleaning. They also schedule gleaning dates and provide leadership for the project.

Following the actual gleaning, the society distributes apples throughout the network.

According to Johnson, apples gleaned from his orchard have gone to hurricane victims in North Carolina as well as those living in the Appalachia region of Southwest Virginia.

Those interesting in gleaning can contact the national headquarters of the Society of St. Andrew, located in Big Island, by calling 1-800-333-4597, or visiting [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org).

## Handbell choir now offered as a credited course

By Tara Williams, reporter

The melodic sounds of bells echo throughout Fine Arts on Thursdays between 3 and 5 p.m. These sounds come from the handbell choir.

"Bells are auditory as well as visual. People are entranced, (they) not only enjoy the sound of the bells, but the visual look of ringing them," said Bob Chapman, adjunct professor of voice and handbells.

The handbell choir, which started last semester as a club, is being offered this semester as a credited course, primarily for church music majors and education majors.

"Handbells are great for any-

one going into the ministry of church music," senior Mary Kessler, a choir member, said.

Chapman, who teaches the course, also conducts the handbell choir at his church, First Presbyterian of Martinsville. He established the LU choir with two goals — to teach music and to perform music.

The choir performs with handbells that range in size from as big as a football to as small as a grapefruit.

The students hold the bells with handles made of hard plastic. The bells themselves are made of copper and tin. They tarnish easily so the students wear gloves like ones worn by marching band members.

The bells the choir plays are a two-octave set, consisting of 26

bells. One bell equals each note in the octave.

The bells are laid on a padded table covered with a tablecloth and are arranged from biggest to smallest. The bigger the bell the lower the sound, and the smaller the bell the higher the sound.

The choir plays a variety of music from hymns to songs written for handbell choirs. Each student plays three to four bells.

The students who are currently in the choir are mostly made of students who were in the choir during the spring semester or have rung bells before.

"Many students have rung bells in their church, but don't know that Liberty has a choir," Chapman said.

Chapman said that there are handbell choirs all across the country in churches, colleges and even on the professional level.

He said that many colleges teach several classes on handbell ringing and have one or two choirs. The closest professional choir is located in Raleigh, N.C.

The national handbell organization is called the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. It plans handbell festivals all across the country. Chapman's church group will be attending one in November in Raleigh.

Liberty's handbell choir will be holding a concert Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. in FA 101. The concert is free and open to the public.



TED NEUMANN

**CAROL OF THE BELLS —** The handbell choir practices for an upcoming concert.



# Opinion

“I don't think anyone can win on a third-party ticket. So unless Bush did something really bad, I will vote for him. ... Leaving the life issue behind would be really bad.

-Zona Graut of Lincoln, Neb.,”

## The Liberty Champion

### Quit sending the spam

This will be short and sweet, unlike the massive “spam” e-mail messages students have volleyed back and forth in recent weeks. Stop sending huge messages. That's not considerate. Despite a message on the Splash page and encouragement from the staff of the Information Technology Resource Center, students continue to send e-mail messages with a list of all student addresses attached. The list and additional text eats a huge chunk of memory out of students' accounts. Mailboxes fill to overflowing when “spam” arrives, meaning legitimate messages get sent back. Most spam senders aren't just inconsiderate, they're irresponsible. Every try politely replying to one, only to find out the “reply” address is fake? Maybe some think it's fine, as long as they don't spread “hoaxes” like the Gap giveaway. Some have even begun advertising personal services this way. But Virginia state law defines “spamming” as the sending of unsolicited e-mail to unsuspecting recipients. The “Computer Crimes Act” even stipulates a \$10 penalty from sender to recipient for each unsolicited message. Maybe it's time for the University to act vigilantly concerning this annoyance. At this point, creating these messages should be considered “direct disobedience” and dealt with accordingly. And \$10 per person per message might not be so bad either.

### A Halloween alternative

It's funny watching the commercialization of Halloween. The stores bring out the costumes and candy earlier every year. It's starting to compete with Christmas in its sheer volume. Remember combing the streets, stopping at every door for more candy? For most it's innocent fun. But we should think of what we're celebrating. The holiday has long been the most important day of the year for pagans. The association with witches, ghouls, ghosts and the like harks all the way back to the occultic Druids in early Britain. Even the phrase “trick or treat” would imply a threat if intended literally. While this is not an attempt to stop innocent enjoyment of a popular holiday, perhaps it should be considered that pagans are not the only ones with a claim to this date. The word “Halloween” comes from “All Hallows Eve,” the evening before the traditional Christian holiday of All Saints Day, on Nov. 1. Many Christians also remember the anniversary of the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, the symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation. “Reformation Day” is celebrated by many in the Reformed tradition. Luther's Theses were the beginning of the rebellion against the prevailing doctrine of salvation by works, and Luther's “Sola Fide” (by faith alone) shook the world. Protestants today trace their heritage back to this man and to his 95 Theses. So go ahead and eat yourself sick on pure sugar this weekend. But let's not let the world dictate our holidays. Let's not celebrate death, fear and the occult. As Paul encourages in Philippians 4:8, “Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are lovely ... meditate on these things.”

### Quotes of the week:

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” - 1 John 4:1

“The trouble with most folks isn't so much their ignorance, as knowing so many things that ain't so.” - Josh Billings

## A long, strange journey of choice

Rev. Mel White might feel this column should be classified as “hate speech,” even though it does not fit his definition. For that perception, I'll forward this preliminary, obligatory apology: I'm sorry. However, I'll abide by his second theme from last weekend's anti-violence forum and apply it to my thoughts. This column is indeed true. It is loving. It needs to be said. Randolph-Macon Woman's College ordered the standard glut of police protection and precaution for their homosexual event Saturday long before the protesters of Dr. Falwell and White came to town. Saturday morning's forum about “Freedom and the Self” was a part of a weekend symposium on freedom and the right to choose. Freedom, according to the R-MWC professor introducing the panel, is the exercise of free will because people know what is best for themselves. He said happiness depends on people's ability to develop an innate sense of potential, therefore people are unhappy when their abilities are suppressed. Freedom, the professor said, lies in the ability to be happy. So, the panel began its preordained mission — “to address the complexities and controversies surrounding the issue of whether sexual orientation may be freely chosen and the resulting implications for public policy.” Before the forum later that afternoon, Falwell and White had agreed not to discuss these specific issues, choosing only to focus on the speech stemming from the presuppositions contained therein. The morning crowd, however, felt no such inhibitions. They also made no men-



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tion of the afternoon event across town. Instead, they hashed out the details for themselves, starting with the biological evidence. Dr. Dean Hamer, a molecular biologist with the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, showed that two regions of DNA genetic structure were related to homosexual tendencies. But while one group of homosexuals tested fit the hypothesis, Hamer said other groups did not. He also said some groups of heterosexuals tested had the regions in question, and some groups did not. He concluded the gene region was not a determinant and said causal arguments based on these premises were “weak.” But, Hamer, who later alluded to his homosexuality, said that proved people have the “right to the pursuit of happiness as

long as it doesn't interfere with anyone else.” While people have no control over the most important things — existence, humanity and our mortality — they have the right to choose, in spite of biology, to be themselves. George Sher, a social and political philosopher from Rice University, took a more political approach to the same views. While he said the government had no right to outlaw homosexual activity — discouraging a belief that homosexuality has intrinsic evil — he said people have the right to choose over the state to be themselves. When talking about pressing political issues for gays, Sher debunks most as weak arguments. For those who believe in hate crime laws, Sher does not feel it's any different to beat up someone if they are gay, black, white or Braves fans. “Don't you beat up someone you don't like,” Sher asked. Here, she said the cause is

intrinsic to the action. While addressing anti-discrimination laws, Sher says all small businesses have the freedom to choose who works for them, and the discrimination of any group is harmful — even to the businessman. As the panel concluded, the basic premise still existed — current biological, social and political arguments for the advancement of the homosexual movement were insufficient. The only thing homosexuals could rely on is the freedom to choose — which leads to happiness. Hamer and Sher are correct in saying that homosexuals have the right to choose. Christians also reserve that right — to choose to sin or not sin — based on their absolute, God's Word. They have the right to choose to let God choose. When one chooses homosexuality, he choose sin. He bases the rest of his beliefs, and his sinful lifestyle on self, not God. So, White's definition of “hate speech,” the much ballyhooed topic of the forum, will never concur with Falwell's views. “This is my definition of ‘hate speech,’” he wrote in bold print, “untrue words that lead to fear, hate and even acts of violence ... unloving words that lead a majority to hate a minority and the minority to hate themselves ... words that don't need to be said but ... you go on saying them even if they lead to tragic consequences in the lives of those who hear them.” While White believes sin should be hated, he doesn't believe homosexuality is sin. Therefore, he considers speaking out against the practice “hate speech,” and even “spiritual violence” because he sees it as others encroaching on his right to choose. Because he believes Falwell will change, White is misguided. And until White acknowledges a definition of “hate speech” based on absolutes over choice, a chasm will always separate the two, regardless of the number of anti-violence forums.

## Vote for integrity, not popularity

A politician with integrity will:  
**A.** stand for what is true  
**B.** stand only for what will get him elected  
**C.** remain silent on controversial issues  
 If you chose A, you guessed correctly.  
 A voter with integrity will:  
**A.** vote for a politician who stands for what is true  
**B.** vote for the politician most likely to get elected  
**C.** not vote  
 The answer's A, right? Wrong. At least for some people. The going theory is that Bill Clinton won the 1996 Presidential race with a minority vote because the Republicans splintered their votes over Dole and Perot. A united Republican party could have kept President Clinton out of the White House. They may not have elected someone much better, but “not much better” is still better. If you think this way, however, you've missed the point of politics. Was it the fault of Republican voters that they did not rally behind one candidate? Or was it the fault of all the candidates? Yes, it would be nice if the GOP united under one man, and took control of Capitol Hill once again. But should you support a man who is not worth supporting, as long as he's a Republican? Some say that you should, citing the lesser of two evils theory. Even a bad Republican is better than a Democrat. But one man hit it on the nail when he wrote, “the lesser of two evils — is evil.” A bad Republi-

can — is still a bad Republican. Too many voters choose practicality over integrity when they cast their vote in the primaries. “What's the use of voting for a politician who stands for the truth, but doesn't have a chance?” Indeed, what is the use, if everyone thinks that way? One reason why so many presidential hopefuls refuse to bow to the conservative right — by taking tangible, explicit stands on abortion, social security, and education — is that they know Republicans will vote for them anyway. We'll vote reluctantly, but that doesn't show up on the ballot, so that's fine. Take Governor George W. Bush. He's a pro-lifer. That's good. He refuses, however, to apply a “litmus test” to any Supreme Court nominees. Translation: If potential nominees are pro-abortion ... well, that might be fine. Application: Bush Jr. is pro-life, but if he gets the chance to do something about it, he won't. Further, he's insulted conservatives outright. He uttered his latest criticism of the GOP during a speech in Manhattan, “too often, on social issues, my party has painted an image of America slouching toward Gomorrah.” He aimed his words carefully: Robert Bork, Supreme Court nominee under President Ronald Reagan, clearly

articulated the views of the conservative right in his book, “Slouching toward Gomorrah.” Politically speaking, Bush brazenly slapped the GOP's face. On top of that, his implication that conservatives are too pessimistic revealed either his stupidity, or his willful ignorance. America isn't slouching toward Gomorrah? Does the increasing acceptance of homosexuality, the growing hostility toward Christianity and the rash of school shootings not mean anything? The way it looks though, Bush has a far bigger chance of winning than all his Republican competitors. He gets the most newspaper coverage. He has the most money. He can ride on his dad's fame. At least he's better than Al Gore. If that's the way Republicans keep voting, that's the kind of politician we'll keep getting. But what if we end up splitting our vote again because of Bush's political blunders? A Democrat will win a third time in a row. So? Maybe then, pseudo-conservative politicians will finally get the idea that we're tired of their pandering style. In the meantime, if a Republican candidate thinks I'll vote for him just because he has the best chance of winning, he can think again.



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## SPEAKUP!



“It's a fun experience, but also makes you think.”

—Colleen Rule, Jr., Columbus, Ohio



“It was fantastic, but the lines were long.”

—Dan Lewis, Sr., Adirondack, N.Y.



“I think it was a lot better than I thought it was going to be.”

—Christi Cherry, Sr., Charlotte, N.C.



“I thought it was really cool.”

—Linda Noyce, So., Boston, Mass.



“It's great.”

—Jennifer Prescott, Sr., New Orleans, La.

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# Commentary

## Dust off the hymnals; old songs still hold meaning

One of the earliest memories I have is of standing next to my grandmother in church singing "Just As I Am Without One Plea." I also remember her teaching me how to play "Trust and Obey" on the organ.

That was just the beginning. Any of you who have wandered through the

Fine Arts Hall know I still play the organ, and I still love to play, sing and listen to hymns.

Those of us who have grown up going to church regularly probably have similar memories of relatives and church people singing certain hymns. These songs of praise and worship (yes, hymns are "praise and worship") connect us with Christians of previous times. They are part of our heritage as members of the family of God.

Hymns also carry messages with them that profoundly express the faith of their author. The strong, simple and encouraging faith expressed in "To God Be the Glory," "Praise Him Praise Him," "Draw Me Nearer" and "Blessed Assurance" came from the pen of Fanny Crosby.

Crosby, who lived in the 19th century, lived most of her life blind. Yet, the faith she expressed in her hymns still provided encouragement for the people of her time. These hymns still do today.

The early American hymn writer John Newton made his living as a slave trader. He had a manner of speech that would make a proverbial sailor blush. Then he found Christ, and his life changed drastically. Newton now witnessed and preached. He also wrote a hymn about his conversion. This hymn, which both Christians and non-Christians know well, appears just about all hymnals. It is "Amazing Grace."

With the advent of praise choruses and contemporary Christian music, many in the Christian community have labeled hymns as old fashioned and irrelevant to people today.

This bothers me. Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that contemporary music is bad or wrong. I think that it has merit, and the church should use it. I also think that we should continue to draw on our rich Christian heritage.

The praise choruses just don't carry the same weight as hymns. When I attend convocation or a contemporary worship service without hymns, I feel something lacking. Personally, I'd rather hear "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" over "I Went to the Enemy's Camp" in worship, although the latter certainly has its place.

Hymns, especially the ones that typically open a worship service, depict God in His majesty and holiness. When we sing one of these like "Holy Holy Holy," or "Oh Worship the King," we stand in complete awe of who God is. Praise choruses usually picture God in a much more informal "buddy-type" way, especially like "Celebrate Jesus" or "When I Think of His Goodness."

Of course, God is both the Almighty Creator and our "friend who sticks closer than a brother." To give up either one would be wrong.

A blended style of worship that includes both contemporary and traditional music seems to have the most benefit to all worshippers. After all, the Apostle Paul admonishes us to "speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs."

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**“With the advent of praise choruses and contemporary Christian music, many in the Christian community have labeled hymns as old fashioned and irrelevant to people today.”**

## Christian students should get involved, change America

By Noelle Connors, columnist

What if Christians of all denominations united and took a stand for Christ in the political realm?

Would millions of doctors perform abortions? Would the senate have impeached Bill Clinton? Would educators promote the homosexual

lifestyle to young children? Could students still openly pray in public schools? Would the Ten Commandments still be posted in the hallways of public schools? Would innocent children have lost their lives in tragic school shootings?

Christian apathy toward politics has culminated in devastating legislative decisions, negatively affecting the moral state of America. Christians cannot afford to remain silent any longer.

At Liberty the vast majority of students, professors and faculty hold a conservative Christian worldview. God has blessed students with the unique opportunity to receive academic training from a Christian perspective. Convocation, hall meetings, prayer groups, and classes pro-

vide students with the tools to truly become "champions for Christ." Students can become equipped with both an academic and biblical foundation to make an impact for Christ in our field.

Whether God has called you to impact the ministry, government or your family, staying informed and getting politically involved makes a big difference.

That might entail writing letters to the editor of your local paper, participating with your local school board, city council, or even getting

involved on the state and national level.

Christian activism at every level in government could turn America back to her roots. Perhaps one day the unborn will again have a right to life, public school teachers will permit students to pray, and Judeo-Christian values will once again reign.

What if Christians had the passion and persistence of the homosexual political movement? A study conducted at the University of Chicago indicates that less than 1 percent of Americans lead exclusively homosexual lifestyles.

Yet, their political voice has

dramatically influenced legislation. Blasphemous gay marriages may soon become legalized in some states. More and more public school teachers present homosexuality to their young students as just an alternative lifestyle. Many hit television shows have homosexual characters.

It's hard to fathom that such a tiny minority has succeeded in disgracing America's Christian heritage. Their distorted views are based solely on sin, yet they have gained public tolerance and even approval.

Yet Christians remain curiously silent? If Christianity is true, why do the majority of pastors and Christians seem reluctant to combat liberalism and take a stand?

As Christian college students, we can impact our country by confronting homosexuality and abortion with biblical truth.

True, we have classes, jobs, extra-curricular activities and (hopefully) a social life.

But Christians, students or not, have a responsibility to stay informed. Set aside time to write editorials to your local paper, volunteer to work for a campaign, call your congressman. Consider a possible calling to a full-time career in politics. You can make a tremendous difference!



## THE SORE Spooky SPOT

by Neil Morée

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The last sighting of the Headless Horseman was mysteriously the evening before the first, recorded PUMPKIN PIE was ever made.

## Letters to the Editor

### Don't get fooled

Dear Editor,

I hate it when people try to make Christians look stupid, and Thursday, I became aware of an attempt to do so. Unfortunately, it has been relatively successful.

Landover Baptist Church is a bogus Web site appearing to display radical right-wing, ultra conservative propaganda. The site is fully developed with icons, articles, and upcoming events of the "church." Advertised fall speakers include Dr. Falwell, Dan Quayle and George W. Bush. The heading reads, "Landover Baptist Church: If you are NOT saved, LEAVE NOW - but visit our bookstore first." Articles claim Catholics aren't saved and music stars are professing Satanists.

The problem is that most people

are oblivious that this is a hoax. The guest book is an extensive list of responses from irate Christians. They vainly protest, "How can you call yourselves Christians?!" while the originators of the Web site are laughing at their expense.

Please use this opportunity to witness. Thousands of people go to this Web site. Though the Web site has been blocked from campus access, the guest book remains accessible. Log-on and explain why our faith is only in Jesus Christ. When the Web site is used to witness, the creators' intentions will be foiled, and hopefully they will remove it from the Internet.

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake, I will not remain quiet" Isaiah 62:1.

Corina E. Hansen, Senior, Newport, N.C.

### Congratulations for excellence

Dear Editor,

Recently, I had a visit from an out-of-town relative who does not know the Lord. As a big fan of college sports, he enjoys visiting college campuses wherever he goes. When he stopped by to see the Liberty campus, he picked up a copy of the Champion. He declared it to be the best university newspaper he'd ever seen. Congratulations to the Champion staff for doing all things "as unto the Lord" and thus being a witness to the world of excellence in Christ.

Dr. Karen Swallow Prior, Department of English and Modern Languages

## As Liberty goes vertical, keep the vision alive

Posters of a futuristic DeMoss Hall line the walls of most of the University's buildings. It's easy to catch the vision and excitement in the air as students and faculty witness Liberty's metamorphosis. Columns, tall pane glass windows, graceful stairs, it's hard to believe that in a few years the Liberty we know will cease to exist. In its place Jeffersonian architecture and lush landscaping will cover this mountain.

Our campus is going vertical in the form of a six-story dorm on the back of campus to another three floors in DeMoss. The change in architecture brings a level of stability and commitment to the vision of the University.

Students and philanthropists alike will invest in this cause and higher tuition and solicited funds are justified in terms of physical illustration (buildings, libraries, and fountains) versus debt consolidation.

The library - all four floors - will thrill faculty and students alike. Imagine climbing the stairs to anything but a residence hall or

sidewalk across campus! In fact this vertical revolution may start to translate into parking decks. See how catchy this is?

The vision and substance of Liberty University are here to stay. With the progress of architecture, buildings suitable to house the dreams of the students and foresight of LU's visionaries will become a part of this mountain's landscape.

Our investment in this college during its most formative years will prove to be a worthwhile endeavor. This campus and school's philosophy will develop into permanence and ensure us that our alma mater will be an

institution hailed by all and a place with which we can proudly associate ourselves.

To the administration and Board of Trustees, this vision is kindling the flame of student and philanthropic investment. Please complete this project as expeditiously as possible. Students can hardly wait for such landmarks on campus and in ideology to present themselves before their very eyes.



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Bugged? Write a letter to the editor. Drop it off at DH 110.

# sportsupdate

Compiled from Champion resources

## Yankees win game two

The story of the World Series has been the Braves can't hit, the Braves can't field, and now the Braves can't pitch. The Yankees jumped on Kevin Milwood for three runs in the first inning in Game 2 of the World Series and the Braves had just two hits in eight innings.

With Tom Glavine sick with the flu, the Braves have lost their star starting pitcher. Game 2 was a "must win" count for Atlanta, after the Braves produced poor bats with just two hits in Game 1.

The Yankees made quick work of Atlanta beating them 7-2 in Game 2 putting New York up 2-0 in the Series. New York raised its record to 20-3 in the post season in the last two years.

## Tyson fight 'no contest' after Norris sprains knee

Another Mike Tyson fight fiasco ended with a punch to the jaw after the bell that knocked down Orlin Norris, who claimed he couldn't continue because of a sprained right knee. After several minutes of chaos following the punch, which ended the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder, the fight was called a no contest to a chorus of boos and epithets Saturday night.

"I really don't want to fight anymore," an angry Tyson said. "I'm tired of this."

The bizarre fight came two years and four months after Tyson was disqualified for biting Evander Holyfield's ear in the same MGM ring. A videotape of the end of the fight showed that Norris' knee twisted under him when he fell to the canvas after Tyson's left.

## Bowden vs. Bowden

It was a victory only a mother could love.

Florida State's Bobby Bowden sneaked away with a career victory No. 300 on Saturday night as the top-ranked Seminoles rallied for a 17-14 decision over Clemson in major college football's first father-son coaching matchup.

In weeks leading up to the historic game, Ann Bowden said she was rooting for her husband of 50 years to win, but in a close game, against her son, Tommy Bowden.

Bowden joined Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Joe Paterno as the only major college coaches to reach 300 victories.

When the game ended, Bobby Bowden was hugged by several of his players, and lifted on their shoulders as the group made its way to midfield to meet Tommy Bowden.

## Barkley calls it quits

Insisting that this time he means it, the 36-year-old Houston forward plans to retire at the season's end. This will be Barkley's 16th NBA season.

"It's just time," said Barkley.

Barkley has long been one of the league's top draws, especially internationally. He was on the original Dream Team, playing with Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson on the juggernaut that won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Last season he was the NBA's second-highest rebounder with 12.3 per game average.

Announcing his retirement in Birmingham, Ala. during an exhibition game, Barkley said he chose Alabama because it's his home. Less than a half hour's drive from his hometown of Leeds, many of his family witnessed the event.

## Volleyball: Flames win

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set up the offense with 71 assists.

Friday night at Charleston Southern University was no different. The Lady Flames defeated the Lady Buccaneers 15-1, 15-3, 11-15, and 15-3. The Lady Buccaneers tried to bounce back after losing games one and two.

In game three, the Lady Buccaneers had a 13-8 lead and never looked back. Despite the victory in game three, the Lady Buccaneers still fell short of the match win.

Howland led the Lady Flames with 33 assists. Akpama finished with 17 kills and nine digs.

"As a team we are climbing to our goals for the season," said Akpama. "We had a rough beginning of the season, but it is paying off now. We are getting a feeling for the Big South Tournament with this match."

Michelle Lewandowski led the Lady Buccaneers with 23 assists and Sarah Gerke led the team with nine kills.

Although the Lady Flames had a break from academics two weeks ago, they had no break from the volleyball court. Last Saturday, the Lady Flames took on the Lady Eagles of Winthrop.

The Lady Eagles were on a winning streak until the Lady Flames came out and clipped

their wings.

Akpama led the team with a game-high 26 kills and a hitting percentage of .305. Rachel Harnack, a sophomore middle blocker, added 13 kills to the team total. Sophomore middle blocker Jessica Wilson contributed 12 kills and a .391 hitting percentage.

Liberty won the first two games by a score of 15-8 and 15-2. Yet, Winthrop fought back in game three, and opened up an 8-0 lead.

The Lady Eagles held on for a 15-12 win, but the Lady Flames finished the match off in the fourth game, 15-1.

The Lady Flames showed why there aren't many teams that can get a hit past them. Liberty finished with 79 digs — five players in double-digits — and 14 team blocks.

Liberty rallied past UNC-Asheville, 3-2, last Friday night 12-15, 12-15, 15-10, 15-16, 15-9.

"We played pretty well for the most part, but we just couldn't finish them off," said Bulldog Coach Julie Torbett.

Akpama had 34 kills and 16 digs. Harnack added 20 kills and 14 digs, while Dorn chipped in 17 kills and 10 digs.

The Lady Flames will travel back to the Carolinas Tuesday to take on UNC-Greensboro, and try to stay on the winning path. Game time is 7 p.m.

# Hubbard develops new strategies for team

By Tarant Judge, reporter

The Liberty University Flames tennis team is looking to improve on last season's 1-14 finish. The Flames players have all returned except one.

The first improvement to this year's team was the addition of Larry Hubbard as the new head coach.

"I want this team to have more personal success to transfer that into more team success," Hubbard said.

Hubbard is a graduate of the University of Maryland. During his career at Maryland, he was an All-American midfielder on the Terps' 1973 national championship lacrosse team and then served as assistant coach at the University of Delaware from 1974-78.

In 1980, he moved to Baltimore to become an associate head coach at UMBC.

Hubbard is a certified USPTR and USPTA tennis professional and

has been the director of tennis and head tennis pro at Peakland Swim and Tennis Club in Lynchburg for the past 10 years. At the same time, he has also been president of Sports Concept, Inc., a privately owned sport-management business.

lacrosse coach and professor of physical education at Lynchburg College.

Over the next 10 years, he coached tennis at local area middle schools and then served as the varsity girls' tennis coach at Amherst County High School. Hubbard and

his wife Julia have six children.

Hubbard will also serve as a full-time faculty member in the School of Education as an assistant

professor of Sports Management here at Liberty.

The season goal is to become mentally and physically in shape. During last fall and winter, the team worked hard on conditioning and remaining in shape.

"We plan to be in shape physically, but importantly ... mentally in shape ... meaning the players

have to keep themselves up while they're in singles matches ... and during the entire match players have to find some sort of encouragement, which can be found through God," Hubbard said.

Anthony Flemming will be challenging the squad's third spot. Flemming finished 5-9 in singles competition last year and 0-1 in doubles.

Bruno Coelho (sophomore, San Paulo, Brazil), Ricardo Shinozaki (freshman, San Paulo, Brazil) and Flemming are the three top singles players this year. Flemming went undefeated in the fall for the first time in his career.

"I want to bring the crowd to our games to help the atmosphere of the game," Hubbard said. "And one thing we have done is change the style of our uniforms. We also plan to play music to let fans know we have games that are being held. The music will bring the fan to the source of the music."

"I want this team to have more personal success to transfer that into more team success."

-Larry Hubbard  
Head Tennis Coach

Hubbard's tennis experience includes the formation of the Southwest USTA Junior Area Training Center for rising junior players throughout Southwestern and Western Virginia. There, he served as the organization's administrator and coach.

Hubbard then moved to Lynchburg where he served as the head

## W'soccer: Lady Flames prepare for Big South



LET HER RIP — Forward CJ Reccord blasts the ball toward the goal in Wednesday's game against Howard University.

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the match at the 65:52 mark on a goal by Lauren Coffey. Only 10 minutes later, Coffey netted her second goal of the match on a pass from Breanna Jacinto.

Coffey's second goal proved to be the game winner as the Lady Flames recorded their second conference win of the season and fourth consecutive victory overall.

Liberty returned home to face Howard University on Wednesday afternoon. In what would prove to be another lopsided victory for the Lady Flames, Nancy Davis set yet another Liberty record, as she became the all-time career goal-scoring leader with 20. In only her sophomore season, Davis broke Amy Ingalls' mark of 19 goals in a career.

Also scoring goals for the Lady Flames were Lauren Coffey, Cheryl Jones, Nina Avilez, Rebekah Walters, Michelle Small and Alicia Davis.

Liberty out-shot Howard 26-6, and won their fifth straight

match defeating Howard 10-3. Addy Allen and Jennifer Blesch combined in goals for the victory.

Liberty improved to 8-6 overall and 3-2 in Big South play with the victory.

On Saturday, the Lady Flames traveled to Charleston Southern to see if they could extend their five-game winning streak. In what proved to be a high scoring affair, Liberty came out on the short end with a 5-3 loss.

The loss dropped Liberty to 8-6 overall and 3-3 in the conference. Charleston Southern and Liberty were both 3-2 in the conference prior to the game, but because of the loss the Lady Flames fell to fourth in the Big South.

The Lady Flames next and last game of the regular season is at Virginia Commonwealth on Monday. With a fourth place conference finish, the Lady Flames have assured themselves of their highest seed ever heading into the Big South Tournament. Liberty will once again host this year's tournament Nov. 4-6.

**Quality vs. spirituality in athletics? See what Brooke has to say on page 12.**

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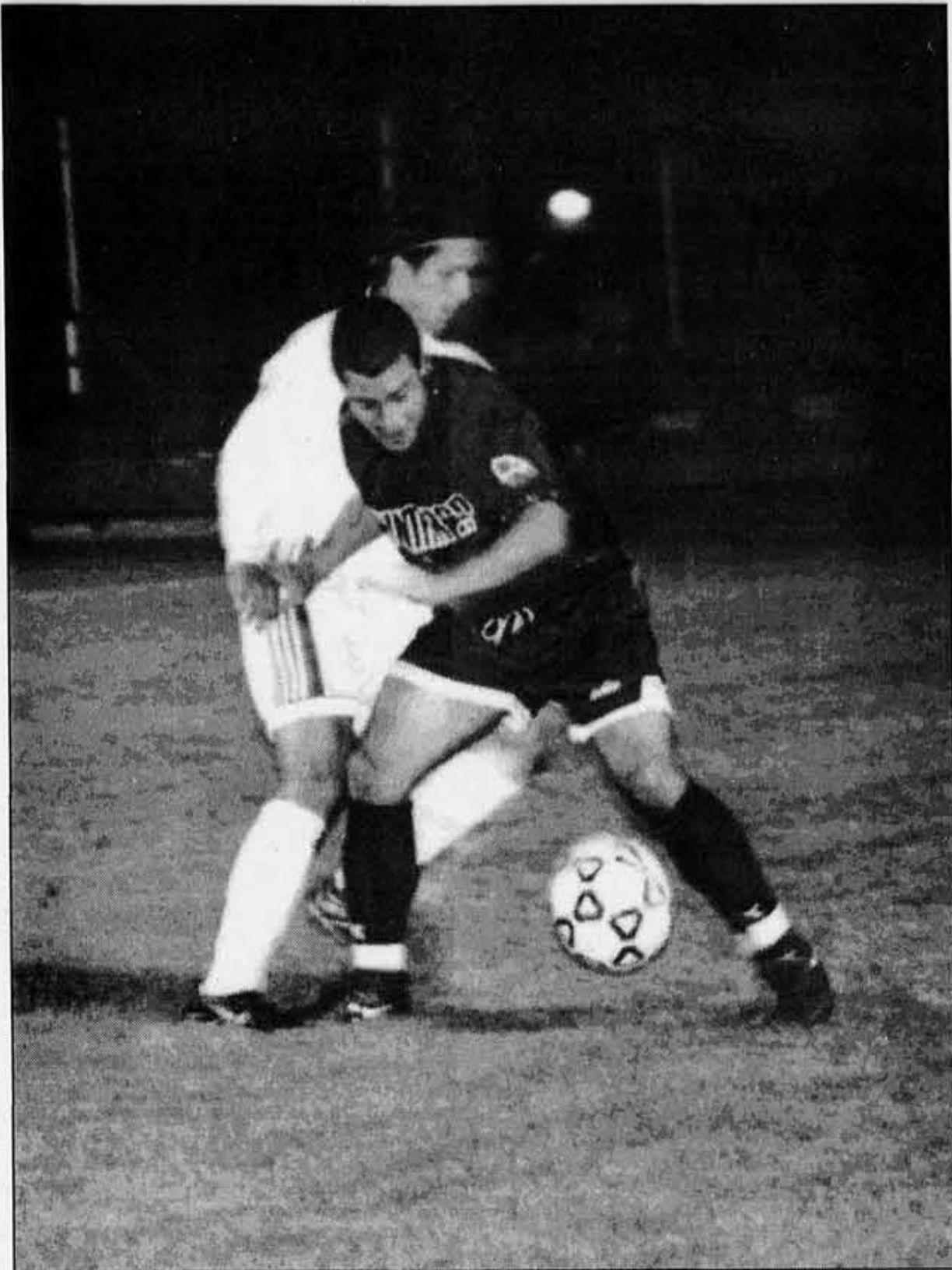
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# Liberty upsets nationally-ranked Florida teams



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**OUTTA' MY WAY**—Junior Kian Brownlee, defender/midfielder, applied some fancy footwork to last Monday's game against Winthrop. The Flames defeated Winthrop 3-2 in double overtime.

By Douglas Stewart, reporter

Liberty's men's soccer team has attracted regional attention as front-runner in the Big South Conference so far this season. But with brilliant play against a nationally-ranked opponent in the weekend Florida International Golden Panther Classic, it looks like the Flames will be attracting some national attention as well.

Before traveling to the FIU tournament, Liberty still had to face off against Big South foe Winthrop on Monday night. Although Winthrop's shabby record of 3-10 made the match appear to be a small bump in the road for the Flames, Liberty needed a double overtime goal to secure the victory.

LU forward Jose Gomez kick-started the Flames with an impressive charging goal at the 11th minute of play. But Winthrop surprised Liberty with a barrage of shots late in the first half. Winthrop finally made good on its opportunities and knocked two goals past Dean Short within a matter of 1:15.

Just when it began to look like LU was in trouble, Jason Streets netted the equalizer at the 53:28 mark in the second half, off of an assist from Derek Avilez.

The first overtime period ended without a winning goal. However, Streets came up big once again only 14 seconds into the second OT by scoring the game-winning goal off of a

brilliant crossing-pass from Kian Brownlee.

According to LU Head Coach Bill Bell, this game was a must-win after dropping a conference game to Charleston Southern.

"The Charleston loss was disappointing. After losing we knew that we had to win tonight to keep the top spot. Winthrop had nothing to lose

his fifth complete shutout of the season with five saves.

The Flames moved on to the championship match to square off against the tournament host FIU on Saturday night.

A large crowd of more than 500 spectators saw an exciting but defensive match that ended in dramatic fashion.

Liberty played the Golden Panthers tough throughout the entire match but neither team could draw first blood.

- Coach Bill Bell  
LU's Head Soccer Coach

"Winthrop had nothing to lose and it showed."

and it showed," Bell said.

"After getting through this game, we will be able to enjoy the Florida Tournament," concluded Bell.

Enjoy the Florida Tournament they did. Liberty stepped up and played its best soccer of the year and upset nationally ranked No. 13 Jacksonville, 2-0.

LU jumped out in front early when Jose Gomez took a crossing pass from teammate Kian Brownlee and fired a score to the left side of the net at 22:25.

Less than 10 minutes later, after a J'ville foul, Derek Avilez converted a direct kick past a Dolphin defensive wall that was still trying to organize itself. The insurance goal put the Flames ahead 2-0.

After the early onslaught of offense by the Flames, the defense decided it was their time to shine. The LU defense closed the door on Jacksonville and went on to cruise to a first-round win. Short recorded

Ben Strawbridge assured his team they would not leave the Sunshine State disappointed. Strawbridge's sliding header from five yards out accounted for the game's only score as Liberty improved its record to 10-2.

Short, who recorded his second shutout of the tourney, was named defensive MVP. Gomez, who scored a goal in the Jacksonville victory, was named Offensive MVP.

The Flames seem to have both the offense and defense pumping on all cylinders at the right time in the season. If LU can knock off a solid VCU team this week, Liberty could be sitting among the nationally-ranked teams.

The Liberty Flames men's soccer team plays home on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. against Coastal Carolina in its last home game of the season.

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## Winning where it counts

Over fall break I went to the home of my team's arch rival school, the Florida Gators and returned having gained a new appreciation for Liberty. I have some friends who live in Gainesville so I decided to head south and touch up my natural Florida tan, yeah right! Although I didn't get to experience the sun, thanks to Hurricane Irene, I did experience a whole lot of other things that we are missing out on here in Lynchburg, besides the sun.

As I walked into "The Swamp" and saw the natural grass being treated, grounds crew working with determination in their eyes and an ocean of seats, I stood in awe and quickly forgot about Williams Stadium. Thousands upon thousands of dedicated Gator fans regularly show up to each sold-out game, scream in awe, and watch in wonder as their Division-IA football team pounds their opponents into the ground. As the stench of beer filled the air, fans' cheers could still be heard, and I closed my eyes and imagined what it would possibly be like to be a part of a university so extravagant.

I continued to get a full tour of UF, and was star struck by the millions of dollars that has gone into each program and each building. Each field, team, and facility was carefully planned. I saw trophy, after trophy that the Gators had earned I began to get jealous. I almost saw myself wearing orange and blue.

Fall break quickly ended and as I drove my nine hours back, I had much time to consider the differences between my own university and the world of wonder I was driving away from. I even found myself drawing up a pros and cons list in my head.

Mind you, our football team is not ranked in the Top 10. In fact we're not even in a conference, but our football team is changing the world for Christ. Sharing the gospel after the game, and praying with the opponents has made the Flames successful off the field. But a team doesn't have to be one or the other. It can be both spiritual strong as well as victorious in it's play. Take the Lady Flames basketball team, going undefeated made it successful in the world's eye yet players continue to honor God off the court.

The welcoming sign entering campus that I've read a million times, "Changing lives one degree at a time" - had a whole new meaning to me. Liberty won't be going to a Rose Bowl, but maybe we'll make it to the College Baseball World Series, I smiled as I turned on our cozy 90.9 The Light.

Now that I'm back I guess I'm just not willing to give up my prayer leaders, SLD's, and on-campus church services for a team that will get the world's attention, but not Christ's. I will soak in our successful teams, enjoy our convocations, and you bet you'll find me at the next Flames game taking in the atmosphere that is like none other.

## Flames grab a win, break losing streak

By Brooke Herrmann, assist. sports ed.

Breaking their two-game losing streak, the Flames scorched the Charleston Southern Buccaneers 34-14 Saturday in Charleston. After a 24-12 loss to East Tennessee State over fall break, the Flames (4-4) were eager to pull up their losing record.

Leading the Flames on the offense was senior running back Stacy Nobles with 41 carries for 217 yards and a touchdown.

The first half of Saturday's game was neck and neck. With 9:31 left on the clock Christian Newsome completed his fourth pass of the quarter for an 11-yard touchdown to Gavin Kralkik.

Randall State led the defense with 10 tackles, including the one he made in the first quarter after Liberty's touch-

down to hold back the Buccs. Liberty led Charleston Southern 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Buccs' second drive of the second quarter started with 7:51 on the clock and ended with a touchdown.

State and Aaron Sykes portrayed a powerful defense until Mark Vail slid through LU's strong defensive line with a 23-yard touchdown to tie the Flames 7-7.

Liberty answered the Buccs touchdown with a field goal. Kicker Jay Kelley kicked a 26-yard goal to raise the Flames 10-7.

Three and a half minutes into the third quarter, Nobles rushed for three yards to complete the touchdown that ignited the Flames rally against the Buccs for the rest of the day. Kelley completed another extra point to put the

Flames up 17-7.

In Liberty's second drive of the quarter Nobles continued his train-like rushing with 28 yards before Kelley kicked a 40-yard field goal to lead Charleston Southern 20-7 and finished the third quarter.

The Buccs attempted to take the lead after a touchdown 10 seconds into the last quarter pulling them up 20-14. But that was the end of the scoring for Charleston Southern.

Liberty, on the other hand, tallied a few more before its job was done. The Flames second drive of the quarter began at 11:16 with Jeremiah Camarata rushing for seven yards.

Newsome then completed a pass to Alonzo Mathews for a touchdown that put the Flames comfortably above the Buccs 27-14. Four plays later, Newsome

completed his 13th pass to Kralkik for a 20-yard touchdown. The clock ran out with Liberty up 34-14.

"We've been playing some really good football teams. This is the first I-AA team that we have played well against in six weeks," said Head Coach Sam Rutigliano.

Last week definitely was not a good game as the Flames traveled to Johnson City, Tenn. over fall break. Liberty was never ahead of East Tennessee State the entire game. Newsome struggled as he completed three of 14 passes and covered only 44 yards. Nobles rushed for a total of 157 yards.

Jay Kelley led the Flames with two field goals. Liberty's only other points came from a 41-yard pass from Biff Parson to Gavin Kralkik, in the to fall short 24-12 loss.

## Midnight Madness strikes LU

By Tim Holland, reporter

The men's basketball team put on an exhibition Monday night as it unveiled this year's completely revamped team.

In an attempt to generate much needed fan support, SGA collaborated with Coach Mel Hankinson and held Midnight Madness for the first time in recent years at Liberty University.

"This was a grassroots thing that came from the students, so they were responsible for this night," Hankinson said. "They know we're gonna have a pretty good year, and we need them as a sixth man. This was a great beginning."

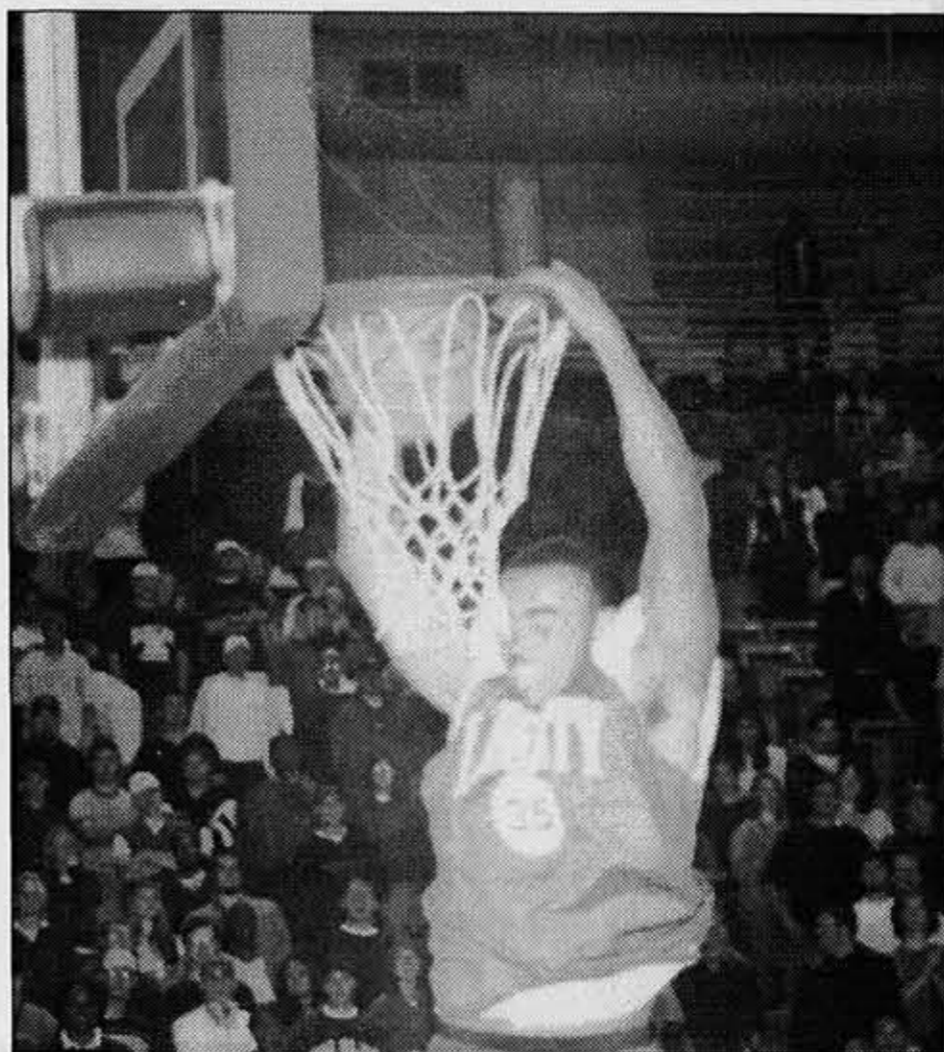
The night's festivities included practice drills, a three-point contest, a dunk contest and a routine by the cheerleaders.

Even though it was merely for entertainment, the casual fan was still able to recognize this year's team is more talented overall than last year's.

The three-point contest featured eight players from the team, sophomore Eric Johnson came out on top.

However, the crowd really became involved when the dunk contest began. Maurice Watkins, Phillip Ward, and Mark Manley generated some of the loudest cheers from the crowd.

Though there were many good dunks, one stood out above all the rest. For his final dunk, sophomore Mark Manley brought out teammate Eric Johnson, and two members of the crowd in an attempt to jump over them before he dunked. After Manley took a running head start, he proceeded to hurdle over all three people and emphatically slam the ball through the hoop.



HANGIN' AROUND — The men's basketball team held a slam dunk contest during Monday's Midnight Madness. Eric Johnson impressed the fans and won the contest.

After an eruption of noise from both fans and players alike, the "celebrity" judges pronounced Manley the winner.

Among the judges for this inaugural event were Eric Lovett, leader of Eternal Praise, Dean Gomes, dean of commuter students and Terry Falwell.

Midnight Madness gave Liberty students a real sense of anticipation

for this year's season for the first time in several years.

According to Hankinson, the Flames have put themselves in a legitimate and realistic position to compete for the Big South championship this year.

"Yes, they can compete for the championship, and yes, they will compete for the championship," said Hankinson.

## Volleyball sweeps matches

Lady Flames return from fall break victorious and ready to take on Big South

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

The Liberty University Lady Flames volleyball team has been on a winning streak for the past two weeks. Last weekend, the Lady Flames (14-8 overall, 8-1 BSC) traveled to UNC-Asheville (3-3, 10-12) and Winthrop (12-10, 4-2) and brought home two victories.

This past weekend, the team headed back to the Carolinas to rack up two more match wins against Charleston Southern (4-14, 0-8) and Coastal Carolina (10-11, 4-4).

Saturday's matchup marked the Lady Flames' fourth-straight Big South Conference win as they defeated the Lady Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina University by a score of 12-15, 11-15, 16-14, 15-17.

The Lady Flames gained control of the match by winning games one and two. The Lady Chanticleers then made an attempt to recover from the first two game losses by winning game three and forcing a fourth game. However, the Lady Flames showed why they are number one in the Big South Conference by winning off of Coastal Carolina's weaknesses.

"This was a good win for us," said Coach Chris Phillips. "We were a little flat, but we played well enough to win."

The Lady Flames were led by senior middle hitter Anthonia Akpama, who recorded a convincing 36 kills and 21 digs. Senior outside hitter Kyrie Dorn finished with 18 kills and 16 digs. Sophomore setter Michelle Howland

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## W'soccer destroys opponents in five of last six games



HEY! NO PUSHING — Forward/Midfielder Lauren Coffey fights for the ball against her Howard opponent on Wednesday. The Lady Flames went on to crush Howard, 26-5.

By Tim Holland, reporter

The Lady Flames soccer team has been on a roll, winning five of their last six games.

Going into their game Saturday against conference foe Charleston Southern, the women had won five consecutive games.

Beginning with their trouncing of South Carolina State, the Lady Flames started to play as a confident team. The women followed their S.C. State performance with an impressive 5-4 win at home against Appalachian State.

Freshman Emily Shubin scored two goals in the win. Nancy Davis, Breanna Jacinto and Kim Althouse also scored for the Lady Flames.

After the win against Appalachian State, the women tried for a third con-

secutive win at Division II opponent Longwood.

In a game that was a defensive struggle, Liberty was able to win on a Nancy Davis goal with only 51 seconds remaining in the game. Lauren Coffey assisted on the goal that allowed Davis to become the school's all-time leading scorer with 45 points.

The 1-0 victory was also the first shutout by Jennifer Blesch.

The women's next game was at conference opponent High Point.

Liberty fell behind early as High Point took a 1-0 lead only 2:11 into the match. The score stood until halftime, even though Liberty out shot High Point 17-2.

The offensive barrage continued into the second half as the Lady Flames tied

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