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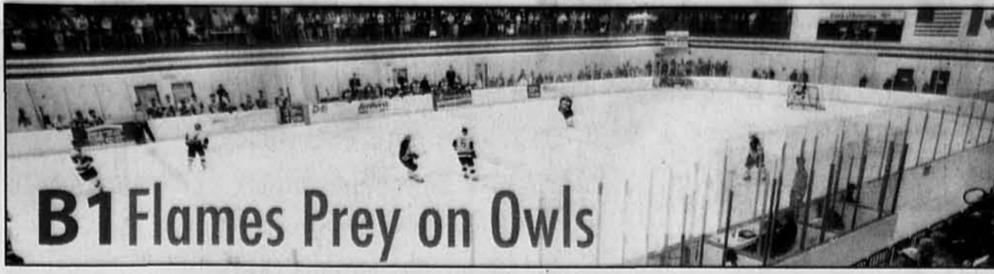
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## B1 Flames Prey on Owls



The Champion captured best overall newspaper at the Baptist Press Awards in Nashville. More details next issue.

# LIBERTY CHAMPION <sup>25th Anniversary</sup>

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STEPHANIE RAFACZ

## Rumors of rape on campus unfounded LU administrators discuss campus safety and crime

By Jennifer Schmidt  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Rumors contending that multiple Liberty students had been raped on campus recently circulated throughout the Liberty student body. In response to the nature and swift spread of the rumors, Liberty administrators quickly informed students through various announcements that the rumors of rape were unsubstantiated.

"I am glad we can say this did not happen and if it did, we would

tell the population," said Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Hine.

Two forcible on-campus sex offenses have been reported to LUPD this semester. Both have been found to be true accusations. One offender was a non-student who has since been arrested and found guilty while the other has been dealt with administratively through the Office of Student Conduct.

"We have had two cases of clearly inappropriate behavior this semester, but nothing remotely close to rape or attempted rape," said

Dr. Ronald Godwin, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Godwin continued to explain that "information was posted on the splash page within hours of those two events."

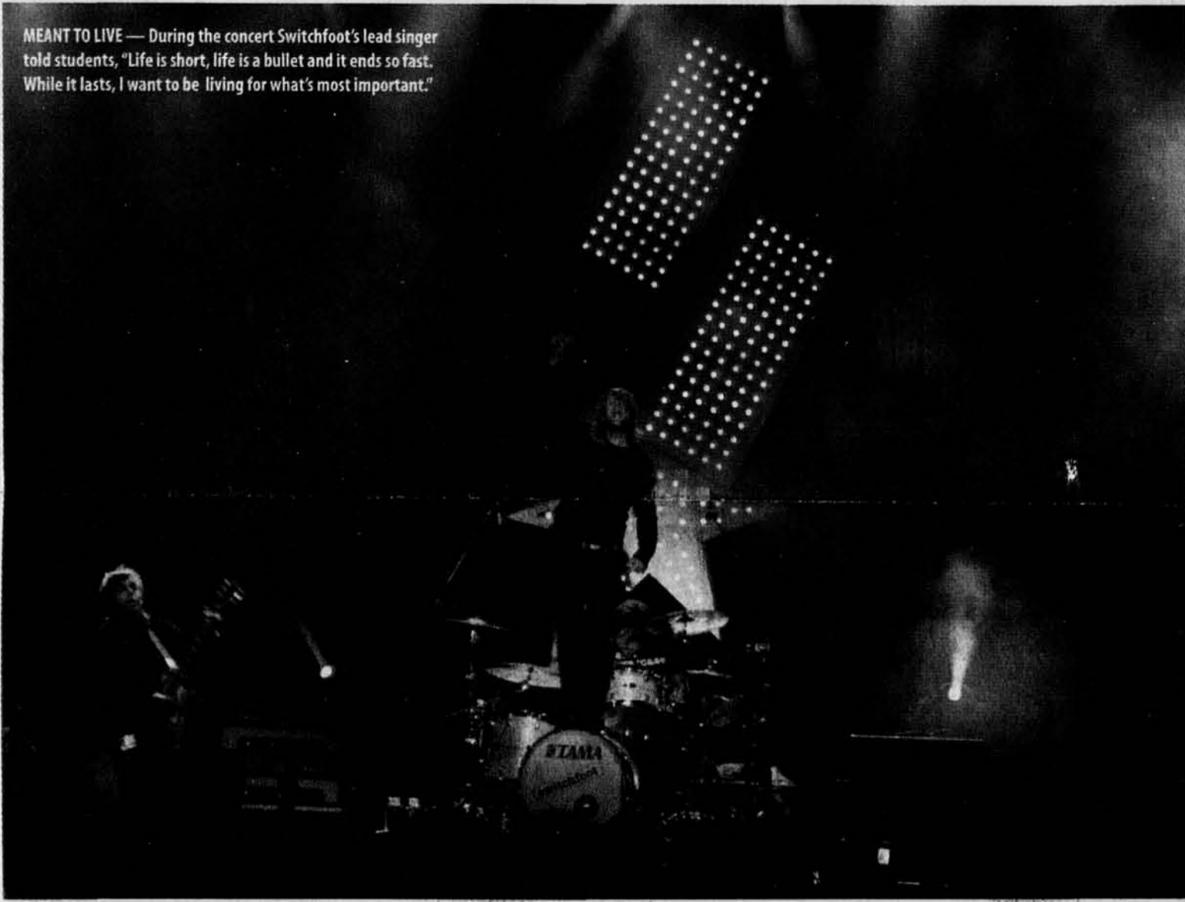
By definitions provided by the Clery Act of 1990, a forcible sex offense can include forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, or forcible fondling. Non-forcible sex offenses would include incest or statutory rape. A forcible sex offense is defined as

"Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent" ([www.securityon-campus.org](http://www.securityon-campus.org)).

Every institution of higher education, both public and private, is bound by the Clery Act to "disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies" ([www.securityon-campus.org](http://www.securityon-campus.org)).

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MEANT TO LIVE — During the concert Switchfoot's lead singer told students, "Life is short, life is a bullet and it ends so fast. While it lasts, I want to be living for what's most important."



BRETT HASTIE

## Switchfoot rocks Liberty

PLEASE SEE PAGE B6 FOR MORE PICTURES AND FULL COVERAGE OF THE CONCERT

## CAFW students invade campus once again

By Daniel Martinez  
NEWS REPORTER

College for a Weekend (CAFW) was held for the first time this semester from Oct. 11-14. Prospective students had the chance to visit Liberty and drop in on classes, meal times and extracurricular activities throughout the campus.

If the campus seemed a bit more crowded than usual, the reason can certainly be attributed to the "1,580 CFAW guests" on campus, according to Dr. Ergun Caner's announcement in convocation on Friday. Among those guests were 1,221 students and 285 parents as diverse as the Liberty student body, with some coming from as far away as California, Georgia, Canada and even New Zealand.

Besides attending classes and convocation with LU students on Friday, these visitors also enjoyed many other events.

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The Liberty University Theatre's newest musical, "Crazy for You," opened with three performances over the weekend, as did the annual witnessing project Scaremare, which was available the first three nights of the weekend.

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## Students struggle to master new Microsoft Office 2007

By Charles S. Goss  
NEWS REPORTER

Microsoft Office 2007 is here, but that does not have to mean confusion and failure for students. About half the freshmen and new transfer students who took the recent computer assessment test passed, according to Ann Rowlette, assistant professor of Information Technology.

Those who did not pass must either retake the computer assessment during their first semester or enroll in INFT 110 within their first 45 credit hours, Rowlette said.

INFT 110 is a three-credit elective that instructs the students in the 2007 version of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Rowlette said students can only retake the test once. According to a Liberty splash page announcement, students who desire the retake must sign up by Friday, Oct. 19 in the School of Engineering located in the back of the computer lab.

To ensure students pass the test the second time, Rowlette said, "We're providing as many avenues as we possibly can. The student has to show his own initiative and self-discipline."

Rowlette said freshmen and new transfer students can pick up a transition guide CD free of charge in the School of Engineering.

It highlights specific changes from the interface of Office 2003 to that of Office 2007.

Rowlette said that a big change is that toolbars have been replaced by a ribbon.

Students who have taken the test once can access online training

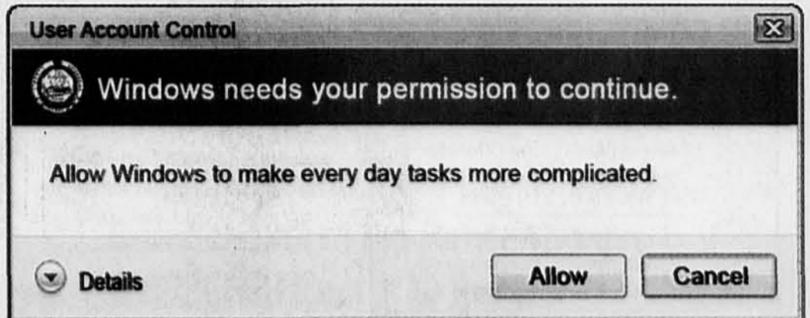
through the "myitlab" program, which is the software used for the test, according to Rowlette.

Students who desire to take the training should follow this link: <https://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=118>.

She said the program can give

hints and show students how to specifically do a task in Word, Excel or PowerPoint, and this training can be used for their entire time at Liberty.

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GRAPHIC BY NATALIE THURMAN

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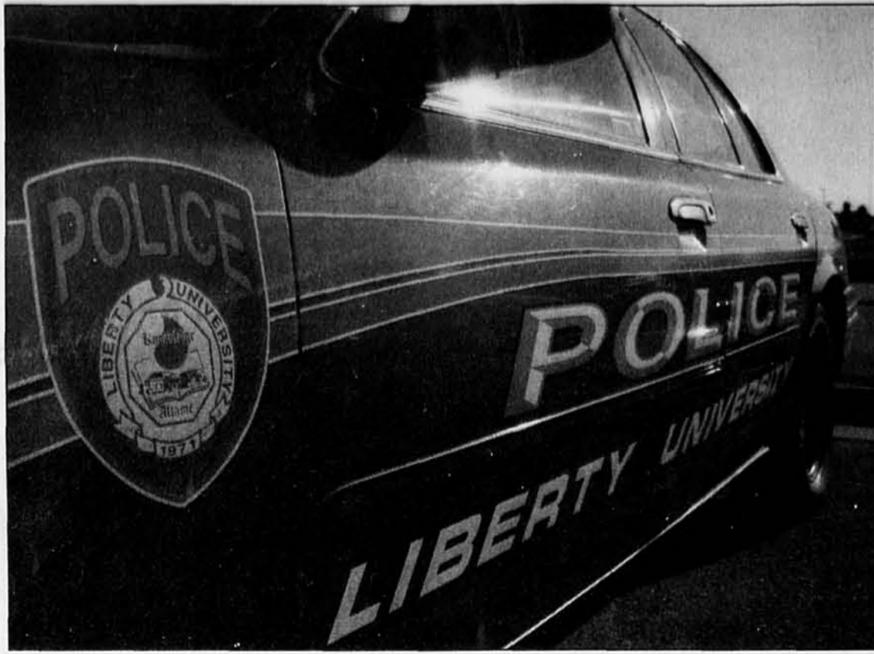
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STEPHANIE RAFAZ

## 2006 Crime Statistics

- 4 On-campus<sup>1</sup> forcible sex offenses
- 2 of the 4 On-campus forcible sex offenses were in residential areas
- 0 On-campus non-forcible sex offenses
- 0 On-campus residential<sup>2</sup> non-forcible sex offenses
- 2 Public property<sup>3</sup> forcible sex offenses
- 0 Non-campus forcible sex offenses

<sup>1</sup> Any property owned by Liberty including 4,000 acres of Liberty mountains  
<sup>2</sup> Within residence halls  
<sup>3</sup> Any property immediately adjacent to school grounds

\* These statistics based on alleged criminal incidents that were reported to LUPD. Some of these reports were later found to be unsubstantiated according to investigations by LUPD, but must remain on published records due to the Clery Act of 1990.

# RAPE: Untrue rumors cause unnecessary concern

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The Clery Act summary posted on [www.securityoncampus.org](http://www.securityoncampus.org) states, "The timely warning requirement is somewhat subjective and is only triggered when the school considers a crime to pose an ongoing 'threat to students and employees.'"

"We want to get information out to Liberty University and the community within an hour if we have facts," LUPD Chief Randall E. Smith, Jr. said.

Defining the nature of timely information is a difficult task, especially in light of unproven reports, explained First Sergeant Richard D. Hinkley. If a sexual offense or rape is reported, police must first investigate to find if the report is factual.

When a victim comes forward within 24 hours of an offense, rather than weeks or months, the validity of the report can be proven much more quickly. Also of concern with timely reports is the nature of an offense. Date rapes and incidents on non-campus property can complicate the type of information to be shared.

"We are bound to warn and in-

form," said Hine. If a rape is reported and proven, schools are required to share the time and location of the incident.

Hine described the urgency of an isolated on-campus rape perpetrated by a non-student as similar to that of a "five-alarm fire." Hine stated that information of that kind would be shared through student leadership on the residence halls, on the splash page, or in a mass e-mail.

Universities are also required to annually publish statistical crime reports. As Hinkley explained, crime of any nature that is reported must be included in the published reports and even if they are later found to be false allegations, they remain on the permanent record. The Clery Act requires the providing of a public crime log recording any reported crimes — unsubstantiated or not.

"We've obeyed that law to the letter," said Godwin, concerning the Clery Act.

"I have great trust in the professionalism of our police department. They are highly qualified and can document the truth," said Godwin,

who also pointed out the large distinction between a trained police force, which Liberty has, and a mere security force.

While Godwin, Hine, and Chief Smith all lack an explanation for the origin or quick spread of the rumors, all agree that campus safety is a joint responsibility in the hands of both the school administration and individual students.

"We are not guilty of not communicating with our students. Threats will be reported," said Godwin.

"Students have a personal obligation to pass information onto someone who can do something about the problem. To call the authorities is responsible citizenship. If they believe there is a threat they need to send it where something can be done."

In the case of the recent rumors of rape, students did not effectively communicate doubts and concerns to the school administration.

Hine first heard about the rumors of rape in an e-mail that he received from a male student attending Wheaton College.

Dwayne Carson, Director of the Office of Student Leadership (OSL),

first heard of the rumors of rape when he was approached by a male Resident Assistant (RA) on September 25. Within the same hour, Carson was contacted by LUPD investigators who told him that they had received some calls about the same rumor, yet no reports had been filed. Later that afternoon, Carson polled RAs attending a previously scheduled meeting.

"I asked how many RAs had heard any rumors about rapes on campus and over half of the room raised their hands," said Carson. "I then asked how many female RAs had students on their halls who were frightened for their safety, and many hands were still in the air."

"My immediate concern was what frame of mind our female students were in," said Hine. "They don't have to walk in terror, yet they have to have safety at the forefront of their minds. Safety should be a topic of general discussion. Don't let your guard down. Lynchburg is safe, but not that safe. It is the duty of leaders to keep safety before the people. Liberty is a great place, but it's not utopia."

"We want every student to under-

stand that we're here to promote safety, but we can't promise it," said Smith.

Smith also cited the 2007 Crime Statistics and Safety brochure for stating that there are "many highly trained people working hard to provide a safe and secure campus." The brochure further reads, "Remember that safety is a community responsibility."

"The stated objective of this office is to provide safety and security for the students," said Carson, who added that when information regarding crime is shared with students, "the role of OSL would be to disseminate that information through student leadership in an orderly manner."

"We want to keep LU safe. We have a low tolerance for drugs and alcohol because they drive sexual assault through the roof. We want a sterling reputation...yet the school is more concerned with how bad it would be for our reputation if we kept things secret," said Hine.

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## Contributions to Liberty Athletics reach \$1 million

By Mitchell Malcheff  
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty Athletics hit a major milestone in mid-September when contributions reached the \$1 million mark for the first time. The \$1 million total is a result of record giving from both the Flames Club, which contributed nearly \$300,000, and capital giving, which amounted to over \$700,000.

Money received from the Flames Club helps support the day-to-day team needs that are beyond what the university budget provides. Flames Club members are afforded many benefits, including game-day perks such as

improved parking, priority seating and pre-game meals. Bob Good, Liberty's Director of Athletic Development, said that Flames Club members give for more reasons than just those extra benefits.

"People give to the Flames Club for three reasons: they want to help us, because of business and because of the benefits they will receive," he said.

Capital giving, which is used to improve existing facilities or construct new ones, jumped from just \$75,000 in 2006 to \$718,000 this year. Capital gifts allow the athletics program to build facilities such as the Football Operations Center, which in turn boosts interest in

the program and aids in recruiting. Good cited the excitement that recent coaching hires have produced as one of the reasons for the increased giving.

He said, "It's a number of factors — just excitement and enthusiasm over the direction of the athletics. Jeff (Barber) has really begun to execute the vision that Dr. Falwell began."

The direction that the athletics program has taken is remarkable if one considers the state of Liberty athletics as recently as 2004. The football team was wrapping up a 1-10 season and the basketball team was limping to a 7-23 record. Just three years later the football team has a strong shot to finish with a winning record and a possible Big South title and excitement is high for basketball as Ritchie McKay takes over the reins. In addition, the Flames track and field team is projected to have another great season, led again by All-American Josh McDougal, while the women's basketball team is looking to start a new streak of Big South conference titles.

Although excitement is high, Good said that the program is still not where they want it to be. He remarked that for a program to continue to grow stronger, it takes an in-

creased amount of sacrifice for the program and its fans alike.

"Our short-term goal is to reach \$500,000 in Flames Club annual fund giving and then work our way to over \$1 million in contributions, apart from capital gifts. The best in (the Football Championship Subdivision) are raising \$2-3 million in annual fund donations and we have to compete with them in that arena as we also compete with them on the field," Good said in a press release.

The increased emphasis on athletics is a necessity for Liberty to continue growing. Athletics has often been described as a university's "front porch." Football, basketball and a host of other sports allow everyone to get a glimpse of what a university is all about. As Good said, the program is still not where it wants to be, but he thinks the future is bright.

Good went on to say, "Athletics is the image of your school."

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SHINING THE LIGHT— Dr. Brenda Ayres, Lamplight advisor, holds the latest issue of the literary magazine.

GINA PALESE

## Magazine unites love of words, art

By Amanda Forth  
NEWS REPORTER

Students have the chance to share their creativity in Lamplight, a literary magazine published by Liberty, featuring photographs, art, poetry, short stories and creative essays.

"The Lamplight is one of the most obvious examples of the diversity of Liberty University's population. We are all united under Christ and our love for Him, but after that, everyone is different, and this comes out in the works submitted to and published by the Lamplight," said senior Luke Jarmin.

"Lamplight helps students who are trying to get published in that it gives them a place to start. For someone looking to become a full time writer or do any type of writing vocation, getting published in Lamplight is a great benefit because it means a lot to a potential employer to see that his or her potential employee has been previously published," said junior Leah Hird.

The magazine is published once a year with the next edition to be published in April of 2008.

"I want to get to a point where we put out one a semester, but to do that we would need a graduate student to work full time for Lamplight and to have an office," says Brenda Ayres, English professor and Lamplight advisor.

"I would like to see this magazine become a major publication on campus just like the LU Champion," said Hird.

This is only the second year that the publication has had a budget. The magazine began a few

years ago with the first issues being printed on desktop printers, in black and white.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition is on Oct. 26. Students are encouraged to send in as many works as they want, however, only one work from each student will be selected and published. Lamplight features only students' work as well as being student edited and operated.

"The greatest benefit I derive from my work with the Lamplight is the ability to use the talents that God has given me. I'm a lover of literature and writing and love correcting grammar. This is an outlet for me to do so while helping my peers," said Jarmin.

The editing process teaches the student how to perfect their works to greater improve their chances of being published.

The editing staff will consult with the student on revisions that need to be made, so it is a learning process for the student as well.

"Through the editing process we go back and forth with the student. We address the problems, and we send it back to the student author and ask them if they can fix it," said Ayres. "The student learns a lot through the process."

The magazine is free and is distributed throughout campus. Copies are limited since the budget for the publication is not very large. All past issues of Lamplight can be accessed by searching "Lamplight" on the Liberty Web site.

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## Recent speakers at Liberty

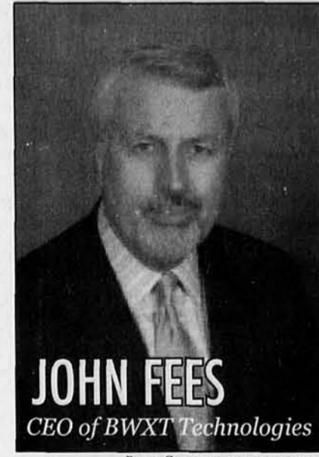


### Millennial Generation

Dr. Tim Elmore, founder of Growing Leaders, addressed a crowd of 1,400 student leaders this past Sunday night. Elmore described this current generation as one of optimism that thrives on relationships.

**TIM ELMORE**  
Founder of Growing Leaders

Photo by Brett Hestor



**JOHN FEES**  
CEO of BWXT Technologies

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<<< A leader in the field of energy brought Liberty his vision for how the future of that industry will be shaped. John Fees, CEO of the Babcock & Wilcox Companies, spoke to the schools of engineering, business and aeronautics on Oct. 8.

Fees recently served as the president and CEO of BWX Technologies, Inc., where he was responsible for all BWXT nuclear operations in the U.S. Fees addressed 425 Liberty students and faculty in the Pate Chapel on Oct. 8 in a lecture about trends in the competitive business.

"Having an industry leader like John Fees visit LU offered a wonderful chance for students to see and hear from one of America's 'best and brightest' business leaders," said Dr. Barry N. Moore, vice president for university relations.

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# opinion

"[In] politics, people's beliefs and convictions are almost in every case gotten at second hand, and without examination."  
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## Shedding some light on an unfamiliar candidate

By Caleb McAllister  
OPINION WRITER

A strange thing has happened to the Liberty University spirit rock in recent weeks. Normally the medium of birthday greetings and marriage proposals, the Rock has now become the unusual medium of political advertisements. Now LU students frequently read messages encouraging them to "Google Ron Paul."

Other messages have been found painted over the top of the originals, helpfully informing students. A common response by LU students to the debate — for lack of a better word — is a chuckle, followed by the question: "Who is Ron Paul, anyway?"

According to ronpaul2008.com, Dr. Paul, as he's known, is a medical doctor who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology. He served as a U.S. representative in the 1970s and 1980s, eventually retiring from politics to return to his medical practice. He returned to public life as a

representative from Texas in 1997 and is now a Republican candidate for president of the United States.

Paul's talking points are not ones that are heard frequently from the other candidates. According to his official campaign Web site, these points include strict adherence to the U.S. Constitution, small government, a free market system, a commitment to life, low taxes, a secure border and refusal, as much as possible, to become involved in overseas conflicts.

Many of these issues are ones that many conservative Christians would strongly support, and Paul has gained surprising momentum in the presidential campaign thus far. According to a June 16 profile on Paul in the Washington Post, Paul's campaign began with less than \$10,000 and now has raised over \$100,000 after each debate.

A closer look at Paul's policies, however, reveals some potential problems among conservative voters. Paul believes that the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Education, the Patriot Act, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Internal Revenue Service and the federal same-

sex marriage ban are all unconstitutional — and that's just for starters.

In the second Republican presidential debate, Paul referred to the Iraq conflict as he said, "They attack us because we're over there. We've been bombing Iraq for 10 years."

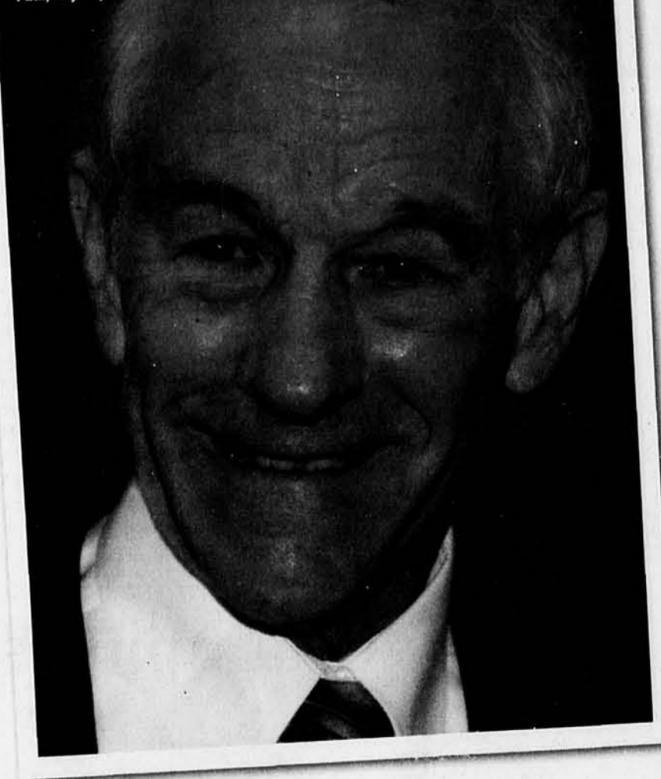
Paul believes, in fact, that U.S. troops should be immediately pulled out of Iraq and brought home. He took a great deal of criticism for that remark from many conservative Americans who believe that our involvement in Iraq is necessary to our national security.

Ron Paul is a man who is deeply committed to his beliefs and to following his conscience. Many of his positions are admirable. Sometimes the issues are ones the other candidates are afraid to address. But unfortunately, many Christian conservatives will disagree with him on several critical issues, including his stance on the war.

Whether he can overcome these perceived weaknesses and relative lack of funds and be a real contender in the presidential race has yet to be determined.

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MEET RON PAUL — "A common response by LU students to the debate — for lack of a better word — is a chuckle, followed by the question: 'Who is Ron Paul, anyway?'"



## a tad askew

By Will Mayer

As I was watching television and chowing down on a bowl of Dora the Explorer themed SpaghettiOs this past week, I saw a commercial that caused me to drop my spoon directly into the sea of pasta pieces shaped like Dora and her cartoon companions. This commercial introduced a product that may mark the impending destruction of civilization as we know it — Monopoly: Electronic Banking edition.

That's right, what was once one of the best games for teaching children how to handle money, gobble up real estate and build business empires rivaling that of Donald Trump has now gone paperless.

The newest version of the game features a debit card. I went to Monopoly's official Web site to view the demo of this new edition of the Parker Brother's classic. Instead of moving around the board in simple things like a shoe, thimble, car or battleship, now players are given options like a Louis Vuitton handbag, a plasma TV or one of those Segue personal upright scooters.

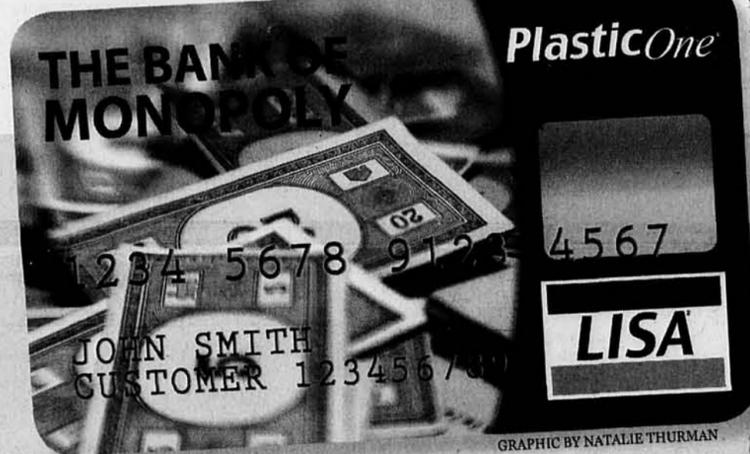
This debit card mentality is dangerous for children because they will learn to be flippant with money. "Rent a house at Park Place for only \$900K? Sure, just put it on my card."

With credit card debt and mortgage foreclosure rates on the rise, is this strategy of gaming really appropriate for children? Was there something so terrible with dealing with piles of crinkled fake paper money for hours on end, just to get them in the correct channels in the plastic money-holder of the original Monopoly game, only to have it knocked upside-down by the family dog? Of course not — it built character.

While the original Monopoly developed business and money savvy, this new, twisted offspring builds identity thieves. When Mom gets up to grab another ice cold Liberty Mountain Spring Water, little Karl will be learning all about how to use someone else's debit card for his own personal gain.

This game is not the only step that the Parker Brothers are taking toward building debtors and thieves. There is an option online that corrupts even the original Monopoly game: money printing.

Indeed, add counterfeiting to the list of deviant practices encouraged by the new age of Monopoly. "Short on Monopoly game cash? Be as rich as you want to be and print your own money!" the Web site boasts. They even offer PDFs available for download to save you



"Indeed, add counterfeiting to the list of deviant practices encouraged by the new age of Monopoly. 'Short on Monopoly game cash? Be as rich as you want to be and print your own money!' the Web site boasts."

the trouble of finding a scanner capable of acquiring the fine detail visible in the train-embossed watermark in the top right corner of the bills.

Parents and concerned citizens can only hope that Milton Bradley will not go the same route with their classic game Candy Land (though reprises to the original have already been made with Winnie the Pooh and Dora the Explorer editions). With some luck, Candy Land will not pursue Hollywood

trends like glorifying violence and drug use by renaming the Candy Cane Forest to the Columbian Cartel Cops.

A serious warning, though — next time you are playing Monopoly and someone offers you a \$500 Monopoly bill, hold it up to the light and make sure you can view Mr. Monopoly inside the train watermark.

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## New leadership required for 'The Right'

By Jen Slothower  
COPY EDITOR

With all the hubbub surrounding politics, one would wonder whether the election is coming this November.

"Headed into the 2008 election season, Christian conservatives are weary. Their movement has lost iconic leaders and the Republican presidential field is uninspiring," the News and Advance said in a recent article.

With the deaths of what the News and Advance calls "Christian political pioneers" like Dr. Falwell and Dr. D. James Kennedy, the right is without many of the men who made the push for activism in the government. Though the Moral Majority has been disbanded for over a decade, the effects of the movement are still visible throughout politics.

The 2006 elections showed a backlash against the Republican party as the Democrats took control of Congress, and heading into the 2008 election, the outcome does not look positive for conservatives. Not only is there a lack

of people to encourage political involvement and citizen voting, but there is also a lack of strong candidates for the conservatives in the country to stand behind.

Alan Keyes recently spoke in convocation. Jerry Falwell Jr. has called Keyes "the most brilliant of candidates," according to the Champion. While many of Keyes' beliefs and policies are ones that Christians and other conservatives can get behind, his campaign has fallen prey to the blight of being too conservative, thus making him nonelect-able.

With the Republicans already on the ropes due to the misfortune of events surrounding President Bush's policies and corruption in the GOP ranks, winning the election is already a daunting task. Since the presidency is such an elite position, not just anyone can expect to run for it and win, much less get nominated. The final candidate is always going to be more middle-of-the-road to attract the fence voters.

The problem that conservative Christians have when it comes to politics is that the middle of the road is shifting farther and far-

ther to the left, and as a result, it is harder for Christian to stick to their convictions and also run for a reputable office. In pockets of the country, conservatism can win time and again, but as the nation heads toward a more liberal perspective on most issues, a Christian could more easily be laughed out of the race than compete for a nomination.

While it would be great for Keyes or any other Christian-minded candidate to go far in the election, the idea is simply not practical. Too many voters would be offended rather than inspired by the tenets of their platforms.

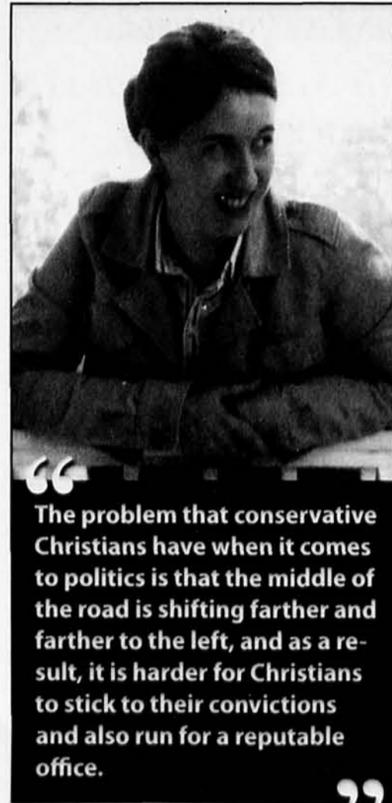
The answer to turning the nation back to conservative or biblical principles in the political realm is to find a candidate who can appeal well to both sides but still stand strong on key issues. Instead of pushing a super-conservative Christian, conservatives should rally around a strong candidate who represents a favorable view toward a high majority of the issues. This is at least better than supporting a weak candidate and seeing the Democrats run away with three-

fourths of the vote. Unfortunately, the field is sparse this year, and no one has emerged as a strong candidate, although that may change.

This is not an issue for just this election, however — it will continue for years to come if Christians do not make a point now to raise up new leaders to run for office. They must be not only positively Christian but also able to understand the issues and balance them. Conservatives need electable men and women as well as candidates with strong convictions.

On the other hand, the shoes of Falwell and Kennedy are also hard to fill in terms of finding a leader to bring conservatives through the muddle of politics and continue to encourage people to vote. The change in the Congressional majority in 2006 and the recent dearth of strong conservative political leaders should inspire Christians all the more to pick up the mantle and make a difference in this country.

The efforts of these giants must continue. There is still work to be done.



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## IRLC experiences improvements to aid study habits

By Alyson Bruner  
NEWS REPORTER

The Integrated Learning Resource Center (ILRC) of Liberty University has just had a makeover. The improvements, totaling roughly \$250,000, entitle students to opportunities such as new study areas, extra computers and an LU Digital Commons for the 2007-2008 school year.

Before beginning construction, the ILRC took student polls ranging from institutional surveys to videotaped interviews, asking strategic questions regarding the ILRC. Dave Barnett, ILRC Dean, took a significant interest in students' opinions.

Barnett said, "Most people were looking for a quiet area overall."

Students wanting to study in complete quietness now have accessibility to the Quiet Study Zone located in the downstairs of the ILRC.

Barnett said, "The Quiet Study Zone is sure

to be kept quiet because there is a monitor in order to control the volume."

Junior Rebecca Sexton has had positive experiences thus far because of the Quiet Study Zone being monitored.

Sexton said, "I have been able to study easier, and because of it, I have seen an improvement in classes. Overall the Quiet Study Zone is a great asset."

Critical thinking was needed for building the Quiet Study Zone because no extra space was added for the construction. The ILRC had to utilize current space, which was found through condensing the periodical room.

The new periodical room still includes all previous archives but has saved 2,000 square feet in shelving space. However, the detailed look did not come quickly.

"Just alone for the compact shelving installation, it took about ten days," Barnett said. "I was pleasantly surprised (with) how the compact shelving works."

Included in the construction of the Quiet

Study Zone were 52 new carrels including plug-ins, wireless accessibility and lights. In the downstairs of the ILRC, 29 new computers were installed. This should help students save time in the ever-busy computer lab.

Junior Judith Wilson has already found the new trick of the trade.

"Usually I just avoid lines altogether by going downstairs if I need to use a computer," she said.

The library, through advanced technology, has made it easier to obtain research with the access to more than 55,000 electronic books.

The LU Digital Commons gives students the opportunity to post senior and graduate level theses and dissertations, and faculty members have the opportunity to put their research on the LU Digital Commons. All research is linked with the Google index, giving students and faculty the opportunity for the research to be seen not only by Liberty but the Web as well.

The LU Digital Commons can be accessed

at digitalcommons@liberty.edu.

Barnett states that the LU Digital Commons "is a really neat tool that started back in January and has since taken off."

In the upstairs of the ILRC, carrels were added near Jazzman's where outlets and booths were removed in exchange for computers.

As far as future plans for the further development of the ILRC, Barnett said, "Air conditioning is being added in the Quiet Study Area, and other options are to expand on other floors of DeMoss."

Barnett is open to hearing student feedback of Liberty's IRLC student options.

"I hope students feel free to contact me through e-mail," Barnett said. He can be contacted at dbarnett@liberty.edu.

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## VOTING: Students should be represented in Lynchburg, too

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Ward III Councilman Jeff Helgeson said if LU students began voting en masse, the city's political priorities could shift greatly.

Helgeson, a Liberty graduate, said an LU-backed council might focus more on improvements in the Wards Road area instead of downtown, for example. Helgeson himself pushed that issue during council's most recent round of budget talks.

"With a student population of 10,000 - that's a lot of students," Helgeson said. "It could have a huge impact."

Falwell Jr. said he thinks most of the school's dorm students also should be eligible to vote.

"There are certain benchmarks that will allow one student to vote while another can't," he said.

Some students may be ineligible to vote in Lynchburg if

they plan on returning home to live with their parents following graduation.

"We don't think that many fall into that category," Falwell Jr. said.

He said getting students to vote is simply acknowledging the changing face of Lynchburg.

"Lynchburg is becoming more of a college town and the decisions that City Council makes impacts those students," he said.

"When City Council makes a decision to spend its money on roads in a different part of the city, Liberty might have to build roads using tuition money. That impacts the amount of money the students pay for their education."

Falwell Sr. said in April that he was not targeting any current council members by encouraging students to vote.

"In all fairness, the city now is treating us like an equal part-

ner," he said.

Falwell Sr. said more political involvement from LU students may help influence the way the city allocates its money and other resources.

"We would never ask for any more than the University of Virginia or Virginia Tech," he said. "But we've been a stepchild (in Lynchburg) for our first 36 years."

Right now, the city is spending millions of dollars in downtown revitalization and investing comparatively little in the area around Wards and Candler's Mountain roads, which surround the LU campus.

"When you add all the money up - sales tax and real estate tax - I got an idea that Ward III leads all the wards," Falwell Jr. said. "I know we don't get those kind of benefits."

## OFFICE: New Windows version presents challenge to students

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In addition, students can purchase Microsoft Office 2007 online for their personal computers at a reduced rate through Liberty's ResNet Web site. The Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2007 Suite, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and more, costs only \$13.95 with a shipping charge of \$8.95.

Finally, students can do a little online research of their own and discover resources from places like the Microsoft Office Web site or Liberty's Digital Information Service Center that will help with issues like installing the new

software and navigating the ribbon.

According to Rowlette, there are no plans concerning upperclassmen who have already passed INFT as to how to integrate them with Office 2007. However, these students should still try to familiarize themselves with the new software.

"Once you actually get into it, it's not as different as it (appears)," Rowlette said.

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## Correction to the DLP story in the 10.02.07 issue

Terry Connor, Director of Academic Operations at Liberty, asked The Champion to clarify that "Residential Web courses are taught online by local faculty, and students may meet with the professor, but it is not required."



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**PUMPKIN PICKIN'** — College for a Weekenders and their hosts took an adventure to a local farm in search of the perfect pumpkins.



STEPHANIE RAFAZ

## CFAW: Visitors experience life at Liberty

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Saturday night, students and guests flocked to the Vines Center to see Switchfoot in concert, and other students dropped in on the Liberty hockey game and late skate. The next day, students were welcomed to various church services held on campus and at Thomas Road Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Special activities for visitors, such as a luncheon with Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., an "admissions made easy" overview, and special seminars for Financial Aid and specific majors were held all throughout the weekend both at DeMoss and North Campus.

Many of the visitors already had their plans mapped out when they arrived Thursday night in the DeMoss atrium.

Coming from nearby Christiansburg, Va., about two hours away, high school senior Amanda Martin accompanied a friend who

was also visiting. Both were attracted to "the Christian life aspects" of the school, and among their scheduled events were a visit to Master's Inn and the Scaremare project.

Derek Rine, a high school graduate who traveled five hours from Pennsylvania, said he was attracted by "the spiritual aspects of the school, as well as a number of friends who go here." In a nutshell, he said his intention this weekend was "to just hang out and have some fun."

Unlike some who traveled hours to arrive in Lynchburg for the weekend, high school senior Ricky Rosenthal traveled just 30 minutes from his home in Lynchburg in order to visit.

"I've always wanted to go here since I was little; the Christian aspects are great. I really liked Jerry Falwell; he's definitely a big reason I'm interested," he said. He also knew his weekend plans: "Oh yeah, I'm going to

Scaremare, Switchfoot, paintballing and then some."

On the other end of the travel spectrum, high school junior Halie Baker traveled more than 10 hours with her boyfriend's church youth group from Lizella, Ga., to visit Liberty.

"I didn't know much about LU," she said. "But I like it so far, and I am planning on going to see Switchfoot, going to Scaremare and going hiking."

Many of the school's campus pastors had specific duties when it came to CFAW, such as Chris Deitsch, head of student leadership, who has helped enforce the rule that campus student leaders host visitors. Deitsch, who was a prayer leader for 10 semesters at Liberty, said he did host visitors during CFAW as a student. He said he felt he gained a lot from the experience.

"I just think it's a great opportunity to (in-

vest in) someone you might never see again. God puts these people across your path for a reason."

"Being a student leader is a position of service, and that includes being hospitable to those coming on campus," he said. "We want potential students to get a look at our student leaders, who all help lead the Liberty student body."

Between prayer leaders and students vying for Christian Service hours, hundreds of Liberty students accepted visitors into their rooms in the hope that the weekend would help prospective students hear the call of God in their lives. With Switchfoot, Scaremare, "Crazy for You" and more, these thousands of visitors got a chance to see what life is like on the Liberty University campus.

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## Voting in Lynchburg

### LU students could become potent force in citywide elections

By Ron Brown and Matt Busse

**Editor's Note** — The following article originally ran in the June 24, 2007 issue of *The News & Advance*, a Media General newspaper, and is being reprinted with their permission.

Several weeks before his death, the Rev. Jerry Falwell was determined to close the gap between Lynchburg's Ward III and two other city voting wards by encouraging Liberty University students to register to vote in local elections.

"We have never registered our students," Falwell said in an April interview. "So therefore, we are at the mercy of other wards. We want fair and equal representation. We want Ward III to have equal footing with all the rest of the wards. Just in recent weeks it's gotten to the top of our list."

Falwell, LU's founder, said he planned to write a letter to Liberty students this summer asking them to register to vote in Lynchburg.

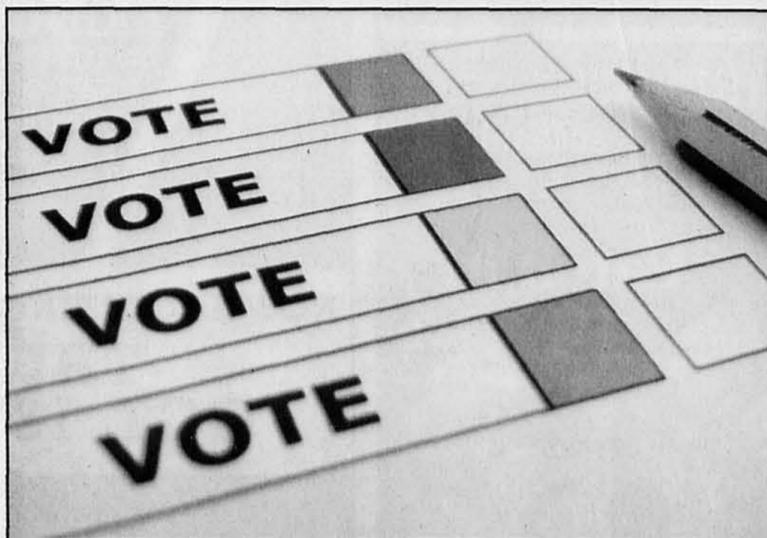
"If the city's population includes Liberty, then the number of registered voters should be commensurate," he said.

"Maybe that's our fault. We just hadn't made it an emphasis here and we plan to make it so beginning this fall."

The boundaries of Lynchburg's four wards are redrawn every 10 years based on U.S. Census results, which count LU students — both on- and off-campus — as part of the city's population.

LU projects it will have more than 7,500 students living on campus and more than 4,600 in local off-campus housing by the time the 2010 Census rolls around.

"You could reach a point where most of Ward III is comprised of Liberty University students, and no one is eligible to vote," said Jerry Falwell Jr., LU's new chancellor and a lawyer.



"It seems ridiculous to me that you can count the students in determining the size of the ward and not allow them to vote. If the issue is decided by a court, that would definitely be a factor."

The right of college students to vote where they attend school has been a sticking point in other Virginia cities and in the General Assembly this year.

In 2004, the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia offered assistance to William & Mary students who encountered a newly established policy by the Williamsburg registrar making it difficult for them to vote in local elections.

"Virginia law requires voters to register in the locality where they have an abode and are domiciled," wrote Kent Willis, ACLU's executive director. "Students typically have two abodes in any given year, one for nine

months where they attend school and another for three months where they spend their summers. Under any analysis, the principal abode for most students is located in the jurisdiction where they attend school."

Legislation that would have given Virginia students the right to register to vote in the city or county where their college is located failed this year in a House of Delegates committee chaired by Del. Lacey Putney, I-Bedford.

Under the proposed law, registrars across the state would have been required to presume that any address furnished by a college student is his or her domicile, regardless of whether the student has "an intent to reside indefinitely at the address."

Pat Bower, Lynchburg's general registrar, said the city electoral board plans to discuss the matter at its next meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

Bower said one concern is that out-of-town students registered in Lynchburg might also cast absentee ballots in their hometown.

"There's no communication nationwide between voting registration systems," Bower said.

She said voting officials often suggest college students carefully consider whether it's better to register in Lynchburg than in their hometowns.

The students are often counted on their parents' tax returns as dependents, and sometimes students' scholarships and tuition rates can be affected by a change in address, she said.

If a college student insists on registering to vote in Lynchburg, however, state law can't stop them, Bower said.

"Ultimately, the law says they determine where their legal residence is," she said.

Only a few hundred students are registered to vote under LU's address. Most registered between 1996 and 2000 and will be legally purged from voter rolls this year, Bower said.

A handful of students are registered at Lynchburg College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Overall, the number of college students registered to vote is "pretty small," Bower said.

Falwell Jr. said LU plans a voter registration drive initially targeting the 3,000 or so students who live off campus, mostly in Ward III.

"We want to educate Liberty students on how local politics affects them and how it impacts what they pay for their education," he said. "I don't think it would necessarily change the faces on council as much as it would change their focus. If Liberty students are seen as constituents, I think it will have a huge impact on major decisions."

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## B4 {MAKING A STATEMENT}

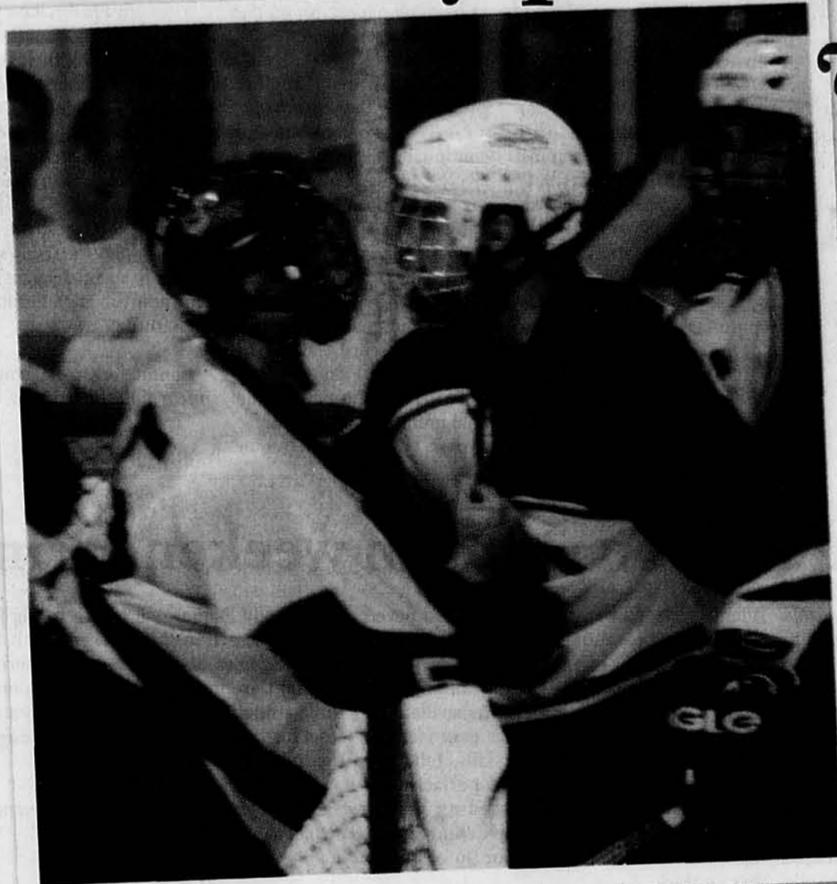
Lady Flames hockey made its season debut this weekend, playing host to the Ohio State Buckeyes.



## CROSS COUNTRY: B4

On Saturday, both the men's and women's cross country teams participated in the Pre-Nationals race in Terra Haute, Ind. Check out the results of the race on B4.

# Flames fly past Owls with pair of weekend wins



LAIN PILCH

**FACE TO FACE** — Liberty Senior Jimmy Stewart prepares to throw down with a KSU player during this weekend's games at the LaHaye Ice Center. Riding the heels of goalie Dalton Stoltz's shutout, the Flames won Friday night's contest 4-0. On Saturday, they won in a more convincing fashion by a score of 13-2. Liberty's record now stands at 6-2 on the year.

**FRIDAY 4-0**

**SATURDAY 13-2**

By Will Luper  
SPORTS REPORTER

Two weekends ago, the Liberty Flames men's hockey team dropped two games to Lindenwood University. This past weekend, they made up for them in a big way. Liberty won its two-game series against the Kennesaw State (KSU) Owls and scored a grand total of 17 goals in the process.

The Flames began Friday night's game in a manner that is familiar to Flames hockey fans. Just five minutes into the game, team captain Zac Bauman came tearing in from the side of the net, popping the puck right over the goalie's left shoulder.

The Flames took several penalties in the first that Head Coach Kirk Handy thought could have been avoided.

"It's something we have to watch. Some nights it'll win or lose hockey games," he said. "Special teams definitely helped us out tonight. (Junior Pete Masterton) was a key part on our five-on-three penalty killing."

After that, the play slowed down a bit, and the game was not very active or physical. Halfway through the second period, though, the body-checking began. Junior John Langabeer ran KSU's Sean Devine against the left boards, allowing the puck to pop out from the scrum and right into the path of sophomore Dave Semanya, whose massive slap shot from the slot found its way to the back of the net.

Semanya would add another goal in the third, as would junior Kevin Hendrix.

With roughly a minute left in the third period, Hendrix was on the receiving end of a gargantuan hit from Owls captain Curtis Morrison. Instead of retaliating on the play, Hendrix kept his cool, got up, skated into the zone and ripped a slap shot past the goaltender.

Goaltender Dalton Stoltz was rarely

tested throughout the game, facing his first shot at 14:38 of the first period. Kennesaw State kept trying, though, and Stoltz continued to deny, time and time again. He finished the evening with 21 saves on 21 shots to record his second shutout of the season.

Sophomore Ryan Hoefler played his second game since returning from a severe concussion in the first game of the season. He recorded one assist and two penalty minutes in the Flames 4-0 victory.

"One or two more and it might be the end of my career," said Hoefler. "But 'give blood, play hockey' is what they say. You've got to be willing to take it and give it."

"It was definitely a team effort," said Stoltz. "I think we all knew that we had to play defense as a team."

"It took a period to wake up," said Associate Head Coach Jeff Boettger. "Those mental lapses are things that come into play if you're not 100 percent focused. In the third, though, we changed our mentality and focus and we played with tenacity."

Saturday night's scoring began at almost the same exact time as Friday's. However, the rest of the game was a completely different story. Liberty came out and started playing bang-'em-up hockey as soon as the opening face-off occurred, thanks in large part to Langabeer.

"I think the coaching staff told (Langabeer) to set the tempo tonight, and he started from his first shift," said Handy.

The Flames scored their first goal Saturday night when freshman Eric Reynolds caught a rebound and pumped the puck past the goal line. It was off to the races from there as freshman Jonathan Chung, freshman Kyle Dodgson, captain Zac Bauman and Hoefler all scored for Liberty in the first period.

Please see HOCKEY, B3

# Blue Hose, Bulldogs can't stop red hot Lady Flames

By Anjani Salonen  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames volleyball team started off their weekend with a bang, sweeping future Big South conference foe, the Presbyterian Blue Hose 3-0 (30-19, 30-17, 30-15). The match was a very special one for redshirt junior Alysson Sanders, who was celebrating her 21st birthday.

"We didn't really know what to expect coming out of the tunnel tonight. Our practices this week were tougher, and that really prepared us for tonight's match. Our practices have been consistently tough and that's prepared us for games and eliminated our mental errors," Sanders said.

The Lady Flames started off the first game with a six-point run and never fell behind on the scoreboard. The difference

in attack percentages between the two teams was substantial. Home team Liberty recorded a .343 while Presbyterian hit a paltry .029.

The Lady Flames hitters continued their dominance offensively in the second game, jumping ahead of the Blue Hose right away. After a couple rallying points, Liberty pulled away again. Several players helped the home team increase their previous game's attack average to .410, and three players individually hit over .600 (Sanders, freshman Nicki Skripko and sophomore Chelaine McCarty).

Presbyterian did not give up after finding themselves one game away from defeat, tying the Lady Flames three times in the third game. However, the Flames took control of the final game with Skripko and McCarty each contributing eight kills to propel the team to victory.

Liberty had 19 kills alone in the third

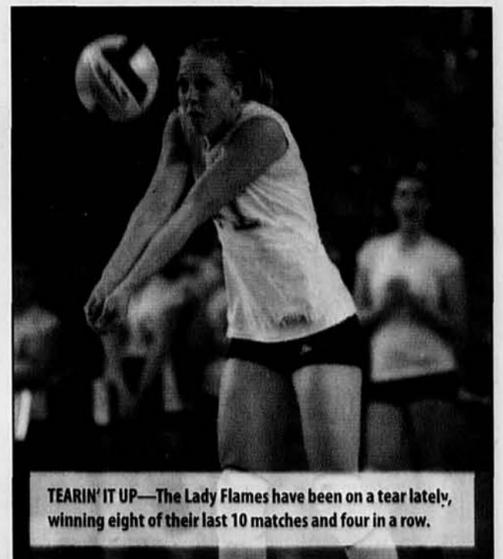
game, while the visiting team only had 27 all night. The combined kills helped two players set new career records as Skripko finished with 15 and McCarty followed with 14. Sanders had the highest attack percentage on the team with .750.

The players credit their hard work in practices and their coach for their victories.

"During practice this week, Coach Pinder came up with more competitive drills that really got us going. It really showed on the court tonight. We want to carry the momentum from this match into Sunday," McCarty said.

Pinder will be the first one to turn around and praise his team after a victory.

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B2



LES SCHOFFER

**TEARIN' IT UP**—The Lady Flames have been on a tear lately, winning eight of their last 10 matches and four in a row.

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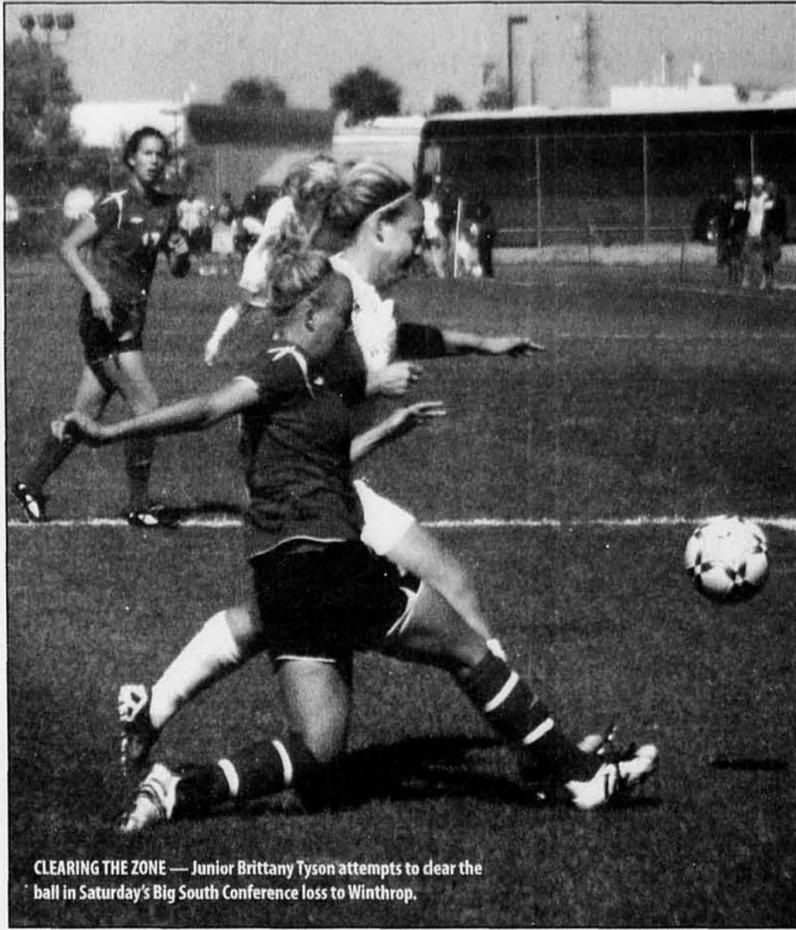
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# Lady Flames drop pair of heartbreakers to Longwood, Winthrop



**CLEARING THE ZONE** — Junior Brittany Tyson attempts to clear the ball in Saturday's Big South Conference loss to Winthrop.

CALEB ATKINS

By Jessica Carniol  
SPORTS REPORTER

Last week the Liberty University Lady Flames soccer team played two tightly contested matches versus Longwood University and Winthrop University.

On Tuesday, the Lady Flames took on the Lady Lancers from Longwood. Liberty attacked the goal in the first half, taking 11 shots, all of which were stopped by the Lancer's defense.

With 39:05 on the clock and the first half about to conclude, Lancer forward Alex Myers scored off of a through ball on the right side from teammate Cassie Lynn, giving Longwood a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Throughout the second half, Liberty continued to fire shots, but could not connect to tie the score. Despite holding a 22-8 advantage in the shots-on-goal column, the Lady Flames were unable to net a goal. Myers' goal ended up being the only goal for the contest as Longwood went on to win 1-0.

"We have to get a whole lot better with our crossing and shooting. There is not enough quality to get us

goals. We are going to have to prove ourselves on the field," said Head Coach James Price after the loss.

On Saturday afternoon, the Lady Flames played host to the Winthrop University Lady Eagles. As was the case in the first game, the Lady Eagles jumped out to a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

"We needed to change our formation. There needs to be more attacking as we set the tone for the team. We are to be intense from the first whistle," Price told his team.

As the half started, the Lady Flames heeded their coach's words as they began to be more aggressive on the offense end. However, with 20 minutes left in the game, Winthrop scored another goal, making the score 3-0.

Liberty did not give up and continued to play aggressively. Immediately following Winthrop's goal, senior Tanya Payne scored off of an assist by junior Mallory Neff. With 11:26 on the clock, senior Brittney Bench put in another goal for Liberty, making the score 3-2.

The Lady Flames came close to tying the game in the final minutes but lost 3-2. After the game, senior

Tanya Payne said, "We are discouraged because of our record, but we are trying to find a way to pray and lift one another up. We are trying to find a way to win games."

"We enjoy every game and are trying to remember that our main goal is to share Christ. You don't know how you are affecting people on the field."

Despite the challenges the women's soccer team has faced, Coach Price says, "Overall, I am pleased with the girls' effort. We try really hard and never give up. We have effort and intensity, but we must get better at soccer."

The Lady Flames have three chances coming up in the next week to improve their record. On Tuesday, Liberty will host Southern Virginia University at 7 p.m. at home while Thursday's contest against Francis Marion will also be at 7 p.m. at home.

To end the week, the Lady Flames play a conference matchup against High Point University in High Point, N.C. on Saturday.

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# VOLLEYBALL: Sanders and Nelson shine in weekend wins

Continued from B1

"This is a credit to what the kids are doing and how hard they are working in practice. Our second team plays hard in practice, and it shows up in the matches. I liked that they were celebrating as much on defense as on offense. The chemistry and energy of our team is great. I am really proud of them," he said.

Two days later, the Lady Flames continued their winning ways by defeating UNC-Asheville 3-0 (30-24, 30-11, 30-10).

With Asheville ahead 20-14, the Lady Flames proceeded to score six straight points, highlighted by two straight kills from Scripko to put the team up 22-20 and force an Asheville timeout.

Led by kills from freshman Karyl Bacon, McCarty and Jessica Nelson, the Lady Flames held on for a 30-24 game one victory.

Game two saw the Lady Flames dominated from the first point, jumping out to a 5-0 lead from a pair of kills by Nelson. They increased the lead to 22-11 and went on to score the next eight points for a 30-11 win. Scripko recorded three kills in that pivotal 8-0 run and eight in the second game alone.

In game three, the Lady

Flames jumped out to a 12-5 lead and never looked back, eventually winning the game 30-10 in a strong offensive effort.

For the afternoon, the Lady Flames recorded 53 kills and capitalized on Asheville's 24 attack errors en route to their easy victory. Nelson led the way with 12 kills, followed closely by Scripko's 11 and .474 attack percentage. Kallie Corbin recorded 43 assists while the trio of Bacon, Scripko and senior Lara Bartolomeo combined for 39 of Liberty's 55 digs.

"It's been a sweet birthday. I think that the big serving runs by Alysson Sanders and Kallie Corbin were huge factors in today's match. I loved that a lot of players got to play in the match today. I think we are on the right track as a team," said Nelson.

The Lady Flames will return to Big South Conference action this weekend with back-to-back games at Charleston Southern and Coastal Carolina before returning home for three straight home matches. Friday's game is set for 7 p.m. while Saturday's game against Coastal Carolina will begin at 2 p.m.

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**ACCESS DENIED** — Senior goaltender Dalton Stoltz stretches to make one of his 21 saves in Friday night's 4-0 shutout victory. In 295 minutes this season, Stoltz currently sports a 1.83 GAA (goals against average) and two shutouts as the Flames have jumped out to a 5-2 record.

## HOCKEY: Flames set to play Florida Gulf Coast this weekend at Ice Center

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The second period saw just as many goals from the Flames as Hendrix and Hoefler each added a goal, and Langabeer scored a natural hat trick, notching three straight goals to close out the period.

"Things were just clicking," said Langabeer. "Every single one came off my teammates."

The third period included goals from both Dodgson and Hoefler, and freshman Stephen Moller added one of his own, giving the Flames a total of 13 goals on the night, one of the largest amounts

of scoring they have had as a program.

One member of the Flames got a chance to play his first game of the season on Saturday. Sophomore Josh Tucker, one of the few non-Canadian players on the team, got his shot at ice time. He went scoreless but made an impression on his coaching staff.

"Sometime's it's frustrating," said Tucker. "But it's a learning experience for me, and tonight I think I played to the best of my ability."

Handy agreed. "I thought he played a great game. He was physical and made smart plays."

"We need to have a physical element," said Handy. "We did really well tonight from the very first shift."

The Flames allowed only 18 shots on goal, while pushing 63 shots towards the other end of the ice in the 13-2 blowout victory.

Liberty's next home game is this coming weekend as the Flames face the Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast University. Games start at 7:30 p.m. at the LaHaye Ice Center.

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# Flames blow out Pioneers, drop first conference game to Coastal Carolina

By Thomas Lourdeau  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Men's soccer team scored five second half goals en route to an 8-0 shutout victory over Columbia Union last Monday.

For much of the first half, Liberty found itself unable to take advantage of opportunities. Numerous offside penalties and mishandled passes killed what would have been even more scoring chances for the Flames.

Despite the impressive offensive output, the Flames did not score their first goal until the 35th minute. Toby Lewis netted his third goal of the year off of a great feed from junior Joshua Boateng.

Boateng would score a goal of his own after a hard foul by Columbia Union in the penalty area as he faked goalie Davion Foster, who dove to the left as the ball shot past him in the opposite direction.

Less than two minutes later, senior Chris Mandell scored his first goal as a Flame by heading a Daniel McGarry corner kick into the net in the game's 50th minute.

"It felt real good," Mandell said of his goal, smiling. "We really took advantage of opportunities later in the game."

The Flames wasted no time putting the game out of reach as senior Adrian Bumbut scored his team-leading 7th goal of season less than five minutes into the second half.

Other goals in the game included a hat trick by senior Brandon Patterson in the 71st, 81st and 9th minutes. Junior Bill Pinette also scored his first goal of the season in the 89th

minute.

The Flames have yet to allow a goal at home this season, and the game marked their seventh shutout of the year.

The Flames also traveled to Coastal Carolina for a clash between the only two Big South undefeated squads. Liberty was on the losing end of a 2-1 score, giving them their first conference loss of the year.

Each of Coastal Carolina's goals came early in the second half (minutes two and 23, respectively). The scores were off of a bicycle kick and a loose ball by forward MKokheli Dube.

While the Flames had more shots (16) than Coastal, Chanticleer goalie Matt Smith effectively kept his team in the game with his impressive play. The Flames would not get on the board until the 60th minute when Lewis scored his fourth goal of the year with a shot off the post and into the net.

Smith, who was making his first career start, allowed just one goal on 16 shots with six saves, the most impressive of which came off a Mandell header with just seconds remaining to preserve the victory.

With the loss, the Flames fall to 7-8-2 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

They will travel to UNC Asheville on Oct. 18 and Virginia on Oct. 23 before returning home to face future Big South foe Presbyterian at home on Oct. 26.

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# Lady Flames hockey takes down Buckeyes, outscore OSU 14-2 in two victories

By William Armstrong  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Lady Flames women's hockey club defeated the Buckeyes of Ohio State by a score of 7-1 in a Saturday afternoon matinee at the LaHaye Ice Center.

Much like the first game, Liberty controlled the final game of the series with the same final score of 7-1.

"It was a good game to get under our belt, and it was significant because everyone got to play," Head Coach Paul Bloomfield said. "Beating a team like Ohio State, that was in the top five last year, shows what we can accomplish this year."

In the first game, Liberty went one for eight on the power play, recorded seven goals and seven assists and out-shot the Buckeyes 45-9.

"This game was an important game for us and puts us in running for top five in the nation. This gives us a good barometer of where we are," Bloomfield said. "We had great fan

support, which makes a difference in a game like that."

Freshman Kristin Frescura led the way with a hat trick and an assist, freshman Andrea Joyce contributed two goals and an assist, and freshman Jamey Mihalich had a goal and an assist. Sophomore Patti Smith earned the win in goal, stopping eight of nine shots.

"There was a lot of hype and adrenaline going into the game," Mihalich said. "When it turned physical, we liked it better, because most of us have size."

Liberty had a slipup 40 seconds into the game when the Buckeyes stashed home a rebound, but the Lady Flames controlled most of the game. Later in the first period, Frescura put in a rebound goal to tie the score at one. Ten seconds later, Frescura stole the puck and scored on a breakaway, which put the Lady Flames up 2-1 at the end of the first period.

The team opened the second period with persistent pressure and physical play. Mihalich converted the only goal of the period on a

five-on-three power play from just below the right face-off circle. Two Liberty goals were disallowed and numerous penalties were whistled against the Lady Flames, which were heavily protested by players.

"We felt we were competing against the officials," Bloomfield said.

"We can't control the calls, so we stuck our heads up and got what we deserved," freshman Brooke Harris said.

Joyce put away a rebound off of freshman Aimee Hureau's wraparound attempt to open the final period's scoring. The freshman continued the scoring on the power play when she took a slap shot from the right circle and sent it into the top right corner of the net. Frescura fed sophomore Alaina Nelson in the middle, who put her shot past the out-of-position goaltender. Frescura concluded the scoring when she slid the puck that was on the goal line past the goaltender.

"It's starting to show that we're becoming one," Harris said.

Liberty's constant pressure was more than

the Buckeyes could handle, and after the third and final period, the Lady Flames claimed a 7-1 victory. The pressure put on by Liberty throughout the game led to its four third period goals, and it left the Buckeyes both frustrated and worn out by the end of the game.

"We do a lot of conditioning, and could tell their conditioning was poor," Mihalich said. "Ninety percent of the game is mental, so when we show up we play the full 60 minutes."

The Lady Flames won Sunday morning's contest against Ohio State by a score of 7-1. Liberty travels to Penn State University for a one game showdown with the Nittany Lions on Friday, Nov. 2 before returning home the following day to take on the Wolfpack from N.C. State on Saturday and Sunday. Face-off for Saturday's contest is set for 4:15 p.m., while Sunday's game will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the LaHaye Ice Center.

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# McDougal, Newby set new records as cross country teams continue to impress

By David Hunt  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

"If you think you can win, you can. Faith is necessary to victory," said British writer William Hazlitt.

Liberty senior Josh McDougal certainly has faith and as far as last Saturday, he had recorded his third consecutive victory at the Pre-Nationals meet in Terra Haute, Ind.

Josh did not just claim first place, though. He also took a chunk off his old course record at the same time, dropping 16 seconds to put the new record at twenty-two minutes and fifty-six seconds. The pace was a quick 4:36 per mile over a hilly eight kilometer course.

The race was even more impressive because Arizona's Lopez Lomong (23:02) and Villanova's Bobby Curtis (23:09) cruised under Josh's previous record.

"It felt really, really good to break the record again," Josh said after crossing the finish line.

"A few of the guys raced really well today, it was a good day for it."

While Josh won the overall prize, he was followed in strong pursuit by the rest of the Liberty men, as the team finished 17th out of 40 total teams.

Jordan McDougal followed his brother's lead and hammered one of his fastest times yet, taking 30th place in 23:49. Behind Jordan was senior Jarvis Jelen in 40th place, sophomore Josh Edmonds in 154th and freshman Corey Reed in 221st, rounding out the top five. Their times were 24:00, 24:59 and 25:42, respectfully.

Also running for the Flames was sophomore Jordan Whitlock in 27:08, good for 263rd place.

"Jordan and I went out a little slower this year," Jelen said. "We knew we went too fast at the beginning last year. We were in over 100th place for the first few miles but our splits were right where we wanted them."

In the six kilometer race, the Liberty women showed the men that they had a little bit of speed in their legs as well, claiming 23rd overall in the team division.

Piper Newby, the familiar Flame frontrunner, once again led the charge, taking 63rd place in a quick 21:22. Newby's time was good enough to break her own course record by a solid nine seconds. The race was won by University of Colorado runner Jenny Barringer in 19:48.

Newby was followed by a few fast-charging Flames in freshman Dacia Bushman, senior Rebekah Ricksecker and freshman Kati Albright. The three came through in 96th (21:43), 123rd (22:01) and 160th (22:36), respectfully.

"I started off conservatively and kept it fairly even," Ricksecker said after the race. "I was following Dacia for a while there and we worked our way up the pack the entire way."

Rounding out the top five Flames was

freshman Rachel Valliere in 22:55, good for 182nd place. Other Liberty runners were senior Carol Jefferson, 208th in 23:40, and senior Ashley Osborne, 213th in 23:56.

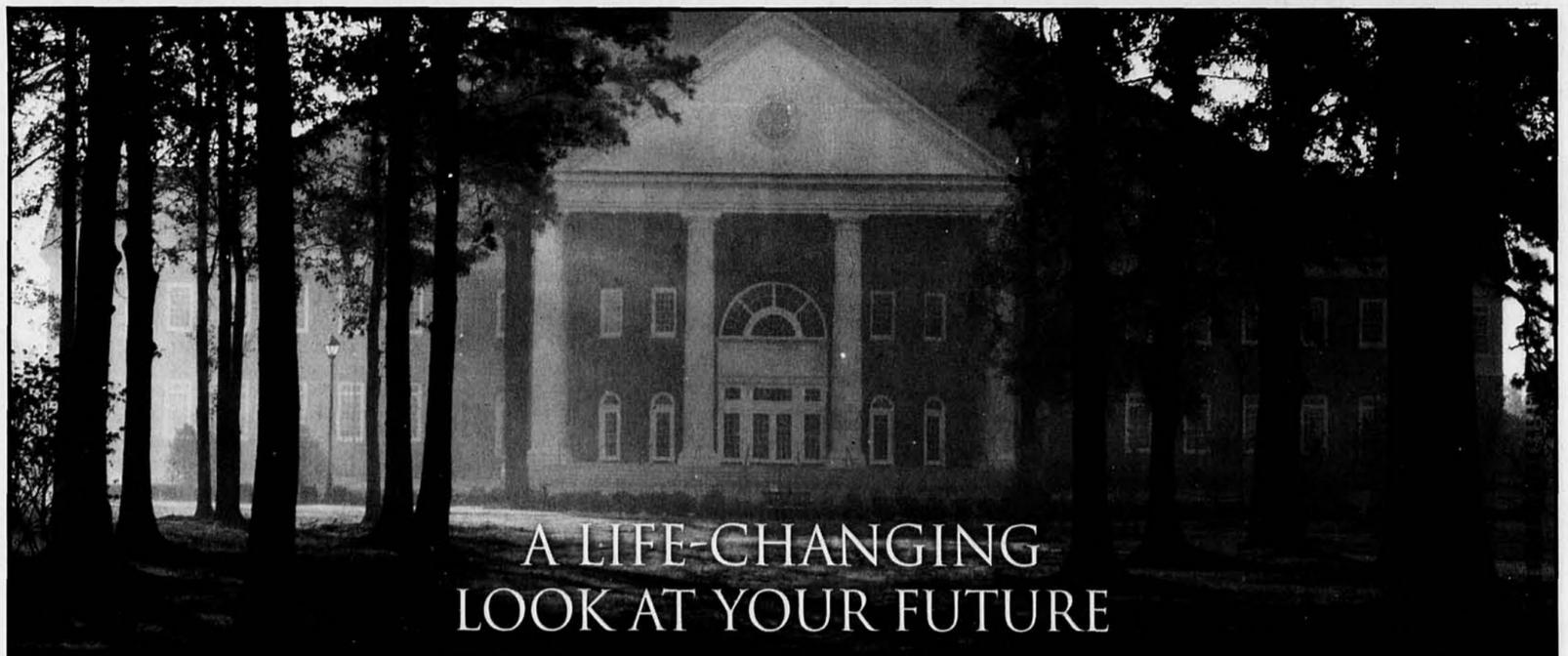
Both teams raved about the supreme weather conditions in Terra Haute last Saturday morning during the racing hours.

"The weather was perfect today," Osborne stated. "It couldn't have been better."

"As far as running conditions, it was really nice," Jelen stated. "It was mid-60s, sunny and with a slight breeze."

The Liberty Flames cross country squads lace up their spikes next on Oct. 27th in Henderson, N.C., for the Big South Championships. Both teams will look to match their Conference Championship titles from last year's competition.

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RUN-THROUGH — A cast of 58 students bring new life to an old classic.



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## 'Crazy For You' kicks off the LU Theater season

By Regina Palese  
LIFE REPORTER

With a sold-out opening night and a standing ovation, the Liberty University theater department started the season off with a bang. "This is a fun, old-fashioned romance with high energy, twists and turns," said Director Linda Cooper. The theater department is getting set for another year of musicals and plays. This season is being called "A Season Exploring 'The Road to Love.'" The first production of the season is Gershwin's "Crazy for You."

"Crazy for You" follows the story of a 1930s playboy, Bobby Child. Child, whose dream is to dance, faces setbacks from both his mother and fiancé. However, in the end, Child attains his dream. The play is full of excitement and outstanding choreography by the cast. Popular musical numbers including "I Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Naughty Baby" add to the performance. Cooper has directed over 20 plays at the Liberty University theater department. Cooper has also been working with the department for ten years. "There is a lot of new, fresh talent that I am excited about," Cooper said.

Cast members are students from Liberty University. Auditions were held the weekend of Aug. 17 and were open to all students. Over 200 people auditioned. Andy Geffken holds the male lead of Child, while Kayla Powell is the female lead of Polly. This is the first lead role for both students. Lighting designer David Diamond says, "This is one of my favorite shows performed here at Liberty." This is the second time "Crazy for You" has been produced at Liberty. The first production was nine years ago with only 18 cast members.

This performance has 58 people involved on and off stage. This is also the first time it is being performed with live musicians, who are playing the drums, bass and violin. "Crazy For You" is a mixture of creative movement and comedy. "This is one of the most complex shows technically and choreographically," Cooper said. While this play is the season opener for the theater department, there will be eight productions in all, including "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," "Rainmaker" and "West Side Story," a favorite to many. Tickets are going fast as opening night sold out a week before the

show and several matinee showings are also sold out. Cooper is excited about the early ticket sales and "hopes it bodes well for all the shows." Showtimes remaining for "Crazy for You" include Oct. 19, 20, 25 and 26, all showing at 7:30 p.m. Matinees included are Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. with a special Homecoming show on Oct. 27 at 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Liberty University theater Web site [www.liberty.edu/academic/arts-sciences/theatre/](http://www.liberty.edu/academic/arts-sciences/theatre/). Contact Regina Palese at [rpalese@liberty.edu](mailto:rpalese@liberty.edu).

## Students use fall aerobics classes to get in shape

By Miranda Canady  
LIFE REPORTER

The LaHaye Student Center kicked off its fall aerobics classes on Monday, Oct. 1. The renovated aerobics room, complete with mirrored walls and a larger size, now offers aerobics classes four days a week at various times throughout the day. The five classes, which range from low intensity to high intensity, are now in full swing.

Body & Soul is an aerobics class where "faith and fitness meet," according to the Body & Soul Ministries Web site. The fitness ministry program, which just celebrated its twenty-fifth year, is now being offered Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is a basic aerobics class featuring typical aerobics movements such as lunges, the grapevine and kicks. What makes this class different, however, is the combined form of ministry where

faith becomes an integral part of something as ordinary as a workout. The Body & Soul Ministries Web site, [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://www.bodyandsoul.org), outlines four main goals of the organization: the desire to equip future leaders to promote fitness ministry, to educate individuals about physical health, to encourage spiritual maturity and to energize and inspire further growth. It also features upbeat Christian music at every class. CardioPump is another class on the fall aerobics schedule. This class is composed of cardio basics that lead to a total body fitness workout. This high-intensity class will primarily be focusing on abs, legs and arms. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends 30 minutes of cardio three to five times a week to reduce the risk of chronic disease in adulthood. Taking part in cardio several days of the week can also promote health, psychological well-being and a healthy body weight, according to the USDA. Classes are being held Monday through Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

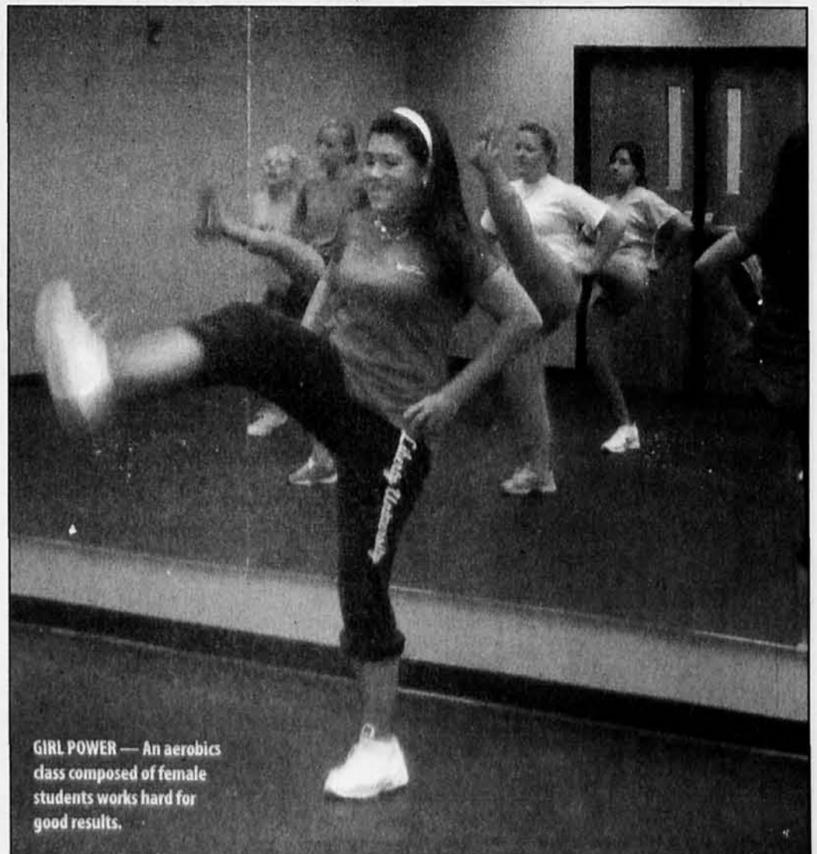
Flexercise is a class for everyone. Individuals with varying levels of intensity are not only welcomed but also encouraged to attend. The class entails simple moves to tone muscles, ultimately achieving physical goals. Instructor Julia Forystek said, "It's amaz-

ing how God has created us...the more we use our body, exercise it and work it out, the better our health gets. I love working out, and I will do what I can to help others love it, too." Flexercise is offered Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. CORE is similar to a typical Pilates class. Focus is mainly placed on lengthening, toning and strengthening muscles through basic Pilates moves. This class, unlike the others offered, is placed in a more relaxed environment. There are many benefits in choosing the Pilates fitness route. Web site Your-Mind-and-Body.com reports that health benefits can include, but are not limited to, reduced stress, an increase in energy, improved circulation and more flexibility. CORE is offered Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Hip-Hop class is a combination of hip-hop, jazz and basic aerobics. It is also commonly known as dancercise, a form of exercise that has exploded with popularity. Hip-hop is unique because it offers a different approach to exercise. In fact, Seventeen Magazine says that dancing is estimated to burn 324 calories per hour. Hip-Hop class is offered from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Miranda Canady at [mwcanady@liberty.edu](mailto:mwcanady@liberty.edu).

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## switchfoot defies gravity in Vines

By Joyanna Gilmour  
NEWS REPORTER

The Vines Center reverberated Saturday night as the nationally acclaimed band Switchfoot rocked out to a crowd of enthusiastic fans. Over four thousand Liberty University students, College for a Week-enders (CFAWs) and local residents showed up to hear the San Diego-based band perform. Switchfoot recently returned from a tour to Australia, the Philippines and New Zealand, where they promoted their sixth album, "Oh! Gravity," released in late 2006.

Lead singer Jon Foreman opened up Saturday's concert with the title song from their newest album, "Oh! Gravity." Foreman's mesmerizing stage presence immediately captured the crowd and thousands of hands were clapping in rhythm by the end of the first song.

The band launched into some

of their signature songs, including "Stars," "Ammunition" and their hit "This is Your Life." Flipping back his long, shaggy blond hair, Foreman knelt down on the stage and physically reached toward fans in the front row during "This is Your Life."

Foreman introduced his fellow band-members—brother Tim Foreman on bass, Jerome Fontamillas on guitar, Drew Shirley on guitar and Chad Butler on drums.

During "On Fire," a song from the 2003 album "Beautiful Let-down," the stage lights were turned off and the entire crowd waved their cell phones in the air. In a surprise move, Foreman jumped down from the stage and ran along the perimeter of the basketball court, giving high-fives to the crowd. Foreman then ran up the stadium steps into the heart of the crowd, continuing to sing while surrounded by delighted fans.

Eventually making his way back to the stage, Foreman said, "Life is short, life is a bullet, and it ends so fast. While it lasts, I want to be living for what's most important." Switchfoot then began the song "Meant to Live" to the crowd's enthusiastic cheers. The lyrics of the song echo Foreman's statements, stating, "We want more than this world's got to offer.../And everything inside screams for second life."

The band exited the stage and fans began to scream wildly, stomp and chant until the band came out for an encore performance of "Dare you to Move," another Switchfoot hit. Jon Foreman came onto stage playing solo acoustic guitar for the first half of the song and was then joined by the rest of the band for the second half. The band closed the show with two more crowd-pleasers, "The Shadow Proves the Sunshine" and "We are One."

A group of CFAWs from Roa-

noke unanimously proclaimed the concert "amazing."

Liberty students shared the sentiment.

"It was amazing," said Joe Endicott, a junior at Liberty. "Jon had incredible stage presence."

"He (Jon Foreman) had the crowd eating out of his hand," said Cooper Smith, another Liberty junior.

Chris Misiano, Director of Campus Programming, said, "Switchfoot is very popular with the LU student body."

Many local residents also came out to the Vines Center to enjoy the concert. Rev. Mike Sharrett, pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, expressed his admiration for the band.

"Switchfoot is a first-class rock and roll band with challenging lyrics, outstanding music and a compelling message which engages believers and non-believers alike,"

said Sharrett.

Switchfoot is a unique band because of its ability to successfully and comfortably interact with both the Christian and the secular music world.

Campus Worship Pastor Dave McKinney said of Switchfoot, "I have a huge respect for groups that share their faith and are strongly committed to the Lord in the midst of a secular setting."

Before introducing Switchfoot, Mike Stewart previewed the spring lineup of bands. The crowd cheered when Stewart announced that the Newsboys, Casting Crowns and Leeland will be coming to play at Liberty next semester.

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## Students become prime targets for identity theft

By Natasha Kormanik  
LIFE EDITOR

### WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT?

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4. Safeguard laptops. Stolen laptops offer valuable information to thieves. According to [Businesswire.com](http://Businesswire.com), one out of four data breaches in the last six months have occurred at colleges.
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7. Check mail frequently. Letting mail pile up gives someone the opportunity to take something that is not his or hers.

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In recent years, college students have become prime targets for identity theft, and with the amount of responsibilities students have on their plate already, it is easy to see why.

According to the United States Federal Trade Commission, identity theft is America's largest growing consumer complaint with over \$5 billion in annual consumer losses. With the numbers of theft growing, younger people have to become more cautious with their daily activities.

Students have enough on their mind as it is. Amid the whirlwind of exams, studying, work and friends, the last thing on a student's mind is the possibility of having his or her identity stolen. However, add to that the use of credit cards and ID cards in a given week as well as the amount of credit card applications students receive in the mail, and they have a disaster waiting to happen.

"They're not thinking of the dangers of the world around them. They're still in the 'I am invincible' stage of their lives," said Jay Foley,

director of consumer and victim services at the Identity Theft Resource Center, according to [Bankrate.com](http://Bankrate.com).

Many colleges and universities use a student's social security number for their student identity number. However, Liberty does not work that way.

Nevertheless, students still need to be careful and know what precautionary actions need to be taken. According to [Chubbidtheft.com](http://Chubbidtheft.com), in a national survey of college students by Impulse Research for Chubb Insurance Companies, 49 percent of students receive credit card applications on a daily basis with 30 percent of students disposing of the applications and not destroying them. In addition, nearly 30 percent of students ever review or keep their credit card or checking account balances.

Not taking the right actions beforehand can leave the victim cleaning up the mess.

"It's almost as if they've been assaulted," said Foley in a [Bankrate.com](http://Bankrate.com) article. "It is a long and tedious process trying to rebuild."

This hit home with senior Kari Mitchell who recently found a charge on her account that she did

not make. "The shoes I bought came to \$7.35, but it showed up as \$64.03 on the statement," said Mitchell.

She spent a frustrating 30 minutes on the phone with the bank, trying to work things out and get to the bottom of what happened.

For Mitchell, investigation is still underway as to whether it was an accident or an actual theft.

Other victims include students at the University of Texas who fell prey to ID thieves recently when many gave away personal information in exchange for a free T-shirt.

Young people often "do not see the risk as that big of a deal," said Ron Teixeira, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance, in a [Chubbidtheft.com](http://Chubbidtheft.com) article. "This is partly because they haven't established credit yet, so they don't know what being an ID theft victim means."

Even though some students may have little credit history and very little money in their bank account, the risk of becoming a victim is very real and one that can mark someone's credit future.

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## Sneak a peek inside the campus prayer room

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The on-campus prayer room is a great deal more than just a dimly lit room, painted nicely with chairs and tables. It is an environment where students can pray in quiet. An average of 500 students a week filter through this room. The prayer room is a place for commuters to come pray as well as a place for other students to pray for commuters.

"Students lay on the floor stretched out to pray, some take off their shoes and some kneel. It is a place where people get serious about their Lord," said Charles Hughes, head of the Student Care Office.

The prayer room is open from 6:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. every day, with the exception of on-campus church services and convocation.

The goal of this ministry is that every off-campus student and faculty member is prayed for and contacted individually.

For Hughes, this is the best way to successfully reach and minister to those who might not have someone praying for them. There are 20 student prayer room managers whose job is to e-mail

and pray for those living off-campus. If someone is contacted by a prayer room manager through e-mail and does not reply with a specific prayer request, then the students use Colossians 1:9-11 to pray for them. The students do their work of e-mailing and praying in prayer closets located within the prayer room.

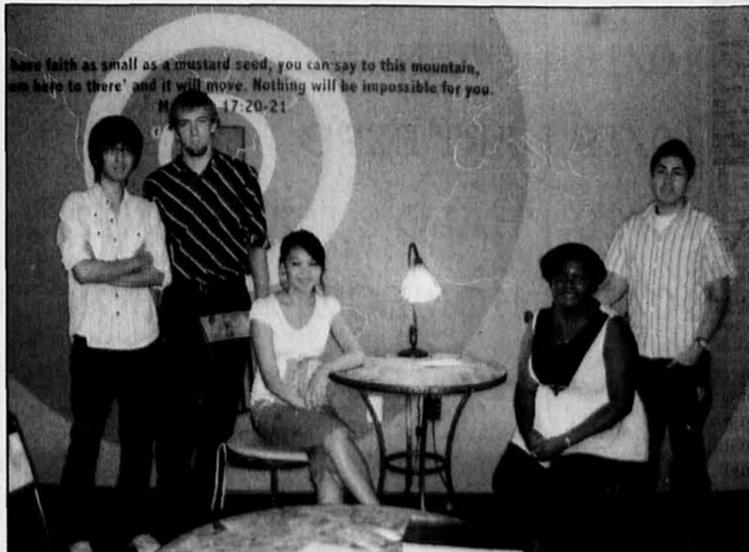
Once a week, Hughes sends out a brief e-mail to commuters about events going on on-campus and also asks if anyone is interested in getting connected with a care group off-campus.

"There are trained leaders off-campus now," said Hughes.

These students are former SLDs, RAs or prayer leaders now leading off-campus students.

This whole ministry began with the Student Care Office, which is a place to go for help with any kind of prayer and where students' troubles are kept private. There are five full-time caregivers whose job is to help students through any trials and struggles. Students can contact the office at [Studentcare@liberty.edu](mailto:Studentcare@liberty.edu).

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THE POWER OF PRAYER — The prayer room is open to all, and the Student Care Office has enlisted students from around the campus to specifically pray for their off-campus peers.