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# THE LIBERTY CHAMPION

## Proposal aimed at easing Lynchburg traffic

Plans will improve roads around Liberty mountain

By Rick Boyer  
Editor in Chief

The new cloverleaf interchange at the end of LU's campus is only the first stage in what will be one of the largest road construction projects in Central Virginia in recent years. Plans currently in the works call for a bypass around Lynchburg and nearby Madison Heights.

The new highway will involve

widening much of Route 460 to six lanes through Lynchburg, and circling Lynchburg and Madison Heights with a new Route 29 bypass. While the route around Madison Heights is largely decided, the Lynchburg segment of highway is still figuratively up in the air.

The four possible routes for the road were the topic of discussion at a public hearing at Lynchburg's Hilton hotel Thursday evening. Residents of Lynchburg and Campbell County were invited to view maps of the proposed routes to see how their properties

might be affected.

The eastern routes would run from the point where the Madison Heights bypass ends,

east through Rustburg and back into existing Rt. 29 South toward Altavista. The western road would come through Lynchburg on the new six-lane 460, swing west through Evington and connect to Rt. 29 near Altavista.

Wendell Walker of the

Lynchburg Planning Commission and Campbell County Administrator David Laurrell both spoke in favor of the western route.

**"It's not often you can find such unanimous support from cooperating localities."**

— Wendell Walker  
City Planning Commission

It would run through a less developed area of Campbell County. This would require cutting through fewer farms and properties, and would bring economic development to a remote portion of the county. "It's not often you can find such unan-

imous support from cooperating localities, Walker said.

David Lee, a consultant working for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), said approximately 25,000 vehicles per day travel the Route 501 connector between 29 and 460. This section of Candler's Mountain Road serves Liberty traffic and accesses River Ridge Mall and Candler's Station.

Traffic on the two major roads connecting Liberty with the world is expected to double by 2027. With River Ridge mall, Ericsson and LU traffic already causing long lines at certain times of day, there is

concern over how the increased volume will affect LU's campus.

According to Jim Harris, assistant location design engineer with VDOT, "there's going to be a substantial increase in traffic no matter what plan we do." Asked which route might involve the least increase, he said, "There will be a slightly larger increase with the western route, but it would not be substantial."

Harris said whichever plan is chosen, it will be several years before construction would get well underway.

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## Hollywood finally offers family fare

Falwell, others endorse new "Prince of Egypt"

By Chrissy Remsberg  
Copy Manager

For many moviegoers during the holidays, "The Prince of Egypt" appeared to be one of the best animated films of 1998. The hugely anticipated animated feature has been praised by movie critics and ministers alike. LU's own Dr. Jerry Falwell put his stamp of approval on the film after its directors put in some 500 meetings with various religious leaders, including Falwell.

Falwell praised the movie during convocation during Christmas break, when he also noted this was the first movie he had ever publicly endorsed. The movie was brought to Lynchburg so Falwell could have a private viewing before its release to theaters.

The movie was a huge undertaking for DreamWorks SKG and Jeffrey Katzenberg, one of the film's three directors. It took four years, 350 artists and animators and is estimated to have cost between \$70 and \$100 million, making it the most expensive animated film ever.

"The Prince of Egypt" endeavors to tell the story of the Israelites' exit from Egypt. The movie focuses on Pharaoh's son Ramesses and his adopted brother Moses and how their relationship is affected when Moses learns of his Jewish roots. According to Brenda Chapman, another

of the film's directors, it has no religious agenda, but rather focuses on the human aspect of the story so that people can relate.

"A man has an experience with his God which forever changes his life, his perceptions and his people's history," said Katzenberg in a NRB interview "[The movie] must have a grandeur befitting its subject matter. But, most importantly, it must be accurate."

Katzenberg met with more than 500 religious leaders including, Rev. Billy Graham, Falwell, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr. James Dobson, Dr. D. James Kennedy and Dr. Pat Robertson. DreamWorks also employed 650 experts on religion to advise it on biblical authenticity and Chapman and other members of the film's creative team traveled to Egypt to research the adaptation. In all, some 50 changes were made to the film to ensure optimum accuracy.

However, in spite of its attention to detail the film did have some biblical inconsistencies. Thus, the film's introduction states it is "true to the essence, values and integrity" of the story. The myriad of religious leaders Katzenberg consulted approved any liberties the film did take with the Bible.

Though this is the first time Falwell has given such an endorsement to a movie, his is not the only praise being given. Both movie-goers and critics found it a refreshing alternative to typical animated fare.

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**"A man has an experience with his God that forever changes his life ... perceptions ... his people's history."**

— Jeffrey Katzenberg  
DreamWorks SKG

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## The Land of the Bible



JOHN FISHER

**RUN FOR THE BORDER** — Two Liberty students pose for the camera at the border between Lebanon and Israel during the LU semester break study tour. Nearly 2,000 people participated in the 10-day tour. Please turn to page 5 for more pictures from the Holy Land.

## Trip offers LU students the journey of a lifetime

By Rick Boyer  
Editor in Chief

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called it the largest peaceful delegation ever to visit his country. Organizers called it "Israel '99." Many students who took part called it a life-changing experience.

Nearly 2000 Liberty students, graduates, friends and relatives spent 10 days in January viewing the land of the Bible. With sermons from the likes of Dr. Danny Lovett, Dr. Carl Diemer and Jonathan Falwell, given from such backdrops as the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives and the Sea of Galilee,

students had the chance to hear, see and taste the Scriptures more than ever before.

"One of the things that had the biggest impact was being on the sea ... where Christ did 80 percent of his miracles," said student Donnie Love.

The students filled several transatlantic planes and, once in Israel, 28 tour buses. Half of them stayed in Jerusalem and half in Tiberias, by the Sea of Galilee. The days were packed with activity. From wake-up call at 6 a.m. to shopping in Jerusalem late at night, students took in the culture of Israel.

Camel rides on the Mount of Olives, swimming in the Dead Sea and taking a boat out

on Galilee offered fun times, while tourist shops in Bethlehem and Jerusalem gave opportunities to shoppers.

Students visited the Jordan River where Christ was baptized and where Joshua's army walked across on dry ground. They saw Calvary and the tomb from which Christ rose.

They celebrated a belated Christmas, singing songs of the season at the stable in Bethlehem. Tour guides explained Christ's miracles at Capernaum, where ruins from the time of Christ still lie, remarkably well-preserved.

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## WEATHER CORNER



**Tuesday:**  
Partly cloudy.  
High: 66 Low: 32



**Wednesday:**  
Sunny.  
High: 65 Low: 37



**Thursday:**  
Mostly cloudy.  
High: 61 Low: 42



**Friday:**  
Sunny.  
High: 51 Low: 38

## Student favorite returns for spring SEW

By Christal Thompson  
Champion Reporter

Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) is scheduled for Jan. 31-Feb. 2 and the Spiritual Life Office has planned an exciting and Spirit-filled agenda for the week.

Jamey Ragel was selected to be the speaker for the week. Ragel attracted a huge number of students and adults alike when he spoke last semester for the Jesus Is Awesome Rally.

"Jamey has a magnetism with the students, he is on the cutting edge of youth evangelism, that causes him to be as relevant as possible," said Liberty's campus pastor, Dwayne Carson.

In the selection of the speaker

for SEW, the Spiritual Life Office "asked the speaker to really challenge the comfort level of the students and to move the students to a commitment to follow the Lord and serve Him with a whole heart," Carson said.

"We (Spiritual Life Office) also want the speaker to be a help to those who already surrendered by spiritually challenging those students," Carson said.

A five member Christian group called Soul Support will be the musicians for the week. The group, rooted in singing primarily a cappella music, is dedicated to singing about all the incredible things that God has done for His people.

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FILE PHOTO

**HE'S BACK** — Evangelist Jamey Ragel (right) will speak at SEW from Jan. 31-Feb. 3.



# Here & There

**Piano Recital:** The LU Department of Fine Arts presents a piano recital with honored guest Stefan Bardas, Thursday, Jan. 28 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Special Piano Class:** The LU Department of Fine Arts presents a special piano master class with Stefan Bardas Friday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. The class will be held in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Admission is free.

**Show auditions:** Auditions for "Anything Goes", the Cole Porter musical comedy, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 8:30 p.m. for dancers and principal roles and Friday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. for principals, chorus and non-singing roles. The auditions will be held in Fine Arts 145. Christian service credit is available.

**Super Bowl Party:** Student Life presents a Super Bowl party Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. in David's Place.

**Bio/Chem Dinner:** The students of the Biology and Chemistry departments are hosting their Professor Appreciation Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Hometown Cafeteria at 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 plus a \$4 sponsorship. Students should sign up with any TA by Wednesday, Jan. 27 and all money can be paid to the department secretary. For more information, call Amy at 237-3027.

**Coffee House Auditions:** Auditions for the Valentines Coffee House, sponsored by Student Life, will be held Monday, Feb. 1 and Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 4-7 p.m. in David's Place.

**Arts Tribute:** The Minority and International Student Office (MISO) presents A Tribute to the Arts on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Pate Chapel of Thomas Road Baptist Church. Joseph Bundy, director of the Afro-Appalachian Performance Company and Nita Booth, Ms. Virginia 1999, will be featured. Admission is free. For more information on Black History Month events, call MISO at 2688.

**Art Workshop:** The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center presents a workshop with Dennis Roberts: Creating a Ceramic Wall Piece. The workshop will be Feb. 6 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$100. For more information, please call 846-8451.

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

## Senior ring to debut during 'Salute' week

More activities being planned to honor seniors

By JAIME CLARK  
Champion Reporter

The Senior Salute Committee will unveil the first LU official class ring on March 3, in the midst of a bustling Senior Salute Week.

In a week set apart specifically to honor LU seniors, the highlight will be the new ring unveiling during Wednesday's convocation. After convocation, students will be able to order their rings at displays set up in DeMoss Hall.

The rings will be distributed on April 22 at the first annual ring ceremony. Students who ordered their rings immediately after the unveiling and who take part in the ceremony will receive their rings in a walnut box to commemorate the event.

The idea for creating the ring was spawned when Josten's,

the company that supplies the graduation regalia and announcements, approached Liberty about the option of an official ring and a special week to honor the seniors.

Liberty University registrar Barbara Boothe is excited about the opportunity. "There has never been an official Liberty University ring," she said, and this one has "been specifically designed for us."

Many may wonder why a college ring is necessary when a high school ring is already owned. Yet, Boothe said the importance of this ring is reflected in the whole spirit of Senior Salute Week. The spirit is one of pride and remembrance.

"When you look at it," Boothe comments, "it brings back a flood of memories, hopefully happy memories, of the experi-

ences that you've had."

Many other activities are being planned for the week, scheduled from March 1 to March 5. Students will also have opportunities to order graduation announcements, caps and gowns.

This year's Senior Salute Committee, made up of two faculty members, two student officers, two alumni and four administrators, is heading up the week with the desire to consider the ideas of the student body.

"One of the things that we really want to work hard at and establish," emphasized Boothe, "is more interaction in the Senior Salute Week with the senior class."

Information on other activities for the week is forthcoming, and should be available to students shortly.

**"This (ring) has been specifically designed for us."**

— Barbara Boothe  
LU registrar

## 'Egypt' exceeds public expectations

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of Egypt" appeared to be one of the best animated films of 1998.

The film had one of the widest releases in the history of world cinema, opening in some 10,000 theaters in roughly 40 countries, according to a Dec. 18 article of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Audiences were enthralled, bringing it in at No. 2 in the box office in its opening weekend. According to Martin Grove, a movie analyst for CNN, "The Prince of Egypt" flies in the face of seven decades of G-rated film animation and it may have actually exceeded expectations.

"Conceptually, they made a movie which was animated,

but not targeted to kids, and that is a radical departure," said Grove.

The movie did in fact appeal to those of all ages. Chris Barton, an LU senior, took the opportunity to see the movie over his recent Christmas break.

"It was pretty cool. It seemed like it was pretty close to being factual," said Barton.

Reagan Farris, a freshman at LU, agreed. "It was good. They brought the Bible into the the-

aters in the cartoon ... maybe they'll do it in real movies."

Professional reviewers give the production high marks as well. As one reviewer put it, "...[it is] the riskiest movie of the year..."

"The Prince of Egypt" dares to tell a serious story and do so in a way that will speak perhaps even more significantly to teens and adults than to younger viewers.

"It is a prime example of what thoughtful and uplifting family entertainment can be."

**"It was good. They brought the Bible into the theater in cartoon."**

— Reagan Farris  
LU student

## Spring SEW to feature Jamey Ragel

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The Spiritual Life Office is also getting students and spiritual leaders actively involved with preparing for Spiritual Emphasis Week. Carson is officiating a call to prayer through the spiritual life directors to have all the students pray for the upcoming week.

Carson says the first and primary goal is to have those individuals who don't know the Lord come to know Him. Carson encourages all students to take advantage of the services and to make it a priority to attend as much as possible.

Spiritual Emphasis Week will begin Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Schilling Center. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services for S.E.W. will be held at 7 p.m. in the Vines Center. Sunday evening's service will be at 4:30 p.m. because of the Super Bowl.

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## Coming soon?




**YES, THAT REALLY IS THE FLOOR** - After a long delay, building began again last week on the future Food Court. Here, workers are shown on the new concrete floor after the plumbing was put down. Look for story updating the progress of the Food Court and other campus improvements in next week's Champion.

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**Was Alee Baldwin's outburst on the Tonight Show hate speech? See Suzie's column in Opinion on page 7.**

**The Atlanta Falcons are in the Super Bowl. A sign of the end times? Read Keenan in Sports.**



## Spring enrollment calculated

By BILL MEYER  
Champion Reporter

Class sizes may be a bit more manageable this semester, as Liberty enrollment has dropped slightly from last fall's total.

For the spring semester, enrollment is approximately 4,600 students. This number is down from the fall semester's enrollment of approximately 5,100, according to registrar Barbara Boothe.

At a faculty forum last Oct. 27, Dr. Ellen Black, Liberty's vice-president for planning, research and assessment, outlined projections for growth in LU enrollment for the next 6 years. The plan called for an increase to 5,511 students on campus next fall.

LU anticipates 10,500 resident students by 2005.

Boothe was asked if the drop-off this semester was a cause for concern in light of future projections. She said the dip is not unusual and is, in fact, routine for any institution in the spring semester for several reasons.

"Part of that is due to freshman who decide that they don't want to be away from home," Boothe said. "Sometimes the financial burden becomes too great. And academics would be a third factor, where it's like, 'Man, I just can't handle school.'"

At last October's meeting, Black outlined the school's plans for attracting new students. Liberty plans to extend recruitment to areas where many high schoolers are currently unaware of LU.

University President Dr. John M. Borek Jr. noted that the institution is well on the way toward two students per room and appropriate faculty/student ratios.

# Bypass plans will ease traffic

## Unrelated plans will add lanes to Route 501; help students

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He said the public hearing is a preliminary step, and once the plan is chosen, funds must be obtained from the state and federal governments to draw up a design, and then to begin construction.

Harris said plans are already underway in an unrelated project to add more lanes to 501 that should ease congestion for LU students.

Possible solutions include adding more turning lanes into the mall and widening 501 to six lanes between 460 and 29.

Harris said the 501 project should take place before the bypass brings

increased traffic. The 501 plans are time next year, and construction further along in the process, since plans have already been made and designing is imminent.

Money is the main problem now. Harris said. "The only funding we have right now is to make the plan. The next step would be getting funds to actually make the improvements," Harris said. He added that plans will probably be completed by this

**"There's going to be a substantial increase in traffic no matter what plan we do."**

— Jim Harris  
VDOT design engineer

Liberty is also under contract with Lynchburg to build an access ramp from the campus onto 460. There is currently no east-bound access from LU to 460, forcing many students onto the congested portion of 501.

Completion of the ramp will further help make travel on and off-campus a less frustrating ordeal, Harris said.

# Israel trip brings Scripture alive

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Israel presented an intriguing clash of cultures. Israelis and Palestinians live together in an uneasy peace in Jerusalem, where the Old City is partially controlled by the Jews and partly by the Muslims. The site of the Biblical temple is now crowned by the Muslim Dome of the Rock, the beautiful golden-domed temple that highlights so many postcards.

Brown-clad Israeli soldiers with high-powered rifles mingled with blue-coated Palestinian police at the Walling Wall, the holiest site in Judaism. Rabbits in black coats and hats pray at the wall and leave the crevices between the rocks stuffed with prayers on scraps of paper.

Both sides were friendly, even solicitous to the Liberty contingent. Palestinian souvenir shop owners in Bethlehem gave 20 percent discounts to the students on Bus 27.

One of the most dominant signs of the clash of religions is the Eastern Gate. Tour guides showed students the view from the Mount of Olives toward the gate, the route Christ will use when He returns to Jerusalem. The Muslims have filled the gate with brick, and buried their priests in front of it, in an effort to deny Him entry. Meanwhile the church at the site of Jesus' nativity crumbles, as Catholics and Greek Orthodox squabble over rights to the building.

Students stood atop Mount Carmel, where Elijah called down fire from heaven, and looked out across the valley of Megiddo, or Armageddon, where according to the book of Revelation, the climactic battle of history will take place.

The spiritual side of the trip was perhaps the highlight. From an assembly in Caesarea, where the entire group gathered, to a praise and worship service at the Garden Tomb, students saw their appreciation of the Scriptures grow as they saw the Biblical sites for themselves. Many cited the spiritual lessons they had learned from the trip.

"I'd have to say I learned to take advantage of the opportunity the Lord gave me to visit Israel by reading Scripture at the sites," said senior Randy McDowell. "You really can't experience the sites as much without reading the scripture while you're there."

Though not the first time Liberty has undertaken such a trip, this year's event was the largest ever. Freshmen traveled free of charge, while upperclassmen, family and others paid



**EAT AND RUN** — Students enjoy lunch and scenery during a break from their travels in Israel

\$1399 for their share.

Betty Saunders, who worked on the project with Student Development from September-January, said the relationships formed on the trip were special. "The biggest thing was the bonding that took place between the students, and the faculty and staff," she said. "That's a very big positive."

## NATIONAL UPDATE

### Astronomers say Pluto may not be a planet

Astronomy textbooks may all be outdated once the International Astronomical Union resolves a debate on the status of Pluto.

The farthest planet from the sun is smaller than Earth's moon and has an irregular orbit, leading some astronomers to call it an oversized asteroid. Pluto was discovered in 1930, and some say that if it were discovered today, it would never be labeled a planet.

The group expects a decision within months.

### Internet "V-chip" plan comes under ACLU fire

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a request with a federal judge to stop implementation of the Child Online Protection Act (COPA).

The law allows websites to block access to viewers under 18, but the ACLU contends the law allows restriction of adult viewing rights, which the group claims is unconstitutional.

The U.S. Justice Department is pushing for implementation of the law, which is currently suspended while awaiting a full trial.

### Most U.S. drivers admit driving dangerously

While 60 percent of drivers feel they're endangered by other drivers' speeding, according to a new survey, 66 percent admit to doing it themselves. The survey was conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Six percent of drivers even admitted having raced other drivers during the previous week. NHTSA head Dr. Ricardo Martinez says the survey shows the need for tougher traffic enforcement measures.

### Clinton, GOP spar over use of budget "surplus"

President Clinton has announced his plan to spend 62 percent of a hoped-for budget surplus over the next 15 years to revamp Social Security.

Clinton would spend \$2.7 trillion to keep the system solvent till 2055. He also called for \$300 billion to create a government-subsidized retirement account.

Senator Rod Grams (R-Minn) responded with a GOP plan to give Americans an across-the-board 10% tax cut instead. He called Clinton's plan a big government scheme.

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# Coffee House Auditions



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**at David's Place from 4-7pm**  
**Singing, skits, comedy, etc.**

## IMS Manager Meetings

All meetings are at 4:00pm at David's Place

### COED VOLLEYBALL

January 25th

### INDOOR SOCCER

February 8th

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### SOFTBALL & FIELD HOCKEY

February 15th

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soccer on the 15th also

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# Upcoming Events

## VALENTINES COFFEE HOUSE

February 12th 9:30pm and 12:30am  
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## "BULL BUCKING IN BOONSBORO"

February 5th, 26th



## WAYNE WATSON IN CONCERT

Roanoke, VA February 4th

## SKI TRIP TO WINTERGREEN

February 16th

## LASER IMAGING

February 19th at David's Place

## VALENTINE'S DINNER-THEATER

Saturday, February 13 at DP





JESSICA MILLER

### The weather outside is frightful

When it comes to winter weather, I'm really a northerner. Although I've spent most of my formative years in the heart of the Deep South, I'm one of the few Georgians who actually looks forward to a beautiful winter snowfall.

Even as a child, I would wake up and run to the bedroom window every morning between New Year's and Valentine's, hoping to see the sun glistening off a fluffy white blanket. Making a snowman was the highlight of the winter season, even with a half an inch of snow. But the usual sight from my bedroom window was the disappointing brown prickliness of dead grass.

My love of snow may seem traitorous, since most Peach state residents normally feel violent animosity for our meager snowfall record south of the Mason-Dixon. I observed just how odd my feelings were when Georgia encountered a "winter weather watch" not too long ago.

It may be that as a child of die-hard northerners, I escaped being pegged with the aggressively adverse reaction to winter weather that most southerners experience during the month of January. I have witnessed the common reaction that the phrase "chance of snow" brings to a normally slow-as-molasses southern town.

The possibility of being blanketed with (gasp!) an inch of the white stuff initiates a sort of frenzy in the South that other parts of the world reserve only for riots and Super Bowl Sunday.

In an odd winter tradition, the words "chance of snow" signal the start of an annual panic of preparation for the "Blizzard of the Century."

When residents of the south receive the news of impending inclement weather, they begin their race against the weather with a sprint to the supermarket, rushing to stock up on domestic essentials, such as bread, milk and toilet paper. Racing from their minivans into the nearest grocery store, they run as if an Olympic gold medal awaited at the checkout counter, skidding down the bread aisle, careening around to the dairy aisle and finally finishing with a 100 yard dash past paper products.

With this leg of the competition completed, southerners then turn to their vehicles, hauling out chains and all-weather tires, packing the trunk with cables and flashlights and hot chocolate, in case the "Big One" strikes.

The city readies the salt trucks and travelers hold their breath as the temperature begins its descent from the 37-degree mark.

Okay, maybe southerners aren't that bad, but I have to admit that some do get pretty worked up over a couple of little flakes, especially since the temperature rarely falls below 30 degrees, even when snow is expected.

This is why I love returning to Virginia after Christmas break. Despite this amusing disinclination for winter weather of my home state, I still look forward to snowy days. And now that Virginia has become my winter home, my chances of seeing more than half an inch of snow this season increase dramatically. A couple more days of dazzling pureness will make my winter.

Who knows? Maybe this year will be the year of the snowman.

# Life!

## THE GUIDE

### What to do and where to go during the spring of '99

By JESSICA MILLER AND TARYN BLAKE  
Life! Editors

Okay, you've spent all your Christmas money and seen every movie at the dollar theatre. Now you're looking for something to do.

Student Life has planned a multitude of activities for the spring semester that are both inexpensive and fun. From concerts to Coffee Houses, soccer to skiing, these activities are a great way to party all the way to graduation!

#### Concerts

Student Life has booked one of the largest acts in Christian music, a concert which promises to be one of the highlights of the semester.

The multi-platinum group dc Talk, will return to the Liberty campus with their own brand of modern music. The band will perform April 10, in the Vines Center with opening acts acoustic vocalist, Jennifer Knapp, (of Toby McKeehan's Gotee Records), and up and coming swing band of "The Devil is Bad" fame, The W's.

Other concerts this semester include Wayne Watson's performance in Roanoke on Feb. 4 and Point of Grace in Roanoke on March 5.

#### Skiing

Student Life has planned two ski trips to

Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Va. Scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Tuesday, Feb. 23, a group will leave David's Place by 3:30 p.m. for an evening of fun on the slopes. The cost of the trip is \$15 for a lift ticket and \$15 for ski rentals. To go, each student must sign up and leave a non-refundable \$15 deposit in the Student Life Office by the Friday before the trip.

For those who can't fit these dates into their schedules, Wintergreen also offers three package deals during the ski season.

The frequent skier/rider card gives discounts on lift tickets and lodging at the resort, with \$5 discounts on ski or snowboard rentals at anytime. The "college daze" deal is good for any Tuesday or Thursday through the ski season. With a college ID, lift tickets and rentals cost only \$15 for each.

Twilight and night skiing offers a different skiing experience for all levels of skiers. From 12:30-10 p.m. Sunday- Thursday and 12:30-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, night skiing costs the same as day skiing.

#### Intramurals

This semester, sports enthusiasts can look forward to seven different intramural sports of interest to both genders.

There are three seasonal and four tournament sports. For those with busy schedules, tournaments offer the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition without long-term commitment.

Encouraged by an increased participa-



Ted Neumann

HANGIN' OUT — Students enjoy the company of friends during a relaxing evening at David's Place.

tion in women's sports last season, Student Life has added a "women only" sport, field hockey.

#### Campus Activities

For those who prefer something closer to home, David's Place offers a variety of activities. Open every Friday until 1:30 a.m., David's Place has pool tables, televisions and a computer loft in addition to specially planned activities.

According to Moose Pierce, coordinator of student activities/intramural sports, David's Place is "branching out" this semester with activities such as the Super Bowl party on Jan. 31. Other activities include Laser Imaging, featuring Prince of Egypt, on Feb. 19 and "Make Your Own Music Video" on Feb. 20. A "Cinema in the Sand," in which movies are shown on the volleyball court, will allow students to enjoy some of the spring weather April 16.

For a special Valentine's event, Student Life is also planning a Dinner Theater at David's Place Saturday, Feb. 13. It will feature the movie "Princess Bride" and a catered meal.

"David's Place Plus" is another brand-

new activity that will feature something "extra," according to Pierce, such as a karaoke night.

Student Life also sponsors several Coffee House events throughout the semester. The first showcase of student talent is scheduled for Feb. 12 in celebration of Valentine's Day, followed by an outdoor Coffee House on April 23.

And if you're looking for something really wild, Student Life has an extra-special activity planned for you.

On Feb. 5 and 26, March 26 and April 9, Student Life is sponsoring a "bull bucking night" at North Wind Stables. Whether you're a cowboy or not, bull bucking provides the thrill of an old-fashioned rodeo, as cowboys attempt to ride a bucking bull to the finish. Liberty students will receive \$1 off the price of admission with their student ID.

"It's family-oriented and intense," Pierce said.

So get out of your dorm room and go find some fun. There's an activity for every interest on the student life schedule this semester.

Call information for a weekly update on events.



JOHN FISHER

PASS, SET, SPIKE — Students play beach volleyball on the courts at David's Place. Volleyball is one of many intramural sports that Liberty offers.

## Raze-ing the roof

By TARYN BLAKE  
Life! Editor

Pulsating rhythms of technologically engineered music intersects the hearts and lungs of its captive listeners, jolting them to attention.

Powerfully commanding vocals rendering a simple repetitive chorus flavorfully speckle the auditory capacity of each listener.

This is the movement of techno. This is RAZE.

RAZE is a group bringing the techno driven sounds of the "raver" scene to Christian music.

"A vocal group has never displayed such unity and diversity as the members in RAZE," Forefront Records said.

Not only are the group's four members, (Mizzie, Ja'Marc, Donnie, and J.d.), committed to creating the best of modern sound, but their commitment to sharing a love for Jesus Christ through their music is equally strong.

"That's the reason RAZE exists," said Donnie. "We will always be involved with students and schools, and for that matter, whatever it takes to reach people. If it's effective in leading some-

one to Christ, then we're in!"

Their CD leaflet is laced with Bible verses and words of encouragement. Their lyrics also offer a viable alternative to the trite hallucinogenic themes of many artists of similar genre.

Despite finding considerable radio and touring success in the British market, RAZE did not allow its recent popularity to cloud its message.

In fact, it decided to bring the message home and returned to the states with its U.S. debut EP, "That's the Way."

Musically, the album can be described as a "Europop-techno-rave" and "a touch of house" conglomeration with a sound comparable to groups like "The Real McCoy" and "La Bouche."

"We have a definite image, but labels don't really bother us," said Ja'Marc. "As long as they don't limit us from reaching people with Christ's love, let people call us whatever they want."

This is music that both the saved and unsaved can understand: lyrics that speak of friendship and God's love with simplicity and clarity.

"That's the Way" draws a listener in completely from head to heart to foot,"



Courtesy of Forefront Records

RAZE-ING THE STANDARD — RAZE members Donnie, Mizzie, Ja'Marc and J.d. released their American debut EP, "That's the Way," this January.

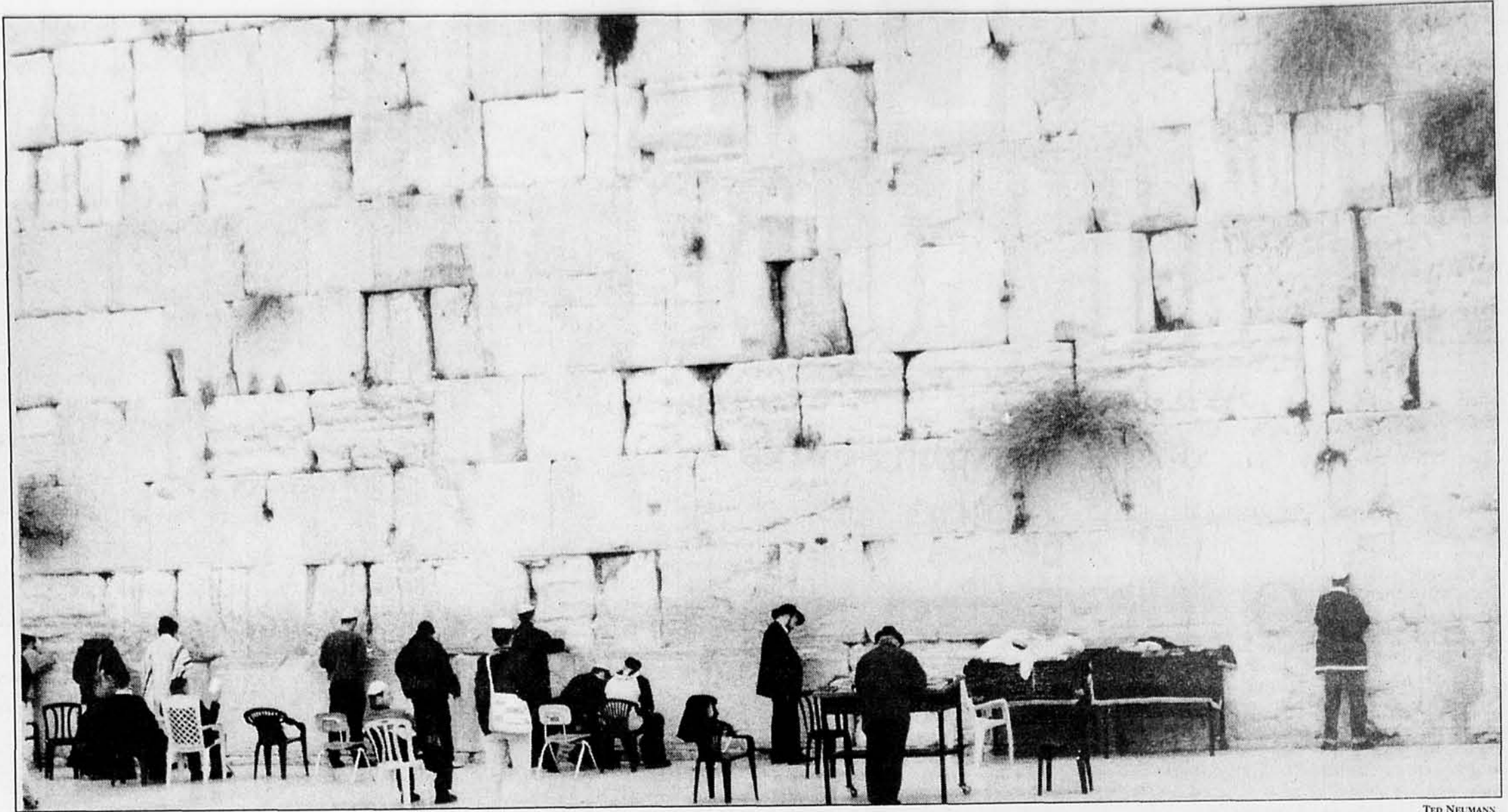
said Forefront Records.

However, the CD is tauntingly short, leaving any true music fan desiring more of RAZE's music. The album presents five original songs and three tantalizing remixes that are able to get almost anyone's head bobbing to the pulsating beat.

And with a CD price tag of only \$9.98, mouths are bound to be agape at the marketing value enclosed in every package of pop.

Forefront Records has sought and found new talent in this hot new group that will present the gospel to a previously unreached audience.





TED NEUMANN

**WAILING WALL** — Jews continue the ancient tradition of writing out their prayers on pieces of paper and placing them into the cracks of the wailing wall, a wall standing since Jesus' day.

# The Holy Land

Nearly 2,000 Liberty students, faculty, staff and friends spend a week walking where Jesus walked

To walk where Jesus walked - that was the goal of nearly 2,000 Liberty students over Christmas break. The students, plus many others, joined in "Israel '99," to get college credit while seeing first hand the land of the Bible. I was one of them.

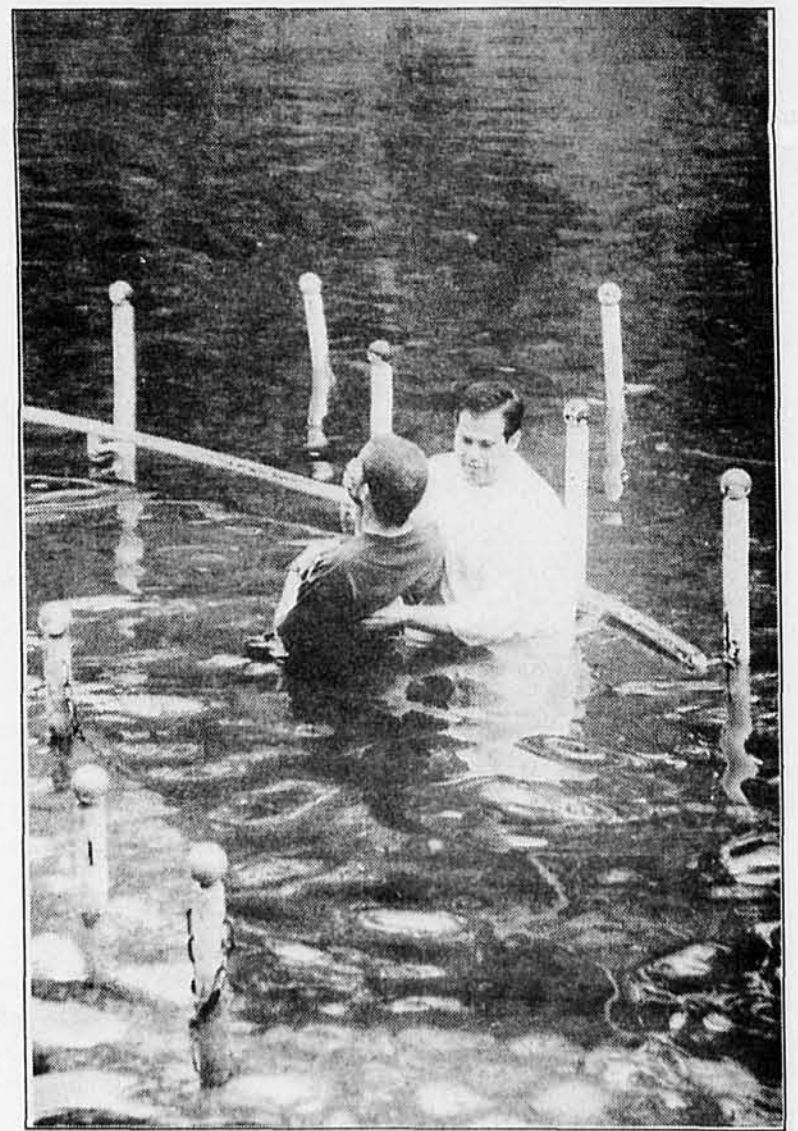
We took in the traditional sites of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, and Galilee, where he performed most of His miracles. Worship at the Garden Tomb marked the zenith of the trip with Jonathan Falwell, executive pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church, speaking on the resurrection.

What really struck me was the lack of vegetation. Most of Israel is sand and rocks, with the Jordan Valley the only well-watered part of the country. The entire southern portion of Israel is a barren wilderness.

The streets we walked in the Old City of Jerusalem were the same narrow, winding paths that Christ walked, with buildings on both sides towering so high they shut out the light. The people, Jews and Palestinians alike, seemed friendly and accommodating, with both our tour group and with each other, despite news reports to the contrary.

To actually see these places lent a whole new meaning to the songs of the faith, and gave fresh color to Scripture. I came away with a whole new appreciation for the sacrifice Christ made.

— Rick Boyer

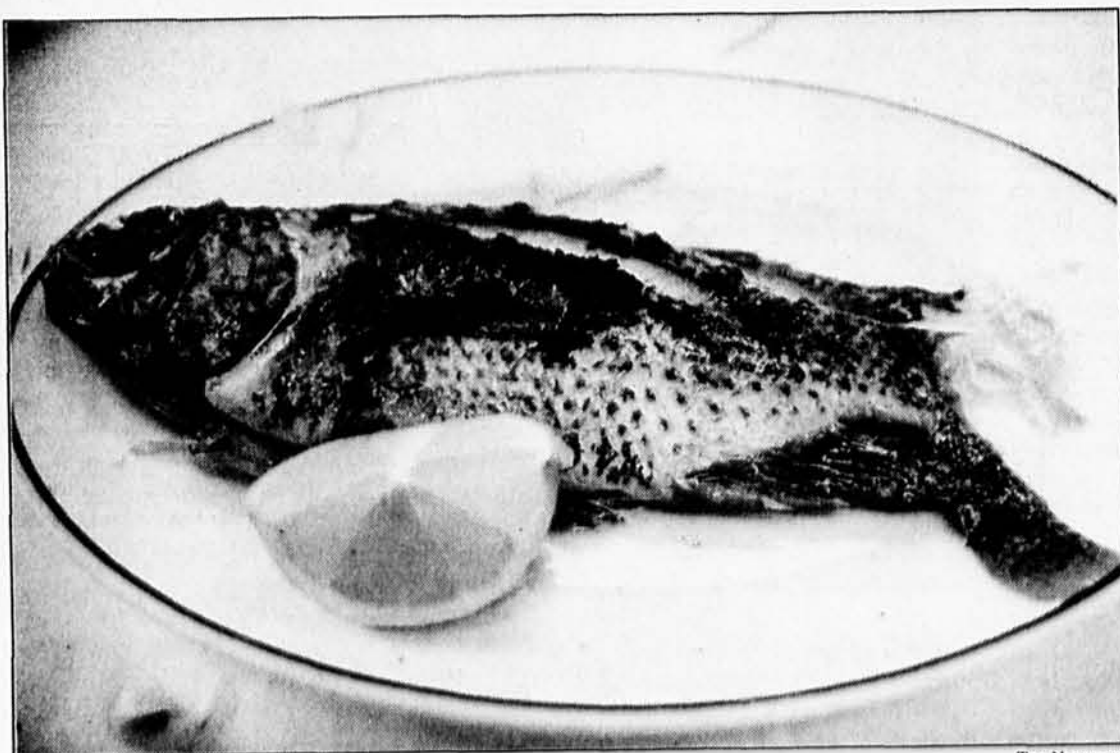


**BAPTISM** — Lou Weider, Director of Christian/Community service, baptizes a LU student in the Jordan River.



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**FRIENDS FOREVER** — Three excited frosh pose in front of a small sample of the Roman architecture students witnessed.



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**GOURMET ISRAEL** — LU students experienced Israel's culture in many different ways, even eating St. Peter's fish at the Lido restaurant.



JOHN FISHER

**TRANSPORTATION?** — Freshman Ashley Hammerud poses at the Mount of Olives with her new Israeli friend.



# OPINION

## THE LIBERTY CHAMPION

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

### Clinton's destruction will not be a global killer

When the House of Representatives tried President Clinton for impeachment, analysts said that if Clinton was found guilty, the stock market would collapse, foreign affairs would turn into warfares and America would come to an end as we know it.

Well here we sit, the stock market still soars through the roof, World War III hasn't begun and Americans are still living their daily lives. The fact is, the American president simply represents the people. Bill Clinton is not America.

However, some impeachment critics believe that even though nothing happened when the House found him guilty, this country will surely meet its doom if the Senate implements the impeachment. This is hard to believe in light of the fact that this country has made it 400 years without Bill Clinton. Surely, she can last a few more.

Unfortunately, many people do not care about the impeachment, much less about Clinton's love affairs. In a recent USA Today poll, the majority of students in various colleges across the nation said that if President Clinton attended their university, they would not expel him for his actions.

If people do not care about the president's crimes, then they certainly do not want him impeached. Why would anyone impeach a man who is innocent in the majority's mind? After all, if America does not think that Clinton deserves a punishment, then they do not really believe that he did anything wrong.

Thus, regardless of whether or not the Senate impeaches the president, America will not reach a demise because she does not really care. Americans have become so wrapped up in their independent lives that an impeachment process in Washington D.C. seems as far removed as elections in Nigeria.

Impeached, censured or acquitted - regardless of the Senate's decision, America will respond with business as usual, just like it was when the House moved for impeachment.

### Was \$.33 really necessary?

In a world where e-mail, UPS and the telephone give students easy access to communication, many of them would rather turn to more inexpensive services than support the United State's postal service ever-increasing stamp price inflation.

One of life's best rewards comes when a hand-written letter decorates the pile of bills, credit card applications and sweepstakes. Sadly, the rising price in postage discourages students from buying this reward for their loved ones.

Even more tragic is the fact that parents and other relatives may be a little more hesitant to purchase those care-packages. Sure, those random boxes filled with goodies will never cease, but the more those stamp prices increase, the more loved ones will think twice before sending a package with contents that cost as much the postage.

Some may say that it is only a penny. That it is no big deal. But for a student with only \$15.25, \$.33 subtracts a substantial amount of their income, not to mention the reduction in incoming quality mail. Many students have just passed their second decade and in this short span of time, they have seen over a \$.10 increase in the price of a stamp.

While students struggle to buy a stamp, the U.S. post office has constructed larger more complex buildings and they have funded designer stamp campaigns. Frankly, who cares about standing in the nicest building in town just to buy some Bugs Bunny sticker?

Many would prefer standing in a shack to send their mail, if it meant they could once again buy inexpensive postage.

### Quotes of the week ...

"Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the Lord, who do their work in darkness and think, 'Who sees us? Who will know? You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He did not make me'? Can the pot say of the potter, 'He knows nothing?'"

— Isaiah 29:15-16

"To sit alone with my conscience will be judgment enough for me."

— Charles William Stubbs



### Apathy in violent times

"If we were living in another country, what we, all of us together, would [do is] go down to Washington and stone Henry Hyde to death! Then we would go to his house and we'd kill the family, kill the children!"

Alec Baldwin shouted these words to an audience in the "Late Night with Conan O'Brian" studio.

O'Brian had asked this actor/liberal spokesman what he thought of the impeachment process, when Baldwin tore into his screaming tirade. O'Brian and his in-house audience were laughing, as Baldwin's face flushed with the passion of his rage.

Immediately after finishing his rampage, Baldwin slipped back into an even-keeled tone of voice to continue his interview. Baldwin should have realized that Christians would not ignore his psychotic act.

When confronted by the conservative sect, Baldwin said he was only joking. Sorry, but that equates to the most pathetic defense in history.

He threatened Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde's life, not to mention that of his family. Hyde has done nothing but attempt to do his best for the American people by holding their president accountable. He worked as the lead House prosecutor in the impeachment trials and Hyde admitted that Baldwin's hate-speech disturbed him.

Ironically, Baldwin is the same actor who had a photographer imprisoned for taking pictures of his family. If Baldwin thought that capturing his family on film was threatening, then how did he think Hyde felt when Baldwin confessed his fantasy of torturing this politician's loved ones to the death in front of the American people?

Even more frightening, though, are Baldwin's political ambitions. Even while he declines any rumors of campaigning, he represents the liberal Democrats as one of their chief spokesmen.

A world controlled by a man who dreams of bringing conservative persecution to America should frighten everyone into action.

When two men murdered homosexual Matthew Shepard last fall, liberals blamed Christians for his death. They said that their "hate-speech" against the homosexual community motivated these men to execute Shepard.

Liberals wanted laws invented that would punish anyone who persecuted a minority with their words. However, if a Christian dies in an act of martyrdom, will the American judicial system threaten the public with a "hate-crime" law?

Liberals said that conservatives blew Baldwin's tirade out of proportion, but

if hate-speech killed Matthew Shepard, then Baldwin should be charged with the same crime. Unfortunately, America holds a double standard. Christians are the predators and liberals are the victims.

Whether it's Sudan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China — or any communistic or Islamic country, one can find hate-speech directed towards Christians. As a result, Christians endure beatings, torture and death.

Nina Sheah documents this persecution in her book, "In the Lion's Den." In Algeria, an Islamic group slit the throats of seven Trappist monks because of their faith. In Kuwait, an Islamic court robbed Robert Hussein of his family and condemned him to death because he converted to Christianity. Muslim mobs gunned down Munir Khoker because he tried to stop them from destroying a Christian cemetery.

Tragically, the American government turns its back on these horrors. Baldwin was right, if Hyde tried to

impeach a leader in another country because of his immoral, anti-Christian behavior, Hyde would be hanged. But rather than celebrate, Baldwin and all citizens should weep over this truth.

Think about it. When an American tourist or a soldier gets captured overseas, the government jumps into action. It goes to any lengths to rescue its citizens from harm. But when was the last time you heard about the government saving an American missionary being held hostage?

No, the powers that be have turned their back on Christians. Since the government represents her people, the overall attitude of America has become apathetic. Unfortunately, the U.S. has begun to join her Islamic and Communistic predecessors, though every historical country that has turned their back on God and His believers has collapsed.

When Sodom, Gomorrah, Babylon, Germany and the Soviet Union rejected God and spurned His believers, these nations collapsed. If Christians do not take a stand, then America will cascade down the path of destruction. Christians need to take a stand, not only for their own well-being, but also for that of their nation.

Persecution seems so far removed — oceans away. But the words spoken by Baldwin have planted the seed of hatred. America has turned against the faith that gave her birth. She has imprisoned the pro-life activists, she has burned her churches, she has promoted euthanasia.

America has cut off the lifeline she had in Christ and now she may very well have cut off her life.

### Honoring the most hypocritical figures of 1998

It's time to hand out the "Geraldo Rivera Honesty Awards" for 1998. This recognition goes to those who most richly deserve commendation for sheer hypocrisy in 1998. Forgive me if I leave out your candidate: I have so many to choose from.

First Prize. The major networks and newspapers. Where do I start? First congressional Republicans are accused of being partisan by seeking the truth about the First Predator's actions with Monica Lewinsky. Never mind the fact that 30-plus Republicans voted against at least one article of impeachment, while only five Democrats had the guts to vote for one.

Then Ken Starr is accused of being sex-obsessed. Ken Starr? Because he uncovered sordid stories of an intern and a blue dress? How about the man who's singlehandedly disgraced his office with his extracurricular activities?

Starr is also labeled a vicious, hateful persecutor who just wants to get revenge on a man he hates. Meanwhile, actor Alec Baldwin literally screams for the stoning of Republican Henry Hyde and his wife and family. He says he was just joking. The media find no problem with this. But, as Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz puts it, Clinton's opponents are purveyors of "genuine evil" and part of the rabid right. Ken Starr is vicious. Uh huh.

Second prize. The feminists in the NOW, NARRAL, and other related segments of true womanhood. The same people who bought the trumped-up charges against Clarence Thomas, even though all Thomas' other co-workers said Anita Hill was lying. But when the president faces DNA proof of his misdeeds with a woman his daughter's age, and has other accusers scattered across the country (one of whom he bought off to the tune of \$800,000), they defend him.

Never mind the women he has humiliated. As long as he backs abortion rights, he's their man. Nothing like a stand for principle. Way to go, ladies.

Third prize. Congressman Dick Gephardt. His cry that we have to stop holding politicians to "these unattainable moral standards" has all the authority of, well, the First Perjurer himself. He has turned abuse of women and blatant, compulsive lying under oath into a virtue. A regular moral crusade against morality.

How dare we expect politicians to keep promises. How dare women expect their husbands to uphold their vows. The Gephardts of the world can't attain this standard for the same reason a thief can't find a policeman. They never wanted to.

President Clinton's defense lawyers take fourth place. They prophesied that a House trial would be something close to the end of the world as we know it.

So the Pervertator-in-chief was impeached. Nobody starved. No one made a dollar less as a result. Yet we're warned that if the President is tossed, the country will go into a tailspin. I doubt it. President Gore would see the same growth Clinton has. Quit fear mongering. It won't sell anymore.

Fifth prize to the "constitutional experts" who keep calling this sad chapter a "constitutional crisis." Sorry, but this is why impeachment is in the Constitution. The president is not a king. More than 100 people are in jail today for perjury. This is how we do it in America. We don't kill evil kings, we impeach them. Big deal. Not only will he not go to jail, he gets to keep his pension. Poor guy. I feel his pain.

Last but not least, the First Pervert himself. This is the same guy who wrote in 1974 that if the president had lied to the American people, he should resign. Today it's a matter between himself, his family and his God. Or was it the Roman fertility goddess? Do I even want to know ...?



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"I wish Washington had started the trial sooner and kicked Clinton out of office."

— Kendra Fulks, Jr. Va.



"The attitude of professors toward students."

— Keli Buzzard, Jr. Pa.



"My dating choices."

— Leslie Noble, Jr. Ind.



"A more loving attitude toward students."

— Beth Firmin, Jr. Va.



"I wish that I would have spent more time with my family before I left the state and came to LU."

— Shannon O'Donnell, Fr. Fla.



"My G.P.A."

— Althea Paul, So. Fla.

— Photos by Amara Lennon



# COMMENTARY

## Painfully trusting in God brings rewards

By **CHRISTINA LOH**  
Champion Editorialist

Most people think of suffering as remote: the missionary in a hostile country, the poor in Russia, or those mentioned in convocation who have lost loved ones.

For the Christian, however, affliction is often God's intimate work of purifying and shaping, not something that just "happens" to others. Even mature Christians can respond to this with the same naive confidence as did James and John, when assuring Jesus that they could drink from the same cup as He. However, the price of placing trust in Christ increases during times of persecution. A Christian submerged in suffering knows how intense this pain can be: so much so, this torment seems to wrap around his heart and flood its pulsing chambers. During such extreme circumstances, it becomes more difficult to place your life in the Savior's hands.

Understandably, some Christians tremble with fear when they read "trust in the Lord with all your heart." These Christians realize that for the sincere, fully surrendered Christian, suffering is inevitable. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer" (Philippians 1:29-30). The Lord saves people from the final consequence of sin, but he also wants to save his children from the twisted selfishness of the natural, wicked human heart.

Hannah Hurnard vividly describes the Christian's suffering in her popular book, "Hind's Feet in High Places." The heroine, Hind's Feet, willingly lays her

life down to have her sinful human heart ripped out of her. (Later, it is replaced with a new one.)

Is it worth it to give everything up for the Lord? A hesitant answer to this question seems ungrateful and immature, but to the person facing hard choices, it is a real concern. Surrendering everything, especially good things, puts one in a precarious position.

Fortunately the Lord has a reassuring answer for his anxious child. Jeremiah wrote, "For if He causes grief, then He will have compassion according to His abundant loving kindness. For He does not afflict willingly, or grieve the sons of men" (Lamentations 3:32).

In the poem, "Footprints in the Sand," the Lord comforts his child, and even participates in his pain: "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

The call to suffer with Christ strikes fear in many, and legitimately so. But Paul's explanation to the Corinthians still applies today, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (II Corinthians 4:8-9).

The fulfillment of dreams, whether they are of marriage, success or just to live comfortably, is of secondary relevance to the Lord. A sincere Christian must follow the Lord's example and place His dreams at a lower status, with the knowledge that what is more important is that the Lord knows and wants what is best for each of His children.

The Lord's compassion for "those who mourn" is priceless. Of even more value, however, is His purpose for suffering.

The Apostle Paul writes of his experiences, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish, so that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7-8). The rewards of having a close, intimate relationship with one's Creator far surpasses any other fulfilled desire, and far outweighs any fears.

The Christian who fears suffering, or who is in the midst of it, should remember the Lord's everlasting compassion. Even more encouraging than verses of the Lord's compassion is the knowledge of His purpose for suffering. By surrendering to the Lord, Hind's Feet sought to destroy everything that would keep her from full intimacy with Him.

The heart she sacrificed was later replaced with a new one, and her dream (the same dream divinely placed in each person's heart) became real. After living a life of mediocrity and loneliness, Hind's Feet experienced the joy of having an intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe, the Lover of her soul.



## Christians should promote, rather than criticize artists

By **JESSICA BROPHY**  
Champion Editorialist

In recent times the art culture has become tangled with the politics of Washington. For example, art can no longer be enjoyed for its creativity, beauty or intelligence. It must be questioned or disgraced or insulted by people who simply cannot appreciate art in its simplest form.

Suzanne Fields, a Richmond Times columnist, said in a recent article, "much of contemporary criticism is pretentious gobbledey gook. But that's changing."

"Cultural conservatives," as they are labeled by the liberal media, fought over recent "masterpieces" such as crucifixes in urine and pornographic photographs that the National Endowment for the Arts published. These types of controversies need to be addressed and Christians should speak out against this form of so-called art that dishonors God and His creation.

Yet, at the same time, Christians need not blame the entire creative culture for this liberal perversion. Most art is not obscene or disrespectful, so why focus on the minority that is? Just because an individual artist tries to create controversy doesn't mean that all art should be seen in a negative light.

After all, many newspapers across the country are trying new ideas with their cultural sections. They are leaning more toward art and less toward stoic facts. The concentration on politics and laws no longer exists. Instead, newspapers run perceptive reviews and criticisms, as well as art history. Yet, the mere fact that journalists exercise their artistic talents does not mean people should boycott the press.

Charles Paul Freund said that the cultural future "belongs neither to conservative nor liberal authoritarians." Art, a seemingly neutral topic, should bring about harmony between the diverse peoples of the world. It is something that all humans can share in. Christians should see God's work in art and God's gift-giving abilities in each painter, sculptor or potter.

Art, for the Christian, should be seen as a wonderful present from God — one in which His works can be presently seen on earth. Concentrating on the politics of art and further negating its purpose in God's universe is wrong. Enjoy other people's contributions to life through their art.

Although many artists may not glorify God in their work, their work only proves God's utter mercy and grace for giving them such talent. Enjoy art for its beauty and one will never get caught up in the legality of it all.

On numerous occasions, conservatives have stereotyped artists as liberal junkies. This creative sect of society suffers from a reputation of being drug-infested, sexually immoral and perverse.

If the molders of tomorrow's conservative generation do not promote Christians in the art industry, there is not much hope for the creative culture to reform its ways. Conservatives need to realize that their griping will not change the negative, unless their words are accompanied by action.

This same thing happened in the 1950s, except the victim was the field of law. Conservatives referred to attorneys with such adjectives as traitorous, greedy and selfish. Now pollution and crime infest the judicial system because conservative youths were scared of this corrupt field. They did not want to be a part of a system that their elders and mentors despised.

If only Christians would stop complaining about such fields as art and law and do something about them, society would see some drastic changes. A world with conservative lawyers and artists would be a world that proves God's glory in every aspect of society. So Christians should sit back and appreciate the good things about art, with hopes to expand the conservative side of the field.

**"Much of contemporary criticism is pretentious gobbledey gook."**

Suzanne Fields  
Richmond Times columnist

## Return to the basics and return to Christ

By **JESSICA BROPHY**  
Champion Editorialist

The Valentine Museum in downtown Roanoke entitled its recent exhibit "a century of collecting." Simply put, the collection features junk to art-goers. Fans can gawk at such items as paper weights and cherry pits. Exhibits like this one remind Christians that simplicity in life is essential.

A spokesman for the museum said, "We wanted to squeeze everything we possibly could into this exhibit," as if quantity equates with quality. On the contrary, piling rubbish into a room and labeling it collectibles is insulting.

One man's trash may be another man's treasure, but trash is trash. No matter which way you look at it, cherry pits belong in the garbage can, not a glass case.

Crowding a room with too many objects takes away from the beauty and uniqueness of other worthwhile objects. There is no focus, just confusion. About the only worthwhile subject of the fair comes with the practical metaphor: when lives become controlled by flowery objects and distracting pictures people cannot focus on what is important. To focus on Jesus Christ is to attain simplicity.

Psalms 116:6 says "The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low and he helped me." The Bible obviously supports the idea that simplicity is crucial in living out a healthy Christian life.

Living a complex life can be seen in many ways. Being a "pack rat," where you save every grocery store receipt, keep every ditto ever received from kindergarten through college, or shove newspapers for months at a time exemplifies this pattern. On the other hand, spiritual complexity is another element. Not trusting in God, living immorally or worrying — all contribute to spiritual complexity. Remember that "the Lord preserves the simple." So, if that science-fair-project-volcano, from Mrs. Smith's fifth grade class, still towers the clutter in your attic, get rid of them. Preserving a human life is more important than preserving Mrs. Smith's memory.

A Richmond Times article said that "the exhibit culled from a million artifacts reflects evolution." A plaster cast of Arthur Ashe's head and a gas mask from World War I are two of the exhibit's items that proved this point. Somehow, a gas mask display and the term evolution are paradoxical. How can a reminder of the greatest horror of this century be a milestone in human development?

After all, in this age of homosexuality, abortion, and euthanasia, it seems as though humanity's morals have devolved rather than evolved. Christians once again are reminded that striving for more of Jesus is the priority for believers, not collecting memorabilia from each decade and calling it progress.

"Making wise the simple," and "giving understanding unto the simple," are frequent phrases stated in the book of Psalms. This only seems logical. God will not work in a life if it is congested with worldly thoughts

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and ideas. So, get rid of all those Movies 10 ticket stubs in the bottom of your purse and throw out those crusty, crumpled papers in the depths of your book bag. Start somewhere. Remember that wisdom and understanding may soon follow — perhaps even for that theology exam.

Not to mention the fact that when people stop spending money on junk, they can begin saving for things that really matter. This may include cars, further education, a house or a charity. Wouldn't it be nice to help those in need rather than buying an entire assortment of cherry pits?

Though paper weights may not compose your collection, you gather stamps, baseball cards or teddy bears instead. No matter what the collection, you need to refocus your priorities. It is time to go from junk to Jesus. If people would replace their need for clutter with their need for Christ, there would be some major changes in homes across this country.

## Liberty Forum

### Reporter mistaken on biologist's computer use.

Dear Editor,

Before printing statements such as "Naturally, majors such as biology and religion do not rely on computers to such a large extent," you should check the facts.

Although biology majors don't necessarily take a computer class, computer use and literacy are integrated into our curriculum. For example, in BIOL 400 (Biology Seminar), students in my class learn how to prepare and give a Powerpoint presentation, how to use the Internet to download articles from scientific journals or how to scan images, and to send e-mail. In CHEM 305 (Biochemistry), students prepared lab reports on the computer and used Excel to generate graphs and tables for those reports. They also

learned how to access the database of the National Institutes of Health in order to obtain protein and DNA sequence information. The program RasMol, which is on the lab computers, was used by students to view the three dimensional structures of proteins. Recently, our department received an older computer which students will use with the spectrophotometer for data acquisition and analysis.

Since receiving a computer in fall 1997, I used it in the classroom of each and every course that I have taught. Other biology and chemistry faculty also have web pages, use the computer in their classes, and promote computer use by students.

Please talk to students and faculty before jumping to conclusions about how much another department uses computers.

Dr. David A. DeWitt  
Department of Biology & Chemistry

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## Sports Commentary

BY TARANT JUDGE  
Champion Reporter

They've got their own dance, a catchy nickname, an inspirational coach and they're headed to their first trip to the Super Bowl. Now it's time for the birds to cash in.

What's at stake in this cash in is the National Football league Championship for the Vince Lombardi Trophy and bragging rights for a year.

The players also will receive \$53,000 per man and a Super Bowl ring worth \$5,000. The losers will receive \$32,500 per man and a ring worth half the price for coming in second.

The question at hand is will the Atlanta Falcons (Dirty Birds) cash in at Pro Player Stadium in Miami, Fla. on this Sunday, Jan. 30, 1999?

For a long time, the Falcons have been one of the NFL's doormat franchises, but they are hoping their improbable season will generate some enthusiasm for the city of Atlanta. Specifically, it is imperative for the team to increase a season-ticket base that didn't even reach 30,000 in 1998.

Despite a perfect home record and the first NFC West title in 18 years, Atlanta produced only two

sellouts for eight regular-seasons games at the 71,228-seat Georgia Dome.

Falconmania had resulted in a hefty boost in sales over the past six weeks. The team has taken more than 38,000 refundable deposits for the 1999 season, which is nearly double the 2,000 or so new season-ticket packages that

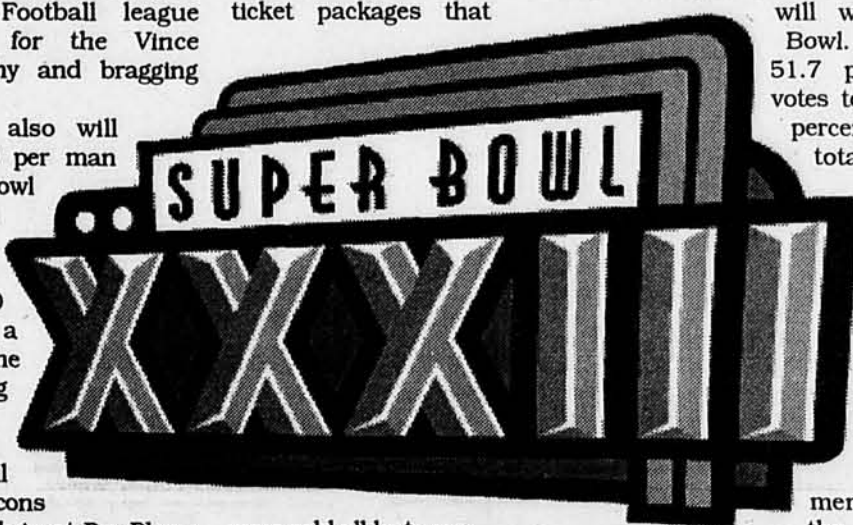
week, Atlanta shocked heavily favored Minnesota in the NFC championship game, rallying for a 30-27 overtime victory in one of the greatest post-season games I have ever seen.

Coming into this week's big game a poll was taken by the National Football League on who will win the Super Bowl. Denver won 51.7 percent of the votes to Atlanta's 48.3 percent. There were a total of 19,303 votes cast.

It looks like the Falcons have a good chance at cashing in on the winnings. I say the Falcons will spoil John Elway's retirement party, bring the winning tradition back to the

NFC, receive respect from the NFL as not being the NFC West welcome mat and hold the Lombardi Trophy in the air while dancing the "Dirty Bird" all the way back to the nest in Atlanta.

After the Falcons win on Sunday, students in Convocation will see the celebration of the Super Bowl with the "Dirty Bird" performed by Dorm 8 led by Johnny "Loco" Thomas and I. To join the party just come on down. See you then bird watchers!



were sold all last year.

Still, the team has a long way to go to create the kind of demands that exist in cities like Green Bay, where there are long waiting lists for season tickets.

In December, the city was galvanized by the plight of coach Dan Reeves, who underwent heart bypass surgery when there were only two games left in the season.

The Falcons kept on winning while Reeves was recovering at home, before he made an inspirational return for the divisional playoff victory over San Francisco. Last

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# SCHAMPION SPORTS



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**BATTLE UNDER THE BOARDS** — Senior Jennifer Spurlock (25) battles with the High Point Panthers in Saturday night's 60-41 victory for the Lady Flames. Spurlock grabbed 13 rebounds in the victory.

## Lady Flames maintain tie for first place in Big South

By BRIAN WOOLFORD  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Flames successfully bounced back from their first Big South loss in 21 games by beating High Point University on Saturday. After losing to Charleston Southern University on Jan. 18, the Flames crushed the Lady Panthers 60-41. The Lady Flames who are currently tied for first place in the conference, improved their record to 10-7.

Despite the lopsided win, High Point was more than a formidable opponent. The Lady Panthers had defeated Charleston Southern, UNC-Asheville and Winthrop this season. High Point's high powered offense was shut down by the Lady Flames. Liberty's defense held HPU to a dismal 19-percent shooting from the floor in the 19-point loss. The Lady Flames kept High Point's leading scorer, Dee Pennix under wraps throughout the game. Pennix came into the game averaging 17-points, but was held scoreless until the closing minutes of the game.

Elena Kisseleva continued to lead the Flames offense. Kisseleva scored 21 points and

extended her double-figure scoring streak to 62 games. Along with Jennifer Spurlock, Kisseleva produced a solid rebounding performance for the Lady Flames. Liberty outrebounded the Lady Panthers 58-46 in the game.

As Liberty heads into the core of the conference schedule, they recognize that their opponents will be eager to dethrone them as defend-

in our program's history," CSU Head Coach Fred Francello said. Head Coach Rick Reeves is aware that conference foes are eyeing his talented squad. Reeves knows that his team will be heavily pursued by their opponents.

"Everybody has a target on our back and are trying to take shots at us," Reeves said. "They see us as the team to beat in the league." The Flames' competitive schedule is reaping dividends. The Flames have gained much needed experience and have earned respect.

Liberty battled closely with Virginia Tech and pulled off a historic upset over the University of Kentucky Wildcats on Dec. 12. With anticipated return of freshman Dawn Woodruff, the Flames will have a sound roster to compete for their third Big South crown.

"I think with the way we played tonight we could win the tournament again," LU junior Sarah Wilkerson said.

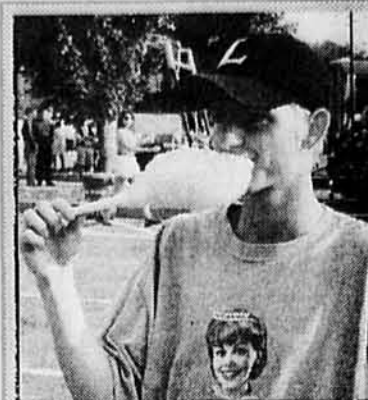
Liberty will host two games this week at the Vines Center. On Thursday, the Lady Flames will face Big South newcomer Elon College. Liberty will meet in-state rivals Radford University on Saturday.

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— Rick Reeves  
Head Coach

ing champions. Big South opponents routinely raise their level of effort when they face Liberty. Conference rivals consider a victory over the Flames to be the focal point of their season. After Charleston Southern defeated Liberty and ended the Flames 20-game conference winning streak, the Buccaneers considered the victory to be monumental.

"This is definitely the biggest win



Keenan

## Signs we're on our way

Every time you turn on your TV, or you take a trip to your local church, you'll probably hear the majority of the preachers saying how we're living in the end times. I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm sick of hearing about this Y2K mumbo jumbo. Computers aren't going to be the real signs everyone thinks they are. The crumbling sports world around us should be the definitive key for all of those prophets out there seeking answers.

If you take a look on what's going on with different sports, I think you'll agree with me that there are striking similarities that would match up with Biblical answers if the Bible would have talked about sports. So here's a short list of signs that show us the end times are coming.

I'll take this brief moment to say that the following commentary is not to be taken the wrong way, nor to be mistaken as anti-semitic, nor am I trying to be a prophet.

**Sign #1:** Chris Chandler leads the Atlanta Falcons to Super Bowl XXXIII. No one in the world could have told me at the beginning of this NFL season that the Falcons would make a run to the Super Bowl. No one that is except for my Sony Playstation Gameday '99 game which simulated a season that had the Falcons win the Super Bowl. At the time I was ready to take the game back for being unrealistic and full of garbage. So, played on the Playstation the Falcons seem to be the favorite for this Sunday's big game.

For a team that didn't even make the playoffs last year, it has just truly been a remarkable Cinderella story. You can be assured that I'll be pulling for the Dirty Birds come Super Bowl Sunday.

**Sign #2:** Michael Jordan "officially" retires from the Chicago Bulls and the NBA, thus starting the "running from the Bulls" theme. New Bulls head coach, Tim Floyd, will certainly have his hands full when the season gets underway in the next couple of weeks. Not only will he not have the greatest player in the history of the game to coach, he will also be without the services of Scottie Pippen and Steve Kerr. I'm anxious to see just how many "loyal" Bulls fan there really are out there because they will certainly be less than admirable this season.

I've heard that Michael is going to try out for the Bears next season and that Dennis Rodman will go with him. Don't you think Rodman would make a great defensive end? Lord knows that the Bears need all the help they can get!

**Sign #3:** Two new expansion teams added to the WNBA. Sorry, nothing against women's professional sports, but it's just another sign of the times.

**Sign #4:** Percy Miller, or as people know as the rap artist Master P, has been added to the Charlotte Hornets training camp roster. I think this one speaks for itself.

**Sign #5:** Liberty University makes Sony Playstation game. Check out the Flames in NCAA Final Four '99.

## Liberty men's team trying to find break

Flames lose 93-89 in OT to High Point; LU ranks dead last in nation

By MATT KEENAN  
Sports Editor

The Liberty men's basketball team continued to struggle as they dropped a 93-89 overtime decision to Big South newcomer High Point University.

With the loss, Liberty (2-15, 0-4 Big South Conference) maintained the dubious distinction of being the nation's worst college Division I basketball team by the USA Today Jeff Sagarin power rankings and the Associated Press RPI power index. The Flames hold a current ranking of 315th out of 315 in the USA Today index and a 310th rank out of 310 in the AP index.

The Flames are one of only three teams in the entire nation who have not recorded a win against a Division I opponent, the other two being Sacramento

St. and Monmouth, NJ. High Point's Geordie Cullen, a 6-9, 230-pound center from Australia, scored a career high 29 points in the victory for the Panthers (8-9).

Liberty erased a 10-point deficit in the last 3:10 in the game which saw 14 ties and lead changes. LU hit three, 3-pointers down the final stretch and junior C.J. Cowgill hit a baseline jumper with 12-seconds remaining to tie the game at 81 and send it into overtime. Cowgill accounted for LU's final 13 points to finish with 21 for the game.

The Panthers clearly held an advantage over the Flames with their size underneath, as they outrebounded LU 35-23 and caused four Liberty players to foul out.

"We don't have any kind of depth to be able to lose four players," LU Head Coach Mel Hankinson said. "Teams with any kind of size are just going to eat us up, but I think folks will be encouraged with the size of a couple of kids we're bringing in next year."

The Flames held a slim 41-40 advantage heading into the locker room at the half, but was unable to fend off the High Point surge in the second half.

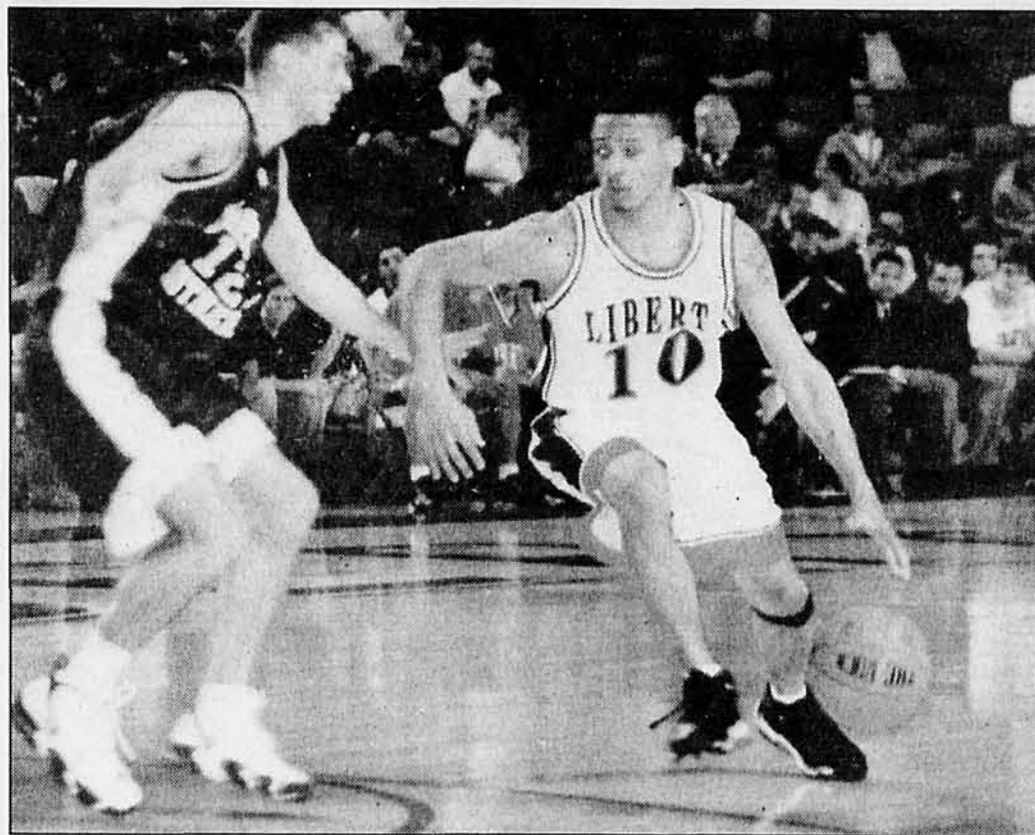
LU freshman Jamal Bennett scored a career-high 23-points which included a perfect four-for-four performance behind the three-point line. Bennett led the Flames in scoring, which is the first time this year that a player other than Delawn Grandison or Cowgill has led the team in scoring. Four other Flames players hit

double-digits for the game. Cowgill finished with 21. Nathan Day added 16, Grandison contributed 13 and Chris Caldwell tallied 10 points. Day was the leading rebounder with six boards.

"These kids have had a huge weight put on their shoulders with their abilities, or lack of them and they continue to come out and

fight real hard," Hankinson said. "I told them that they're playing now to get ready for the Big South tournament and they responded really well."

Liberty's next game is Wednesday at Elon before they return home on Saturday to face Big South interstate rival Radford Highlanders.



MATT HJEMBO

**DRIVING TO THE HOLE** — Freshman Jamal Bennett looks for room to maneuver in action early last week. Bennett poured in a career high 23 points Saturday night in a 93-89 OT loss to conference newcomer High Point University.

## Two players lost for season

Two Liberty University men's basketball players have been lost for the remainder of the 1999 season.

Junior Edward "Gumbo" Marks and freshman Marvin Benjamin are gone for the season.

Marks, a 5-11 190-pound guard has been declared academically ineligible. Benjamin a 6-7, 215-pound forward reinjured his knee and has to undergo surgery again.

Marks was averaging 3.5 ppg, while Benjamin averaged 4.1 ppg.

## The puck stops in Charlottesville



DOUG KRAJEM

**SAVING GRACE** — LU goalie Max Fritz and his teammates were unable to record a win in a pair of weekend games against Virginia. The Flames dropped a 5-3 decision on Friday night and had an 8-5 loss on Sunday. Kirk Handy and Neil Nicholson both had three goals scored in the two games combined. Liberty's record now stands at 10-3 on the season, with all three losses coming at the hands of UVa.

## Jesse Riley named Associated Press first team All-American

By MATT KEENAN  
Sports Editor

For the first time in the history of Liberty University football, the Flames have placed a player on the Associated Press' first team All-American list.

Riley, a 5-11, 225-pound senior linebacker from Gaston, S.C. became the first Liberty player named to the first team squad with a stellar senior season. Riley tallied 133 tackles, 78 which came unassisted.

After playing four years here at Liberty, Riley compiled 251 unassisted tackles, ranking him as the school's all-time leader in that category.

He is also third all-time in Flames football history with 392 total tackles and accumulated 28 tackles for a loss in his illustrious career.

Riley's career here at Liberty started his freshman year where he played 10 games as a reserve linebacker. In only his sophomore year, Riley became a starter, made his mark as an honorable-mention All-American and was on the I-AA independents second-team.

Riley should take all of his accolades along with his wife Tameka to the NFL. Riley is one of only three players that will depart LU's defense.