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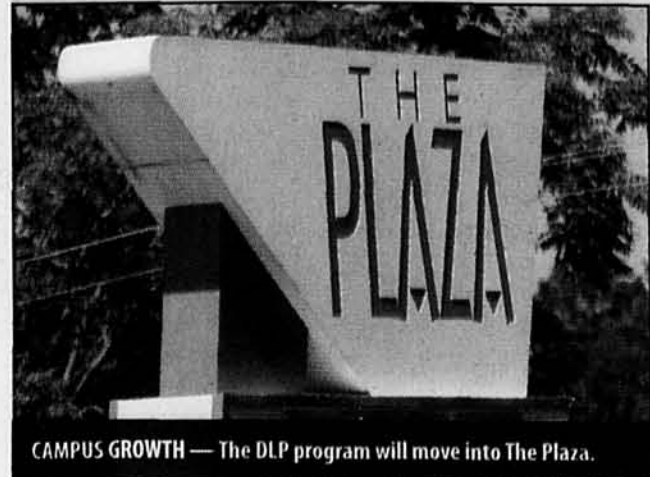
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LIBERTY CHAMPION

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Land of Liberty: School gains Plaza shopping center



CAMPUS GROWTH — The DLP program will move into The Plaza.

ALEX TOWERS

By Jenni Thurman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An Arizona-based real estate company will donate The Plaza shopping center to Liberty, Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced in convocation Friday.

The deal will enable Liberty to move various offices to The Plaza, freeing up much-needed space on Campus North.

Falwell Jr.'s announcement was met with unenthusiastic clapping from the students until he said, "That means more parking available on this campus." Then the applause became deafening.

The land will be donated by Sandor Development Co. of Scottsdale, Ariz. and includes 467,000 square feet of buildings on the 42-acre site off Memorial Avenue by E.C. Glass High School.

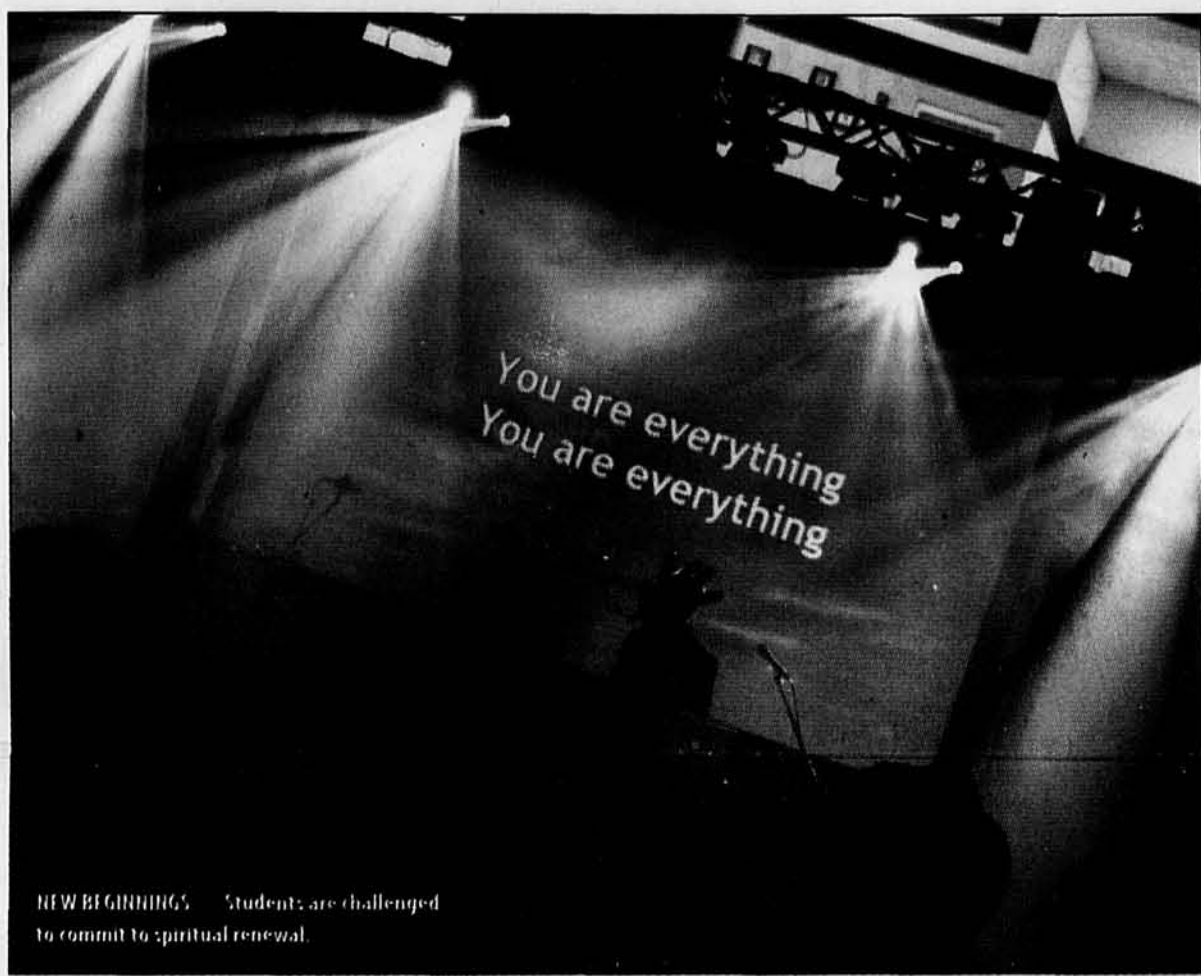
"It's a fantastic announcement, it's wonderful news and it's further evidence that God is continuing to bless this university in major ways, and we just are very grateful to Sandor Development Co.," Falwell Jr. said in convocation.

Liberty hopes to close the deal with Sandor on Sept. 30. The university will then acquire all the properties in The Plaza, which includes McDonald's and

the Carmike movie theater. Liberty will honor all the leases with the businesses, which will now pay rent to the university, said Falwell Jr. in an e-mail correspondence.

The donation was the third major land gift to Liberty in less than five years. Last month Sherwin Cook donated over \$2 million worth of residential real estate and in 2004 Oklahoma-based Hobby Lobby contributed the Ericsson plant, which has since become Campus North.

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NEW BEGINNING — Students are challenged to commit to spiritual renewal.

BRETT HASTIE

Clayton King speaks at third SEW in a row

By Alyson Bruner
NEWS REPORTER

Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) is one of Liberty University's most popular events every year, bringing the campus body together. As Liberty strives to promote Christian values and morals, it looks to develop a student's walk with the Lord by hosting conferences and seminars. Each fall, new and returning students alike are welcomed to make decisions at SEW.

Clayton King — author, speaker and founder of Crossroads Worldwide Ministry — was the guest speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW), kicking off the first mega-conference of the year at Liberty. It was King's third appearance for SEW at Liberty. The conference ran from September 3-5.

Clayton, a renowned speaker, is familiar with Liberty after visiting for various engagements on campus over the past two years. Each of his visits has characteristically ended with wild applause from an appreciative audience.

Senior Nate Edwards stated, "I love Spiritual Emphasis Week because Clayton challenged me as a believer to look inside my heart and fight the compliances of everyday life and strive toward serving others, loving others and boldly living for Christ."

The Liberty connection goes even deeper, according to Scott Ray, director of convocation and coordinator of the Office of Spiritual Programs.

"Clayton King was personally invited by Dr. Falwell for a third year of SEW, and this will be his first time speaking at Thomas Road Baptist Church," said Ray.

For the first time, King introduced his "life partner," as he describes her, Charie, and their two sons, Jacob, 5, and Joseph, 3, to the Liberty population. He described his family as integral parts of his global ministries.

"Contentment in Christ must come first" was a point in one of King's strongest messages last week as he spoke on Tuesday night to a packed crowd in the Vines Center.

"If you're miserable with yourself, then you'll be doubly miserable with someone else," King continued.

King's message on relationships and dating was one of his most popular and well-attended sermons as eager singles and longtime daters came poised to take in some sound advice.

Senior Luke Garvey, who has attended King's previous messages at Liberty, said, "Clayton King, once again, challenged students to seek God's will, rather than our own selfish desires, in a humble, laidback and humorous manner."

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Dr. D. James Kennedy dies at 77

By Kari Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. D. James Kennedy, a man committed to the call of Christ, died Sept. 5 at the age of 77.

Kennedy became a Christian over 50 years ago and was called into the ministry shortly after.

He is most widely known for developing Evangelism Explosion International, a program used around the world to spark church growth. He also launched Knox Theological Seminary, designed to prepare and equip Christians for ministry, and Westminster Academy, a fully accredited school with pre-K through 12th grade.

His television and radio outreach program, Coral Ridge Ministries, which broadcasts from his 10,000-member church in Fort Lauderdale, can be seen and heard by three million people in the U.S. and 200 other nations.

Kennedy has visited the campus of Liberty University, the most recent being Nov. 4, 2005, when he spoke during convocation.

Dwayne Carson, the director of student leadership, remembers one of Kennedy's messages. Kennedy told the legend of Alexander the Great meeting a young man who had just fled the scene of a battle.

He was to be executed for desertion. Alexander the Great saw how young he was and felt compassion for him.

He asked the young man what had happened during the battle and, as he heard, he gave the man a pardon. He then asked for his name. The young man replied, "Alexander — like your's, sir."

Alexander the Great then became very serious and said, "Young man, either live up to your name or change it."

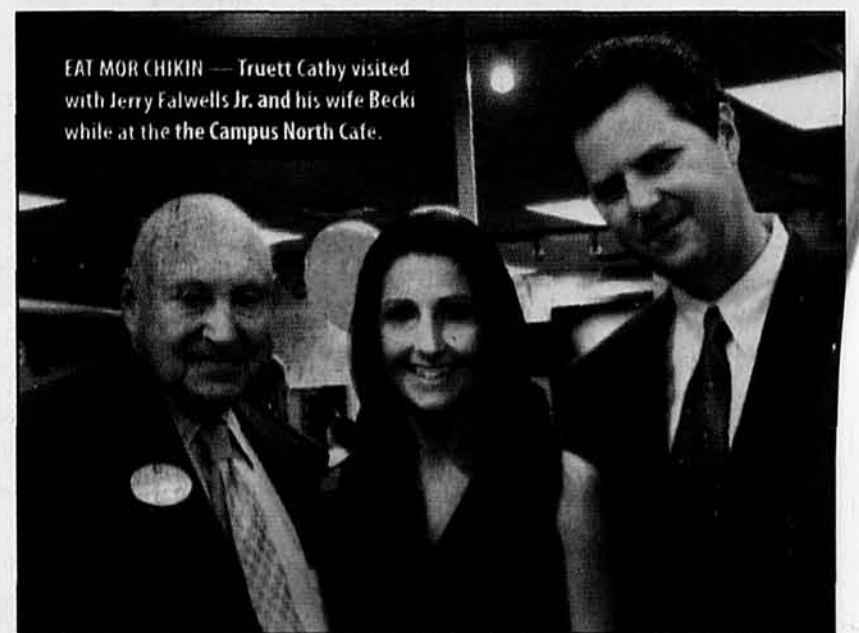
According to Carson, Kennedy then asked the Liberty crowd a similar question: do you call yourself a Christian?

"I will never forget how he pressed that night for us to live up to that name," said Carson.

Several things about Kennedy's life stuck out to Dr. Rob Jackson, Senior Campus Pastor and Vice President for Spiritual Life, who met him briefly and heard Dr. Jerry Falwell talk about him.

Jackson listed four aspects of Kennedy's life that have made an impact: "His passion for evangelism and his Evangelism Explosion program; his willingness to start and continue in the Moral Majority with Dr. Falwell in the face of great opposition from the outside and within his own ranks; His unswerving commitment to always preaching powerful, exegetical messages from the Word that pointed people to Christ as the only way; and his personal life of integrity and holiness."

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EAT MOR CHIKIN — Truett Cathy visited with Jerry Falwell Jr. and his wife Becki while at the Campus North Cafe.

ALEX TOWERS

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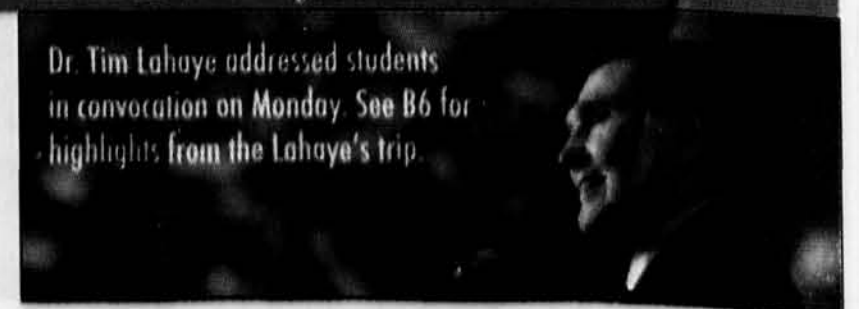
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Campus Praise Band releases new CD/DVD 'Uncover'



UNCOVER — New CD/DVD captures the spirit of worship from Campus Church.

BRETT HASTIE

By Christi Corbin
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty students have the opportunity to worship with the Campus Praise Band every day of the week with the release of their new CD/DVD, "Uncover."

The CD/DVD consists of the 06-07 Campus Praise Band members: Lauren Boyd, Amy Hill, Harrison Gillming, Will Dogget, Kyle Cummings, Wes Cole, David McKinney Jr. and Jordan Henderson.

McKinney, a Campus Pastor, produced the album himself. He formed a vision about a year and a half ago to do this album and began working on it shortly after. "I'm so excited to see it come to fruition," said McKinney.

The CD/DVD is titled after a song by the same name on the album, which happens to be McKinney's favorite song. "The way the Lord put it together was amazing," McKinney said.

McKinney and bass player Gillming were stumped after brainstorming on an album title. They kept trying to think of elaborate, creative titles.

One day McKinney joked, "You know, if we spent as much time writing a song as we have trying to come up with the title, we could

have a great song."

With that, the guys made the decision to call the album "Uncover" and then tried to write a song about it. After 24 hours they had a song with beautiful words, melody and music. "It's just phenomenal," McKinney said.

The CD/DVD is described as an introspective CD that focuses on "uncovering" the impure motives and desires in our hearts, but it is celebratory album as well. McKinney said, "Because once we look at our hearts in their truest form, we can't help but rejoice in the fact that the Lord loves us anyway."

The album sounds like a Wednesday night Campus Church service, which is where the album was recorded. Students can download Ergun Caner's Campus Church sermons on iTunes, but they are not able to do that with the Wednesday night music. The album lets students take home the Campus Praise Band's music.

"Uncover" is influenced by artists like Hillsong United, Desperation Band and David Crowder Band.

"Uncover" is unique because it is the first live CD/DVD of Campus Church. Something else distinctive about this album is that the title track "Uncover" and "You Are the

Lord" are originals by the band.

"I hope to start doing more originals in the future, and have the next project feature more than just two," McKinney said.

Liberty ministry teams have more capabilities to record the future. McKinney said in the past it has been "up in the air" if ministry teams would be able to make an album. However, now there is an addition of a studio at Thomas Road Baptist Church where each team can make an album.

"Uncover" will be released Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Campus Church. McKinney said he wanted to record it close to the end of the school year so that students would be comfortable with it and so they would know most of the songs well enough to sing along. The fall date seemed feasible to him. He wanted the new students to be here long enough to be excited, but not so late that the students from last year lost their own excitement.

If students don't pick the album up at Campus Church, they will be able to buy it in the bookstore. If students pre-ordered a copy, they can pick it up the night of the release with their student ID.

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Buying Textbooks: What every student needs to know

By Charles Goss
NEWS REPORTER

Students have more choices than ever before in purchasing college textbooks. There are three main ways students can buy books: online, by word of mouth or from the bookstore.

Many students order textbooks online from sites like Amazon and Half.com, an offshoot of eBay. The initial attraction for students desiring to purchase books online are the cheap prices.

Jason Overton, a senior in Business Management, said he saved about \$280 by purchasing his books online. He also said, "There aren't any returns. You're locked in." Jason received one of his books without a back cover.

Students intending to purchase online should know the following information. First, they should check the edition number of the book they need and know it before ordering a copy online. Knowing the ISBN, the 10- or 13-digit number unique to every book, is also a good idea.

Second, there is no way to verify the condition of the book online and whether or not it will arrive on time. Often times, the fourth week of school could be too late to receive a textbook.

Finally, students seeking to save money should be aware of shipping charges and other fees Web sites impose on orders. For every used book ordered from a different person, there is an individual shipping charge, which is \$3.99 at Amazon.com for a standard domestic order.

Sean Langille, a senior majoring in Biblical Studies, said, "You have to be tenacious in where you get your books from, whether online or in a bookstore." Sean ordered his books online over two weeks ago, and one of them has not come yet.

Another method students can use to buy textbooks is simple word of mouth. If a student knows someone with a particular book he or she needs, that person can pass it on to the student. Two students taking a class together can share a particular book. Even a friend of a friend can help a student by selling a book for a reduced price.

Facebook is now a viable option for students. Under the "Marketplace" application, students can browse through book listings of fellow Liberty students that are often at lower asking prices than the bookstore.

The bookstore is the most traditional way for students to purchase books. The books are available for immediate purchase and can be hand-picked. However, the bookstore's prices are often more expensive than online prices though not always.

A universal tip for the bookstore is to buy used books whenever possible because students save 25 percent on every used textbook they buy.

According to Ellen Mayes, general manager of the bookstore, 2,800 online book orders were placed with the bookstore this semester. Students who ordered their books through this method conveniently picked up all of their books in one box.

"We guarantee our books," Mayes said. "It is our job to make customers happy." Students who have bought books with missing

pages, for instance, can exchange the book for another copy, which is impossible with online orders from sites such as Amazon.

"Our textbooks are the least marked-up items in the store," Mayes also said.

Mayes made it clear that buyback at the end of the semester plays a crucial role in the textbook purchasing process at the beginning of the semester. Regarding prices, Mayes said, "You have to look at it across the scheme of the semester and not just from the beginning."

Buyback provides an opportunity for students to sell their books to the bookstore, which will then reuse the books in upcoming semesters. Usually students receive half the bookstore's price in cash for a given book if it is used in the next semester.

According to Barnes and Noble College Bookstore, Inc., nine percent of the money from each textbook sold in a college bookstore goes back to the school to support its programs and to keep tuition lower. The bookstore gets 12.5 percent of the money for its own expenses. Two-thirds of the money goes to the publisher.

Since purchasing textbooks can cost so much, it is worth students' time to do some research on their books before the semester begins. Students can use the bookstore's Web site and find out each book needed or ask someone who has taken a class about the books.

Even if savings are minimal, students can rest assured that they are not missing a great deal. Good research pays off, and students will reap the benefits of doing their homework on finding their books before the semester even begins.

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COST OF NOSTALGIA — An autographed bobblehead of Dr. Falwell sold for \$140 on eBay, reported the News and Advance.

Falwell items selling on eBay

By Daniel Martinez
NEWS REPORTER

During his lifetime, Dr. Jerry Falwell left his mark on many different places, but in the months since his death last May a surprisingly easy place to find details of his legacy is the popular online auction site, eBay. In fact, as of August 30, eBay bore more than 160 items with some relation to the late Christian icon, with prices ranging from fifty cents to \$180 and everywhere in between.

There were already a number of items on sale by May 15, 2007, but after his death that morning, the sale prices and the number of actual sales spiked dramatically. This trend is not just happening on eBay, however. Sales of Dr. Falwell's numerous books in the Liberty University bookstore have been on the rise since his death as well.

"A lot of alumni have been buying items from the Web site," said bookstore manager Ellen Mayes, "but it doesn't surprise me at all. He was a well-known, well-liked, well-respected man."

Dan Holloway, a sophomore, said, "No, it's not a surprise; those kinds of things don't really start becoming popular until after the person is gone."

When asked if she would be willing to buy anything off eBay, sophomore Lauren Harrelson said, "It depends on what it is and on the price."

Discretion is needed since the auction site's items and prices do not always seem to go hand-in-hand. While a limited edition copy of Dr. Falwell's first book, "Strength for the Journey," is featured on the Web site for \$60, many other

copies are available at cheaper prices. A large black-and-white photograph bearing Falwell's signature is being sold for over \$170.

"It's just nostalgia," said Jerry Falwell Jr. "When things become more valuable, people are always more likely to raise the prices."

Books, pictures, records, signed Bibles and countless other objects have been finding their way onto the site at varying prices. A May 2007 issue of the News & Advance held word of an autographed bobblehead figurine selling for more than \$140, as well as a "1986, rare vintage punk T-shirt for a spoof band, 'Jerry Falwell and the Apostles,'" which sold for more than \$120. Stranger still, a regular white index card, bearing the late pastor's signature, was featured on the site with a starting price of \$100.

Junior Joan Barylski said, "I wouldn't buy anything, but if I did it would probably be a photograph."

"Liberty won't be buying anything," said Jerry Falwell Jr., echoing this sentiment. "However, I do remember a license plate from the 1960s that had 'Old Time Gospel Hour with Jerry Falwell' on it. If you see any of those on there [eBay], let me know."

License plates may be rare, but eBay contains scores of books, photographs and records from the last four decades, all bearing some relation to a man who built a church and a university with a world-wide outreach.

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Liberty students featured in Geico commercial

By Joyanna Gilmour
NEWS REPORTER

Imagine if a homemade video featuring two LU students ramming into each other with mattresses was posted on YouTube and wound up being incorporated into a Geico car insurance commercial. This unlikely scenario is exactly what happened to certain residents of Circle Dorm 4 when a hall meeting adventure dubbed the "Mattress Jousting Tournament" was featured on national TV in Geico's "15 Minutes Online" commercial. The video footage used for the commercial, produced by Liberty senior Jeffrey Prussia, features Liberty students Tony Gordon and Prabhesh Shrestha, both former residents of Dorm 4.

Mattress jousting, inspired by the medieval sport of horseback jousting, involves two contestants rushing at each other with mattresses with the intent of making the other contestant fall to the floor, said D.J. Cronrath, creator of the game. Gordon, a champion mattress jousting and current Liberty senior, defines the game as "more of an art than a sport." Successful mattress jousting involves speed, strength and sound footing.

Cronrath, Resident Assistant on Dorm 4 last year, said he came up with the idea of mattress jousting while thinking of an icebreaker to use during hall meeting. "My RA partner Wally Moore and I tried to make hall meetings more interesting than just a few announcements," said Cronrath.

The tournament, which took place in the spring of 2007, featured one representative from each prayer group. About 10 contestants participated in the mattress joust with an additional 45 Dorm 4 residents watching and judging the tournament, said Gordon. In the first few rounds, contestants were eliminated if they fell to the floor. By the final round of the tournament, Prussia said, "The stakes escalated to where you couldn't even have the mattress knocked out of your hands."

Gordon and Shrestha were the contestants in this final round which was incorporated into the Geico commercial. Prussia, then a Spiritual Life Director on Dorm 4, recorded the tournament and posted it on YouTube.

Geico advertising scouts found Prussia's video among hundreds of thousands of homemade videos featured on YouTube and offered to buy the video from him. When asked why the video had been chosen, Gordon said, "Geico chose our video for the superior sportsmanship and premium example of competition at its best." Geico could not be reached for comment.

Gordon said he receives royalties every time the commercial is aired on television, while Prussia was paid a flat fee for the use of his video. Due to his status as an international student, Shrestha could not receive any money for his participation in the commercial.

Despite its "As-Seen-On-TV" status, the future of mattress jousting is bleak, at least on the Liberty University campus. When asked if mattress jousting tournaments still occur, Prussia said, "Unfortunately, our chancellor kindly told us we can't do this anymore." Like its medieval counterpart, mattress jousting can be dangerous and should not take place in residence halls. However, current RAs should not despair: with (safe) creativity and a bit of computer savvy, future hall meeting adventures could also end up on television.

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PLAZA: New property will free up space on campus

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However, the university quickly filled the 888,000 square feet available in the Ericsson building.

The Plaza will help solve space problems, Falwell Jr. said. "It will allow us to move many back office functions off campus, freeing up space for classrooms and improving the traffic and parking problems."

The old Rose's building across from the Carmike movie theater is ideal to house 100 to 200 employees who work in the Distance Learning Program (DLP). The presence of the DLP employees would also aid in the revitalization of the area surrounding The Plaza, which used to be the mecca of Lynchburg retail before the development of Wards Road and Candler's Mountain Road, Falwell Jr. said.

Liberty began negotiating the land deal with Sandor in the spring, but the arrangements were never finalized. Falwell Jr. received an e-mail from Sandor on May 14, the day before Dr. Jerry Falwell passed away, confirming that the deal would take place.

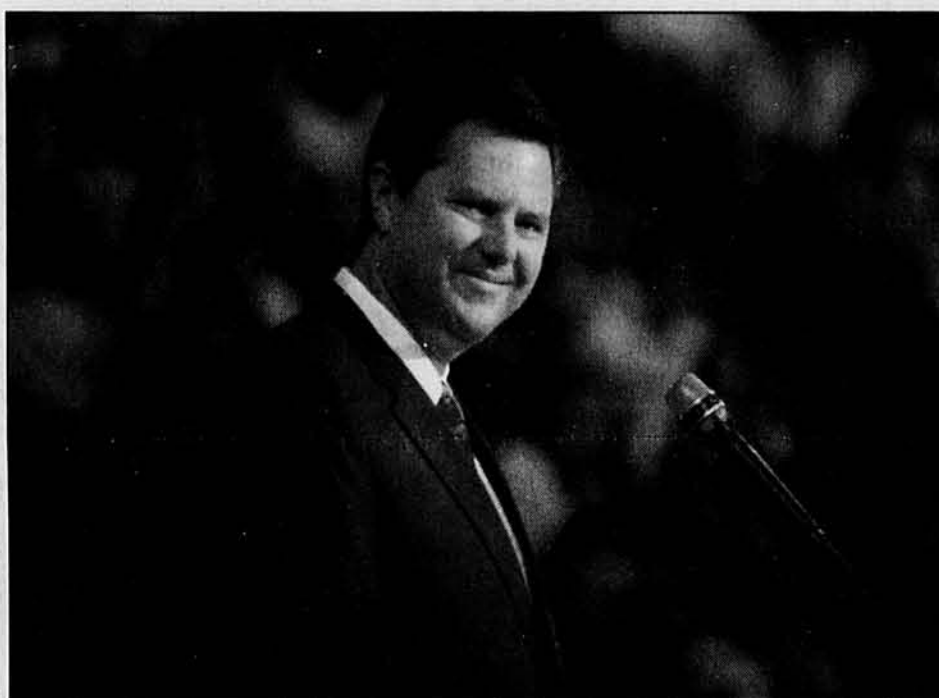
Falwell Jr. forwarded the e-mail to Dr. Falwell, who called and said, "Well, that's just awesome."

Falwell Jr. continued to talk to his father about Liberty's growth and several exciting projects that were in the works. Falwell Jr. told his father, "You know, you just need to take care of yourself so you'll be here to see all of this," Dr. Falwell replied, "I really do, don't I?"

"That was the last conversation we had," Falwell Jr. said.

"It is heartwarming to see this gift that was important to my father come to fruition several months after his death. I am sure he is smiling in heaven as he watches all this unfold."

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(Top) SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT — Jerry Falwell Jr. announced the donation of The Plaza shopping center in convocation Friday. The response from students was wild applause when Falwell Jr. said The Plaza would allow for the Distance Learning Program to move off campus, freeing up space for parking and classrooms.

(Left) GROWING CAMPUS — The donation of The Plaza is the third major land gift to Liberty University in the last three years. The Plaza used to be the mecca of Lynchburg before the development of Wards Road and Candler's Mountain Road.

opinion

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

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Discipleship: The goal for every student on and off campus

By Jen Slotbower
COPY EDITOR

Liberty University is the premier liberal arts Christian school in the United States academically, socially and especially spiritually. As Dr. Jerry Falwell always said, "If it's Christian, it ought to be better," and Liberty has shown that it is willing to push towards excellence, from Division I sports, to a renovated dining hall, to a goal of 25,000 on-campus students. Liberty's excellence branches out to two types of students: the resident student and the commuter.



While both types of students can easily access most of Liberty's many benefits, such as sports, campus church, academics or recreational resources, a great difference lies between the on-campus and off-campus student when it comes to discipleship. The commuter experiences a different level of accountability than the resident student does, and the need to reach off-campus students is one that "many have identified as the greatest student need at Liberty," according to Dr. Charles Hughes of Commuter Care.

Two factors contribute to this difference: first, how the Office of Student Care reaches out to the commuters, and second, how the commuters in turn take a hold of and use the

resources Liberty offers.

The first part of a commuter student enjoying the same spiritual benefits of Liberty involves the Office of Student Care, or more specifically, the Office of Student Leadership (OSL), which has set up a system to minister to students. If a student has ever heard the OSL's pastor, Dwayne Carson, describe the student leadership structure on campus, he or she will be familiar with these words: "The Office of Student Leadership wants to see that every student is ministered to by another student." Following that is a four-part plan where every student is loved, prayed for daily, prayed with weekly and given the chance to be personally discipled.

According to the OSL, a 5:1 student leadership ratio exists for on-campus students. Every resident student has a prayer leader, two spiritual life directors and two resident assistants watching out for him or her throughout the year. Beyond this level of accountability, small groups are also easily accessed through Tuesday night prayer groups.

For the off-campus student, the Campus Pastor's Office has tried to emulate this by providing commuter care groups to provide accountability and encouragement. Recently, commuter care groups have grown and received more attention, but commuter students often choose to serve in local churches and throughout the body of Christ off-campus instead. As several commuters have noted, it is not necessary to use Liberty's systems to have spiritual growth.

"The day has come and gone when the more

than 4,000 students who invade the campus daily by automobile cannot be given the opportunity to be prayed for daily, contacted weekly and regularly involved in discipleship groups," Dr. Hughes said.

Hughes said, "Commuters travel at their own speed, speak their own language and pursue their own customized plan for higher education, which often omits any needed emphasis on the Lord."

This may not be true of all off-campus students. Commuter care groups are a great resource for reaching the commuters, but they do not provide the same spiritual support as the system of discipleship on-campus. Students move off-campus because of the many advantages in areas like finances and comfort, but they should not have to sacrifice the spiritual advantages.

While Liberty has reached out to the commuters, many have not responded to the spiritual resources the school offers. Of the 4,000 commuter students attending Liberty, approximately 200 attend commuter care groups. These students did choose to attend Liberty, and with all of Liberty's strengths comes the distinction of a Christian university. Just as Liberty wants to provide students with a superior education, it also wants to provide students with top-notch resources spiritually, but it's up to students on or off campus to take full advantage of these benefits. While students may be finding their spiritual nourishment elsewhere, they should be accessing the resources Liberty has offered them as part of their education.

One of the great things about Liberty is that it provides a transition from the home to adult life. Whereas many Christian schools provide a plethora of rules (some reasonable, some not), Liberty provides rules with specific reasons and in a relatively small quantity. Leadership could control every area of students' lives, but instead Liberty has chosen to set up an effective transition system where students can learn and grow with a little bit of freedom before heading out into the world and having to handle everything on their own.

Resident students have found hidden blessings in the accountability provided on campus, even when such measures were not appreciated. Though the commuters have choices where to spend their time, they should not neglect the resources easily in reach from the school they chose to attend.

An obvious difference exists between the spiritual ministry enjoyed by the on-campus and off-campus student. If Liberty wants to minister to every student, it needs to offer the same level of excellence across the board in spiritual matters as other areas by appealing to the commuter student just as much as the resident student. The commuter student, however, needs to in turn take advantage of everything Liberty is offering to gain their full education - academically, socially... and spiritually.

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SPEAK UP: Do off-campus students get the same spiritual attention as on-campus students?



"I think there are more opportunities for students on-campus, yet I believe students living off-campus can find ministries. It just requires more initiative."

-Kelsey Adams
Waldorf, Md.



"I lived off campus for a little while and no one reached out. [Commuters] are left out of a lot of stuff. Although off-campus is fun, the ministry is lacking."

-Brandon Burgett
Arab, Ala.



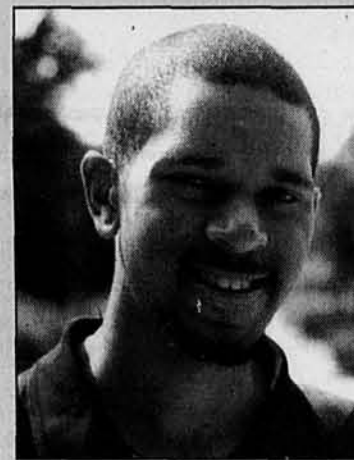
"I think it's an inconvenience for off-campus students to participate in events on campus. Also, they are not surrounded by a body of encouragement on a daily basis."

-Patrina Palmer
Mobile, Ala.



"I think off-campus students have opportunities to be ministered to, but it's their choice to get involved."

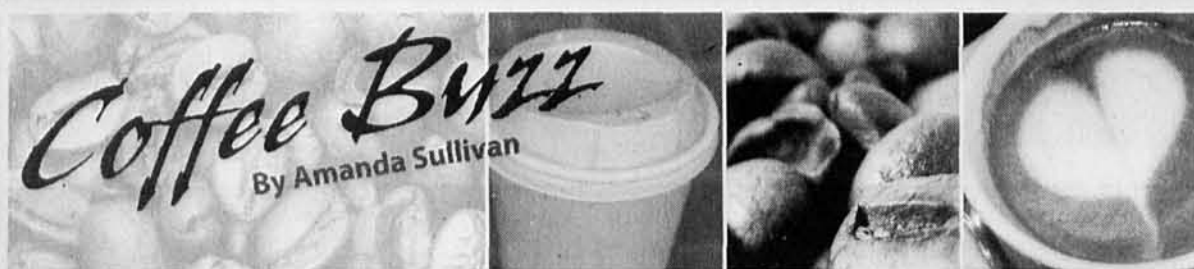
-Becca Hughes
Lynchburg, Va.



"Off-campus students do not have the constant encouragement of many Christians. Also, the students off-campus do not have the opportunities of hall meetings and prayer groups."

-Andrew Harrison
Williamstown, N.J.

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GRAPHIC BY NATALIE THURMAN

I love coffee. The classmates who are forced to endure a 7:40 a.m. class with me are well aware of my addiction to caffeine. My peers understand that I am just plain grumpy without my daily dose of the energy-boosting drink. Additionally, students are acutely aware of the lasting repercussions coffee reeks on the body, or so they think.

As a person who relies on coffee to make it through the day, my curiosity was piqued as to the health consequences. Truthfully, I just wanted to know if there was a way around the perceived health issues that accompany coffee's great taste. Believe it or not, an argument can be waged as to the positive health benefits of drinking the luscious liquid.

According to WebMD.com, research shows that drinking coffee may lower your risk of acquiring type-2 diabetes. Harvard University conducted an 18-year study,



analyzing 126,000 adults, to track down the evidence of the possible health benefits. As it turns out, coffee does have the potential to be healthy choice.

"Overall, the research shows that coffee is far more healthful than it is harmful," said research scientist at Vanderbilt University's Institute of Coffee Studies, Tomas DePaulis, Ph.D. "For most people, very little bad comes from drinking it, but a lot of good."

Additionally, there are at least six additional studies that advocate the use of coffee. The studies showed that those who are regular java junkies were 80 percent less likely to develop Parkinson's disease. Furthermore, studies have shown that coffee may help in the cases of asthma, headaches and brighter moods.

Do you remember you parents telling that drinking coffee would stunt your growth or give you cavities? Both proclamations were fallacies. Actually, coffee aids in the prevention of cavities. As for the growth myth, contrary to common belief, coffee does not stunt your growth. You can

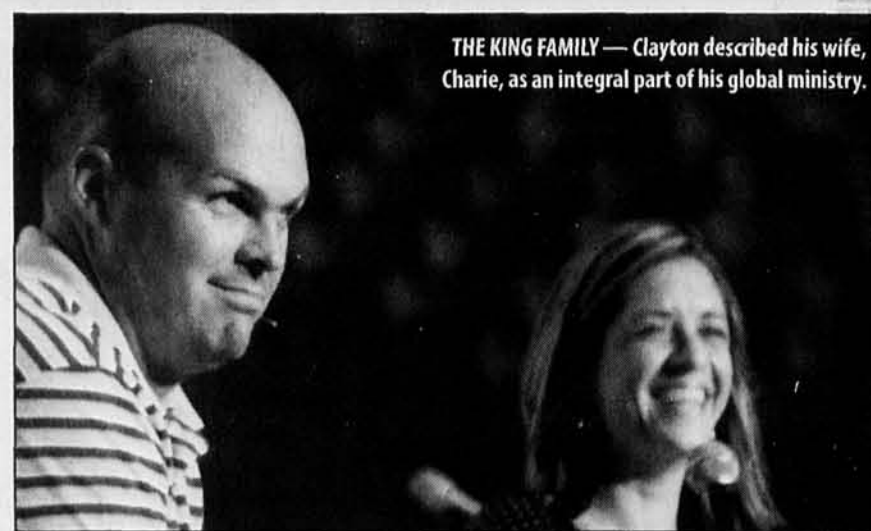
blame your parents for your lack of height.

What is the secret? The answer is that the enormous amounts of antioxidants contained within the coffee bean are responsible for the good news. The much-loved caffeinated portion of the drink is also a good thing.

I am excited to report that the results of various studies worldwide show that the person who drinks coffee in higher quantities will reap the benefits of its greatness. However, as with most research, scientists are not yet willing to be advocates for racking your bill up at you local coffee shop.

As long as there is a potential for my coffee drinking ways to not harm my body, I'm OK with the researchers' reluctance.

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THE KING FAMILY — Clayton described his wife, Charie, as an integral part of his global ministry.

STEPHANIE RAFAEL

SEW: 'Find contentment in Christ'

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One dominant factor about King is that he loves the Lord with all of his heart, and it does not take long for listeners to hear that message. Campus Pastor Johnnie Moore said, "Clayton is one of God's prophets to our generation and does not give canned sermons but rather teaches straight from the Bible."

Caroline Norton, a freshman at Liberty, agreed with Moore, describing King as "a man that God made to prophesize to college-age students. He just knows how to fit into our generation and what we are going through."

"Every time that he's here speaking, he tries to get himself more involved with as much of the campus body as he can," Moore said.

"He is a phenomenal communicator, and he has built a long term relationship with Liberty and a feeling of a family reunion. Clayton has done a great job communicating with the campus body."

King, a native of Fountain, S.C., can interact with the campus body of Liberty so well because, as he said one night last week, "I love this place more and more every time I am here!"

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commentary

Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.

— President George W. Bush, 11.11.01

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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH

GRAPHIC BY NATALIE THURMAN

By Claire Melai
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By Will Mayer
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1 I imagine every one of us remembers what we were doing when we found out that America was under attack — that our fellow innocent citizens had been murdered in cold blood as they went about their daily lives.

That morning I was changing the oil in a piece of logging equipment. I heard the news, and spent the rest of the day watching the TV footage — and fuming.

In the ensuing weeks, our counterattack was launched, and so began a process that continues to this day.

In those first horrible days after September 11, American citizens were unshakably united by tragedy. Prayer vigils, blood drives, and volunteer networks were everywhere as Americans worked together to heal our wounded nation — and to support the young soldiers who were sent to confront our enemies overseas.

What has happened? How did we forget so quickly and relapse to our old bickering and indecision?

Wars are not simple affairs, and the defeat of an ideology of hate and death cannot be accomplished in a few days — or even years.

How long did it take to overcome Nazism, or communism, or any number of such philosophies? Stay the course, America — we can't give up now.

2 This article will be printed and distributed six years to the day following the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the final destination of American Airlines Flight 77. I hesitate to call it an anniversary.

There is not anything of humorous value to be found reflecting on the events of that day, so my humor article will be absent this week. But there is something that spurs a nauseating, frustrating, cynical, single laugh of indignation in this country. That something is a word.

Tolerance.

Tolerance has its place. In a classroom where one child wants to express his belief in Jesus, Buddha or Chuck E. Cheese, he should be allowed to do so without being called a fool or suffering a suspension. In the work place, if someone wants to bow toward Mecca, wear a Star of David on a chain around their neck, or say a simple, quiet grace, he should be able to without being put on administrative leave.

According to an article by the Associated Press, Osama Bin Laden made the following remarks this past week: "There are two solutions to stopping [the war]. One is from our side, and it is to escalate the fighting and killing against you. This is our duty, and our brothers are carrying it out. The second solution is from your side. I invite you to embrace Islam."

Embrace Islam or die. Does that sound tolerant to anyone else?

3 September 11, 2001 was the day that changed everything. Up until that morning, everything felt safe. After that, there was no way to escape the images of flames, death and sorrow. I remember sitting down in front of the TV and just crying. I did not know anyone murdered in the attack, but found myself mourning for a country that I knew would never be the same.

For weeks, I would fall asleep trembling with fear about what could happen overnight. Morning news displayed faces of weary and burdened survivors, which haunted my every thought and left me with an empty feeling in the pit of my stomach. What was going to become of life as we knew it?

For the first time, the reassurance of my parents did not comfort me and I found no security even in the safety of my own home. It was not until the night when I opened my Bible to this verse that I finally found relief: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" John 16:33 (NIV).

It has been six years since September 11, 2001, and our courageous country has made a tremendous recovery thanks to the prayers and efforts of its spirited people.

I have no idea what is ahead, but I am certain that I can rest assured in the fact that a loving and gracious Savior, who promises to triumph, is in control of it all.



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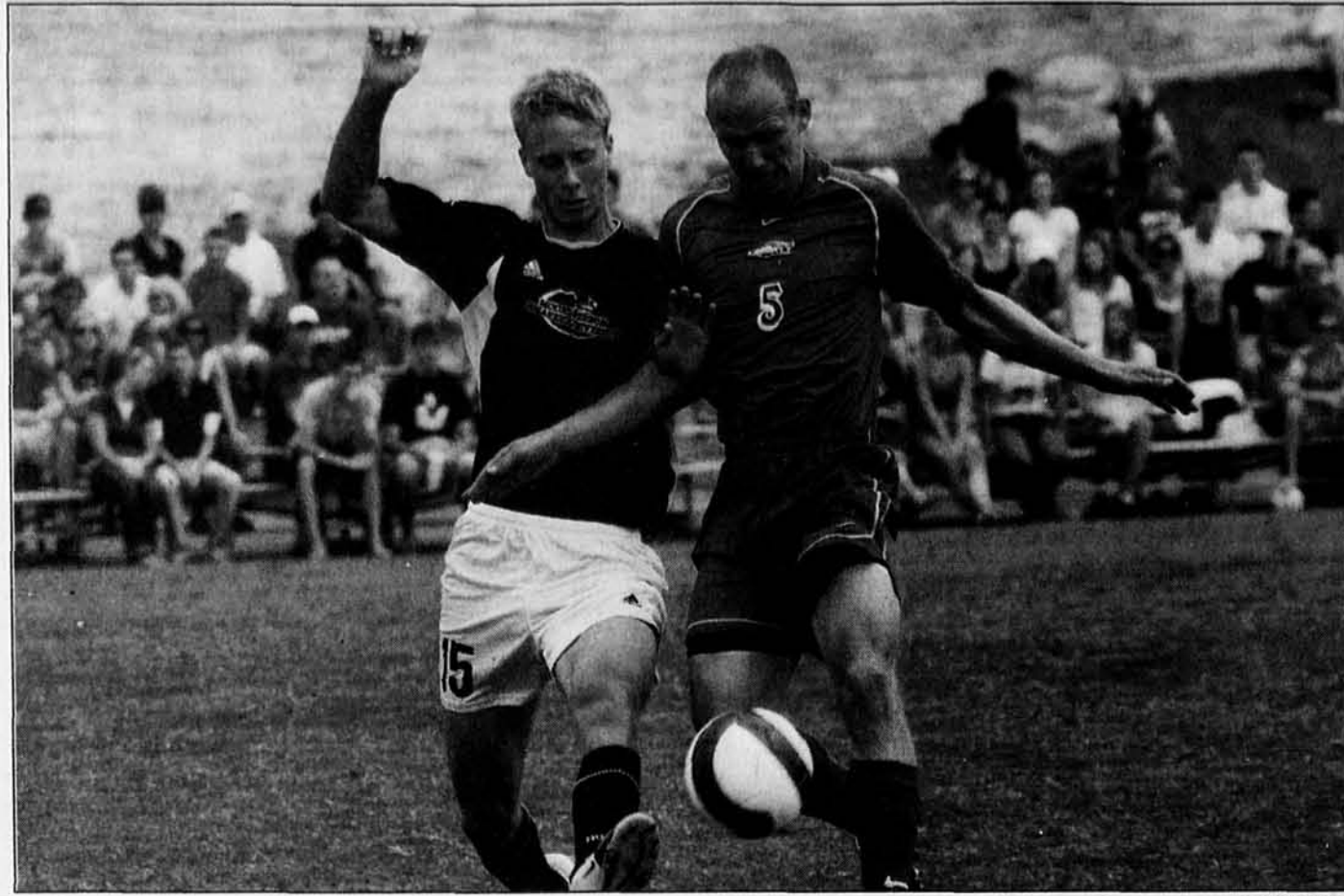
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JOCKEYING FOR POSITION — Senior Toby Lewis and the Flames recorded their third straight victory of the season with a 2-1 victory over Gardner-Webb. Liberty has won eight of their last nine games dating back to last season.

Flames shut down Gardner-Webb, Campbell to start season 3-0

By William Armstrong

SPORTS REPORTER

Continuing their undefeated streak and conquering of the state of North Carolina, the Liberty University men's soccer team defeated the Gardner Webb Runnin' Bulldogs 2-1 on Saturday night.

"We were tired, but in the second half we found our legs and scored the goals necessary to win. It's big anytime you can win on the road," said Head Coach Jeff Alder.

Liberty's attack once again set the pace early with constant pressure on the Bulldogs in a first-half defensive battle. Senior Adrian Bumbut nearly put the Flames up by a goal in the 24th minute, but his shot was denied by the post. Only seven total shots were taken in the first half by both teams.

Although the Flames outshot the Bulldogs, they were tired from the previous game, which took place just three nights earlier.

"We out shot them 5-2 in the first half, and Adrian hit the post. We were mentally and physically tired, and we had let down just a bit. But, we show signs of being a great team by hanging around at halftime," said Alder.

Sustaining the first-half pressure into the second half, Liberty scored two goals just moments into the second half. Junior Josh Boateng was able to make a move past a Bulldog defender and put a shot past Gardner-Webb goalie Trent Kozman from 22 yards out, staking the Flames to a 1-0 lead.

Boateng later put the ball through the defense to a streaking Bumbut, who fired his shot past Kozman into the cor-

ner of the net for his third goal of the season.

"It's important to score first, so the other team has to come to us. We have to start the scoring a little faster, but it's good that we still got the first goal," Alder said.

Stellar play from the defense and freshmen goaltender Paul Gilbert stalled the Bulldogs offensive attack and preserved the Flames victory.

"Paul did a very good job and he made very timely saves. In one instance Paul went over some forwards and a defender to clear out a shot and prevent a goal. Paul is doing the things he needs to do to keep us hanging around in all of the games," Alder explained.

Earlier in the week, the Flames traveled to Buies Creek, N.C., and were able to shut out the Campbell Fighting Camels by a score of 1-0. Campbell, playing out of the Atlantic Sun Conference, could not muster a goal against a stifling Flames defense.

"It was a result we earned, after they came off a huge win," Alder said. "We played well early in the game, the early goal settled the game. Both of us had good chances, and it was huge to win on the road in a one-goal game."

Freshman Chris Phillips recorded the only goal on the afternoon and the first of his collegiate career off a crossing pass from senior Andrew Kappler, set up from a pass from junior Daniel McGarry.

Although the Flames were outshot the first half, they held a 1-0 advantage.

A strong defensive effort, highlighted once again by big saves from freshman goalie Gilbert, stalled the Fighting Camels for its second shutout of the year.

"We defended hard, and Paul Gilbert made three huge saves to keep the shutout. We defended as a group, were very disciplined and had no sloppy fouls," Alder said.

A key to the Flames success so far this season has been the strong play of the defense and Gilbert. For the first time since 2004, Liberty is 3-0 to start its season, with two of its three victories coming in the form of a shutout.

"We have a great sense of humility and are selfless, which allows us to move forward and grow togetherness. That's a key ingredient to success. We weren't favored to win the conference, but if each guy plays a key role we're certainly capable of winning the conference," Alder said.

Next, the Flames stay in North Carolina for the UNC-Wilmington Classic, facing off against the College of Charleston and UNC-Wilmington on Sept. 14 and 16, respectively. Riding a three-game winning streak, the team is looking to vanquish any challengers.

"Now we head to the UNC-Wilmington tournament. Right now we are road warriors and will enjoy our victory until Monday when we need to get back to work. Two big road games are coming up next week. The next two teams are in the top 35, and will be a good test for us," Alder said. "You're going to get an honest effort, and see if we can stay on our task ahead and come out with victories."

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FOOTBALL: Jackson has another great special teams week

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Thanks to a fumble forced and recovered by junior safety Rick Greiser, the Flames started a drive at their own 47 with 3:53 to go in the first half. There, senior quarterback Brock Smith threw three consecutive completions, the last of which was a three-yard pass to Jackson. Jackson then who broke across the middle, eluded a couple of defenders and highlighted the play by flying high into the end zone for a 22-yard score.

"We're just taking it one play at a time, doing our job and not trying to go above and beyond," Smith said.

The next possession was more of the same for Smith and Jackson as they connected for a 65-yard touchdown to put the Flames ahead 28-7 going into the second half. After the game, Jackson was asked if it was his best half of football in his career.

"Yeah, I could say that. It started off at practice Monday morning watching film and it just continued during the week."

Shippensburg finally appeared to solve the Flames defense in the fourth quar-

ter, reeling off a 14-play drive resulting in a touchdown to bring them within two scores. After a quick three-and-out by Liberty's offensive unit, the Raiders appeared to be on the verge of scoring before junior Pat Calvary intercepted Maiocco's pass and returned it 61 yards for a touchdown to put the Flames up 35-14.

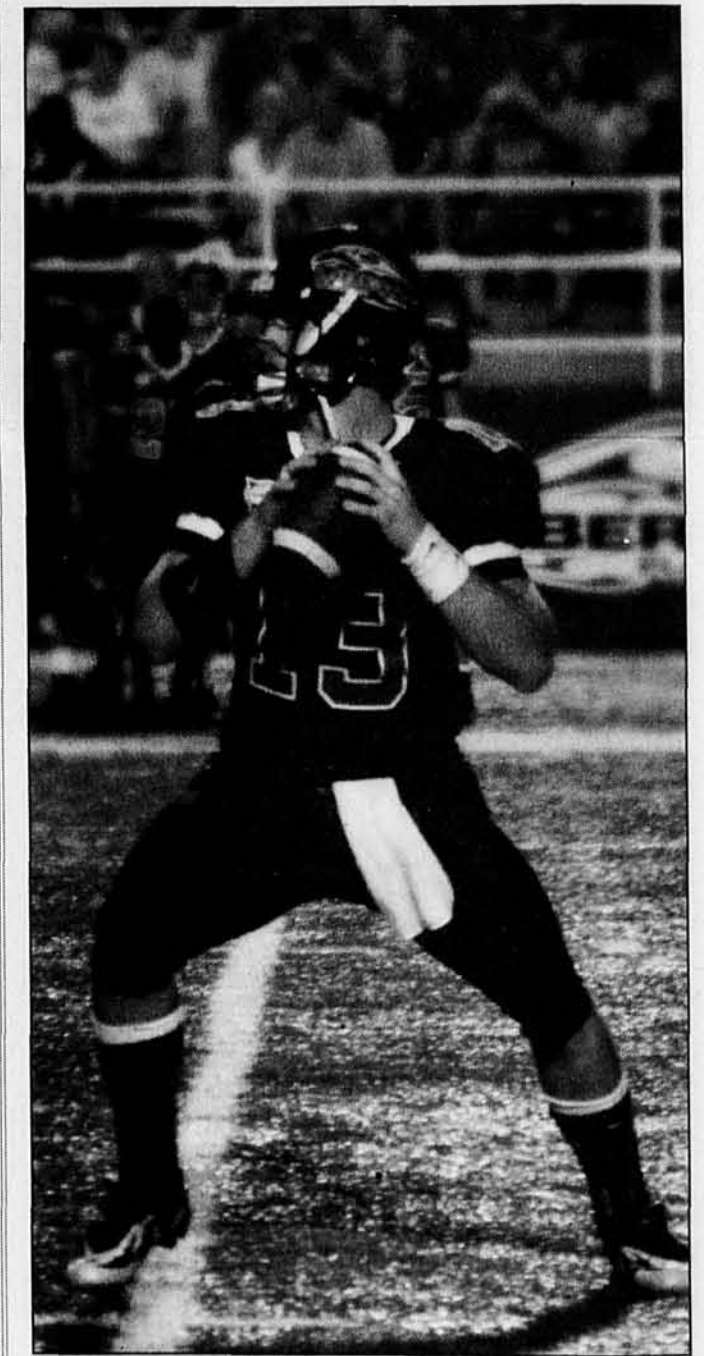
For the defensive unit, senior Stevie Ray Lloyd finished with a team-high 12 tackles while junior linebacker Nick Hursky followed up last week's 12 tackles with 11.

For the second week in a row, the Flames pulled off a convincing win at home against a Division II school.

"We still have room to improve," said Smith. "We're waiting to explode, and we're gonna do it sometime."

The Flames will travel away from Williams Stadium for their first road game of the year, heading to Williamsburg, Va., to take on the Tribe of William and Mary on Saturday Sept. 15. Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT — Junior quarterback Brock Smith winds up for a pass during Saturday night's game. Smith was 11-17 for 170 yards and two TDs.

VOLLEYBALL: Lady Flames finish runner-up at Wright State Raider Challenge

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Nelson agreed with Pinder, saying, "We fought to keep the middles in the game especially against the Citadel. We had some pretty big plays from some pretty big players. I think it was good to focus on taking care of our responsibilities with a relentless pursuit. It was a good effort from everybody."

Webber said, "We talked about doing the small things and that's what we did this week. Everybody just focused on doing their part and we pulled out two wins."

Liberty will continue to work on "the small things" this week in practice and then will hit the road again, this time to Villanova, Penn. for the Villanova Invitational.

"Overall, I'm really excited about heading to Villanova," said Pinder. "I've seen a lot of team chemistry forming from the older players on down to the younger players. Everybody did a great job this weekend."

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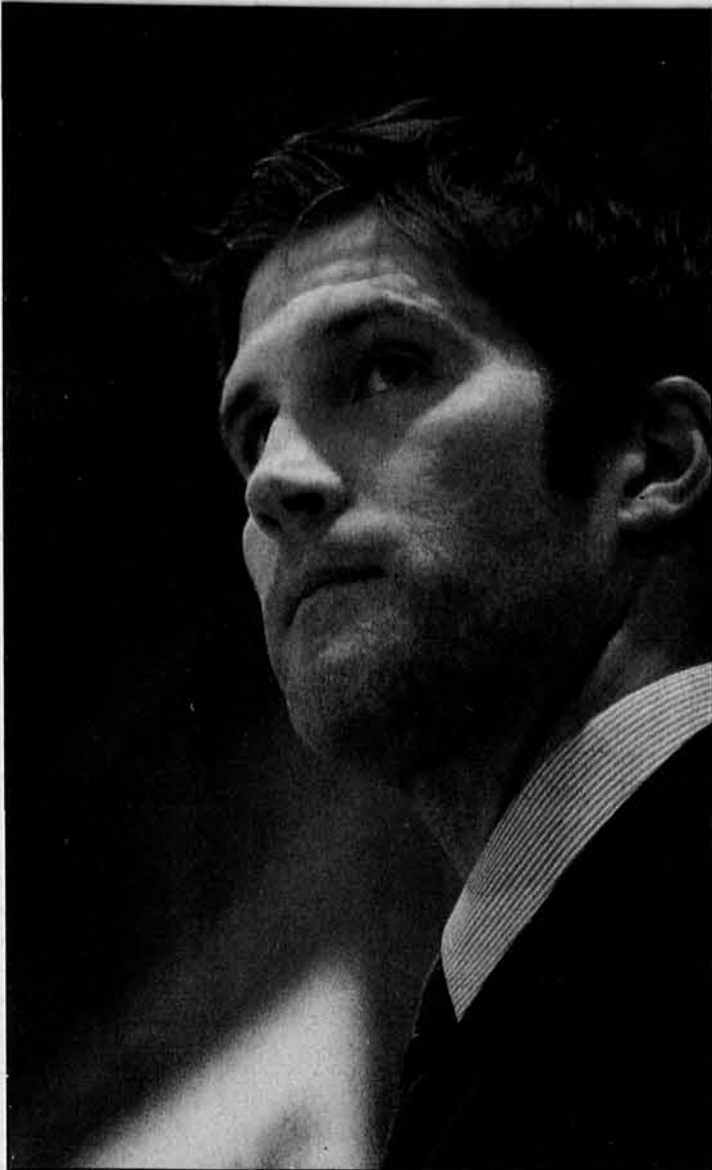
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MAN IN BLACK — Associate Head Coach Jeff Boettger stares in deep thought during a Flames hockey game last season. Boettger is second in command to Head Coach Kirk Handy as he enters his third season on the bench.

NOBODY BETTER THAN BOETTGER:

The 'defensive defenseman' fuels Liberty

By Will Luper
SPORTS REPORTER

Who would expect a man who spent four of the first seven years of his life in Ethiopia with his missionary parents to be telling about how much he loves hockey? Probably nobody. However, that is the case with Liberty University men's hockey Associate Head Coach Jeff Boettger.

The Flames hockey team has a valuable asset with Boettger, thanks to his many years of doing something that he loves. When he was 8 years old, Boettger said that one of his friends in Macleannan, Alberta, asked him, "Are you playing hockey in the fall?" Boettger, who had hardly even heard of hockey replied, "Sure, why not?"

That seemingly insignificant decision at the time developed into a passion for the game of hockey. "I loved it as soon as I started playing," said Boettger.

After playing throughout his elementary, middle and high-school years, Boettger attended Bethel University (BU). Due to playing one year in Canadian Major-Juniors, though (minor-pro hockey), he was ineligible the first year he was there. Throughout his second and third year, however, Boettger served as alternate captain. In his last year at BU, he earned the honor of

wearing the "C."

After graduating from Bethel, Boettger tried out for the East Coast Hockey League and made his way onto the Chesapeake Icebreakers. He played for just one game in his professional career before being injured and sitting out the majority of the season. While he was able to come back and play, he was traded to several teams and never really found a place to stay.

"When I came out of college, I wanted a shot and was given an opportunity. I hadn't been drafted, but I had dreams," said Boettger.

Having played defense his whole life, Boettger describes himself as a "defensive defenseman." "I was never too worried about putting up points but instead knowing what my role on the team was."

That type of attitude is something that Boettger wants to instill in the players on the Flames hockey team. "We've been very successful, and that's a huge accomplishment for our players and our coaching staff, but I think the next step will be to have a hard working, role-playing, highly-conditioned, unified team."

"We're very unique [at Liberty] in that we integrate full-time jobs in with our coaching," said Boettger, referring to his busy schedule of teaching and

coaching. He finished his master's degree in May, lightening the load a small bit.

"I believe in what we're doing at Liberty and as Christians, to tie in our beliefs to our sports," said Boettger.

The Flames invite the opposing team to share a meal with them after games on Fridays, giving the teams an opportunity to get to know each other. The meal will usually end as a Liberty player will stand up and say a few words about who he is and what he believes.

"I've only had one person get up and say 'No, I'd rather not listen to this.' But we do want to have an evangelistic focus because we all have that need to be filled with something," continued Boettger. "Based on where each person is at, they're going to integrate their faith on different levels."

Coach Boettger will get that chance when the puck drops for the Flames 07-08 season against University of Maryland-Baltimore County on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are still available at the LaHaye Ice Center, including discounted season ticket plans for students, faculty and the general public.

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Cross-country teams shine in Virginia Tech Invite

By David Hunt
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The sun was not the only bright part of Saturday morning as the Liberty University men and women's cross-country teams shined in their first meet of the season.

The Virginia Tech Invitational served as the first regular season meet for both cross-country teams. Without many of their stars sitting out the inaugural meet, the women captured second place while the men finished in fourth.

Sophomore Josh Edmonds took first place in the men's competition, setting a new course record over the six-kilometer layout with a winning time of eighteen minutes and thirty-two seconds.

Following Edmonds was freshman Corey Reed, who finished in fourth place (18:49) running as an unattached athlete. Freshman Mark Hopely, also running unattached, finished in 18th place at 19:37. Senior Kalib Wilkinson, who transferred to Liberty from Air Force, made his Flames debut a memorable one, finishing in 11th place with a time of 19:08. Redshirt freshman Jordan Whitlock finished in 20th place at 19:41 while freshman Kyle Davidson came in 31st with a time of 20:26. Redshirt freshman Mark Brucker finished in 37th place at 20:53 while unattached runner Griffin Westin finished in 39th at 21:29.

The Lady Flames had three runners place in the top three, however, two raced as unattached runners and were unable to contribute any points. Freshman phenomenon Kati Albright, racing unattached, won the race outright by blowing through the four-kilometer course in a time of 14:27. Finishing in second place was junior runner Rebekah Ricksecker, who was just one second behind Albright at

14:28. Freshman Liberty runner Dacia Bushman, also running as an unattached runner, finished third overall in 14:31.

Classmate Rod' Esther Castor was the Lady Flames fourth runner, finishing in 15:08, good for sixth overall. Sophomore Melissa Martens, another unattached runner, followed Castor in 16:10 (15th overall). Rounding out the Lady Flames finishers were junior Jamie Watson (16:16; 16th place), junior Ashley Teer (16:32; 18th), freshman Nicole Miglis (17:26; 20th) and Richlyn Yond (19:06; 27th).

The race provided just a short glimpse of what it is to come this season for both the men and women's cross-country teams. Most preseason polls had the men ranked in the top 25 for Division I teams. Some even listed the Flames as high as the top 10.

For a team that has not yet qualified for the national championship, the expectations may seem pretty steep.

"This is going to be an interesting fall," said Head Coach Brant Tolsma. "Of course we'd like to qualify for nationals, but cracking the top 15 is what we'd really like to do."

The Flames have made drastic changes to their roster this year, bringing a few new faces to the already solid senior running corp. The new runners include: Sam Chelanga, a sophomore transfer from Farleigh Dickinson University and a two time All-American; Wilkinson, a former Air Force Academy track runner (bringing with him a 5-kilometer personal best of 14:18); and Reed, a state champion cross-country runner coming out of New York.

Of course, two of the "Big Three" are entering their senior season as Josh McDougal, Jarvis Jelen and redshirt junior Jordan McDougal are prepping for their first competition on September 28th in the Notre Dame

Invitational.

The elder McDougal, a 12-time All-American, thinks highly of the Flames chances this season.

"This is by far the most talented team we've ever had here at Liberty," he said. "I think everyone is excited about what is going to happen (this year)."

The Liberty women are determined not to let "the guys" overshadow them this season. Boasting a plethora of new talent, they are poised to defend their Big South Conference Championship.

Among the new talent is Albright, a freshman from North Carolina and holder of a 4:39 1,500 meter time; Rachel Valliere, a senior transfer from Cal Poly; and Dacia Bushman, a freshmen coming from Iowa with a personal best of 14:43 over four kilometers.

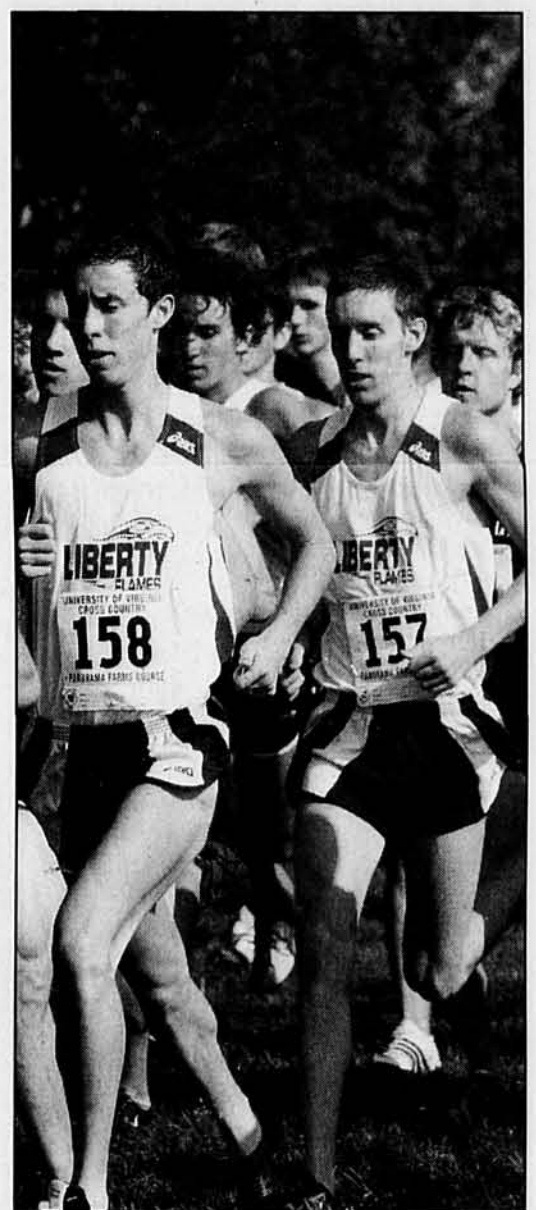
Joining the newcomers are veteran senior standouts Sarah Roberts, Piper Newby, Carol Jefferson and Jo Welch. Last year's surprising standout, Ashley Osborne, had a breakout 2006 season running 16:43 in a 5-kilometer race on the track and will give the Flames another weapon in its arsenal.

"We've certainly got the talent this year," said sophomore runner Leah Ramey. "The senior leadership is awesome and everyone's talking about our new freshmen squad."

Senior runner Clint Jackson summed it up for everyone saying, "All of the pieces are starting to fall together this year. In the past we were always labeled as too young or too inexperienced—not anymore."

The Flames will compete next at the Longwood Invitational on September 15th.

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Lady Flames Soccer suffers losses to Northern Arizona and UC-Irvine

By Jessica Carniol
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite an intense effort, the Liberty University Lady Flames soccer team suffered two losses at the Third Annual La Quinta Inn & Suites High Altitude Tournament over the weekend in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In the first game, played on Friday night, the Lady Flames took on host Northern Arizona. Both teams fired shots at each other throughout the first half, with Liberty senior Rachel Hetrick leading all players with three shots on goal.

Hetrick nearly got the Lady Flames on board just two minutes into the game but was denied by Lumberjack goalie Liz Winkelbach in her only save of the first half. Neither Winkelbach nor Liberty's freshman goalie, Ashley Nyholt, gave in during the first half, with Nyholt stopping three shots as the teams battled to a 0-0 tie heading into halftime.

The second half began much the same as the first, with multiple

shots taken, a continuance of aggressive play and not much offense. Lady Flames sophomore Heather Bowling's header off a corner kick by Hetrick would have put the Lady Flames up 1-0, but the shot sailed high.

Just two minutes later, Northern Arizona got on the board. Karri Currier was able to find Brenna Boies for a shot that initially was blocked out by a Lady Flame defender. Tai Powers corralled the loose ball and past Nyholt to give the Lumberjacks a 1-0 lead with just over 16 minutes to play in the contest.

The Lady Flames attempted comeback came up short when, in the 87th minute, junior Mallory Neff took the final Liberty shot of the game. However, Winkelbach made the save, preserving a Northern Arizona victory.

Northern Arizona improved to 2-0-1, the best beginning record in the school's history, while Liberty fell to 0-2.

Despite the loss, Head Coach James Price was pleased with his

team's effort in the first game of the tournament.

"We played well in that game. It was a very physical type game. We were giving as much as we were getting. I was happy with the performance in that game. They were just able to get that goal. We knew it was a one-goal type game. We were disappointed with the result but happy with our play."

On Sunday afternoon, the Lady Flames lost 2-0 against the University of California-Irvine Lady Ant-eaters.

UC-Irvine got on the board at the 33:08 mark in the first period as Katy Cope connected with senior Frankee Kelly to give Kelly her first goal of the season. The Lady Flames defense, which had stifled Northern Arizona just two nights earlier, allowed 10 shots on goal while the offense sputtered, mustering only one shot on goal in the first half.

In the second half, the Lady Flames nearly tied the game at one, but a shot off the foot of freshman Laura Nyholt was blocked. Junior

Amy Oberlin's following shot was stopped by Lady Ant-eater goalie Danielle de Seriere.

The game remained 1-0 until the 71st minute mark, when Cope crossed a pass that was headed in by Kelly for her second goal of the afternoon. The goal brought UC Irvine's lead to 2-0, which they would not relinquish.

"The lessons are that we can't concede goals from corners when the game is so even," Price said after the game. "We fell asleep and lost our focus on a couple of corners. From a mental standpoint we learned that we've got to pay attention the whole 90 minutes."

The loss brings the Lady Flames record to 0-3 on the season, while UC-Irvine improves to 3-1.

The Lady Flames will play their first home game on Sept. 15th at 6 p.m. as they face-off against the Old Dominion University Lady Monarchs at Liberty Soccer Field.

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Tennis: Trojan, Simpson and Steyn lead Flames at Mary Wash. tourney

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The tournament at Mary Washington started the Flames season for a second year in a row. Last year the singles and doubles won a combined seven matches out of 19. This seasons performance nearly triples that of last season, as the singles players won 11 matches and the doubles teams won seven matches for a total of 18.

The Flames will look to continue its strong play as the team travels to Norfolk, Va., for the Old Dominion Tournament from Sept. 21-23.

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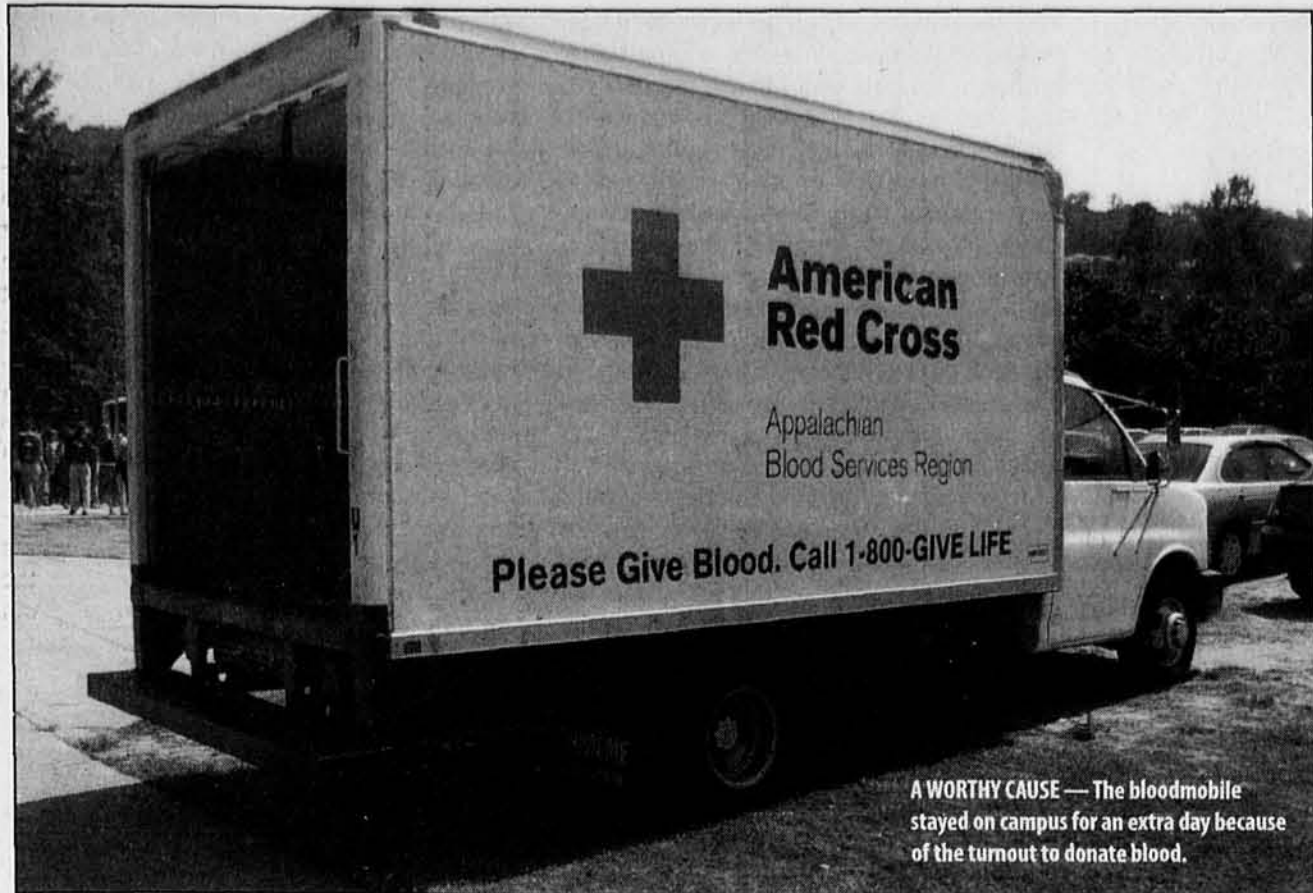
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A happy person is not a person with a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. — Unknown

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Record number of students donate blood

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NEWS REPORTER

Last week hundreds of Liberty students volunteered to donate blood at the first campus blood drive of the school year. The drive was the most successful that the American Red Cross has had thus far at Liberty and ran from September 4-7.

In the past, the bloodmobile would come to Liberty for three days, and the sign up slots would be 75 to 85 percent filled. This time, however, the slots were completely full, and there was an extra day added.

There was more than one reason for the increase. Liberty currently has more resident students than ever before in its history, and this was the first time the American Red Cross decided to offer prizes for donors. Every donor received a free T-shirt and was automatically entered into a daily drawing for an iPod Shuffle and a single drawing of an 883 Harley Sportster.

Several volunteers said they were donating for extra credit in classes. Such was the case of freshman Dana Yarbrough, a business major from Georgia, who said she would not have donated otherwise because she does not like needles.

Some of the volunteers, unfortunately, were not able to donate. Mike Zeigler, a senior Biology major, said he always wanted to do it but never had the time. This year he

intended to donate blood until he realized that he was not eligible due to living overseas for three years. Zeigler said his main motivation was to help. After mentioning that he wanted to be a doctor, he said that volunteering his time for the blood mobile was a way of supporting medicine and science.

Even though this is the largest amount of Liberty students donating blood, it is not the first time Liberty has set a great example for the community.

Melanie J. Campbell, American Red Cross account manager, referred to Liberty as "amazing." She said they draw as much blood at Liberty as at Virginia Tech, which has nearly three times as many students.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, www.givelife.org, "Every two seconds, someone in the USA needs blood. But only five percent of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. Currently, there is no substitute."

Unless they do not comply with specific guidelines, any volunteer who is over 17 years old and weighs more than a 110 pounds is eligible to donate. Thomas Road Baptist Church will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Tolson Indoor Track from October 21-22.

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People put their lives on the line everyday, whether it is for their job, an extreme sport or just to survive a life-threatening situation. Either way, life is valuable in that you can only really live once. Being a Christian, you would want to make every moment count. You want your life to be worth living for Christ.



of place amid all the rednecks and wannabe rednecks. Time passed too slowly for me, and the minutes ticked by like hours. However, I had promised my friends I would go, and being the good friend I was, I stayed.

The first rider, wearing the traditional cowboy hat, got in position. Then the gate opened. The crowd screamed. His red and blue garments flashed by in a blur as he tried to maintain his balance on the bull, but before anyone could count to three, he went flying into the air, landing in the dirt just feet away. With the bull's horns dangerously close behind, he got into the fetal position before a man wearing brightly colored clothes and known as a bull fighter stepped in at the last moment. This clown-like figure was this rider's saving grace.

Despite being on only for a few seconds, the crowd cheered as the man got away. The funny thing was, other men did the same thing again and again, each striving for a better time — who could last the longest on the bull. Some left seriously injured while others managed to get away with just a minor scrape. However, they all had one thing in common: the love of the fight.

What most amazed me was when one man, after a successful ride, knelt down in the dirt to pray, holding up his hands to the sky and just praising God. You would never see that back home. I guess it is just a reminder of how Christians should praise and thank God for their successes and not just pray to Him to be successful.

Imagine my surprise when I saw this evidenced in bull riding.

Now, being a northern girl at heart, when I first heard of the idea of riding a bucking bull, I literally laughed. Can you imagine a girl like me going to see a rodeo show? I certainly could not. I thought some things were better left to the imagination or in this case, to the movies.

However, when a group of friends invited me to a Bull Bucking in Boonsboro show on Sept. 7, curiosity finally got the best of me, and despite the thoughts of criticism haunting my mind of what friends back home would say if they knew, I decided to go in with a positive outlook. After all, this would be my fourth year as a student in this little southern town in Central Virginia, and I decided it was high time I see what the hype was all about.

You can imagine my shock when I walked into the show room, which was pretty much a barn, to loud country music playing in the background and the smell of manure in the air.

Let us just say, I felt totally out

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Keeping roommate quarrels to a minimum

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LIFE REPORTER

Imagine the beginning of a new semester — a fresh start, new classes, new professors, a new dorm and...a new roommate. You think you have arrived early, but to your disappointment, you see that your roommate has had no problems moving in and making him or herself at home, bringing what you assume is all of their belongings and taking up half of the room. The next thing you know, you are building up full defenses.

So what can be done to keep calm? Alumnus and GNED Professor William Honeycutt stated that

the most important thing to do is "sit down and discuss expectations — see if compromises can be made." He also commented that communication is imperative.

The Indiana State University (ISU) Web site provides a cumulative list of points to consider when requesting a roommate or dealing with a less favorable one. Suggestions such as communicating are made top priority. "If you have a problem, speak up about it. Communication does not refer to post-it notes or other notes listing complaints," advised the site.

Liberty University offers a convenient survey online for filling out room preferences and making

compatible matches for assigned roommates. Although many students have filled out the survey, some say that it did not really help when matching roommates. In addition, many teens may try to room with their best friend because that has always been one of those ideal college dreams. However, according to ISU, "Just because you get along with him/her, doesn't mean you will be able to live with that person."

Finding common ground and compromise is good in order to prevent extreme tension, but what are wise choices to remember when faced with confrontation? Spiritual Life Director Chelsea Davis com-

mented that she and her roommate strive to stay open with one another. "If something is wrong, then one of us has to call the other out on it — talk about it," said Davis. One method that has helped other students is to ask a third party, such as a resident assistant, to mediate between the two parties involved.

According to Pennsylvania State University, it is important to remember, "It's not always what you say, but how you say it." It is also wise to never jump to conclusions or assume anything — always ask! If all else fails and attempting to come to some sort of consensus is not working, remember that you can always request a room change,

but there are no guarantees regarding it being a better situation.

At first, many students may tend to worry about adjusting to living with someone they have never met, especially for those who have never spent much time away from home.

However, it is good to remember that many other students are in the same situation. Be honest with your roommate, be willing to compromise and be open to communication. Most importantly, have some fun and try to enjoy dorm life.

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Trend toward off-campus living increases



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MOVING OFF CAMPUS — The condos at Wyndhurst attract more Liberty students each year.

By *Miranda Canady*
NEWS REPORTER

As on-campus housing increases, more and more students find themselves moving off-campus. Reasons for moving off vary from the freedom and responsibility that comes with having their own home to the financial benefits received.

"This is my first year to live off-campus and I can definitely see some advantages and disadvantages," said senior Christie Messer. "I have to get up earlier to get to the school on

time and park, which is always a pain, but I love having my own room and comfortable couches."

Messer's father, Thomas Messer, just recently bought a house for Christie and her two brothers to share. They share a five-bedroom home off of Old Forest Road, only a 10-minute drive from campus.

For the Messer family, moving three siblings into the same house helped with the family's expenses. Three college tuitions are expensive, and the addition of paying for room and board for three would only create

a financial burden.

"Because we had three children on campus, we liked the idea of them living as a family, and it helped with expenses," said Thomas.

Families with more than one child at the same university are more inclined to buy a home for their children off-campus. For some families, moving off is a good alternative for financial reasons.

Living off-campus for Liberty students is a task that involves several requirements. To begin with, the student must turn 21 before Dec. 31 to be eligible to live off for the fall semester or May 31 for the spring semester. A student wishing to live off-campus must also have fewer than 30 reprimands during the last year or past two semesters. Exceptions are made only if a student is living with a sibling who is 21 or older or a parent. Students may also get permission to live off-campus if they can present a legitimate medical reason.

However, not all resident students at public universities have as much freedom in choosing whether they should live on or off-campus. Many universities nationwide are participating in a housing lottery because the growth of residential students exceeds the room and board availability. The housing lottery allows resident students to apply for on-campus housing. Their applications are then randomly selected and put in order, leaving some students without a room on-campus.

Loisann Buchanan, a sophomore at James Madison University, was forced to rent a townhouse off-campus when she did not make the cut in her school's on-campus housing lottery. Despite having to face the challenges that come along with renting an apartment at age 19, she seemed to be content with her circumstances.

Buchanan said, "I like living off-campus better because it is close enough to walk but still far enough away that I can enjoy the quietness and just enjoy my own space. I love that I can have a desk, and it does not mean it has to be my dinner table also!"

However, Liberty University follows a different policy. On-campus housing is available to all students, both undergraduate and graduate. With the growing popularity of the school, however, some may wonder if Liberty will need to offer a housing lottery. During a Wednesday convocation, Jerry Falwell Jr. assured students that more campus housing would be built for the 2008-2009 school year. This time, instead of building more East Campus dorms, construction would take place on Main Campus.

According to a Forbes.com article entitled "A + College Real Estate," it is not unusual to find students buying their own homes. Forbes reporter Betsy Shiffman said, "For one thing, there is a constant demand. Regardless of economy, kids go to college every year, and they will always need places to live. Considering that room and board at a four-year private college can run up to \$10,000 per year now, private housing is an attractive option for some students."

As the number of resident students on college campuses nationwide grows, it is expected that the number of resident students moving off-campus will also increase. The question now is whether or not those students will choose to invest in their own home-ownership or simply rent a home until graduation.

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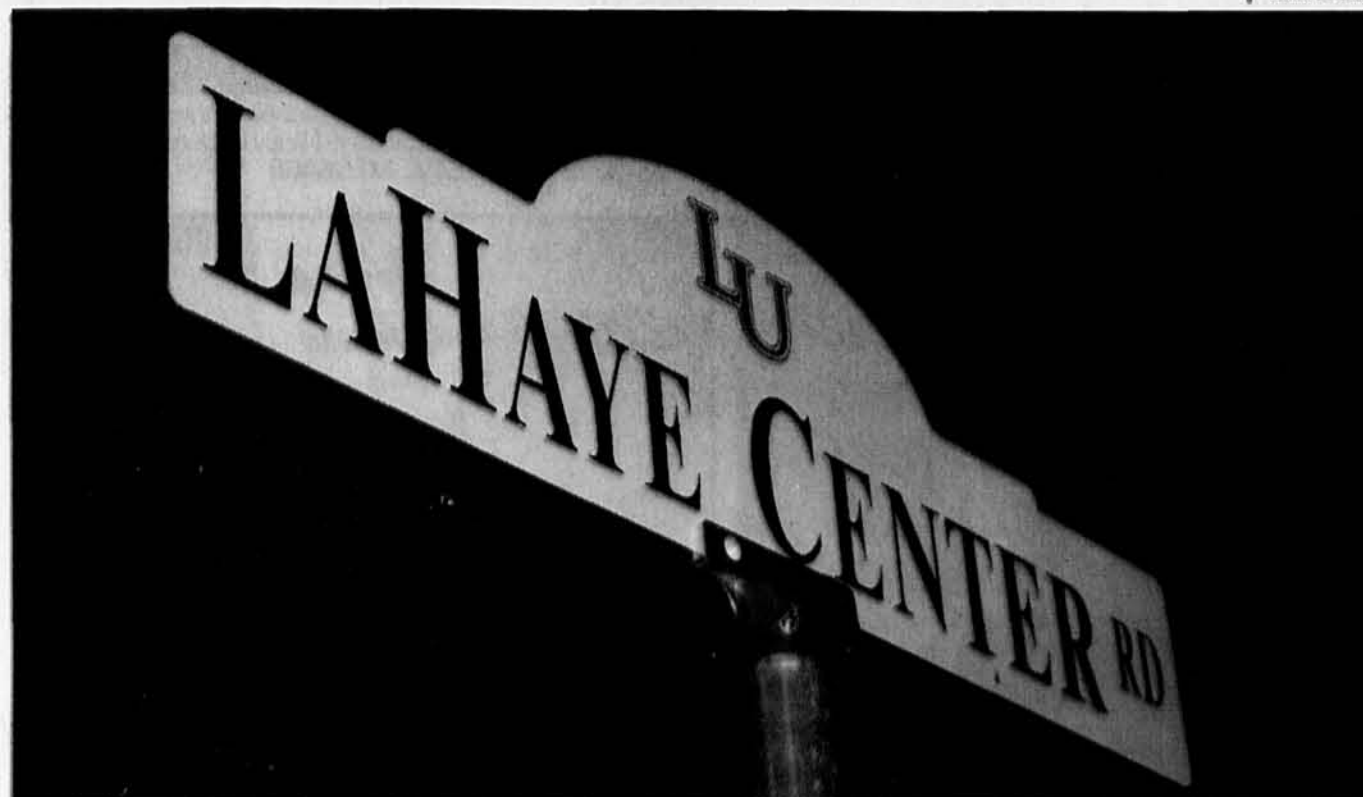
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(Top Right) **ON CAMPUS CELEBRITY** — Dr. Tim Lahaye signed autographs for students after convocation. Many students asked him to sign one or more books from his best-selling "Left Behind" series.

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