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Countdown To Election Day | 1 Days

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NEWS

>> SURVIVOR: WASHINGTON EDITION Derek Manoya, a 27-year-old climber from Oregon, survived for five days on centipedes and creek water after breaking his ankle while climbing on Washington's Mount Adams, according to CNN. Mamoyac was located 6,000 feet up on the mountain by a dog from a search and rescue team.

>> GREEN GONE EXTREME

A Knox. N.Y. family has taken green to the extreme in recent years. The family of six spends only \$1,000 a year on consumer goods and endures harsh northern winters in a house that is only heated to \$2 degrees. According to the New York Times, the family has maintained the commitment to reducing its carbon footprint since 2002.

>> FINANCIAL AID FALLOUT

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Requests for financial aid have jumped
by 16 percent on campuses across the
country, according to the Los Angeles
Times. Like many investors, university
endowment funds have been hit hard by
the weak economy. Some affluent schools
like Starfford University, which boasts a
\$17-billion endowment, have been able to
chandle the additional requests, but many
schools have been unable to cope with the
new demands.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT? It may have taken him almost five hours, but a Pennsylvania man became the first to eat a Pennsylvania man became the first to eat a 20 lb. hamburger monstrosty known as the Beer Barrel Belly Bruiser. According to MSNBC, 21-year-old Brad Sciulio powered through the 15 pounds of meat slathered with more than five pounds of toppings in four hours and 39 minutes. The toppings included a cup each of mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup and relish.

>> HOW 'BOUT THEM RAYS

The Tampa Bay Rays became the first baseball team to go from having the worst record in baseball to the World Series the next year. The Rays held off the Boston Red Sox in the wanning weeks of September to capture the American League Eastern Crown. They continued their winning ways by beating the Chicago White Sox in four games during the opening round of the playoffs. They then roared to a 3-1 lead over the Red Sox and managed to ward them off in seven games. The Rays look to capture their first ever title against the Philladelphia Phillies who knocked off the LA Dodgers. This marks the Phillies first return to the World Series since 1993. The World Series kicks off Wednesday night on Fox.

Liberty Law raises the 'bar' ... again



Exam increased by 11 percent since last year By Anthony Barone NEWS REPORTER

For the second year in a row. Liberty
University. School of Law students
earned exemplary scores on the Virginia State Bar Exam. Of the 1/2 gradustate sensors who took the test in fully,
to of them passed yielding a 04/4 percent passing rate.

"The percentage of students in
our second graduating class who
passed the bar exam has exceeded
all of our highest expectations just
as the first graduating class did
last year." Jerry Falwell Jr said.
"Liberty University School of
Law is far ahead of schedule in
achieving my father's geal of
training lawyers committed
to Christian values who
will someday become
the politicians and judges
who will lead our government and strictly construe the
US Constitution."

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With a passing rate respectfully over 900 percent, the school now ranks third among schools that took Virginia's har exam, falling closely behind the University of Virginia (no. 8) and George-

town University (95,6). As Georgetown as housed within the confines of D.C. Lik-erty is considered second in the state for passage percentage rates. In its first year Liberty's graduating class received an unprecedented 80-per-cent passage rate on the nation wide har

cent passage rate on the minor was e-coam.

"Our har pass is phenomenal and places. Labory in roughly the top five-percent of all law schools in the country-livailly a faw school struggles to threak the 20 percent hartree and most schools never use above 80 percent. "Dean of the Law School Mar Staver said. "Date you I therry stunned the legal education community wish a bair pass rate of 85 repercent."

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Orphans' adoption a success due to LU generosity

By Danielle Talbert

Last spring semester's Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) changed the lives of a Michigan family and three Ethiopian children. Following David Nasser's challenge to give an offering equal to the amount paid for a pair of jeans, Liberty students raised over \$85,000.000 of the purpose of the money was to proude an adoption of three Ethiopian siblings who had been separated and put in different orphanages. These children would not only be brought to America, but also adopted into a family close to Liberty's heart.

The Wolfe family, whose daughter, Kristin, is a Resident Director on East Campus, had been

The Wolfe family, whose daughter, Kristin, is a Resident Director on East Campus, had been praying for a long time about adopting a child. Kristin was attending the SEW session on Wednesday in January when Nasser's challenge to help these children caught her attention. Wolfe immediately called her parents in Michigan to tell them she felt God wanted them to adopt not just one of these children, but all three.

"It was a family venture," Wolfe said. She added that her whole family is excited to see God's

ed that her whole family is excited to see God's hand work in such a miraculous way. Wolfe's 20-year-old brother and 15-year-old sister are looking forward to having three more siblings



in the house.

Because of the ages of the children, it is even more of a miracle that they were able to be adopted. Many adoption stories are told of families adopting small infants, but these children are much older, which is another way the Wolfes are blessing the children. 17-year old

Aschalew, who was placed in an all boys' orphan-age in Ethiopia will be brought back together with his sisters Genet, who is 16, and Yeshal-

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NIV text gets a new handwritten font, celebrates 30th anniversary



Liberry students handwrote 543 verses of the Bi-ble when Zondervan's "Bible Across America" tour stopped on campus last Tuesday. The tour is celebrat-ing Zondervan's 30th anniversary of the New Inter-national Version (NIV) Bible by crossing the country,

national Version (NIV) Bible by crossing the country, giving people an opportunity to contribute to a hand-written Bible.

One of the two handwritten originals will be offered to the Smithsonian Institute and the other will be published. Zondervan expects the handwritten Bible to be on the market sometime between July and September of next year, according to Brooke Paneitz, a tour guide. She said the average Zondervan Bible is around \$4,5, however she expects the handwritten Bible to be slightly more since it will be so large.

Tim Paneitz, another tour guide, said the entire Bible will be handwritten, so it is not a Bible to teach from on Sundays.

mental value to it," Paneitz said. He is involved with the "Bible Across America" tour because of the oppor-tunity to interact with people. Panetiz said that he thinks people will purchase the

handwritten version because either they wrote in it, or they know someone who wrote in it. The names of the people who wrote a verse will be printed in the back of the Bible.

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Freshman Jade Philbrick plans to purchase the handwritten Bible when it comes out. She said she participated because she thought it was a really unique idea.

"I wanted to have something that I could look back on and show my kids 'this is what I did in college' and to make a mark in history." Philbrick said.

Lauren Vickers, a senior, participated because she thought it was interesting.

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"I wanted to be a part of it," Vickers said. "It will be cool to have a Bible that is written by a lot of different people throughout the nation."

Don't recognize your campus?

Saturday

Alumni Lunch **Homecoming Parade** Football vs. Charleston Southern Scaremare

11:30 a.m. - 1p.m. 3:30 p.m. Line open dusk to 11p.m.

Check out A3 for an in-depth look at recent campus changes



Senator Lindsey Graham slated to visit Liberty today

By Mitchell Malcheff

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Sen. Lindsey Graham will speak tonight to Liberty University's college republicans and other area republicans. The South Carolina native was elected in 2002 after entering politics in 1992 when he won a seat in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Graham holds the distinction of being the only active U.S. Senator to currently serve in the Guard or Reserves, according to Graham's Web site. That distinction is part of his longrunning career of military service in the Air Force that stretches back to 1982.

Graham's speech is part of the effort to keep traditionally republican Virginia red in the upcoming Presidential election. Just a month ago, the McCain-Palin ticket led Sen. Obama by three percentage points in the swing state but currently trail by three points, according to rasmussenreports.com.

Graham describes McCain on his Web site as a mentor and friend, and McCain has been quoted as saying that there is no one he trusts more in politics than Graham. Graham has also been a vocal supporter of McCain's selection of Palin as his running mate. Graham's Web site had this to say about Palin:

"As vice president, Sarah Palin will bring a new attitude to Washington that is long overdue. Some people talk about change, but Governor Palin has made it happen."

Graham will be speaking from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Football Operations Center. The entire University body is invited to attend.

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All three children speak sufficient English, but when they arrive in the states, they will receive English lessons at home with their new sister, who is home schooled, before they may venture to public school, and maybe Liberty in the future.

ALL IN THE FAMILY — Johnnie Moore will join the

The adoption was put on hold on the Ethiopian side while papers were being processed and the proper steps were being taken.

The Wolfes held their breath, hoping for a good outcome for the Oct. 17th court date, which yielded perfect results for the family.

In a couple of weeks, Randy and Kathy

Wolfe will be flying to Ethiopia along with their three birth children, Kristin, Brad and Bonny, to bring home their new children.

The Wolfe family is thankful for the donations and support they have gained from Liberty. In addition to the funds already received, Chancellor Falwell has offered a full scholarship to each of the students if they decide to attend Liberty. He has extended this opportunity so that the school can match the generosity of the student body.

"It is amazing to watch how the body is supposed to work together," Wolfe said.

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The school provides students with a library and three mock courtrooms, one of which is an exact replica of the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

"Proverbs 1:7 says, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Staver said. "True wisdom is found only when God is central to our learning.'

The Liberty University School of Law, which characterizes itself as a "distinctively evangelical law school," attributes its success to this belief in God and keeping him the center focus of all

"We are here to stay, and we will shake the foundations of legal education from a distinctly

Christian perspective," Staver said. "We expect our students to succeed, and we challenge them to reach beyond their dreams."

Liberty's School of Law achieved provisional approval to be accredited within an 18-month period, a record amount of time compared to usual wait times of three years. The school is currently working toward full approval in the near future. With 217 enrolled students, the three year program is well on its way to the goal of 450 law students.

'With in three to four years we hope to reach our final goal of 450 students," said Tuomala. "We can comfortably accommodate that number of students and by split sectioning classes we will keep a low student:teacher ratio."

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Junior John Schlaudt heard the announcement about the Bible tour in convocation and thought it would be a great opportunity to get involved.

"It is a living piece of history," Schlaudt said. "I will look back some day and be able to show everyone the verse I wrote. We have a very good source of Christian writers here who are interested in participating."

Maggie Woconish, a freshman, came out because she thought it would be fun.

"The NIV is a cool version," Woconish said. "It gives people a chance to be part of remembering it."

To keep track of the "Bible Across America" tour, visit the Web site at www. bibleacrossamerica.com or join their Facebook group by searching for "Bible Across America."

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Students encouraged to share at citysponsored forum about Wards Road

By Danielle Jacobs

NEWS REPORTER

Students can share their opinions on Wards Road development plans during a public meeting to with held with Lynchburg city officials on Oct. 23, 2008 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Liberty University Reber-Thomas Dining Hall.

The meeting, led by Barry Carpenter, City of Lynchburg design coordinator, is open to Liberty students, Central Virginia Community College students, restaurant owners, property owners and other concerned members of the local community. The event is designed to give stakeholders in the community a chance to give their input on making improvements to Wards Road for pedestrians and bicyclers. Liberty has a vested interest in this project because of the effect the results will have on

'We have conducted many public forums and charrettes and we, and the plan, always benefit from the thoughtful ideas and input we receive from folks who participate in them," Carpenter said.

The main purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ideas for revamping the Wards Road corridor, from Wards Ferry Road to Harvard Street, to better meet the needs of the public. Current ideas include plans to add connected sidewalks along the stores on both sides of Wards Road to increase accessibility and ensure safety for all who travel along the road. The new tunnel, planned to start in early 2009 to connect Liberty to Wards Road, is another ideal to be discussed. The tunnel plays a key

role in the study, since upon completion it will greatly increase the number of pedestrians on Wards Road.

"Liberty is very excited the city is conducting this study and about the potential to open up the Wards Road shops to pedestrian traffic," Lee Beaumont, director of Auxiliary Services, said.

Libertystudents, specifically those who walk along Wards Road and would use the tunnel in the future, are encouraged to participate and voice their ideas. Student input is needed to develop a well devised plan to provide students with not only easy access to shops and restaurants along Wards Road, but also insurance of their safety.

"The safety of our students is a primary concern, and crosswalks and contiguous sidewalks linking the various shops will help ensure pedestrian traffic is adequately protected," Beaumont said.

Carpenterwill lead the event and direct discussion topics. An overview of the project and its goals will be presented before participants are split into groups. Each group, led by a trained facilitator, will discuss ideas for pedestrian and bicycle improvements for increased safety on Wards Road. Smaller groups will also draw up sketches before presenting ideas to the entire group. A study team will use the sketches and ideas to draw up a draft concept plan. The City of Lynchburg will present the draft concept plan to stakeholders at a later date.

"The charrette process, and its use of facilitated small group interaction and creativity, assures that we get early stakeholder input in a creative, focused and fun way," Carpenter said.

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Students fulfill civic duties, prepare for the voting booths

By Natalie Lozano

NEWS EDITOR

Since mid-September, Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. has encouraged students to register in a voting drive that procured national attention and ultimately resulted in more than 4,000 new voters in Lynchburg.

As Nov. 4 approaches, students have opportunities to participate in the presidential election beyond their civic responsibility in the

Students interested in supporting McCain can volunteer to call local residents from Towns Religion Hall 104.

So far, Liberty students have called several thousand Lynchburg residents with a phone

to the sixth district, according to Claire Ayendi, Chairman of the college republicans. The phone survey includes questions regarding the responder's preference on the Presidential and Senatorial elections, whether or not they are registered and to remind them to vote.

"When McCain supporters get a phone call, It excites them," Ayendi said. She added that when people get a personal phone call they feel like "they're kind of part of the process."

The campaigns of Sen. John McCain, U.S. Senate candidate Jim Gilmore and U.S. House of Representatives candidate Bob Goodlatte are sponsoring the phone survey. For more information, e-mail Claire Ayendi at ucayendi@

Obama supporters can also volunteer by survey, to determine what issues are important making phone calls and canvassing on foot,

in a program called "Neighbor to Neighbor," according to Kevin Griffis, a spokesman for the democratic Presidential candidate.

The Lynchburg Democratic Headquarters is located downtown at 1125 Main St. and welcomes volunteers seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Nov. 3. For more information, call the headquarters at 434-845-3741.

On Election Day, the polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. with classes cancelled to allow ample time for voting. Classes that only meet on Tuesdays will still be held.

On-campus students can take the bus to Heritage High School while off-campus students should check their registration cards for specific voting locations.

All voters are required to present their voter registration card and a form of identification.

While a student ID card is acceptable, a government-issued ID (such as a driver's license or passport) is preferred.

A plethora of activities are available to students during the afternoon of Nov. 4 including open dorms, movies at the East Campus Clubhouse Theatre and the Tilley Center, tennis in the Schilling Center, and a pool party and bench press competition at the LaHaye Student Union.

Curfew is extended until 1 a.m. on the night of Nov. 4 because of the election results party in the Vines Center. To accommodate Tuesday's schedule, hall meeting was moved to Nov. 3 at a to-be-determined time.

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Alumni head home for festivities

By Anthony Barone

NEWS REPORTER

Whether they graduated in 1975 or 2007, Liberty Alumni will be coming home to a campus filled with new facilities and icons this weekend, Oct. 23-25.

"With family and friends coming along with them, were hoping to have between 4,500 and 5,000 (guests)," Mark Watkins, senior alumni director, said.

The theme for this year's homecoming is "Come back to Liberty" and at the moment, more than 2,000 alumni have registered.

For those who have not seen the campus since last year, many projects have been started or completed around campus.

The fountain in front of DeMoss and the building's third floor, an open Doc's Diner, Regents Parkway, a new student union and a paved David's Place parking lot are some of the past year's additions.

Projects underway include a Barnes and Noble bookstore, new tennis courts and the first Snowflex facility in North America.

A new section of the Jerry Falwell Museum has also been added for alumni.

In that room, artist Paul Dinwiddie created a 47-foot mural depicting a timeline of Liberty Mountain's history and articles from Liberty's history are displayed below it.

"The area will allow alumni to come and relive the days they had at Liberty," Museum Curator Paula Johnson said.

Homecoming weekend begins Thursday, when students and alumni can be entertained with a carless drive-in featuring the movie "Kung Fu Panda" at 9 p.m. at the Main Campus Intramural Fields.

On Friday, there will be a special convocation for alumni, a more formal chancellor's dinner that evening and a bonfire for all in the lower Thomas Road Baptist Church's parking lot at

Saturday, the homecoming parade and football game versus Charleston Southern at 3:30 p.m. will cap off the weekend.

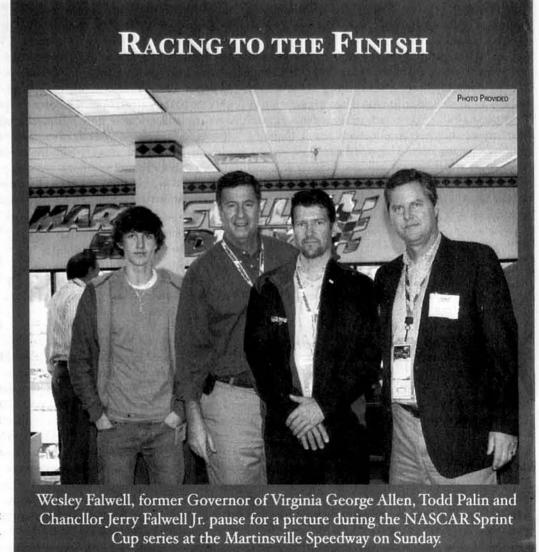
During halftime and after the game, there will be a concert by alumnus Michael Tait and his band.

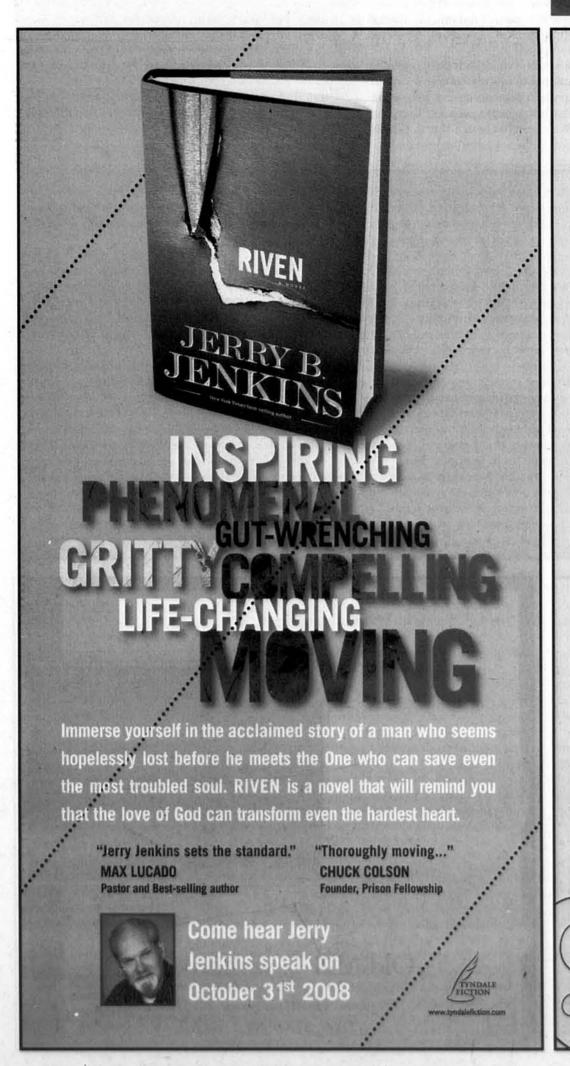
Tait is a former member of the Grammy and Dove award-winning band DC Talk.

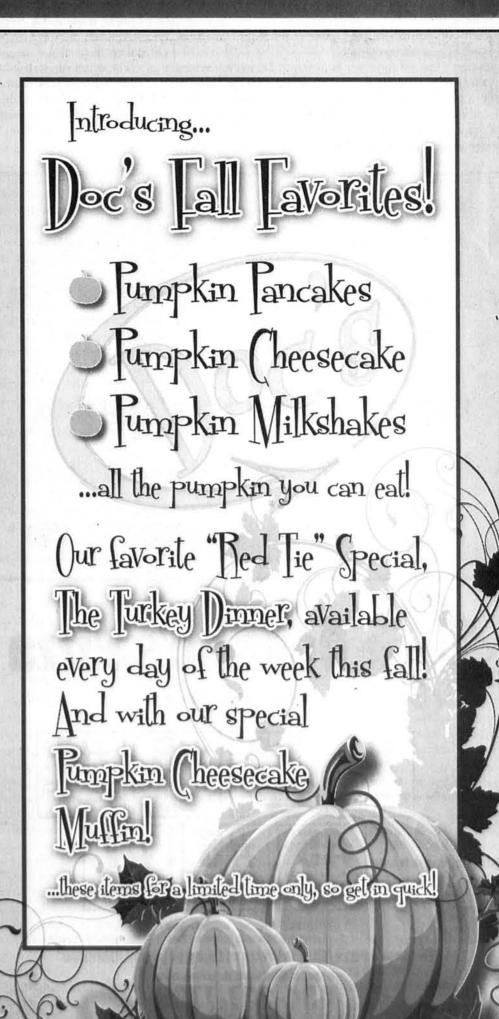
In addition to these events, other sports teams will be playing, the LaHaye Ice Center will provide free ice skating and the student union will be fully accessible to all.

"It's good to reconnect," Director of Student Activities Christopher Misiano said.

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Finding a road to somewhere beyond college

By Elisabeth Garman

OPINION REPORTER

Graduation — the word elicits a range of emotions - freedom, fear, excitement and a new sense of responsibility. For many students including myself, it means that my parents will no longer be paying rent, or my bills. With that said, I do not think I am alone in my apprehension regarding the future.

There are multiple after-school options for graduating students to consider. While a career and marriage are usually major aspects of adult life, there is no need to rush the inevitable and commit to anything too soon. It is always important to consider new ideas.

Post-graduation options include attending graduate school, joining the military or the Peace Corps, backpacking through Europe and going abroad to spread the gospel. These are just a few of the available options outside of joining the work force right away.

Today, the job market is not what it was four years ago, and the thought of putting off work has come to mind. However, as anyone with school loans knows, students typically have to start paying those off six months after graduation, on top of the expectation to begin paying bills. Many graduating students assume that because they have a college education, finding a great well-paying job will happen right away.

Perhaps the perfect job will land in their laps and will pay above and beyond their needs. But for the rest of us, there are several alternatives that will

enhance qualifications, give life some adventure, create memories and help pay off some of those school loans.

Graduate school at Liberty can be free if you get into the right program and will make you much more appealing to a future employer. The average worker with a master's level degree earns \$10,000 more per year than a bachelor's graduate, according to salary. com. With that in mind, working for 50 years would add up to an additional \$500,000 earned in a lifetime, which should more than pay off those extra years in school. It is also important to consider individual goals and whether or not an advanced degree would be necessary. There are numerous fields in which it would prove to be an asset.

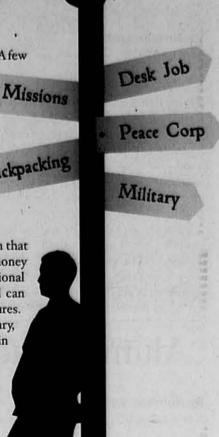
Another viable option is the Peace Corps. According to peacecorps.gov, school loans will be deferred, Perkins loans would be eligible for cancellation and after release members are given about \$6,000 to help with transition. Plus, the Peace Corps has great job placement for former volunteers. Volunteers are offered 48 vacation days during the two years of service. Additionally, they may be able to complete all or part of a master's degree for reduced or no cost because of the partnerships the Peace Corps has with over 40 colleges and universities throughout the country. There are some negatives; however, as it is a low paying job, the living conditions may be sub-par and there is a 27-month commitment.

Then, there is the military. It offers travel, excitement, partial or full-payment of school loans, in addition to career experience and great benefits. A few negatives include the time commitment, time away from family and the possible danger. According to the 2008 edition of the Occupational Outlook Handbook, working in any branch of the military, even in peace time, can be very demanding Backpacking and there are strict rules to abide by at all times. However, there are a wide variety of opportunities, from health services to engineering, to media and public affairs officers.

Backpacking through Europe is a third option that offers great adventure and fun; however, the money for it has to be there. Opportunities in international business, psychology and the educational field can benefit from learning to understand other cultures. Though it may seem frivolous and unnecessary, backpacking may prove useful and aid in accomplishing long term career goals.

Graduation is inevitable and brings with it apprehension, especially for those graduating this December or May. God has a plan for everyone though, so weigh all the options and talk to God about it. Think of every possibility and dream a little — it is your future.

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Concealed Carry unloads on an unsuspecting inbox

By Tim Mattingly

OPINION EDITOR

There is nothing like receiving spam e-mails to make someone's point of view really sink in. As I contemplated my overflowing inbox, I came to the realization that being mass-messaged is a lot like eating pizza.

Now, I love pizza (more than is natural). I also love a good opinion (not as much as pizza). On a good day, I could eat eight slices of pizza and each one would taste just as good as the first. But on the other hand, if I were to be force-fed 20 slices in one hour ... let's just say that a stomachache would be the least of my

With that said, the organization known as Concealed Carry, along with its chapter at Liberty, has officially clogged any chance they had of me trumpeting its cause. At the same time my curiosity was peaked, so I followed my nose to Facebook to see what the stink was about.

Group: Students for concealed carry at Liberty University — 492 members. This is a respectable number, falling a little short of 5 percent of resident students enrolled this semester. In fact, it comes close to Liberty's "Chick-fil-A! Woohoo" group count of 672 members — no small feat considering our generation's growing reliance on fried chicken.

As I gazed down at the topic of discussions, I immediately came upon a posting entitled "Having a weapon at LU = illegal." It sounds like someone is a party-pooper to me but I decided not to judge until I read what he had to say.

The initiator of this post, Jan Michael Dervish, cited legal clauses saying that the "possession of firearm, stun weapon, or other weapon on school property is prohibited."

Dervish argued that because Liberty Christian Academy (LCA) is on campus, it is unlawful to permit concealed carry at Liberty. Dervish said places, which the law deems illegal locations to possess any of these weapons, includes "the property of any public, private or religious elementary, middle or high school, including buildings and grounds."

After such heinous claims, the forum exploded with opposition to Dervish's post. One proponent of concealed carry on Liberty campus immediately responded saying, "I believe LU [has] a distinction, however, to where the high school stops and the college begins."

The argument escalated as a team of concealed carriers virtually surrounded Dervish in an attempt to squeeze his opinion out of the picture. Some made sound arguments against him, while others could only respond with statements such as, "Everyone I know or have met from Wisconsin has been a liberal. Why is that?"

To which Dervish mercilessly shot back, saying, "Wisconsin was the birthplace of the Republican party."

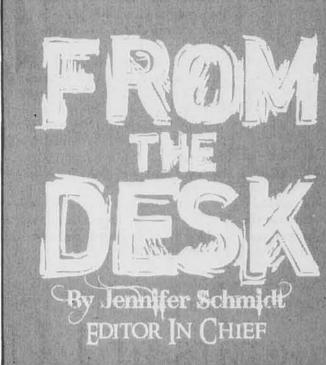
Clearly, people like Dervish, who stir up trouble in these forums and cause my e-mail to get spam messaged. His tomfoolery has shaken up a hornet's nest of concealed carriers, which in turn brought their concerns to the top.

"Liberty University will consider whether to allow concealed weapon permit holders to carry guns on campus at its next board of trustees meeting," Jerry Falwell Jr., is quoted as saying in the News and Advance.

Apparently the Liberty board of trustees will be the ones to flush out the details of concealed carry on Liberty campus. One thing is apparent in all of this — the board of trustees can eat more pizza than I. They will be deciding about this in March

In the meantime, I invite proponents and opponents of Concealed Carry on Liberty campus to write thoughtful 300 to 500 word, factually based articles and submit them to liberty. opinion@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

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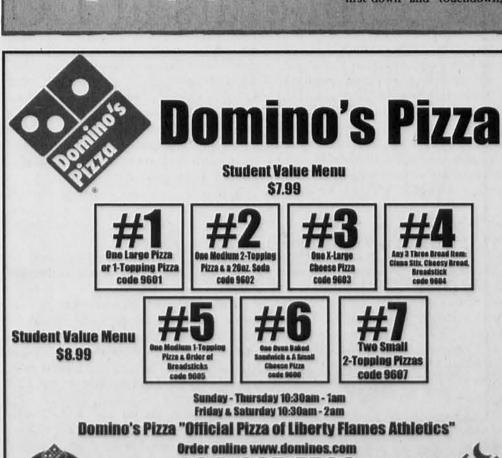


Homecoming is just around the corner, but for a student who has yet to graduate, a more appropriate title might be "home appreciation" or "homestaying." Forgive my lazy attempt at a lame joke, and let's focus on the fact that homecoming gives regular students an excuse to get excited about football and Liberty in general. It fascinates me that I love football related activities even while I have no idea what a third down conversion is or where to find the red zone. Don't even ask me what happens when a tuck roll is mentioned or play names come out - flea flicker, quarterback draw or half-back sweep (to be honest, I had to ask the sports editors for these terms because I didn't know any plays).

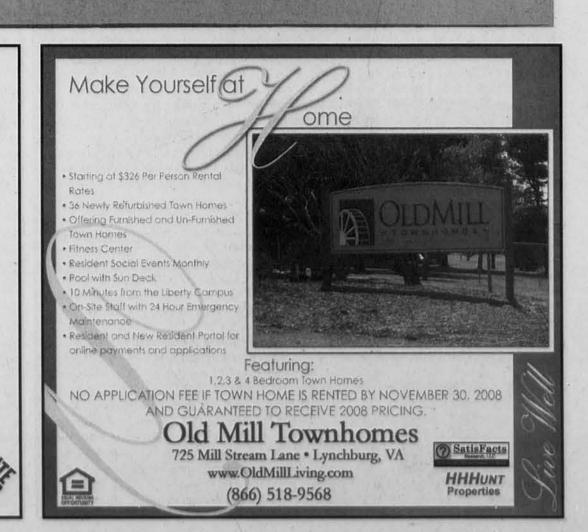
The irony truly runs deep. For some reason I love everything associated with football - the crisp air, the tailgating, the school spirit, the football players . . . But it only takes until the middle of the first half, when the national anthem is long over and the half time show is still far in the future, that I realize I have no idea what is going on in the game. I can generally discern which team is Liberty, and guessing the direction we're moving only takes me until the second down. Journalists are trained to have keen observation skills after all. Yet beyond the basic terms "first down" and "touchdown," I am left scratching my head in confusion. By the time the first penalty is called or a yellow flag comes out my mind has wandered to what everyone will do after the game or trying to figure out what state the other team is

In the midst of my daydreams, something good typically happens and everyone starts cheering. Naturally, I throw my hands up in the air and scream along with everyone else. If the hype lasts long enough I hope a guy is nearby to explain why everyone is so excited. Then again, the answers I get are typically vague (ie. "there was a penalty") and do nothing to alleviate my

I say all of this not to prove that I deserve my hair color (blonde for those less intuitive or who simply don't know me), but rather to draw attention to the culture of football. Maybe it's nostalgia I feel, remembering Sunday afternoons when I would doze next to my Dad with the Eagles game on TV. Or maybe it's something more. Perhaps it is the basic love that man has for competitive passion, or just the primal thirst to see men hit each other. I won't try to figure it out. All I know is the power of the pigskin to bring people together. Thanksgiving football games in the front yard, high school powder puff and college rivalries - it's all so American, and so understandable.



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Ode to the Pumpkin

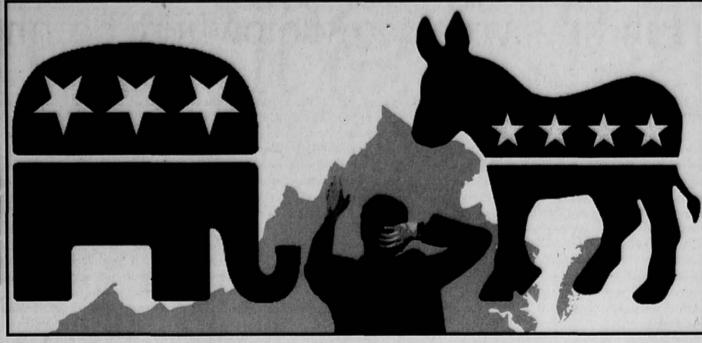
In case you haven't noticed the tide of pumpkin-themed treats arriving with fall to tempt your taste buds, here's a (non)exhaustive list: pumpkin cheese muffins, pumpkin spiced lattes, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin pie, roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin cheesecake, pumpkin bread, pumpkin cake, pumpkin casserole, pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin candy, pumpkin bubble gum. pumpkin juice, pumpkin milkshakes, pumpkin pancakes. Some of these items may or may not actually exist, but you get the point.

Beautiful Bathrooms

Except for those of us at the Champion who haunt the halls of DeMoss in the middle of the night, most students may not realize the amount of custodial work that happens between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Liberty has always boasted a clean and well-kept campus from the back hallways to the sidewalks connecting North Campus to the Circle. But such cleanliness is the result of diligent work at the hands of a dedicated custodial staff. The next time you encounter a gray cart, say thanks to the person manning it because without them Liberty would not be what it is. If your appreciation so moves you, pick up one of the many bottles and empty coffee cups that litter the Vines center after convocation three days a week. Consider it Liberty's version of the ONE campaign – one more bottle in the trash, one more participant, one beautiful campus.

Time Travels?

Got the rainy day blues? Grab a pumpkin spiced latte from Jazzmans (see above) and nead to the museum in the second floor atrium of DeMoss, Ever wonder what Dr. Falwell looked like as a kid or wanted to see Macel's wedding dress? All the answers to these questions are housed in the extensive Jerry Falwell Museum. If you really have some time to kill or want some good laughs, go to the alumni center bookcase where yearbooks for every year of Liberty's history can be found. Check out the perms that survived Lynchburg weather in the 80s or Dwayne Carson's early years as a campus pastor in the 90s. Hidden beneath all of the neckties and hairspray, the amazing history of our university is sure to inspire school pride and appreciation for God's provision.



Mixing religion and politics

By Tim Mattingly **OPINION EDITOR**

Liberty University has garnered local and national attention for its campaign to register students to vote in Virginia this semester. With the voter registration deadline passed, Liberty is posed to make an impact in Virginia and throughout the country. The newly registered students, faculty and Thomas Road Baptist Church members number 4,200 strong.

The 4,200 eager and ready voters did not appear out of thin air. They were called forth by Liberty University Chancellor, Jerry Falwell Jr., who was a driving force behind out-of-state students registering to vote in Lynchburg.

"Liberty students have never been permitted to register locally in the past. The recent change in election law is giving Liberty University the chance to make history," said Falwell in a CNN article entitled, "Conservative university could swing Virginia."

The article's title implies that each registered Liberty student is expected to vote for Sen. John McCain. It is true, that as a school Liberty is known as a conservative institution. But even more than that, the school is built atop Christian values, which it encourages in its students. The Dean of Liberty School of Law, Mat Staver, spoke recently and stressed the importance of putting Christian values above political affiliation.

"God is neither democrat, republican or independent or Green Party," Staver said in convocation, according to the Liberty

But if Liberty students stay true to their generally-conservative mindsets at the voting booths, then they will only amplify the historically-republican, presidential voting habits of Virginia.

Since 1964, Virginia has consistently backed a republican candidate for president, reports CNN. The state has proven itself to be conservative, or at least republican, in its presidential voting allegiance. By this fact, any conservative leanings of Liberty students would only amplify the historical presidential voting habits of Virginia.

But for those crunching the numbers, Liberty could appear to be just another small log on the conservative voting fires of Virginia. After all, compared to the 4.8 million voters registered in the state of Virginia, according to State Board of

Elections, the 4,200 from Liberty would seem insignificant. However, in the 2004 elections, the state of Florida was decided by as little as 500 votes.

Also, the election on Nov. 4, 2008 will be witnessing a new Virginia - one that has become a swing state. The term "swing state" implies that Virginia's voters are not decided on their presidential selection. The state's 13 electoral votes could end up in either candidate's corner and even decide who ascends to the Oval Office.

"Wouldn't it be something if Liberty's votes were enough to change which presidential candidate won Virginia and maybe even the presidency itself," said Jerry Falwell Jr. in a Washington Post article.

The article goes on to highlight the effect Liberty could have on the upcoming presidential election by citing two recent state elections - the 2006 U.S. Senate and the 2005 attorney general race. Both offices were decided by less than 10,000

Liberty's impact on the national political scale will soon be apparent, but it is the local impact that has some longtime Lynchburg citizens up in arms.

"With bloc-voting by Liberty students, the university could control all three atlarge seats on city council, as well the Ward III seat where the school is located," said Stewart Hobbs, a concerned citizen, in a letter to the News and Advance. "Within the next few years, permanent residents of Lynchburg should be prepared to see the control of city government passed to the control of the university."

Hobbs' fears have some factual merit. As of Sept. 30, 2008, the city of Lynchburg had 4,990 new voters register this year, bringing the city total to 44,639 citizens registered to vote, according to the State Board of Elections. Liberty students make up about 84 percent of the new Lynchburg voters and nearly 10 percent of Lynchburg's total voting muscle. This being said, some locals worry that the city's politics will soon become unbalanced with this tilt in the scales.

"City Council and the School Board have provided pragmatic, sensible leadership for Lynchburg, largely because moderate democrats and moderate republicans have long put aside partisan differences at the local level and elected sensible candidates," said Lynchburg resident John Guthrow, in a letter to the News and Advance. "With

thousands of LU students voting in atlarge council elections, Lynchburg could easily see council dominated by religious zealots."

Despite local suspicions, there are some factual differences between the Lynchburg city elections and the presidential election that may put them at ease.

The first major difference is the fact that students are constantly inundated with media related to the 2008 presidential elections. It is impossible to watch the news with out the election, the candidates or their running mates being mentioned in some way or another.

Also, Liberty students will be provided every conceivable convenience on Nov. 4, 2008, in order to allow them the opportunity to vote. The day has been blocked off as far as academics are concerned - a political campus field day. Buses will transport students back and forth between the voting booths and campus. Neither of these comforts will be provided to students for the city of Lynchburg elections.

A final note of importance is the fact that the last city of Lynchburg elections took place on May 5, 2008, according to the News and Advance. Generally in May, a student's main concern lies with finals and going home. In order for Liberty students to impact the city's 2009 elections, they would have to set aside their studies and preparations for the end of the semester. Quite frankly, students value their GPAs far more than whoever is elected Lynchburg's city council.

Then the only remaining "concern" for locals is the students who stay, work and live in Lynchburg. While they may not have lived in Lynchburg their whole lives, it is still their home. The constitution gives these students the right to be heard and if they so choose, to voice their local political opinion.

Nothing is certain as the presidential election hangs in the balance and Liberty's red flames mingle with Virginia's red clay in the political arena. For the first time in history, this school on the mountain is positioned to set sparks to the presidential election. And who knows, maybe Liberty can even coax the old red clay into a

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College democrats at LU Coming soon

By Megan House NEWS REPORTER

A college democrat group is launching on Liberty's campus. According to the College Democrats of Liberty Facebook group, which has 45 members, this organization is needed on the Liberty University campus. There have been no official meetings yet, however, they plan to have their first meeting on Oct. 27.

Their Facebook group states that their purpose is,"To promote the values of: tolerance, equal opportunity for all, and a commitment to social justice," according to the group's description. "Liberty democrats are here to educate fellow peers about the Democratic Party and the principles the party stands for. We hope to spread the message of the Democratic Party in hopes to educate the Liberty campus about political issues that are not of a conservative bias."

Joel Krautter, a member of the provisional college democrat leadership team and campus organizer with the Obama campaign, said he believes having a college democrat group will promote a better political atmosphere at Liberty.

"If students have an opportunity to hear from different sides on issues, they will be better able to make a more informed decision on issues," Krautter said. "Currently, there has only been opportunity to voice their opinions, according one side presented on issues and I think that hurts the overall political atmosphere on campus and this in turn hurts students." He said having a college democrat group also benefits democratic students, by giving them an opportunity to fellowship.

Krautter said the main reason he is involved with the group is because of equality. "I believe we need political equality here at Liberty," he said. "I think students need to realize starting this club is not so much about taking sides on issues as their needs to be choices offered to students here."

Kathryn Layne said she does not declare herself a member of either party, but she is involved with the college democrats because she feels that the Party will lead America where it needs to go.

"I think that it is important to have an open dialogue about politics at Liberty," Layne said in an e-mail. "Even though it is a traditionally conservative school, there are students on campus who see things another way. I want to help open up that dialogue in a meaningful way, instead of having a few students speak out in class occasionally. I want there to be an organized voice representing every student's point of view."

The college democrats will benefit democratic students by giving them an organized

to Layne.

"It will also benefit those who might not agree with us by giving them the opportunity to engage in a dialogue that will challenge their own positions," she said. "Really what I want this group to accomplish is a dialogue between students that encourages critical thinking about the issues that we face as the next generation of American leaders."

Stephen Witham, associate professor of government, has been the faculty advisor for the college republicans for years. He said he is a conservative, but he can see some benefit to having a democrat group on campus, as long as they follow conservative principles.

"The existence of college democrats may also encourage students to give more thought to policy issues," he said. "While I regard many of the liberal positions of the National Democratic Party to be unsound or unscriptural, students will be confronted by these positions and policies outside the campus and should have formed their own viewpoint." He said students need to understand why they believe what they

Witham said it is possible that since most students view Liberty as a basically conservative campus, they may not sense an urgent need for participation in politics.

"The existence of college democrats may

cause them to reconsider this view now that there is more sense of competition," he said.

Ryan House, a republican, does not think having a college democrat group is a bad idea. Although he is a republican because his beliefs correlate morally with what the republicans stand for, such as pro-life and pro-traditional marriage, he said students should be able to have a democrat group if they want to.

"It could be beneficial, hopefully students will want to have debates between the college republicans and the college democrats," House

Witham said that having a college democrat group demonstrates the openness to different points of view at Liberty.

"While secular schools claim that they are open to all ideas, the prevailing climate of political correctness sometimes operates to silence conservatives in the name of 'fairness' or 'sensitivity." He believes that there is more genuine freedom of belief at Liberty than a lot of other schools.

If you would like to get involved with the college democrats, search for "College Democrats of Liberty" on Facebook or contact Joel Krautter at jgkrautter@liberty.edu.

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FROM 19 A

By Jennifer Schmidt

Imagine Liberty without the Vines center. Now erase Williams stadium, DeMoss, East Campus and even the Circle dorms. Most likely all that remains are the Hill dorms, and the single story classroom buildings surrounding the courtyard Such a picture comes realistically close to Liberty's humble beginnings in the 1970s. For current students a slight glance backwards can prove to be not only interesting, but also enlightening. Here's a look at some past homecoming seasons in Liberty's 37-year history.

Not much still resembles the seventh year of Liberty's existence, a time when it even had a different name – Liberty Baptist College. Students lived in the midst of constant construction with classes and sports activities split between Liberty. Mountain and Treasure Bland on the James River near downtown Lynchburg. The football team, led by Coach Tom Dowling, practiced and played at Lynchburg Municipal Stadium. The 3500 person student body attended outdoor chapel services under a large tent – rain or shine fred mud, anyone). The start of this semester saw a record 2000 freshman students — enrolled, most women sporting — winged—curls framing—

men wearing plaid leisure suits.

With only four previous commencements, homecoming was hardly applicable as a term, but Flames football enjoyed a successful season nonetheless, finishing with a respectable 4:T5 record. Coach Dowling was named Small College Coach of the Year and LBC found its first All-American in Rupert Wright.

INTERESTING FACT: 24 senior girls participated in the Miss Laberty Pageant where Dr. Ed Hindson brought the keynote address. FROM THE YEARBOOK: "What did life at LBC mean to us? It was learning to how to cope with, and then fall in love with the Island and the Hotel. It was 'roughing: it' at Timberlake on those cold mornings when we used kerosene heaters to keep warm. And LBC to us means remembering those prayer meetings on the Mountain, claiming the Mountain for God."

1988

Ten years brought more exponential growth in buildings and feet occupying Liberty Mountain. By this point, LBC had officially become Liberty University and was named the largest private university in Virginia with 5,300 residential students: Females bouncing in with perms and puffed sleeves, accompanied by males wearing rayon in a host of pastel colors. The circle quads were built as priority housing for seniors, joining the one-story Arthur S. DeMoss building as recent additions to the campus. The Spirit of the Mountain marching band entertained a 70,000 person

crowd during a New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys football game in New Jersey. The arthetics program was officially welcomed into Division I sports with its of programs, and desktop publishing arrived at Liberty. With programs of the program of the programs of the program of the programs of the program o

With over 16,000 alumni, homecoming was now a staple of student life and the game boasted a record crowd of 11,400 spectators. Coach Morgan Hout led the Flames to an 8-3 record in what would be the team's last season without its own stadium.

nerresting fact: a measles epidemic npted officials to close school in September. 2,000 vaccinations were given to non-antined students. INTERESTING FACT: a

quarantined students.

FROM THE YEARBOOK: "The challenge has begun Four late girls, four blow dryers, two sets of hot rollers, three curling irons, two outlets, a mirror and a sink. then comes the hair spray ... the spraying lasts for several minutes, creating a cloud of sticky, lung clogging glue."

1998

27 years old, Liberty had a good of experience and time under its belt Enrollment was burgeoning.

the ever expansion of and classroom facilities. decade had brought a revamped David's Place, Stadium, Junior-Senior Williams

to the student body, an ever-diverse group of students sporting denim in every possible form—pants, shirts, hats, vests.
Football coach Sam Ruitgiliano led the Flames to a 5-6 record in his tenth year at the helm, a season that saw him earn his 697d career win at Liberty Homecoming was marked with a come-from behind, overtime victory over Charleston Southern. For some unexplained reason, fans often sported construction hats and Liberty's mascot was simply termed "the Eagle." The lady Flames basketball team enjoyed a three peat title, winning the Big South Conference.
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FROM THE YEARMOOK: "One thing I've learned is time is relevant. Is the coming of the new millennium the end of the world or the start of a whole new generation of advanced society and technology." I prefer to dwell on the latter. Being a student in 1999, I have a whole mew expanse of knowledge and gifts to discover and offer to my generation and ones to come."

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Thirty-five years of fanning the Flames



Be it basketball, football, baseball, soccer or volleyball, amidst a roaring crowd of cheering fans, one voice stands out above the rest as Liberty's "Number Oner fan.

His name is Gary Householder, and he has been attending sporting events at Liberty since before

anyone can remember, himself included. Householder is a fan who holds a status

Householder is a fan who holds a status well above the rest by attending every home game at Liberty.

"He (Householder) is at every event Soccer, indoor track, volleyball, basketball, football, he's at all of them." Kevin Keyes, associate athletic director of external affairs, said.

Householder not only attends the games but also participates. He cheers, jeers, hoots, hollers, lets the players who will they are done well attended to the choice of the control of the

know if they are doing well and lets the officials know

officials know if they missed a call. "Gary's participation at the game(s) at the game(s) woulddefinitely be defined as 'cheerleader.' He is the first one to cheer one to cheer when a point is made or (point out) when a bad call is made," seniorvolleyball Ashley

Physical disability and a speech

Householder from doing whatever he can to support the Flames both at the games and around campus.

During the week, Householder can be sported on campus yelling words of encouragement to students and faculty members. "Gary will find you around campus and give you a high five for (an) amazing game that week or ask you how the season is going and wish you good luck," Webber said.

Householder also supends time

good luck," Webber said.
Householder also spends time
cleaning up trash around the campus.
"Gary is not on payroll," Terry
Falwell, community liaison said. "He
just loves Liberty so much he wants to
keep this place clean."
"I do it unto the Lord," Householder

said.

About four or fiveyears ago, Dr. Jerry
Falwell Sr. recognized Householder
during convocation for his service,
according to Terry. Householder was
presented with a pass that allows him
to eat all of his meals at the Reber
Thomas Dming Hall for free.
"The students gave him a standing
ovation," Terry said.
"The card no longer works." Doug

"The card no longer works," Doug Pugh, Liberty Dining general manager said. "We just let him (Householder)

Householder still treasures the card and keeps it with him at all times, along with another card which permits him

free admission to all Flames home

games.

Like the dining card, the athletics card is no longer required as he is recognizable by the staff.

"He doesn't miss a minute," Terry said of Householder's dedication to the

games. Householderreplied in jest, "I missed

one."
It is always fun to see him
(Householder) in the crowd supporting
the teams and getting the crowd
pumped up for the game," Webber

One of Householders One of Householders most memorable memories was being thrown out of a Flames soccer game against Coastal Carolina. Householder against Coastal Carolina. Householder noticed that a player on the opposing team threw a cheap shot against one of Laberty's players. The official penalized Liberty's players even though he had not caused the altercation. Householder, intending no ill will, walked out on the field to explain what he saw to the official. The referee apparently misunderstood Householder's gesture.

"I got kicked out," Householder said.

In addition to being a dedicated fan, Householder is also a committed member of Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC).

"The main thing is not only his love for sports, but every Sunday he is at Thomas Road sitting in the front row," Terry said. "Householder walks just about

Householder walks just about verywhere he goes. He takes the bus occasionally, according to Keyes, but more often than not Householder can be seen walking from his home on Memorial Ave. to Liberty or TRBC on Sunday. Many Liberty staff like Terry and Keyes, provide Householder with

provide Householder with transportation home, especially during severe weather. Being called Liberty's number one fan means a lot to Householder. He wears the title with pride and does whatever he can to support the two passions of his life. "I love sports – God first but sports second," Householder said.

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Flames come from behind to defeat Renegades, 5-4

By William Armstrong

On two consecutive Fridays, the Liberty Flames men's hockey team has come from behind on 4-1 deficits to win 5-4. Meanwhile, the women's hockey team won all three of its road

nockey team won all three of its road games to remain undefeated.

This time, in front of 2,800 fans, the Flames rallied to beat the Rich-mond Renegades, of the Southern Professional Hockey League, in a thriller that fans and players alike will remember.

They said 2,800 fans were there, but it felt like we had 5,000 fans," freshman Will Gable said. "It's over-whelming and surreal at times, be-cause I've never been apart of some-

thing this big."

The game was a mid-season exhibition for the Flames, but it was the first preseason game for the Renegades, to see who would make the

standing room only resulted from the bleachers getting filled before the game started. It was a much anticipated game, as noted on the SPHL Web site, when tickets were almost sold out as early as Oct 10.

As expected, the game started out fast paced with both teams collecting early scoring chances and keeping the crowd on the edge of its seats. The Renegales opened up the games scoring 7:50 into the game, when Quinn Aniel sent a backhander past Liberty goaltender Colin Way directly off a faceoff.

Justin Joy continued early scor

directly off a faccoff.

Justin Joy continued early scoring for the Renegades, knocking in a one-timer from between the circles.

Minutes later, John Geverd motored down the right side and sent in

scorching wrist shot over the glove of Way, extending the Renegade lead

Junior Dave Semenyna ended the shutout bid of Josselin St. Pierre, fir-



COMEBACK KIDS — Josh Revnolds (above) skates in on Renegades goalle Josselin St. Pierre during Friday's 5-4, come-from-behind victory.

legs from the blueline.

Amiel notched his second marker

a one-timer between St. Pierre's from the blueline, miel notched his second marker the game on a rebound to close when first period scoring, with the gades in a comfortable lead 4-1. and knew it could get back into the arty in the scood the Flanse game. Amel notined his second marker of the game on a rebound to close out the first period scoring, with the Renegades in a comfortable lead 41. Early in the second, the Flames starters were the recipients of early chances, and the momentum started

Knocking down a Renegade clear-ing attempt, freshman Rob Vanwyns-

Senior Josh Ahier create and go with freshman Gamble, who put a shot on net, and senior John Langabeer stashed the rebound to end the second period scoring with Liberty only trailing by one

Liberty only trailing by one. After the Flames second goal, St. Pierre was lifted from the net and replaced by Jeff Hill while Way had picked up his game and was shutting down all Renegade scoring attempts. Renegades and Flames fains started going toe-to-role with, "Lets go LU" and "Lets go Renegades" chants. The third period opened up identically to the second, with Liberty mustering the first chances and each

teams starting to get more physical.

Vanwynsberghe collected the puck in the Renegade zone, sent it to the goal line to Chung, who wrapped around the net and fed Langabeer in front for Langabeer's game-tying and second goal on the night, bringing

the Flames faithful to its feet

See Hockey, B2



WIGGLING FREE — Redshirt freshman Mike Brown attempts to break free from a Lafayette defender

Flames fall prey to Leopards 35-21

By Adam Palmer

ORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Flames suffered a startling defeat at the The Liberty Fiames suffered a Startung deteat at the hands of the Lafayette (Pa.) Leopards on Saturday as 15,485 fans, the second-largest crowd in the history of Williams Stadium, witnessed the Flames fall 37:1. The loss snaps an 11-game winning streak overall as well as an 11-game home winning streak.

"Nothing really went our way," head coach Danny Roc-

co said. "I think in a lot of ways we were our worst en

co said. I think in a lot of ways we were our worst en-emies today."

The Flames defense initially picked up where it left off last week, stopping the Leopard offense and forcing a punt. As senior Dominic Bolden attempted to field the kick, he muffed the ball and it was recovered by Lafayette

at the Liberty 36-yard line.

"In my mind I will always feel like that play changed the game," Bolden said.

Bolden redeemed himself on the Flames next offen-

sive series. After catching a screen pass on second down, Bolden cut through the middle of the field, making several cuts and slashes on his way to a 60-yard, game-tying touchdown. He finished the game with 160 receiving

The two teams traded possessions for much of the quarter before Lafayette return man Shaun Adair returned a punt 63 yards, giving the Leopards good field position. DeAndre Morrow found the end zone two plays later, running sky zards for the touchdown.

After kicker Mart Bevins missed a 47-yard field goal, the Lafayette Leopards engineered an 11-play touchdown drive, pushing the score to 21-7.

The Lafayette defense seemed to be prepared for the Big South rushing icon Rashad Jennings and effectively contained him through the majority of the first half. The two teams traded possessions for much of the quar-

See Football, B2

Lady Flames soccer falls at hands of Highlanders, trounce Blue Hose 5-1

By Jake Petersen and Thomas Lourdeau

The Liberty University women's Soccer team faced off against the Radford Highlanders last Wednesday, fresh off their first victory of the season the previous Saturday against Big South member UNC-Asheville.

UNC-Asheville.

It was the Highlanders, though, who dashed the Lady Flames hopes of stringing together a winning streak, as they defeated Head Coach Jessica Cell's squad y-1.

Sophomore Maria Owen nearly put the Lady Flames ahead in the first half, as her shot off of a corner kick nearly trickled over the goal line before being cleared away by Radford's defense.

Just a few minutes later. Radford's defense.

Radford's defense. Just a few minutes later, Radford's McKenzie Vergara put her team on the -board as she followed up Jill Boyer's shot attempt in front of the goal, which was saved by Liberty goalie Ashley Nyhott, by sending in the rebound. In the second half, the Highlanders

goalie Ashley Nyholt, by sending in the rebound.

In the second half, the Highlanders went up 20 after Caitlyn Roan headed in a corner kick off the foot of Justine Dugger.

The Lady Flames had three chances to score in the 69th minute, as Owen and sophomore Rachel Michener bombarded Highlander goaltender Lisa Lubke who saved the final attempt from Owen after the previous two were blocked by the defense.

Melony Davis gave Radford a comfortable 320 lead in the 77th minute when she notched her fourth goal of the year following a crossing pass from Kathleen Jarvis.

Owen, who was unsuccessful in her first five shot attempts, finally connected on her sixth attempt of

the night, beating Lubke with a shot

the night, beating Lubke with a snot from the 18-yard box into the upper right corner of the goal. Lubke was solid in the final minutes, as she saved two heading attempts that would have tied the game from freshman Silvia Research density A my Oberlin. Betancourt and senior Amy Oberlin. All four of her saves came in the second half as Radford finished off the Lady Flames for the first time

since 2000, securing a 31 victory.
"Radford is a tough team. Their technique for winning the game was to kick the ball out in the clearing and use their speed to maintain possession of the ball," said senior defender Emily House. "We fought defender Emily House. "We fought hard until the end, but when it came down to it, we played their game instead of our own."

On Saturday, the Lady Flames scored a season-high five goals in a

scored a season-high five goals in a 5-1 route of the Presbyterian Blue Hose. The win pushes the Flames record to 2-11-1 overall. Liberty, who began the season 0-10-1, has now won two of its last three games.

Defensively, the Flames suffocated Defensively, the Flames surfocated the Blue Hose, holding them to just one goal on nine shots. Liberty goalkeeper Ashley Nyholt recorded four saves. The Flames offense made

The Flames offense made themselves at home in front of the Presbyterian net, recording a season-high 19 shots in the context. Within two minutes of the opening whistle, Owen scored an unassisted goal from just inside the penalty box, her third of the season, as Liberry jumped out to a 1-o lead.

See Women's Soccer, B3

Lady Flames fall to HPU 3-2, sweep Winthrop 3-0

By Brittany Watson SPORTS REPORTER

It was quite the battle for first place in the Big South Tuesday evening at the Vines Center between Liberty and High Point before the Panthers were able to pull ahead with a 3-2 (25-23. 21-25, 24-26, 25-22, 15-13) triumph.

The first set showed right away that both teams were playing to win as the score tied 17 times and the lead changed hands seven times. With the score tied at 23, High Point pushed ahead with a kill and an attack error on Liberty that gave the Panthers the 25-23

Sophomore Nicki Scripko started out the first set with a career high of six kills and a

The Panthers started out the second set with a 8-6 lead, but the Lady Flames gave them a run for their money with a 6-o surge that included a trio of aces. Liberty did not look back as they finished the set on Brittany Pacella's game winning kill giving them a 25-

Scripko added fives kills, five digs and two aces to the second set. Pacella, who had a .667 attack percentage, added her own four kills. The Lady Flames held the Panthers to a .188 attack percentage during the second set.

The third set tied at 23 before Liberty raised the score to 25-24. Scripko finished off the third set with a kill giving the Lady Flames a 26-24 win.

Scripko had another five kills and five digs during the third set.

The Panthers came out swinging during the fourth stanza, never giving up the lead. Despite Liberty's 16 kills, High Point won the set 25-22. Scripko had six of her team's kills.

With High Point claiming a lead early in set five, Chelaine McCarty started a surge with two blocks and two kills that gave Liberty a 9-8 lead. The Panther's fought back for the lead and soon pushed the score to 12-9. Despite the Lady Flame's surge, the Panthers took the set and match with a 15-13 victory.

Statistically, Liberty beat High Point in kills (71-60), aces (9-3), digs (79-72), and blocks (7-

Scripko had one of her best matches in her career with an astonishing 26 kills, five aces, and 15 kills. Scripko's 26 kills were the most by a Liberty player since current Assistant Coach Jennifer Vaden set he record in 2004.

Outside Hitter Jessica Nelson had her third double-double of the season with 11 kills and 12 digs. Ashley Webber, who hit .409, also contributed 11 kills and McCarty had 10.

Setter Kallie Corbin had a season-high of 60 assists and 15 digs during the match, while Karyl Bacon had a season-high of 23 digs.

Coach Shane Pinder said he had to give credit to High Point. "They played really well and didn't make errors. They pressured Liberty and forced us to play well."

"The girls fought hard and are ready to continue in the season," Coach Pinder said.

The Lady Flames got their groove back with a 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-15) sweep of Winthrop Friday evening, becoming the first team to beat the Eagle's 34-match, home winning streak, which dates back to Oct. 31, 2003.

Liberty beat Winthrop with the help of Senior Ashley Webber's record breaking hitting average of .875.

The Lady Flames started off the first set with a 6-o surge, sparked by a kill by Scripko. She then went on to serve for five consecutive points. Liberty was able to put a end to set one with back-to-back kills by Bacon, giving the Lady Flames a 25-17 decision.

Bacon led the way with five kills and six digs in just the first set. Nelson added her own five digs to the first set. Webber started off her record breaking average by going four

The Eagles fought hard during set two, trailing by just one at 18-17. McCarty helped Liberty surge ahead with a kill and then serving for four consecutive points. The Lady Flames then sailed to a 25-19 victory.

Webber hit .833 in the second set with five kills, while Bacon had a set-high of 10 digs.

Winthrop took the lead early in the third set, but McCarty served, yet again, for four consecutive points. Along with a trio of backto-back kills by Webber, the Lady Flames took the match with a 25-15 triumph.

Bacon had an amazing 11 digs in the third stanza, while Webber and Scripko each had

Webber had 14 kills on just 16 attack attempts, giving her a .875 attack percentage and breaking the previous percentage of .871

McCarty and Scripko each had 11 kills for the match. Bacon had an impressive 27 digs, while Nelson had 17 to contribute as well. Corbin led the team with 39 assists and 3

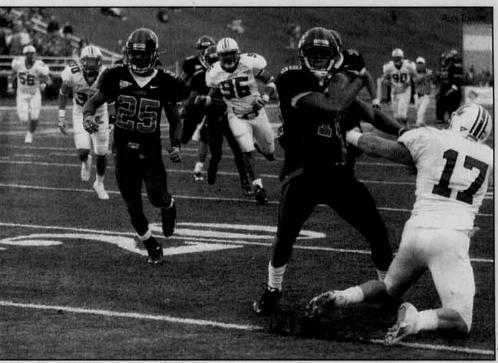
Bacon and Nelson switched roles during Friday's game, with Nelson at Libero and Bacon as outside hitter. Nelson said this showed the versatility of the team by being able to switch positions and still come out with a

"It was good to see the girls bounce back after the game against High Point," Coach Pinder said. "They put the pressure on Winthrop and were very strong defensively and made the plays they needed to win the game."

Liberty is now 16-6 overall and 7-1 in the Big South conference, just one match behind High Point, who is now leading the conference. Winthrop has now fallen 3-4 in conference standings.

Liberty will have three home matches this week, starting Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Radford, who the Lady Flames have already swept once this season.

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That's when the 6-foot-1-inch, 230 pound

Lafayette responded late in the second quarter, marching 70 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown in a drive that took just three minutes. Leopard quarterback Rob Curley found receiver Tim Watson for a 19-yard

The Flames were unable to move the ball offensively as they opened the second half and were forced to punt after just three plays. Lafayette linebacker Andy Romans, who made his presence felt with 12 total tackles, including two for loss, made the play of the game for the Leopards as he blocked the punt and recovered it before sprinting 15

Rocco said he was "very disappointed" with the special teams performance in the

"I thought going into this game we would have a potential edge there," Rocco said.

The Flames were uncharacteristically deficient in their red zone opportunities throughout the contest. On two separate occasions, the Flames had first and goal inside the 5-yard line and were unable to come away with points.

Offensively, the Flames also struggled to sustain drives, scoring the majority of their points on big plays from Bolden and Jen-

The Flames will look to rebound against conference foe Charleston Southern on Saturday as the university welcomes alumni for homecoming weekend. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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HOCKEY

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With 3:34 remaining, Chung caught up to a loose puck along the outside of the left circle, and fired a slapper past Jeff Hill for the game winner.

"After the puck had gone in, we were jumping and going crazy on the ice," Chung said after scoring the game-winning goal. "It got so loud after I scored the

The goal sent the LaHaye Ice Center into a deafening frenzy, which made last week's comeback seem tame.

"Last week was insane, but it didn't compare to this week,"

The fifth-ranked Liberty Flames go to battle against newcomer Stony Brook 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 p.m. on Satur-

The Lady Flames continued their stellar play this season as they defeated the Grand Valley State Lakers 2-0 and the University of Michigan 4-2 and 3-0.

Liberty opened its game with the Lakers to a scoreless first period. Sophomore goalie Leanne Niemi kept the Flames in the game throughout the contest and earned her first shutout of the season.

Sophomore Kristin Frescura broke the scoreless tie, 25 seconds into the second period, firing above the hash marks to put

freshman Katelyn Slanders put in a rebound to conclude the games scoring.

Next, the Flames traveled to take on the Wolverines the following nights.

Leanne Niemi's second start resulted in a 4-2 win, lead by Brooke Harris' two goals.

Eight minutes into the game, Harris notched her first when she fired from the top of the right circle past the Wolverine goaltender.

The Lady Flames scored the remainder of their goals all in the second period. Harris scored her second goal, Slanders' wrister found its way in, and coming out of the box, junior Sara Niemi was sent in alone and beat Wolverine goaltender Hannah Robbins to the backhand.

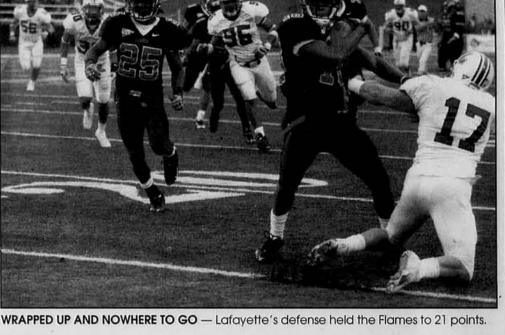
On the last game of the weekend, junior Patti Smith started for Liberty, who scored once in each period.

Frescura scored on a onetimer, Slander beat Robbins on a wrist shot from the slot, and Meghan Nunn put an empty net goal away to seal the victory.

"It felt good to win all the games, because we needed these wins to start off the year. We all played hard and stepped it up," Sara Niemi said.

The team plays its next game at home against Penn State on Friday at 10:15 p.m. and Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

running back showed his speed, and left the Leopard defenders with no answer on his 58yard touchdown run, which drew the Flames to within seven points.

score to increase the Lafayette lead to 14.

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Gamble said.

Liberty in the lead.

With 5:30 left in the third,





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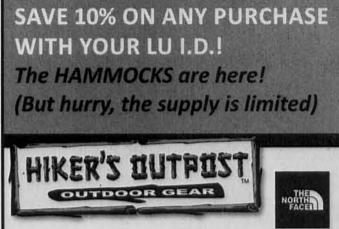
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Soccer undefeated in past two contests, 2-3 in Big South

By Chris Wong SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Flames men's soccer team continued its success this week, going undefeated with victories over Southern Virginia (SVU) on Tuesday and conference newcomers Presbyterian.

On Tuesday, the Flames competed against the Southern Virginia Knights. Senior Joshua Boateng scored two goals and senior Justin Willoughby scored a goal shutting out the Knights, 3-0.

The Flamescele brated Senior Night on Tuesday, honoring all their senior athletes for their college careers on the soccer field. Coach Jeff Alder started seniors Mike Gelatt, Daniel McGarry, Boateng, Bill Pinette, Cameron Chastain, Douglas Nyame, Juan Carlos Chavez and Willoughby.

"We got to play everybody. All the seniors got a chance to start and got rewarded for all their effort, so it was great to see all those guys play and contribute and do well," Alder said.

The first action of the half came when Liberty's Juan Nino snuck through SVU's defense and kicked a goal into the net with 18:30 on the clock. Unfortunately, the goal

was waved off due to an offside call on Liberty.

Boateng' said, "In the first half, we weren't doing what we were supposed to be doing."

The SVU defense held strong with goalkeeper Jason Lowe recording six saves in the match-up. Both defenses did not allow for many shots in the first half, with Liberty recording nine and SVU recording two at the end of the half.

"We thought if we just got the first goal it would break the game open," Alder said.

Liberty managed to break through at the start of the second half when a Knight defender committed a foul in the SVU box, resulting in a penalty kick. Boateng managed to kick the ball in the right corner of the goal, adding the games first point to Liberty. With 15:10 left, Boateng connected for his second goal off of junior Chris Osborne's crossing pass, blasting a shot past Lowe and putting the Flames up 2-0. Toward the end of the game, Willoughby capitalized with his third goal of the season, punctuating Liberty's 3-0 win over the Knights.

"I think coach definitely fired us up in the second half, and made us realize that

KNOCKING OUT THE KNIGHTS — The Flames defeated Southern Virginia 3-0 last Tuesday, snapping a two-game losing streak.

we need to start focusing on the little things rather than the big picture," said Daniel McGarry.

The Flames defense shut out the Knights in the second half, leaving them with no shots or goals put on the board.

"The concern was that we weren't creating chances, but now we're creating a lot of chances, we're defending very well as a group, and I feel were getting ready at the right time for conference play," said the defending Big South Coach of the Year. "We got a lot of

conference games coming up. They only remember you for what you do in November."

On Saturday afternoon, Liberty competed against the Presbyterian College Blue Hose. Liberty pulled through with a 2-1 victory in its first ever game against Presbyterian.

Starting in the first half, Presbyterian controlled the tempo of the game. Though Presbyterian managed more shots than the Flames, Liberty's defense stifled the Blue Hose in the first half as the teams battled to a scoreless tie going into the half.

"We're playing really good soccer and I really feel we're due to explode against somebody because we're creating a lot of chances. The balls just not going in right now," Alder said.

After a pep talk at halftime,

the Flames took control of the game, increasing their shots to 10-8 over Presbyterian. Liberty came out the locker room shooting, with a goal by Cameron Chastain early in the second. Osborne assisted Chastain as he tapped the ball into an open Presbyterian net.

With the score 1-0 in the middle of the second half, Willoughby saw an open Boateng streaking towards the goal. Boateng aggressively took Willoughby's pass and drove past defenders to a one-on-one match-up with the Presbyterian goalkeeper, who he beat, extending the lead to 2-0.

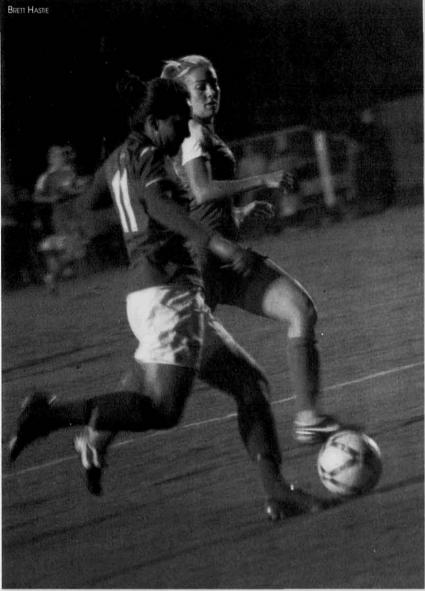
Late in the second with less than 10 minutes on the clock, Presbyterian's Yinka Salaam put home his first collegiate goal, but it was too little too late as Liberty earned a 2-1

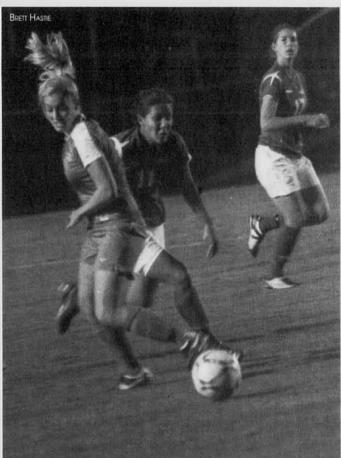
victory.

Following both wins, the Flames record now stands at 7-5 overall and 2-3 in the Big South. Liberty returns to action tonight as they welcome Gardner-Webb before hitting the road for a Friday afternoon showdown with Longwood. Both games are scheduled for

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TONIGHT
Flames face GardnerWebb @ 7 p.m.





Women's Soccer Continued from B1

In the fourth minute, Oberlin increased her teamleading total to five goals after catching a near-perfect pass beyond the defense from Owen and depositing it into the bottom corner of the net.

"We played with intensity the whole game, and it was too much for Presbyterian to handle," Owen said

Presbyterian's Morgan Frangapang cut into the Liberty lead as she scored her first goal of the season from the penalty box in the game's 41st minute.

The Flames tightened up defensively in the second half while piling on three more goals of their own. Mallory Neff scored her first goal of the season in the 70th minute.

Oberlin added her sixth goal of the season less than eight minutes later as she received a pass from Betancourt for the wide-open goal.

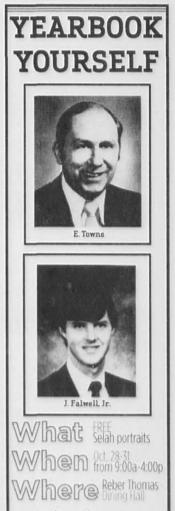
Sophomore defender Elia Lake rounded out the scoring in the 87th minute as Liberty cruised to a

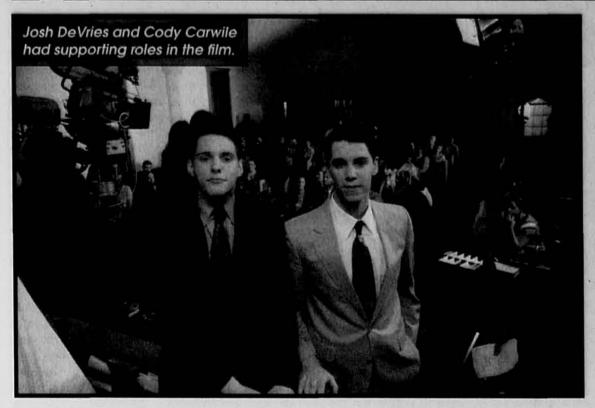
5-1 victory.

The Lady Flames continue their season on the road for the next two contests against Gardner-Webb and Winthrop before returning home on Oct. 31 to face East Tennessee State at 7:00 p.m.

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Movie honors life of Billy Graham; students appear in film

The story of a remarkable journey from an average college student to an evangelist that touched the world

By Amanda Sullivan LIFE! EDITOR

Many people are familiar with Dr. Billy Graham's teachings and crusades, but most individuals are unaware of Graham's difficult start in the ministry. In fact, Graham's legacy is lost on many college students. Most know enough to recognize him as a significant figure in Christian history, but few understand details beyond the stories told by parents or grandparents.

The 2008 production of "Billy: The Early Years" showcases Graham's journey from a lackadaisical college kid to a world-renown evangelist. Liberty students were given the opportunity to participate in telling his story.

The movie opens in 2001 in Toronto, Canada, in the hospice room of Graham's longtime friend Charlie Templeton. He reminisced with a reporter about the early years of Graham's life, and his own failure of consistent faith. In Templeton's mind, Graham's life was the equivalent of a fairy tale.

"All Billy ever wanted was to play baseball," Templeton's character said.

Templeton plays a conduit to the past, using

"Billy — The Early Years" was dedicated to Dr. Billy Graham's wife and companion RUTH BELL GRAHAM

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his memories as flashes to previous events. He remembers the anticipation the town of Charlotte, N.C., exuded for the upcoming tent revival - Graham was less than enthusiastic about subjects regarding religion.

"Two things I'm never going to be: an undertaker and a preacher," Graham said.

Through the encouragement of friends and family, Graham attended the tent revival. Dr. Mordecai Fowler Ham's message convicted Graham, and following the sermon he made a commitment to faith in Christ. He decided to attend Bob Jones University (BJU) in the fall.

Prior to his career as a preacher, Graham believed that he would impact the lives around him. The summer before he left, Graham worked as a door-to-door hairbrush salesman. Graham greeted every customer with, "Hello, my name is Billy Graham, and I am here to change your life.'

Graham's career as a salesman was not successful, much like his college experience at BJU. Graham's outspoken discontentment of only being allowed to learn one man's interpretation of scripture was frowned upon. His forthrightness earned him a sit-down meeting with Dr. Bob Jones. During the meeting, Jones told Graham that he would never amount to

Despite Jones' harsh comments, Graham's passion for critically examining the Bible was not swayed. He continued to ask deep questions in class, garnering the attention of one of his professors, who suggested Graham preach in a local church. In reality, the only reason he considered preaching was to impress a girl named Emily. In the end, she preferred classmate and competitor Charles Massey for his eloquent speaking - an ability Graham had yet to develop.

Graham's historical impact on older generations has not been lost. The film reinvents Graham's crusades by making his perceived surreal life a reality to the millennial genera-

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tion. Several Liberty students were given the opportunity to participate in the film-making process, making Graham's life even more of a reality than a legend.

More than 50 students were involved in the making of the film, several having minor acting roles. Students Josh DeVries and Cody Carwile had roles as supporting actors.

"I played the part of T.W. Wilson, a lifelong friend and partner of Billy Graham throughout his ministry," DeVries said. "Though (Wilson) wasn't in the evangelism spotlight, I learned that he was an invaluable member of Billy's team, as well as a man of remarkable faith and kindness."

DeVries and Carwile's acting opportunities came from Producer Lawrence Mortorff's interest in using talent from various universities. Mortorff's search led him to Liberty University Theatre Arts Professor Linda Nell Cooper.

"The producers called me in February and asked me to talk with the director, Robby Benson, about what his casting needs were for the film," Cooper said. "I handpicked five actors from the department and set up a taped screening in the theater. After two weeks, they had narrowed it down to three young men and then finally two (DeVries and Carwile)."

Jerry Falwell Jr. provided the jet to fly the students to Nashville, Tenn. for a filming day trip, according to Cooper. The film allows younger generations to connect with Graham's

life and permit older generations to reminisce about memories they may have concerning his ministry.

"Billy Graham was sort of the standard bearer for conservative Christianity throughout my lifetime," Falwell said. "Dr. Graham's life and ministry were always inspiring to both my family and to me. Becki and I have become well acquainted with several of Dr. Graham's children and grandchildren in recent years and have greatly enjoyed getting to know them as close friends."

The movie offers a chance for generations to collide and commemorate an evangelical leader's work and passion. The film accurately portrays the failures and successes of his ministry and reminds viewers to press on, to never give up in times of hardship - a fact to which Graham can attest as he is nearing his 90th birthday on Nov. 7.

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Liberty Theatre Arts professor Linda Nell Cooper helped students audition for the film, and over 50 were chosen to appear as extras.

For more information about the movie visit BillyTheEarlyYears.com



MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

Cultivating passion for missions

By Danielle Jacobs

NEWS REPORTER

The Center for Global Ministries launched its annual Missions Emphasis Week (MEW) Sunday to increase awareness about the need for missionaries and to give students the chance to participate.

This year's MEW theme, "Rescue," emphasizes the chance to be involved in missions and show compassion to people in need. Throughout the week, students can learn about the importance of missions and ways they can get involved.

"Missions Emphasis Week is not just for missions majors," said Lindsay Taylor, missions conference director. "Students can take advantage of the daily seminars on topics such as disaster relief and humanitarian aid, as well as ways they can use their major in missions."

Carrie McDonnall, the founder of Carry On Ministries, Inc., spoke to students during convocation on Monday about her experiences as a relief worker in Iraq, specifically about the loss of her husband and the faith that sustained her through the hard times. McDonnall now shares her story around the world.

Jim O'Neill is scheduled to speak in convocation on Wednesday about his experiences in the Philippines and as president of the missions agency CrossWorld. O'Neill served as the director of the missions department at Liberty after

returning from the Philippines. Students also have the opportunity to participate outside of convocation. A variety of seminars will be held Tuesday evening. The topics range from serving with a family on the mission field to using any major in missions. Booths are also set up in the back hallway of DeMoss during the week to give students the opportunity to meet with representatives from numerous missions organizations. Students can sign up to get more information as well as eat lunch with missionaries and hear their stories.

"The Center for Global Ministries would like for students to come away from Missions Emphasis Week with a greater understanding of the part the Lord wants them to play in global evangelization," Taylor said. "It is up to believers to make sure every human being has the opportunity to hear the gospel."

Many opportunities are available through the Center for Global Ministries for students to reach out to the world. Students can travel overseas on a short term mission trip, help lead a trip for high school students through Xtreme Impact or apply their majors to missions by studying abroad.

For more information on seminars, representatives and trips, visit the Center for Global Ministries Web page at www.luglobal.com.

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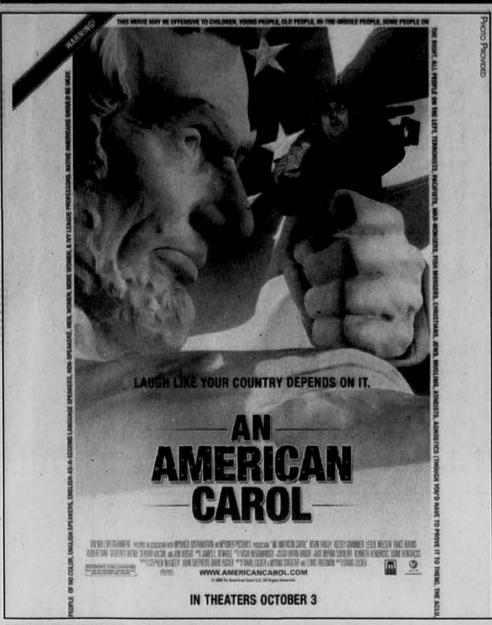
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PRESIDENTIAL SQUEEZE — The Fourth of July comes under fire in David Zucker's new film.

"Bah, humbug!" — A patriotic parody

Anthony Barone

NEWS REPORTER

The patriotic satire, "An American Carol" by David Zucker debuted in theatres nationwide Oct. 3 and is currently No. nine in the

The film, a parody of the classic play "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, was very unique in its support of conservative val-

Conservatives will find amusing the constant mocking of the left wing fundamentalists, their insufferable personalities and extremely liberal organizations.

Michael Malone (Kevin Farley), an arrogant, clueless documentary producer, decided to make it his patriotic duty to end the celebration of the Fourth of July.

With the assistance of wacky Afghani suicide-bombers, an insane Rosie O'Connell, a hippie musical number by professors of Columbia University and the Zombie American Civil Liberties Union, Zucker seems to make very clear what his views are.

Even within the comedy, Zucker still gives tribute to our American soldiers, the Ten Commandments, real conservative judges, country music and so much more.

The right side of this, Bush-bashed, mediasickened heart seemed to heal and move to the beat of a movie where people who believe in this country actually seem sane, and the left wing whack-jobs that say they represent this country finally get properly represented.

The Internet Mobie Database (www.imdb. com) commented, "WARNING! This movie may be offensive to ... the ACLU, liberals, conservatives, neo-cons, ex-cons, future cons, republicans, democrats, libertarian, people of color, people of no color, English speakers, English-as-a-second-language speakers, nonspeakers, men, women, more women and Ivy League professors. Native Americans should

During an evening before his rally to end July 4, Malone is visited by his hero, President John F. Kennedy.

After a good lashing and a reality check by JFK, three spirits visit Malone in the days to come: Gen. George Patton (Kelsey Grammer), President George Washington (Jon Voight) and country musician Trace Adkins (as himself):

Patton, with some comical aid from Adolph Hitler, shows how extreme liberal views have infiltrated American society and brainwashed the new generation of Americans.

Washington helps remind Malone of things that never should be forgotten and Adkins of

Malone is continuously tormented by these chosts and Bill O'Reilly till he understands

what true patriotism is. The flick was not pre-released to critics for fear of poor reviews, according to the Chi-

cago Tribune. In general, the liberal media gave this movie horrible reviews. It received a 23 percent rating by metacritic.com, and Rotten Tomatoes claimed it was "simply not very funny," giving it a 13 percent overall rating.

"An American Carol" does contains some inappropriate language and is rated PG-13.

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Whetstone to sharpen future student leadership

By Danielle Talbert LIFE! REPORTER

Liberty's Department of Student Leadership began a Bible study for potential student leaders. The study is called "Whetstone" and will run for six weeks.

Campus Pastor and Director of the Office of Student Leadership (OSL) Dwayne Carson created and leads the weekly study. Whetstone is held every Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Towns-Alumni Training Center. Resident Assistants (RA) and Spiritual Life Directors (SLD) lead

The study is designed to give student-leaders a head start on the background they need to become an effective leader.

Whetstone was started and is geared toward any kind of leader with a stated purpose to be an RA or an SLD, however, students who want to learn how to be stronger leaders in general are also invited to take part. Carson wanted to be sure that students knew this was not another church service, but an in-depth Bible study. The course is also a good investment for ministry majors who will need the valuable leadership training for their future callings.

"I'm driven in that I would want next year's team to be a little better," Carson said. He also said that before one can grow an organization, one has to grow the leaders.

Every year, indispensable experience is lost with graduation. Carson expressed that in the past, once the leadership is at the growth point where they are most beneficial to the students, their four years are finished and they graduate. With Whetstone, the leadership training will begin earlier to ensure leaderships' full potential is reached before they even start in their positions. Carson said the goal is to train for the future before it occurs.

The name "Whetstone" is derived from Ecclesiastes 10:10, "If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success," and Psalm 127, which refers to arrows. Carson said that in order for an arrow to work properly, it must be straight, strong and sharp, which is the purpose of a whetstone.

"Before chopping wood, my grandfather would run the ax over a whetstone because he understood that you have to sharpen an ax before you use it," Carson said. He said the same applies when preparing leaders. Leaders must be strong and sharp in the word of God, just as Moses told Joshua, David told Solomon and Paul told Timothy.

Future RA and SLD applicants will be taught valuable preparation in being a student of the Bible. The topics examined will range from prayer, love, humility and thankfulness, all of which Carson feels are essential qualities every leader must possess.

In the years to come, Carson hopes to continue the program and change it according to need. The plan is to start with RAs so they can perform at their maximum abilities then to spread focus to other student leadership positions. This spring the study will be moving from strengthening to sharpening. The focus will be on the enhancement of very specific areas to ensure leaders' confidence.

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A FIELD OF MAIZE DREAMS — The Corn Maze located in Trestle Park provides fall fun for Lynchburg residents. The maze will be open until Oct. 26. For more information visit TrestlePark.com or email Monnie Steele at monnie@trestlepark.com.



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK — Student artists take to the stage for an evening of music in the Tilley Student Center.

Campus Artists electrify audience

By Emily DeFosse LIFE! REPORTER

The lights went down in the Tilley Student Center Thursday night and the volume cranked up when the Campus Artist Series continued with performances by the Rory Tyer Band and SailSafe.

A crowd of students gathered around the stage and clapped to the beat as the Rory Tyer Band, an acoustic, folk-jam, alternative band featuring vocals, guitar, drums and cello opened the evening's show.

Senior Rory Tyer is the lead singer,

guitarist and songwriter for the band. Sophomore Jason Cizdziel is the percussionist and sophomore Patrick Rush adds a distinctive sound to the band — the cello. Together the three band members combined their talents on Thursday night to play.

"I had a lot of fun," Tyer said.

"I think we did really well. People

seemed to enjoy it."

The Rory Tyer Band has been playing together for about a year, and this was its first experience playing for the Campus Artist Series.

"We've played in the dining hall a few times," Tyer said. "We performed there last year for Thanksgiving dinner."

The opportunity to play in the Tilley Student Center for the Campus Artist Series enhanced the band's performing experience.

"I think it is really good that creative people on campus have the opportunity to play at this kind of venue," Tyer said. "It is rare that we get to play anywhere with this kind of sound system and this kind of lighting."

The show continued with the band SailSafe. The five-piece band consists of lead singer Kenny Smith, guitarist Ryan Connally, bassist Matt Hartman, pianist Courtney Lowry and drummer Kyle Marks.

"(The band plays) alternative, indie, very large, epic-sounding kind of stuff," Hartman said. "We try to throw some good rock riffs in there too. It is kind of a plethora of everything because we all have different tastes."

SailSafe has been playing together since April. The evening's performance was the band's on-campus debut.

"I actually think this is a great facility we just got here ... this is honestly one of the best places in Lynchburg to have a show," Hartman

According to Hartman, SailSafe

will be releasing its new CD on Nov. 8. More information about SailSafe can be found on its Web site, www. myspace.com/sailsafe.

The band members were not the only people having a great time during the Campus Artist Series. The Tilley Center was full of students. Many were crowding up by the stage or sitting at nearby tables and chairs. Junior Kristen Riordan was on a couch with a group of friends who were all there to support the bands and have a good time.

"I love it! (the concert) I think it is awesome that we have a place that feels really chill and feels like a hang out that would be off campus but is still on," Riordan said.

The next Campus Artist Series will be at the Tilley Student Center on Saturday Nov. 1. The concert will feature Josh Hughes. The Student Activities Office is still looking for one more artist to perform that evening. Interested students should contact Student Activities at studentactivitiesinfo@liberty.edu.

More information about the Rory Tyer Band can be found on the band's WebsiteMyspace.com/rorytyermusic. For more information about SailSafe visit Myspace.com/sailsafe.

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Secrets uncovered: Macel Falwell reveals hidden talents

LIFE! REPORTER

Macel Falwell went public last Friday with paintings she has worked on throughout her lifetime. Her art will be displayed for the next several weeks in the Visual Gommunications Arts Hall (VCAR).

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"In high school it was art or music," Falwell said. "I knew I couldn't sing."
Falwell's two desires were to play piano and exhibit her artwork, according to the Liberty Journal. The same source states that Falwell spent eight years serving as a pianist and last Thursday unveiled 50 years' worth of paintings.

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Falwell sat in the room, graciously thanking viewers as they complimented her work. She said that she had been hesitant to show anybody her art for fear that it was not good enough or

her art for fear that it was not good enough or might be criticized.

The show was supervised by student volun-teers in the Visual Communication Arts field.
One host, puinor Rebekuh Powers, fulfilled her self-titled position of "traffic control" by

monitoring how many students went through the gallery. Only 10 individuals were permitted

at a time.

The artwork included a variety of paints such as oil, watercolor and pastels. The paintings included depictions of kittens, landscapes and

Included in the selection was the first painting Falwell had ever completed. The piece of art is titled, "Glass Pitcher with Ivy," and was

art is titled, "Glass Pircher with Ivy; and was painted in 159;2.
"It was very nice of her to display her artwork for all of us to see," junior Amanda Thurman said. "I do not believe anyone had a clue that she was so talented. I thoroughly enjoyed her art show."

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The show will run until Nov. 17, and the gallery will be overseen by student workers. The gallery is open Mon. and Fri. 11 a.m. 8 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 1 - 9 p.m., Wed. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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ARTISTIC SPOTLIGHT — Visitors filed through the exhibit that showcased Macel Falwell's work

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