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# The Liberty Champion

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Tuesday, September 11, 2001

## INSIDE

► **MEN'S SOCCER:** The Flames beat Elon 1-0 in their first conference game of the season. The only goal of the game was scored by freshman mid-fielder David Guinn. See page 8 for details.



► **PICS, PICS PICS:** Check out a story and photo spread on Spiritual Emphasis Week and take a sneak peek at a photo spread of the second and third stories of DeMoss. See pages 2 and 4.



## Spirit Emphasis a hit

By Diana Bell, editor in chief

This semester's Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW), held Sept. 2-5 in the Vines Center, was made up of a survivor, a God chaser and a soldier in the War on Addiction.

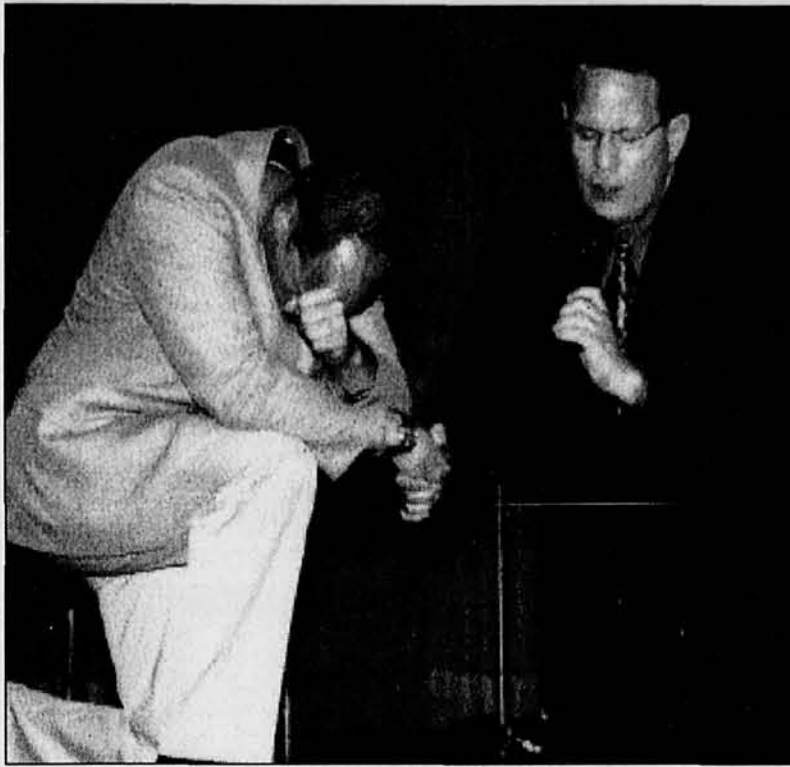
For the freshmen and transfers students this was their first time experiencing the phenomenon of SEW. Even for the returning students, long used to this week, this time was unlike any other.

With the theme of the week being "Fire on the Mountain: Knowledge aflame with the presence of God," Rick Amato Ministries pulled out all the stops. They started the week by bringing their own band and singing group. More than once Amato shouted "Rock for the flock. Roll for the scroll. Jam for the Lamb!" They also brought in two other speakers, Tommy Tenney, author of God Chasers, and Mike Skupin of Survivor II: The Outback, who spoke on Monday and Wednesday night respectively.

"It's all about Jerry's original vision: knowledge aflame with spiritual passion. I just came to stoke the flames," Amato said.

Amato, a 1988 LU grad who is currently pursuing his Master's in Biblical Counseling at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, centered his first message around pennies. He told of his fascination with finding pennies. He said that just like he finds pennies in the strangest places, God's miracles are found in unexpected places. People often think of pennies as insignificant, but many times it is an opportunity from God. Amato is the author of a book titled Pocketful of Pennies.

Amato shared his testimony with the audience. He was born in Beck-



ON FIRE FOR THE LORD — Mike Skupin and Rick Amato pray at Spiritual Emphasis Week which was held Sept. 2-5 in the Vines Center.

ley, West Virginia, but was raised in Detroit, Michigan by a Roman Catholic father and a United Methodist mother. They later divorced when Amato was 16. Amato was a part of the drug culture as a teenager. He actually got saved in 1974 when he went to church stoned, intending to make fun of the preacher. Amato was hospitalized later as a prescription drug addict. He then realized that knowing God was complete only if he knew Him personally.

Amato is now a full-time Christian evangelist with a wife of 25 years come October and five children—four girls and one boy—three of which have attended Liberty. He met his

wife in church when he was 16 and said that he knew she was the girl he was going to marry. "She's the only girl I've ever loved. We've been through some hard times, but we made a commitment to each other and to God," Amato said.

Amato said he still feels connected to the student body even after his years here because of the spiritual energy and the life of God in Liberty students. "Unfortunately many religious people build barriers where encompassing circles would be much more appropriate. I've seen Liberty broaden its reach," Amato said.

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## LU professor joins stem cell debate

By Paul Burton, reporter

LU biology professor Dr. David A. DeWitt, who has been researching Alzheimer's disease for 10 years, authored a press release Monday, Aug. 27 outlining the evangelical scientist's view of stem cell research. The press release points out that stem cell research is the killing of living human embryos for use in research.

"Alzheimer's research would advance if I killed an Alzheimer's patient and got his brain, but that would obviously be wrong," DeWitt said.

DeWitt believes that stem cells can be obtained from several other sources just as reliable as embryos.

Stem cells are readily available from the placenta and fat, according to DeWitt.

In his research, DeWitt uses a line of cells from a brain tumor.

"It's not that they are more or less valuable [than stem cells], but using cells from the tumor does not raise the ethical problem," he said.

What drives the desire for embryos is diversity and hope that one embryo will be a sort of "silver bullet."

"All stem cells are different. [Researchers] are looking for 'the one,'" DeWitt said.

He compared the research to winning the lottery: "you can't predict which one is going to win, you could win the first time or not in a million years," DeWitt said.

DeWitt does not believe that embryonic stem cell research is justified, since scientists must "kill a human being to do it."

"I have drawn the comparison to organ donors," DeWitt said. "It's wrong to kill to obtain organs, but we could heal a lot of people if we did. That is what we are doing in killing embryos."

This summer, President Bush decided that federal funding will be allotted for the approximately 60 cell lines currently being researched that were discarded from fertilization clinics.

Regarding Bush's decision on funding, DeWitt says that "financial motivation is driving the research to a degree." Private companies—which may still legally harvest embryos for research—stand to make millions. Although federal funding is only available for the approximately five dozen lines designated by the president, "companies will be making profits off of taxpayers' money," DeWitt said.

The media attention being given to the few dozen cell lines from embryos left over from in vitro fertilization procedures has also brought a different issue to mind. What happens to the embryos discarded in the process that are not used for research?

"The big problem with in vitro fertilization that many Christians don't realize is taking advantage

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## OUT&



► **TUESDAY**  
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► **WEDNESDAY**  
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High 75, Low 62.



► **THURSDAY**  
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► **FRIDAY**  
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► **SATURDAY**  
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High 76, Low 58.

## ABOUT

► **CULTURE AWARENESS:** The MISO office is holding a Cultural Awareness Workshop for Women, Wednesday, Sept. 12 at David's Place at 4 p.m. The workshop will focus on the culture, traditions and language of Hawaii.

► **COLLEGE NIGHT:** Thursday night's are College Night at Percival's Isle. There will free pool from 5-9 p.m.

► **INTERNSHIP MEETINGS:** Students interested in doing an internship need to attend an internship meeting to receive an application. meetings are sept. 18-Nov. 20 from 4-4:30 p.m. in DeMoss 1076. There is a \$5 application fee.

► **INTERVIEWING 101:** The Career Center is holding an Interviewing Workshop Thursday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. in DeMoss 1101.

## IIRC gets cutting-edge computers

By Chrissy Hannabass, reporter

This summer, Dell delivered 101 new GX400 computers to Liberty's Information Technology Resources Center (IIRC).

These new computers come equipped with an Intel Pentium 4, 1.4 Ghz, a 10 GB hard drive and a 128 MB of Rambus DRAM (RDRAM).

"DRAM is the newest standard and delivers data up to eight times faster than SDRAM," Aaron Mathes, Director of Information Services/Customer Services, said.

All of these features help the computer to operate more efficiently and work better for the stu-

dents. Several of the new machines are equipped with a DVD/CDRW combo drive, enabling the students to do more.

To further distinguish the new computers from the old, they are a dark charcoal gray, instead of the standard putty color.

According to Chris Hara, IIRC/ResNet Coordinator, the new DVD/CD combo drives would allow students to copy and burn CDs, as well as the opportunity to work on faster machines.

Liberty bought these new computers to upgrade the computers in the IIRC and the A. Pierre Guillermin Library. The lease on the old computers expired this summer, necessitating the

purchase. When the old machines were returned, Liberty replaced them with newer Dell models.

"It was about time to upgrade the labs," Hara said. The IIRC is planning to install more of these computers in DeMoss classrooms and serve faculty. This would allow for more multi-media presentations to be shown on computers, such as PowerPoint.

"It is important that the university continue to upgrade the technology infrastructure. Leadership in technological growth across our university departments is important in providing a quality education and

service that competes with or surpasses other institutions of higher learning," Mathes said.

Technologies like Internet access, labs, software, research databases, LCD projectors and media resources are influential in a student choosing what school to attend. "Students appreciate that the university has made a commitment to providing the best possible student access machines for course work and research," Mathes said.

Students are pleased with the new Dells. "I like the new computers. They're lower, so you can actually see the teacher's faces," senior Alisha Manandhar said.

## COMS program changes take effect

By Mariel Williams, reporter

Last semester, there was talk of changes being made to the communications studies major; this semester the changes have begun to take place. Communications students who have not declared their major by Jan. 15, 2002 will be automatically placed in the updated program.

Students who qualify to declare currently have a choice between the two programs. To declare under the new program, a student must have 60 credit hours and have finished the "foundational studies" section on their status sheet. Students must also pass a computer competency test.

The new program will expand the specializations into concentrations, offering a broader range of courses in five areas of study. This allows students to take more specific courses in their concentration areas.

The new concentrations splits up journalism, allowing students a choice between print and broadcast, allowing broadcasting a choice between audio and video production.

The most important aspect of the change is that students will take more classes in their concentration. Under the new program, communication studies majors will have to take 42 hours of communication classes instead of 36. Dr. Cecil Kramer, chairman of the Depart-

ment of Communication Studies, said

The old program offered four areas of specialization. The program will continue to offer the old curriculum—print and electronic journalism, speech communications, advertising/public relations and media graphics—for those who are already declared majors.

The new program takes the same approach as the old one in that there is a core of required courses. The difference comes from the concentration electives.

"We have one major with five areas of concentration," Kramer said. "We went from a specialization to a concentration, which added more hours in individual areas of study—journalism, speech, broadcast, graphic design and advertis-

ing/public relations."

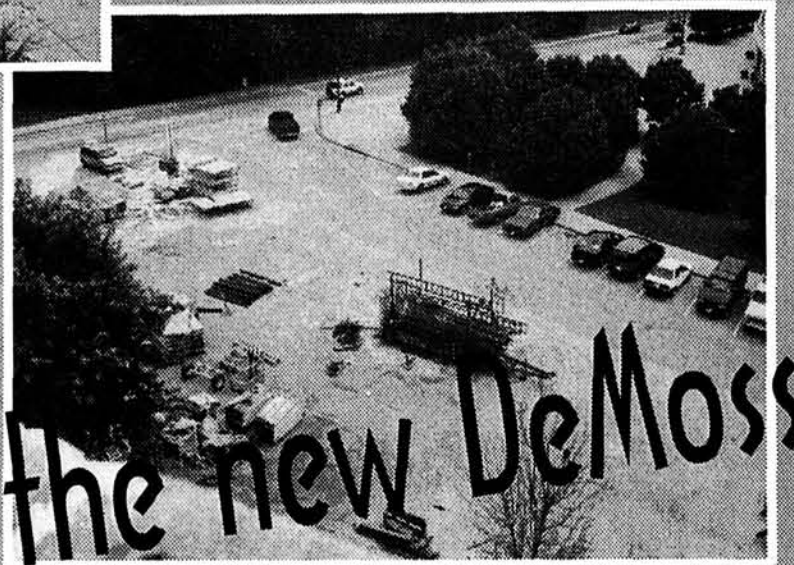
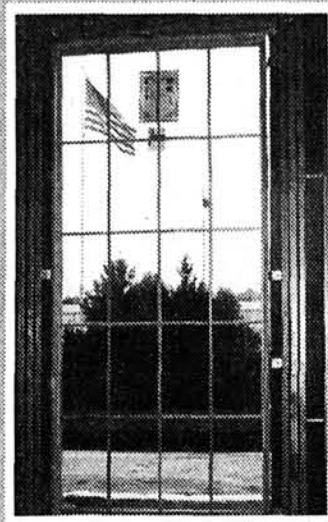
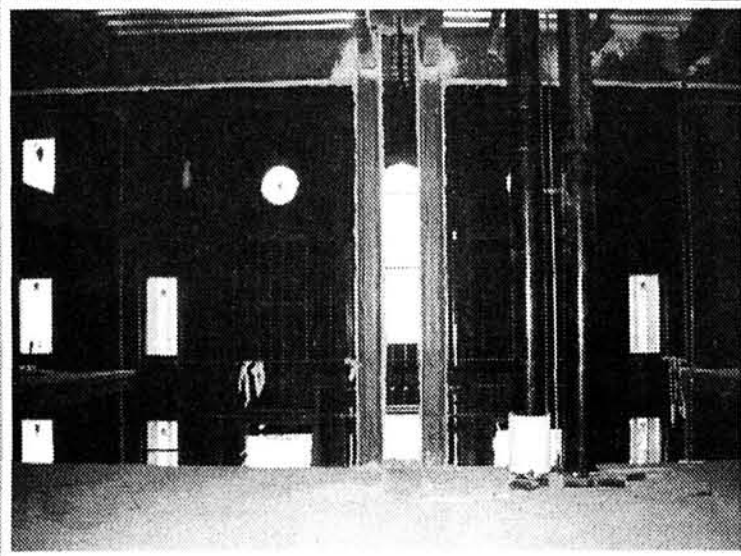
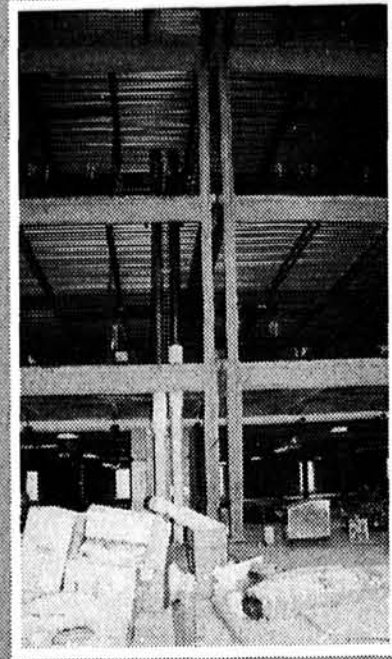
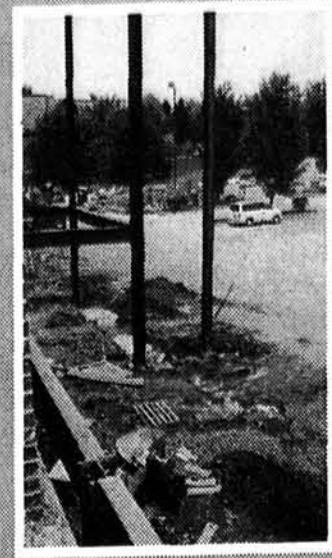
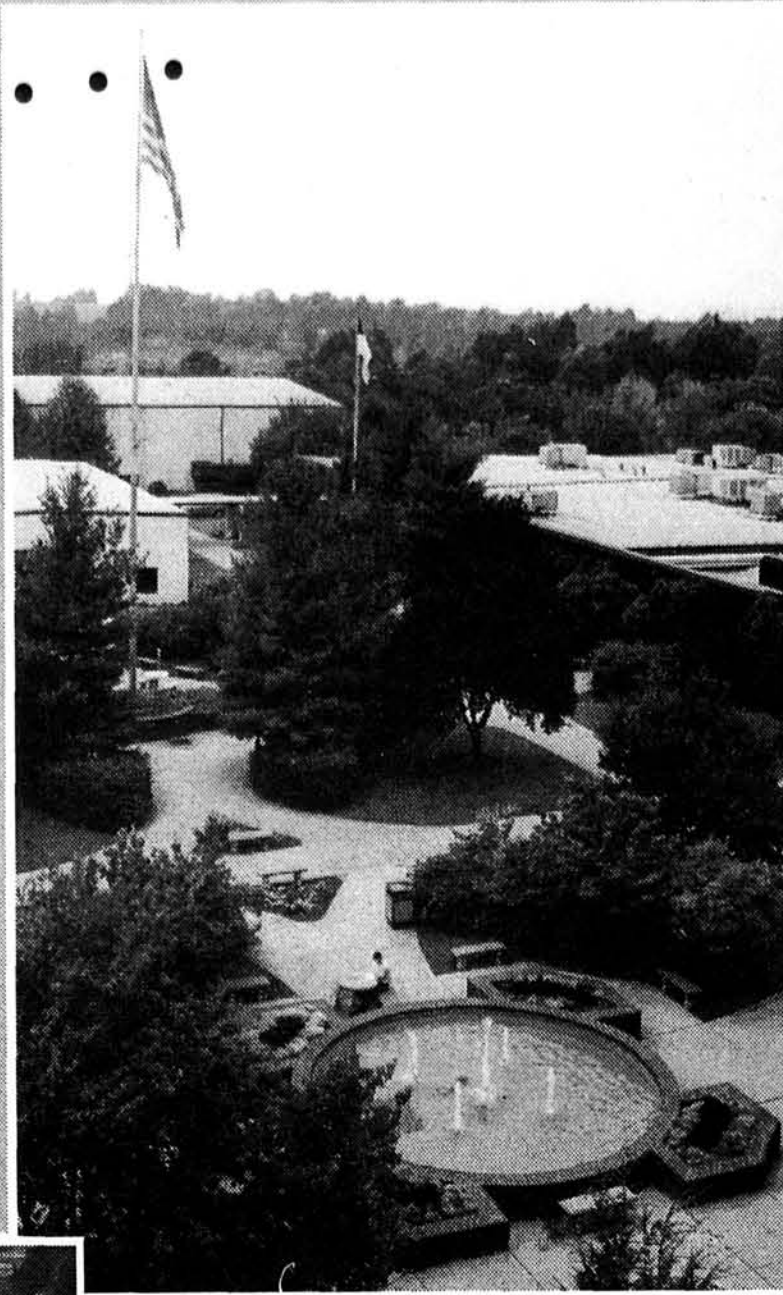
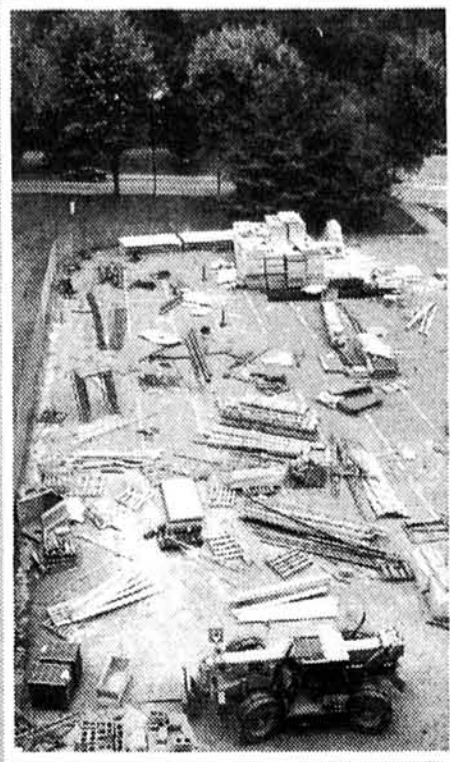
In order to achieve this more focused program, credit hours were taken from the core studies and elective courses and moved to the concentration area. The program previously included 26 elective hours; under the new program a student will only need 20 hours.

Under the old plan students had to complete a 15-hour core studies section; the new program requires only 12 hours. These nine hours have been added to the concentration, allowing students increased opportunities to take more specialized courses in their chosen concentration.

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# A closer look



# at the new DeMoss

Layout and design by Lee Ann Livesay

Photos by Tammy Renner

## Praise and worship major in the works

By Rachel Coleman, reporter

Beginning this semester, Liberty will pilot a new undergrad worship and music ministry major that will blend the training needed for today's worship leader.

Liberty is adding new major in music and worship ministry. Until now Liberty had offered a Master of Arts in Religion with a concentration in worship studies. According to Dr. Ron Giese, director of the new program, students can take the classes offered for this major now and declare it as their major when it becomes official, which he hopes could be as early as next semester.

The major comes at a crucial

time for church ministries. "Over 120 worship leaders are needed that we know of, and we have only three applicants. That's a 40-1 ratio, and we still have churches calling at least every week," Giese said.

The major will include studies in music and ministry with supplemental training in areas such as communications, drama and computers. Plans call for the program to offer a minor and electives. The student would also have a variety of ensemble experiences and an internship at a local church.

This major is intended to "train worship leaders for churches and worship ministry," Giese said. "We're mixing the world of music with the world of

ministry. We're trying to bring these two worlds together."

Faculty from the fine arts department, biblical studies, ministry and communication studies, as well as other departments, will be brought together for this new venture. Worship leaders from around the country will also be brought in as guest lecturers each semester.

In addition, a new practice room will be opened in Fine Arts for different groups like *Vision*, *Exodus*, or the *Sounds of Liberty* to make things easier for these young worship leaders, according to Giese.

Giese receives about two to three requests a day about the new major and already has a list of 30 students who plan to

declare it as their major once it becomes official. Giese also expects to have up to 300 students in the major within a year's time. Once the national campaign starts, Giese also expects to see a large turnout among the incoming freshmen as they hear about the new major.

The stated purpose for the new major is to turn out graduates who will direct the musical worship of a church, but also work with the pastoral team in teaching a congregation about worship.

For more information on the new worship and music ministry major, visit their Web site: [www.libts.edu/newmajor](http://www.libts.edu/newmajor), or e-mail Giese at [rlgiese@liberty.edu](mailto:rlgiese@liberty.edu).

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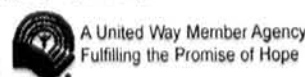


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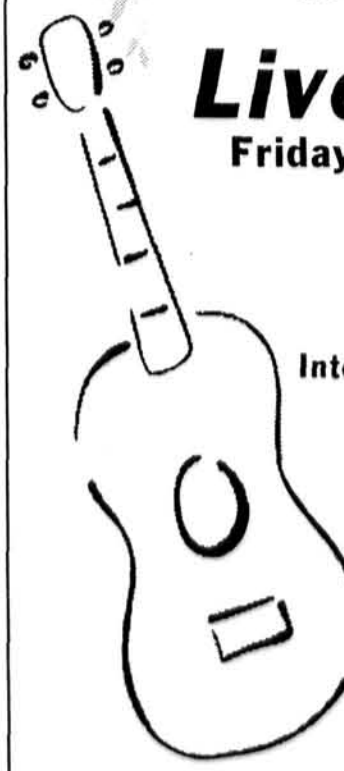
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# The Price is Right

By Chris Price, columnist



CHRIS PRICE

I do not like little kids. They frighten me. There, I said it, and I feel better. Little kids rank right up there with Virginia drivers and Pauley Shore movies on "The things that annoy Chris Price" list.

Bratty kids in public are the worst. No one under 13 should be allowed in the grocery store. No good can come of it. Ninety five percent of the kids who go in there get lost within the first 10 minutes. Then you have a bunch of mothers scrambling around looking for their kids, while the rest of us try to shop in peace.

The worst is when the mothers let the kids push the carts. You should need a license for those things. I can't tell you how many times I have been crushed by one of those metal death traps being pushed by someone who can't even see over the bar. Does he even say sorry? No, he keeps ramming you in the back until you move out of his way. What is the mother doing during all of this? She just smiles at you with a look that says, "I know you are bleeding internally because my kid has viciously attacked you with this weapon on wheels, but isn't he adorable?" I can't even see if the kid is adorable because I am fighting to maintain consciousness.

I was never allowed to push the cart. If I went to the grocery store with my mom today I don't think I would be allowed to push the cart. And that is how it should be. Moms were better back then. My mom had one of those leash things. Nowadays that is considered inappropriate. I never got lost. My only complaint was that everyone else's mom tied theirs around their wrist, but my mom hooked mine to a collar.

Kids also are gross. If you want to smell the worst odor ever, it has to be a sixth grade boy after recess. Their hair smells like cold chicken soup, and their breath smells like Doritos. Teachers should get hazard pay for having to deal with that. Throw in a gym class somewhere in the day, and it is enough to make you ill. When you are a little kid, hygiene does not rank as high on the cool meter as Pokemon or Jimmy, the kid who will eat dirt, does.

I know that I have come down pretty hard on the little ones. I like them when they aren't whining, crying, spilling things or smelling badly. So, basically I like them to be asleep. When they awaken however I am avoiding them like they have the plague, mono and a Celine Dion CD, all rolled into one.

*If you would like to voice an opinion agreeing or disagreeing with Chris Price's column, please send a letter to the editor. Letters must be received by 6 p.m., Wednesday in DeMoss Hall 1035. Letters should not exceed 400 words and should be typed and signed.*

## International students add flavor to LU

By Chris Sheppard, news editor

Liberty University will be hosting International Week, Sept. 10-14. Over the years the number of international students here at Liberty has been growing. With this brings the question: Why do these students leave everything they know and come to Liberty?

Last year there were 262 international students. The numbers for this year's enrollment are not yet available, but seem to be about the same.

"Our international student population is probably here mostly by word of mouth," Bill Wegert, Coordinator of International Admissions, said. "Our recruitment efforts are more passive than active."

Wegert credits current students, alumni, faculty, staff and missionaries as being the school's best advertisers. Last year, the top five countries represented at Liberty were South Korea, Canada, Kenya, Nigeria and Brazil.

Wegert feels that there is one main reason that students leave their country to come to LU. "There is nothing like Liberty anywhere in the world," he said.

Senior Ivan Leon heard about Liberty by word of mouth. A LIGHT team went to his country of Argentina. Leon's home is Santa Fe, Argentina.

This past spring break, Leon was able to take a LIGHT team back to his hometown.

Leon researched schools before choosing where he wanted to go. After learning that Liberty had a good communications program, Leon decided to come.

Leon was not bilingual upon arriving in the States. He had learned some English when he

was 12, but had forgotten most of it due to lack of use. Leon began learning English at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Florida.

"I would listen to every conver-

forming a new life is what he likes best about living in the U.S. "There are many chances and possibilities out there, but it is up to me to reach out for those opportunities," Leon said.

International students at Liberty have many resources available to them to help with the transition to life in America. The Minority and International Student Office (MISO) sends out newsletters, conducts diversity workshops and can connect international students with the various cultural organizations on campus.

The international student community at Liberty add more than just colorful clothing and melodic accents.

"They bring to the campus an awareness of that which many of students in the United States take for granted. They have the opportunity to communicate what a unique privilege it is not only to live in the United States, but even more to attend a school like Liberty University," Wegert said.

**"There are many chances and possibilities out there, but it is up to me to reach out for those opportunities."**

-Ivan Leon, senior

sation, I would write down every single word I could imagine I would understand. . . I would read a lot," Leon said.

Leon faced many difficulties in coming to the U.S. beyond the language barrier. "It's like starting a new life. You've got to build new friendships, learn the language . . . [and] adapt to the schedules," Leon said.

For Leon, the challenge of

## DeWitt: stem cell

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of it is that excess embryos are either stored indefinitely or destroyed," DeWitt said.

Excess embryos are an inevitable result of the in vitro fertilization process, DeWitt said.

DeWitt blames the prevalence of the in vitro procedure partly on abortion. "Because of the presence of abortion, there are fewer babies put up for adoption. As a result, there are more couples seeking in vitro fertilization," he said.

According to DeWitt, the resulting dilemma is clear, that both abortion and in vitro procedures involve the killing of viable, living human beings.

This is an issue with many differing opinions, even among evangelicals and conservatives. Many public and Christian officials have spoken out about this issue. Senators Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) and Orrin Hatch (R-

Utah) spoke in support of limited stem cell research earlier this summer. LU Chancellor, Dr. Jerry Falwell and James Dobson of Focus on the Family, both publically supported Bush's decision.

Many Catholics, including the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, denounced Bush's stem cell decision. Douglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee said of the controversy, "[The committee is] opposed to federal funding of research if it kills embryos, whether the killing took place yesterday or today."

DeWitt's research provides an argument for not using embryonic stem cells in order to obtain the desired results.

DeWitt's press release can be found at <http://www.liberty.edu/admissions/press-release> or by going to the Liberty Home Page and clicking on Press Releases.

## New lit class offered

By Laurie Williams, reporter

This semester, the department of English and Modern languages is offering ENGL 400, "African-American Literature."

The course studies African-American literature from the 17th century through the present with the intention of introducing students to the cultural, historical and literary contexts of the selected works.

Some of the authors they will be studying include Booker T. Washington, Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison.

The class is taught by Dr. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi who has been teaching at Liberty since the Fall of 1999. He also teaches World Literature, American Literature, Basic Composition and Composition and Literature.

"I have studied and taught courses relevant to the content and goals of African-American Literature. As well, part of my Ph.D. dissertation focused on African-American and African-Canadian Literatures," Yaw Adu-Gyamfi said.

He was also published for his article on "the current outburst and popularity of orality in writing studies in African-American Literature."

In offering the course, it is hoped that students will expand their thinking to the ideals of the African-American genre, thus developing them intellectually, morally and spiritually.

"Congruent with the character and goals of Liberty University, this awareness will encourage consideration of the notion that literature offers, in addition to aesthetic pleasure, valuable insights about human nature and experience," Yaw Adu-Gyamfi said.

Yaw Adu-Gyamfi personally prefers the gospels and spirituals in the "vernacular tradition" because "they edify."

He believes this class is important to the English department's curriculum because African-American literature has become a significant genre of American literature.

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## COMS: New program adds hours

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"The course numbers have changed and students need to see their advisers to be sure they are getting in the right courses," Kramer said.

The program was changed in response to student requests. "We listened to students who said they needed more in their concentration," Kramer said. "Students are going to be better trained." This "better training" will involve changes in courses and in practical application requirements.

More specified courses are being offered in the new pro-

gram. "We get to do a little more specialization in class instead of having to make it so general," communications studies professor Deborah Huff said.

Junior Rebecca Solis is taking print journalism this semester. Solis likes the class because it specifically addresses the type of journalism she's interested in—print. The size of the class is also a draw. "It's a small class . . . that's pretty good," Solis said.

Solis realizes that there are advantages in learning about both print and broadcast journalism, but she prefers the more in-depth study of a narrower topic.

"Now a student who wished to major in journalism can do so and choose if he or she wants to specialize in journalism for print or broadcast," Huff said.

Graduates of the new program will have more practical experience in their field, because they will have completed a required internship. Under the old program, an internship is an option, but not a requirement.

"I think the internship is the most exciting part of it. . . I'm excited for the students about that," Huff said. "It's going to be a much more in depth preparation than what we previously offered."

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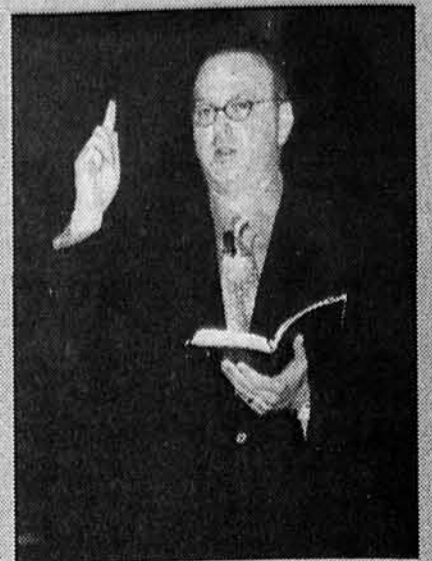
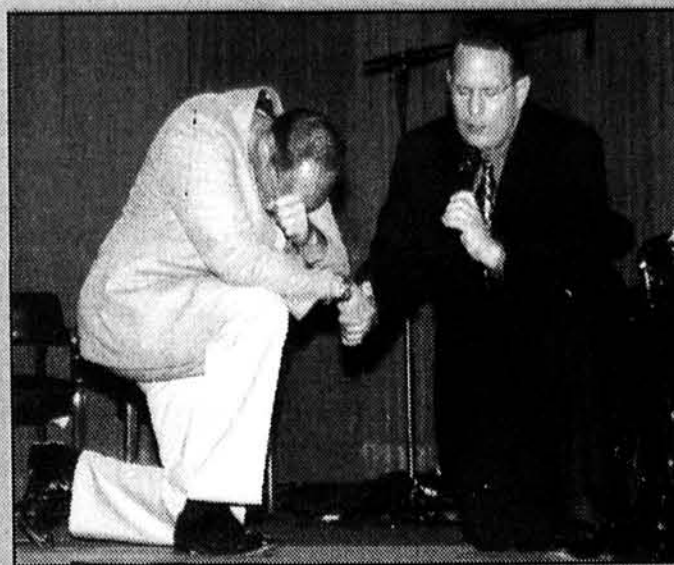


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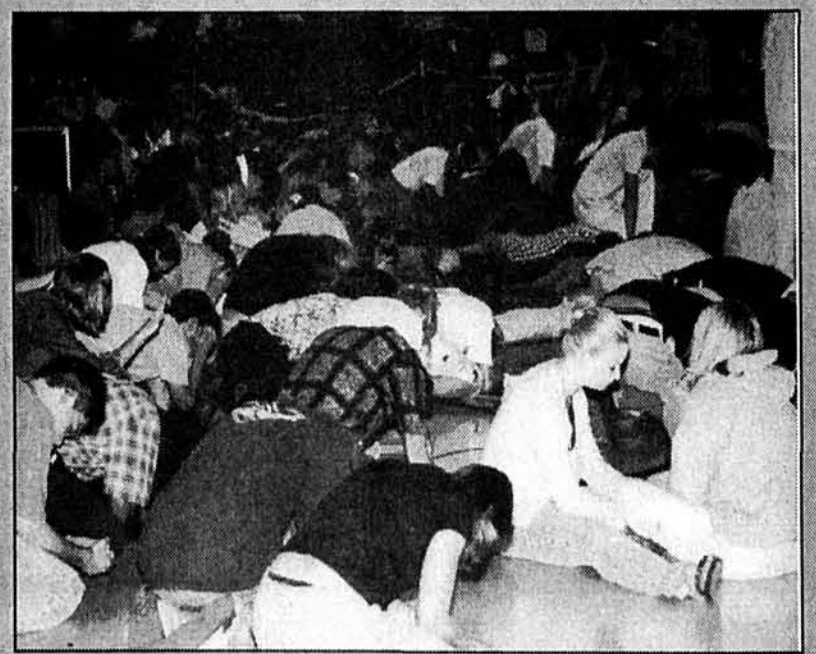
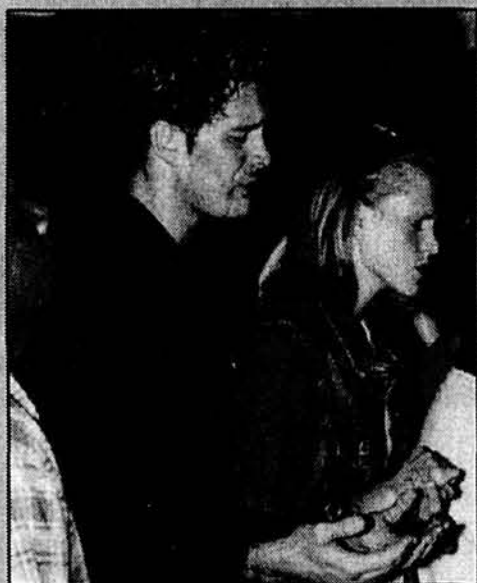
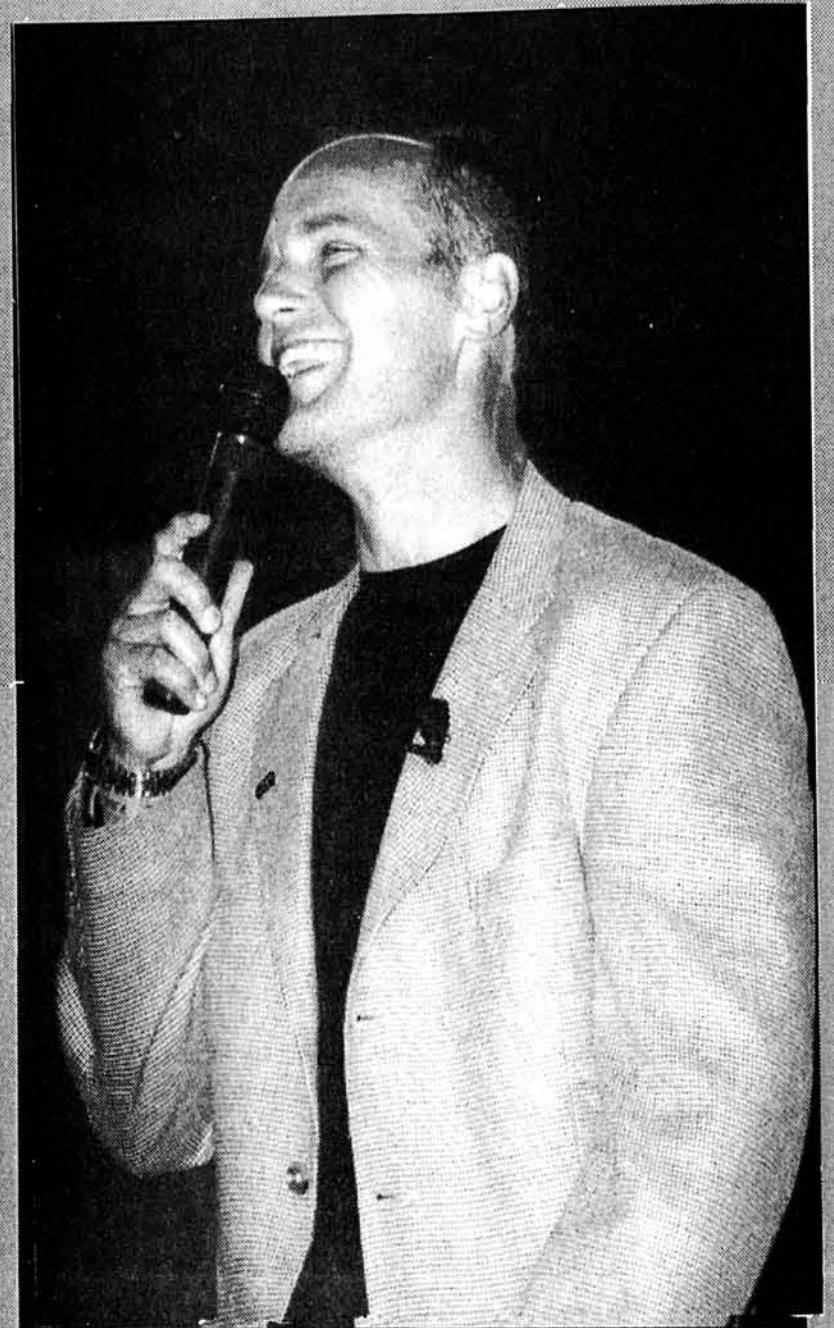
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# Fire on the Mountain



**Spiritual Emphasis Week featured evangelist Rick Amato, Survivor Mike Skupin and praise and worship by Eternal Praise.**



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## CFAWs arrive September 13

### Schedule of Events

September 13 - 16, 2001

**THURSDAY, September 13**  
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David's Place open - For fun and excitement - computer games, TV lounge, Pool, Ping Pong, Basketball & more!

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Liberty Football - LU vs Furman

9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Karaoke at David's Place

11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.  
Skating & Laser Tag at Fun Quest on Old Graves Mill Road - Tickets \$4

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## SEW: unique

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He believes Liberty has gotten more culturally diverse, which he thinks is the answer in reaching more people.

Mike Skupin told of the amazing spiritual growth that occurred in his life while in the Outback. He reiterated Amato's message of a personal relationship with God. He made the comparison between asking a neighbor for help and asking a stranger for help. The close neighbor will probably help, but the stranger won't. He then said it's the same with God. "You must have a relationship with God," Skupin said.

Skupin told of how he had conversations with God all day long about everything. He told of miraculous things happening and how God answered prayers that he thought were impossible, such as the healing of his hands. Doctors said it wasn't medically possible. He had third-degree burns on his hands after passing

out into the fire and falling with his hands in the burning coals.

Skupin first heard Amato 13 years ago. He was saved that night. Skupin said he actually said the prayer about 10 years earlier, but that he hadn't done anything, hadn't grown.

Skupin is now the national spokesman for War on Addiction, launched by Amato with the purpose of reaching kids in public schools.

Skupin's plans include speaking with John Maxwell next week and reuniting with the other Survivor cast members to hold a rally like SEW in Detroit on Nov. 3. "I will keep following the doors God opens," Skupin said.

Now that SEW is over, strive to be a survivor, a God chaser and a soldier for Christ.

For more information on Rick Amato Ministries, visit [www.rickamato.com](http://www.rickamato.com). A link to his War on Addiction Web site is there also. For more information on Mike Skupin, visit [www.mikeskupin.com](http://www.mikeskupin.com).



# Opinion

“ I’ve developed a new philosophy...I only dread one day at a time. —Charlie Brown ”

## The Liberty Champion

### Fire on the mountain, miracles in the air

Spiritual Emphasis Week usually invites its listeners to step outside the “Liberty bubble.” Rick Amato, evangelist and founder of the War on Addiction campaign, took those seated in the Vines Center and those listening by television or radio along his survival through life thus far. He took listeners 2,000 years into history to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ and then fast forwarded into the hostile land of present day Israel. As the grand finale, Mike Skupin, featured on the CBS series *Survivor*, sent people on a miraculous adventure in the outback of Australia.

These messages challenged Christians to be zealous for Christ in a world given over to Satan. Miraculous accounts reminded everyone of the power of Christ through prayer; the milk that enables Christians to survive.

To survive means to “continue to live or exist; to live longer than; outlive.” A Christian should have no doubt of his or her ability to survive, for God has given each of us a compass or roadmap to life, and in the end, it says that we are going to win.

Tommy Tenney, author of *God Chasers*, also spoke during the week. Tenney said a God chaser is “a person whose hunger exceeds his reach... a person whose passion for God’s presence presses him to chase the impossible in hopes that the uncatchable might catch him.” He took us to the quiet places of God.

Regardless of the positive or negative impressions received during this semester’s SEW, the Bible still stands as authority. Being like minded, one cannot deny the command to have a fire in presenting the Gospel of Christ. God tells Jeremiah that He will make Jeremiah’s words like fire to the people of Judah because he was speaking the words of God (5:14), as He had revealed to Jeremiah earlier (1:9). Later in Jeremiah 23:29, God said, “Is not My word like a fire? And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” Maybe that’s what Rick meant when he said he wanted “fire on the mountain.”

### Thought of the week:

“If there is no God, who pops up the kleenex in the box?” (uselessfacts.net)

Look for the little things throughout this week; the “pennies” that fall from heaven. “And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, you have authority over ten cities.’” (Luke 19:17)



## ACLU declares silence in schools dangerous

For immediate release...That subject heading appears in my, and every other Liberty student’s inbox once a week without fail. It’s the Falwell Confidential e-mail. I must admit that while it doesn’t always interest me; it always informs me.

This week’s e-mail contained a story about the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) and their fight to strike down the minute of silence law that exists in Virginia. The law that requires Virginia schools to set aside one minute at the beginning of each day (usually in homeroom) for students to “engage in meditation, prayer or other silent activity,” has drawn attention from the ACLU since its inception on July 1, 2001.

The ACLU has lost its battle twice, in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria last fall, and the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond in July.

It is now taking this case to the U.S. Supreme Court, hoping for the law to be ruled unconstitutional. The ACLU also wanted the Court to issue an immediate injunction to stop the law before the start of the school year.

They are acting on behalf of seven public school students and their parents.

According to [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org), in August of 2000, a day after the law took effect, a student from Potomac Falls High School in Loudoun County, Va. walked out of class

to protest the minute of silence. He did the same thing the next day. He was given detention for leaving class early without the teacher’s permission. He is one of the student plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

The ACLU, even after its two losses, feels hopeful that the law will be struck down because of a 1985 ruling that declared an Alabama minute of silence law unconstitutional.

“From the beginning, we expected this important case to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court. The issue, as it now stands, is legally intolerable. The Fourth Circuit of Appeals say the Virginia law is constitutional, yet the Supreme Court says the same Alabama law is unconstitutional. It is time to resolve this matter once and for all,” lead attorney Stuart H. Newberger of Crowell and Moring said.

According to an article on the ACLU of Virginia’s Web site; [www.hometown.aol.com/acluva](http://www.hometown.aol.com/acluva), “This law has been about pushing state-sponsored religion back in public schools,” ACLU of Virginia executive director Kent Willis, said.

ACLU’s claim insists the law is trying to push religion on students. But the first amendment reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise

thereof...”

In his weekly e-mail, Dr. Falwell said, “The truth is teachers simply inform students that it is time to observe the minute of silence and the kids may do as they please. They can pray. They can daydream. They can look out the window. They can even catch a cat-nap.”



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In the same e-mail, Solicitor General William Hurd said that the law does not require students to do anything, say anything or hear anything during the brief moment of silence, nor does it require them to make any acknowledgement. The law, he said, simply requires students to remain in their seats and not distract their classmates.

While I am not naive enough to think that a minute of silence in public schools will solve all of the problems associated with them, it certainly couldn’t hurt. If all of the Christian students would pray for their school, teachers and fellow students during the minute of silence, it is bound to have positive results.

## The fall season spells a shot in the arm

September is already in full swing, and fall is just around the corner. Most people begin thinking about the approaching holiday seasons. Not all of us; ‘tis the season to be immunized.”

Last month was National Immunization Awareness Month. Did you hear much about it? Thinking about getting a flu vaccine doesn’t give one the same warm feeling as thoughts of Thanksgiving turkey.

Vaccination numbers have been low for several years due to an increasing distrust of America’s vaccine program. The media and several anti-vaccine groups have reported tragic stories of children and adults who have supposedly contracted the very disease a vaccination was suppose to prevent soon after being injected with the vaccine. Although most of the stories lack medical evidence or sources, they have been successful in raising suspicions of the safety of America’s vaccines.

When searching on the Internet for vaccine information, more anti-vaccine groups appear than reliable medical sources. Most of the groups have official-sounding names, like the Global Vaccination Awareness League and National Vaccine Information Center. Their anti-vaccine efforts have caused many to postpone their immunizations. Often, the postponement is too long and a child or adult contracts the virus they have been avoiding vaccination against. Raising awareness as early as August is a smart step in giving people enough time to do some research.

I have heard many people say that they don’t get their flu shots because one time they got them and a week later they got the flu. They often apply this same principle to every vaccine. Vaccines work by exposing the body to a weak form of an antigen or virus, so that your immune system can make a defense against it. When the real “antigen invades the body with full force,

the immune system will be ready for it. The body’s immune system is constantly bombarded by everyday organisms, fungal spores and bacteria. Considering the body’s ability to do this, the argument that vaccines overwhelm the immune system is unlikely. A general vaccine contains about two antigens at a time.

Although vaccines don’t eradicate the virus or bacteria, they are responsible for the control of infectious diseases that once plagued America. For example, before the polio vaccine was available, 13,000 to 20,000 cases were reported annually in the U.S. alone. In 1999, there were about 5,000 documented polio cases in the world. If vaccines are not utilized, plagues of the past could return.

But what about the risk? What if you are that one in 100,000 case that actually contracts the virus? “We’re prisoners of our own success. When formerly dreaded diseases have been pushed into the shadows—or eliminated—questions about the vaccines themselves spring up.” Dr. William Schaffner, M.D., chairman of the Department of Preventative Medicine at Vanderbilt University said in an article by *Consumer Reports*. This is an important issue for college students to be concerned about. In the last 10 years, small outbreaks and increased rates of meningococcal disease (meningitis) have occurred on a number of college campuses. Recent studies, namely one done by *The Journal*, found that the characteristic occurrence of meningitis is between the ages of 15-24, and those living in dormitories are at a higher risk. In September 1997, the American College Health Association issued a statement recommending that college stu-

dents consider vaccination against potentially fatal meningitis disease.

Last year, Liberty offered meningitis and hepatitis B vaccines in the Vines Center for a limited time only. This year, it is scheduled to be offering them sometime in November. How do you decide what to do? The National Network for Immunization Information posts a checklist to follow when evaluating vaccine information of the web.

They say the first thing to look for is the source. Who is responsible? Do they have credentials? Are the case histories documented? Can you contact someone for verification? Second, what is the purpose of the Web site? Are they presenting unbiased information? Does it appear as if they are out to persuade or inform? Finally, after reviewing the information, discuss what you found with your doctor or health professional. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission compiled the following list of some of the typical phrases used to deceive customers: “Quick cure-all,” “Scientific breakthrough,” “Suppressed by conspiracy of the government” and use of medical lingo to hide the fact that it lacks good science.

The issue is worth taking the time to look into. It is speculated that the next decade is likely to bring new vaccines against HIV, genital herpes, type-1 diabetes, Epstein-Barr virus, cervical cancer and streptococcus A and B. What are you going to do for your children? What are you going to do for yourself?



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## SPEAKUP

## What are the benefits of working out of the Mac lab?



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-John Farel, Sr. Winchester, Va.



# Men's soccer: wins opener

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"Conference is crucial," said Coach Alder. "Every win helps come tournament time. We know that in conference play every team is going to show up to win."

"We haven't really shown our potential," said Liberty goalie and captain Dean Short.

If Liberty has not shown its potential then it would be safe to say that they are going to make some noise in the conference this year.

Liberty will continue Big South play today as they travel to High Point, N.C., to take on the Panthers and then it will face non-conference opponent Georgia Southern on Sept. 15.



JOHN FISHER

THUMP— Chase Perry heads the ball during Liberty's 1-0 victory.

# W'soccer: falls to Camels

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The Lady Flames will quickly have to regroup as they return to action on Wednesday to face a very skilled Virginia Tech team. Liberty played very strong at Tech last year, but lost to a bigger, faster Hokie squad 1-0.

Sophomore Sarah Gantner said, "We have a few new girls and we are in a new formation. We are really starting to gel. We have a lot of talent and abilities, good depth, too."

Virginia Tech will be the last tune-up before beginning Big South Conference play at Charleston Southern this weekend.

"We have a big test this week against Tech. We remember last season and know we have to start strong and stay strong to compete with them. We can't back down," said Gantner.

The Lady Flames game against Virginia Tech will be their last home date for over two weeks as they go on a tough road trip for their next four games, ending with a game at Virginia later on this month.



JOHN FISHER

SHE SHOOTS—Rachel Lyndon winds up for a kick.

# High expectations as Lady Flames begin soccer season

By Tim Vitolo, reporter

The Lady Flames soccer team hosted Campbell for its home opener as it began defense of its title as Big South Champions last Friday on Sept. 7.

What are Coach Joe Price's expectations for the upcoming season? "We want to win the Big South again...we want to raise the level of play in the Big South," Price said.

The Big South is not the only thing on the mind of Coach Price and his players. They also hope to become the first women's soccer team from the Big South Conference to make it past the first round of the NCAA tournament. "No Big South team has ever advanced past the first round of the tournament," Coach Price said, "so that's a definite goal of ours."

The past two years have been the most successful for the Lady Flames, especially last year when they started out just 2-4, but finished 15-7 overall. They repeated as Big South Champions to receive their first ever invitation to the NCAA tournament.

This year, the Lady Flames have a very good chance to improve as well, not only because they have already started out with a better record than last year through

their first two games, but also because of the improved depth of the team.

"Compared to previous years, we are much stronger. Every player coming off the bench will have an impact," stated Nancy Davis, the Lady Flames' leader in both points and goals scored the last two years.

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"Lauren coming in will definitely make an impact on the team this year," said Davis. "She had a great freshman year and I know we will work well together up top."

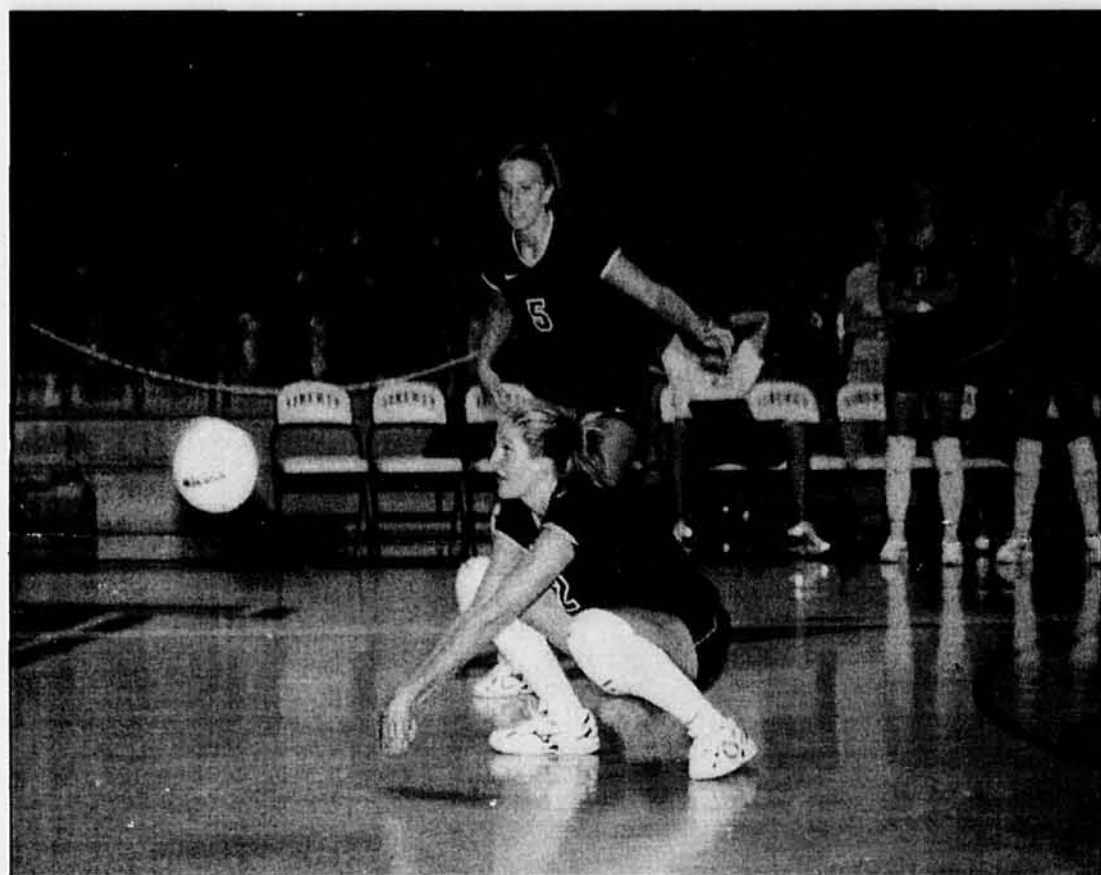
In order to win their third Big South Championship, they'll first have to clear a few obstacles, including the loss of senior Breanna Jacinto, who ranked second on last year's team in points with 20, and tied for second in goals scored, with eight. In anticipation of the loss, Coach Price has already made the adjustment of playing with four players in the midfield instead of three. "Breanna is a big loss, she practically played the role of two players," Price said. "We can't replace her, but we can adjust for the loss strategically." Along with the loss of Jacinto is the new goalie battle resulting from the added depth this past year.

Amy Moxley, who played every minute last year and finished with an impressive 1.04 goals against average, will have to compete with freshman Natalie Mayer for playing time. Nevertheless, Coach Price was not worried about the competition souring the team and even called it a "friendly rivalry."

Regardless of the obstacles, watch for the Lady Flames to have a very successful season.

**"We want to win the Big South again...we want to raise the level of play in the Big South."**

—Coach Joe Price



FILE PHOTO

READY?— Freshman Becky Rudnick sets up the waiting Jennifer Graham during a game earlier this season.

# V'ball plays in Cincy tourney

By Kate Boylan, reporter

The Lady Flames traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio to participate in the Four Points Sheraton Invitational hosted by Xavier University this past weekend.

The teams that competed against Liberty in the tournament were Xavier, Fairfield, and the University of Alabama.

Liberty defeated Fairfield University Friday night, 3-2, in their 5-game match. The Flames hung on to win the first

game 31-29. Fairfield managed victory in the next two games with scores of 35-33 and 30-26.

Liberty came back in the fourth and fifth games, winning with a larger margin than the previous three games. The final scores for these last two games were 30-23 and 15-10.

The Flames played five games against Xavier, winning the first two and being defeated the next three. Liberty toughed it out through four Xavier game points to win the first game

35-33. However, the Flames easily claimed the second game, winning with a score of 30-25.

Xavier then took over, defeating the Flames the next two games, 30-25, and ending the last game with a score of 15-9.

The Lady Flames will start off their home season on Wednesday Sept. 12 as they take on James Madison University at the Vines Center at 7:30 p.m.

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**SAY CHEESE!**The men's and women's tennis team is all smiles about the upcoming season.

## Tennis prepares for season

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

For Liberty's men's and women's tennis coach, Larry Hubbard, this fall season will be two distinct experiences.

The men's team, according to Hubbard, "returns a core of five players that helped Liberty achieve its best conference record in 14 years." Conversely, the women's team, in only its second season at Liberty, will have a roster that consists of two juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen.

The women's team does return four players that gained some experience during last year's inaugural season at Liberty. Juniors Alison Cho and Brooke Garman, will serve as the team's captains. Garman was selected to the Big South's All-Academic Team last Spring. The other two returning players are sophomores, Bethany Allen and April Herrmann.

One of the five freshmen is Andreea Cotuna. Cotuna was redshirted last year and is expected to play number one singles and doubles this year for the Flames. The other freshman in the mix will be Elizabeth Cleavenger, Carrie Cragen and Maria Solc.

Another addition to the women's team is new assistant coach Nathalie Portmann.

Portmann will serve as the assistant coach for both the men's and women's teams as she works toward her Master's degree in counseling. Portmann's duties, according to Hubbard, will focus "predominately" with the women's team, but she will also lend a hand with the men.

Portmann led Armstrong Atlantic to the Division II championship game during her junior and senior years. She has taught at the Nike Tennis Camps for four years. Hubbard said that he expects Portmann to provide for the women's team "a mentor, an example of

that level of play that we need to gain."

As for the men's team, Hubbard said Liberty returns a core of five players from last year's team. The team returns Richardo Shinozaki, a Big South All-Conference singles player.

Shinozaki, a junior, was the team's number one player last year finishing with a 12-8 record.

Shinozaki also served as one half of Liberty's number one doubles team that was selected to the Big South's All-Conference Team. The other half of that double's team was Bruno Coehlo. Coehlo and Shinozaki will also serve as the team captains this season.

Coehlo, a senior is also expected to compete for one of the top four singles positions this season.

The other players that Hubbard expects to compete for the top four singles positions are senior Andrei Cotuna and freshman Luiz Rino. Hubbard said, "This is the first year that our top four players may compete amongst themselves and play interchangeably one through four."

The final two singles positions will be fought for by returning sophomores Joel Moylan and Ernesto Malagrino, and freshmen Kenan Bell and Daniel Blanchard.

Hubbard expects the competition among the players vying for the top four spots as well as the competition between the players vying for the fifth and sixth spots will help the team to become stronger.

This Fall the men's and the women's team each will play one tournament at home before beginning conference play in the spring. The women's home tournament will be the weekend of Oct. 6. The men's home tournament will take place on the weekend of Sept. 29.

## Softball holds tryouts

By Mattie Gordon, asst. sports editor

The Lady Flames Softball team is ready to play ball once again after adding the finishing touches to this year's team.

The team held walk-on tryouts on Aug. 30-31. The first day of tryouts included 60' sprints and a 1-2 miles distance run. The second day of tryouts took place at the LU Softball Field, where six walk-ons showed off their defensive, running, throwing, catching and hitting skills. At the end of day two, final cuts were made.

Three of the six made the team. The new Lady Flames are: Crystal Lane, Amy Hull and Heather Hodges.

"I believe all three of these young ladies will be an asset to our team," Coach Paul Wetmore said.

Hull and Hodges are both redshirt freshman. Both will have the opportunity to practice and train with the team, but will be unable to compete.

"This allows them a year to develop their

strength, conditioning and playing skills without losing a year of eligibility," Wetmore said.

Unable to play this year, Hodges is looking forward to having the chance to improve her game after spending the past four years in physical therapy. She is looking forward to begin playing with the Lady Flames and is ready to "experience a whole new level, new game and new attitude," Hodges said.

Joining the walk-ons are three juniors, five sophomores and eight freshmen. Currently two players are recovering from shoulder

surgery, including sophomore pitcher, Ali Thompson. Thompson was recognized on the All-Conference Team last year.

**"On paper we are short on experience, but long on talent, dedication and desire."**

-Coach Paul Wetmore said.

Despite the injuries and young team Coach Wetmore has a positive outlook.

"We are very pleased with the outlook for the upcoming season. On paper we are short on experience, but long on talent, dedication and desire," Wetmore said.



JOHN FISHER

**CUTTING THE JIB**-Kurtz, Bendever, Adams yack it up during a broadcast.

## Sports talk show hits the air

By Wes Rickards, asst. sports editor

As Liberty athletics and the NFL season begins while baseball pennant races heat up, it may be difficult to stay on top of everything in the wide world of sports.

And so, returning for its fourth season on 90.9 The Light is The Penalty Box, a weekly sports-talk program that runs from 7-9 p.m. on Monday. In addition to being the only sports show on the campus radio station, The Penalty Box is the only interactive show on The Light.

"We want to please our listeners," said John Bendever, a senior business management major who is entering his second semester as a co-host. The St. Petersburg, Fla., native also doubles as the president of Liberty's Roller Hockey team.

Throughout the course of the program, questions or comments can be directed to "PenaltyBoxCrew" on AOL's instant messenger at anytime during the broadcast.

During the middle of one show, a message popped up

asking if Darrell Green, the long-time cornerback for the Washington Redskins, should retire. Immediately, the three hosts dropped their previous topic and addressed the question before them. And even though the subject-matter can change at anytime to reflect the desires of the audience, the three are always well-prepared for whatever questions the listeners have regarding the world of sports.

"We want to build a strong audience base," says lead host Dave Kurtz, the senior member of The Penalty Box. The recently-married Kurtz, a 2000 Liberty graduate with degrees in communications and youth ministry, also works as a color broadcaster for Lady Flames basketball, lead broadcaster for women's softball, and as a youth pastor for Airlee Church in Roanoke.

Rounding out the trio is New Jersey native Robbie Adams, who is beginning his rookie semester as a co-host for the sports show. The junior communications major has a strong knowledge of

sports.

The format for the program is basically a free-for-all, with the only guidelines being to chat for two hours about the news surrounding the sporting world, whether on a collegiate or professional level.

"This is what the show's about: improvisation," says Kurtz, referring to the relaxed, no pressure atmosphere that allows for a "do what we feel" attitude during the course of any given broadcast. If someone wants to say something, they'll say it. Yet, if an issue is not being addressed, an avenue is provided to give the listeners an immediate response.

"This show is for anyone and everyone: it gives us all an opportunity to voice our interests and opinions," said Robbie Adams. "It's incredible."

## Football:

falls to EKU

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Parson then rolled right and scored a touchdown on a quarterback keeper with 1:40 left in the first half. Liberty trailed, 14-7 at halftime.

It finally began to all fall apart for the Flames midway through the third quarter. Another punt was partially blocked and EKU recovered the ball at Liberty's 31. Seven plays later, quarterback Toki McCray connected with Matt Corbett for an eight-yard touchdown pass that gave the Colonels a 21-7 lead with 6:19 left in the third quarter.

Late in the third quarter, EKU returned the ball to the 29-yard line of Liberty, intercepted Parson. That set up a 24-yard touchdown run by Hudson on the first play of the fourth quarter for a 28-7 lead. The final insult was a safety that brought the score to 30-7.

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## HOME RUNS LOSING LUSTER

Last week the San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds launched his 60th home run of the season. By any standard it's one of the great accomplishments in the history of sports. However, Bonds has not been suffocated by the media's attention, nor has he received the recognition that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa did in 1998.

There are a lot of guesses as to why Bonds' achievements have been gone unheralded. One reason is his distaste for the media. Ever since his early days with the Pirates Bonds has treated the press with disdain.

Many writers have responded in a like manner. Recently in Sports Illustrated, columnist Rick Reilly ripped Bonds, painting him as a self-absorbed star, hated by everyone, including his teammates.

Second baseman Jeff Kent told SI "On the field, we're fine, but off the field, I don't care about Barry and Barry doesn't care about me or anybody else."

Bonds' attitude isn't the only reason his numbers are being treated with such indifference. He's not the second or third player to reach that milestone—he's the fifth. And McGwire and Sosa have each passed 60 homers twice. Sosa's on pace to do it a third time and the Arizona Diamondbacks Luis Gonzalez is still a long shot as well.

Home runs are becoming all too common and are overshadowing many of the intricacies of baseball.

Prior to Cecil Fielder's 51 home run outburst in 1990, no one had topped 50 homers since Cincinnati Red George Foster in 1977. In 1996 Baltimore's Brady Anderson hit 50 home runs. Need I say more?

Numbers will continue to inflate thanks to expansion teams, which dilutes the pitching and the building of smaller ball parks such as Pac Bell park, where the Giants play and Camden Yards, home of the Orioles.

While the increase in home runs across the board may be one reason Bonds' has received less attention, it also must be taken into account that many other players are having record-breaking seasons.

Roger Clemens of the Yankees is 19-1 and has won 15 starts in a row, something that hasn't been done since Rube Marquard of the New York Giants won his first 19 starts back in 1912.

Ichiro Suzuki, Brett Boone and the Seattle Mariners are racking up wins in record fashion as well. They recently passed the '98 Yankees pace and have a shot at the all-time mark of 116 wins. Boone set a record for home runs by an American League second baseman and Suzuki is having one of the best rookie years of all time.

The one record that's not being mentioned, which many considered unbreakable is that of the single season slugging percentage of .847 set by Babe Ruth in 1921. While it might not be broken, Bonds is slugging .820 right now and should be finish over .800 he would be the only player other than Ruth to do so.

Now that says a lot more about a player's hitting ability than home runs.

## Men's soccer beats Elon, 1-0

By Joel Patrick, reporter

Liberty University's men's soccer team started conference play this weekend by hosting Elon. Liberty (1-2, 1-0) beat Elon (0-4, 0-1) 1-0 on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The only goal of the match was set up and scored by freshmen, as midfielder David Guinn (New Smyrna Beach, Fla.) assisted forward Michael Zusi (Longwood, Fla.) for the first goal of his collegiate career.

"The freshmen stepped up for us," Coach Jeff Alder said. "We got the chance to share the gospel, but our soccer could have been a little better."

"We played pretty good until we scored and then we let down a little," Alder added.

The first half was a tight game and it seemed as if neither team could penetrate each other's team defense. Each team had its chances, but the stifling defense of Liberty, led by sweeper Ben Strawbridge was too much for the Phoenix. In the second half Strawbridge stopped an attack by chasing down an Elon forward that had beaten the Liberty defense.

The Liberty defense was superb, but the standout on the field Saturday was goalie Dean Short.

Short, who was named to the Virginia Soccer All-Tournament team last week, was in good form Saturday. Perhaps the best of his three saves was on an Elon breakaway in the second half. With 20 minutes left in the game it was one of the two times a ball got behind the last line of the defense.

Short came out to meet the oncoming forward and made a fully extended sliding tackle to keep the lead and the shutout.



MICHAEL TROXEL

HERE I GO — Michael Zusi dekes out an Elon player. Zusi scored LU's lone goal.

"The biggest thing was to stay on my feet and react to wherever he hit the ball," Short responded when asked what was going through his mind on the play.

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## EKU wins historic game vs. Flames

By Roger Padron, reporter

Eastern Kentucky University legendary head football coach, Roy Kidd, won his 300th career game by defeating the Liberty Flames, 30-7, Saturday night at Roy Kidd Stadium.

The Flames managed to hang tough into the third quarter, but didn't help itself out as penalties, turnovers and special teams led to its demise. Three Liberty punts were either blocked or partially blocked, two of which led to EKU touchdowns.

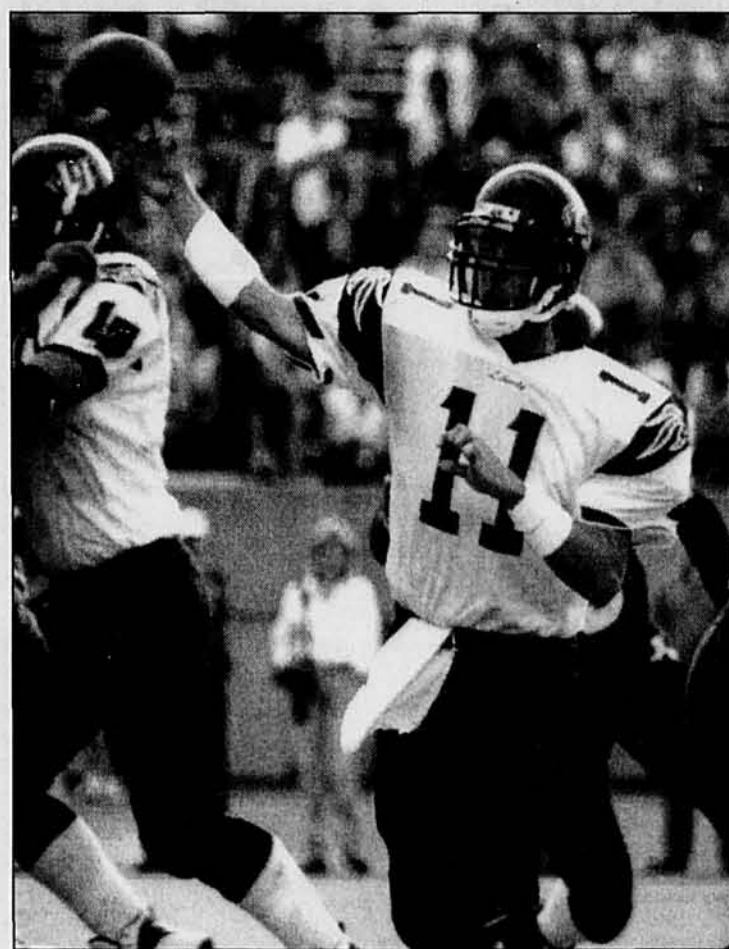
Two field goal attempts, a 34-yarder and a 31-yarder by Jay Kelley, went wide right and wide left, respectively. Additionally, one snap on a punt went out of the end zone for a safety and resulted in two points for Eastern Kentucky.

After establishing its running game last week, the Flames were unable to get it going Saturday, as it was out gained 318-16 by the Colonels. EKU had 382 yards of total offense to 208 for Liberty.

Parson, who completed 13 of 25 passes for 165 yards, was blitzed early, but after completing a few passes to 6-foot-8 freshman wide-out Daniel Thomas, EKU backed away. The Colonels began to come after Parson once again in the second half when the Flames failed to mount any sort of running game.

"If you can't run it, they're not going to sit back and wait for you to pass it," said Parson, who was replaced by J.K. Scott in the fourth quarter with the game out of hand.

The first set of miscues would be a preview of what was to come. EKU's Sunsett Graham fumbled a punt by Liberty's Noah Crouch at his own 24-yard-line. Liberty recovered



JOHN FISHER

HERE IT COMES — Biff Parson throws a bomb in the week one contest against Appalachian State.

the fumble, but there was a flag upfield for an illegal procedure call on the Flames. Crouch's next punt was partially blocked by EKU's J.D. Jewell, and the ball rolled dead on Liberty's 48. The Colonels took the ball down the field and scored on a one-yard touchdown plunge by C.J. Hudson for a 7-0 lead with 8:25 left in the first quarter.

"That's an example of how we shot ourselves in the foot," Karcher said. "A beautiful punt, we covered great and got the ball on a turnover. But we had a penalty."

Hudson, who scored three touchdowns in the game, tacked on his second touchdown of the first half when he found a hole on the right side of the Liberty line and broke clear for a 67-yard score and a 14-0 lead. Hudson rushed for 171 yards on 24 carries.

Liberty responded with its only scoring drive of the night on the following series when Parson led the Flames down to the two on a series of short passes.

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## Basketball teams announce schedules

By John Farel, sports editor

Liberty University's men's and women's basketball team's announced their schedules for the upcoming 2001-2002 season.

The men will play 13 home games this season and the women will play ten. In addition both teams will play 13 road games.

After opening the season with a Nov. 3 exhibition against Longwood, the defending Big South Champion Lady Flames will travel to Michigan State to compete in the Michigan State University Classic.

From there the Lady Flames will travel to Charlottesville for a Nov. 20 matchup with UVa.

Their first official home game will be Nov. 27 against Virginia Commonwealth.

"I have challenged this year's team to attempt to play consistently at the highest level of intensity and this year's schedule will provide us with an opportunity to facilitate this challenge," said Green. "I believe it will be a good test for our players as it is one of the toughest schedules in the program's history."

The men's team will open Nov. 16 on the road as they will travel to Tennessee to take on SEC opponent Vanderbilt.

The Flames first home game will be Nov. 19 against Shenandoah University. Next the Flames will travel to Hawaii to play in the Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic in Honolulu.

The University of Notre Dame is one of eight teams in the Thanksgiving tournament. The Flames will return to Lynchburg and play home games on Dec. 4, 8, and 14.

"We are extremely excited about this year's schedule as it features a favorable balance of home and away contests," comments Hankinson. "We will have the opportunity to face quality opponents on the road such as Vanderbilt, Northwestern, American and Duquesne, while our local fans will enjoy our non-conference home games against such teams as the Air Force Academy and in-state rival James Madison."

## Women's Soccer falls to High Point, 1-0

By Chris Foster, reporter

Liberty fell in its home opener to Campbell 1-0 last Saturday night.

The Lady Flames had high expectations coming into this season, and still do, but they found out that this season wouldn't be easy. Last year's NCAA Tournament appearance was the first in school history, but being conference champions only makes Liberty a marked team.

First-year Student Assistant Coach Breanna Jacinto said after the game, "We have a lot of talent, very few weaknesses." Although this may be the most talented team in the school's brief history, they will still have to work hard to

earn early season wins over non-conference teams like Campbell.

The Lady Flames played good defense in the first half and went to halftime tied 0-0. The game was a battle of field position as neither team could gain any momentum and make consistent charges towards the goal.

Liberty out-shot Campbell 12-6 for the game, but was unable to capitalize on several chances early in the second half. With under four minutes left to play and the score still knotted at 0-0, Campbell midfielder Sara Davis broke away down the left sideline and caught Flames freshman goalkeeper Natalie Mayer out of position and blasted a shot from 30 yards out to give Campbell

a 1-0 lead. In a desperate last second effort, the Lady Flames were unsuccessful in trying to get on the board as Campbell held off the late rally.

The Flames, who defeated Campbell 3-0 in Buies Creek, N.C., last season, fell to 1-2 on the year. "This was a tough loss, what can you say," Jacinto said. "The freshmen played well. Liz (Rudolph) played strong and Kimberly (Hawkins) made some nice runs. They



MICHAEL TROXEL

SHOT! — Emily Shubin prepares to cross the ball in Saturday's game against Campbell.

played good for their first home game."

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