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The Liberty Champion

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

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TUESDAY
Partly cloudy.
High 75.
Low 59.



WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy.
High 77.
Low 62.



THURSDAY
Partly cloudy.
High 80.
Low 65.



FRIDAY
Partly cloudy.
High 73.
Low 70.



SATURDAY
Showers.
High 72.
Low 52.

LOOKAHEAD

IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Find out what changes are being made in the SGA under the presidency of Zach Gautier. Changes include policy, budget and activities, as well as personnel.

Name the C-Store, win a prize. Find out details of name contest in an in-depth look at the new store's services.

Hurricane season is here. Learn how Lynchburg might be affected.

BE RESPECTFUL OF PROPERTY

Remember that the hill is not a water slide when it rains. Help keep the campus looking its best.

Drinking from James



KENNY GIBSON

STILL FALLING — Water levels in the James River have dropped several feet below normal as the drought continues and local reservoirs run out. All of Lynchburg's water supply now comes from the James River after being filtered.

By Rhiannon Berry, assistant news editor

Imagine dipping a glass into the James River here in Lynchburg and then taking a drink of the water. That's not far from what Liberty students are doing these days. Lynchburg's lack of rain over the last few years has caused a severe drought, and LU is not immune to the drought's effects.

According to Lynchburg Utili-

ties Director Stephen Bontrager, the two sources of water for this area are Pedlar Reservoir, located in Washington National Forest in Amherst County, and the James River, which runs through the city. Pedlar has been the primary water supply since it was built in 1904, but lately the lake's water level has dropped. Now, Bontrager said, the city is pulling 100 percent of its water from the James River. The News &

Advance reports that two water treatment plants are used to make this water drinkable.

The city finds problems with water levels by measuring them against historical trends. "In July we started seeing levels that aren't common until August or September. That's when we started to take action," Bontrager said.

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Gary Bauer comes to LU

Former presidential candidate speaks to TRBC congregation and student body about the state of the nation

By Mariel Williams and Wes Rickards

Former presidential candidate and president of the organization American Values Gary Bauer spoke at Thomas Road Baptist Church last Sunday, Sept. 22, and again in Monday's convocation.

In his message at TRBC, Bauer spoke about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the moral and spiritual condition of the nation. It is wrong, Bauer said, to refer to the attack as a tragedy; what happened on Sept. 11 was an "act of war."

"It was a hate crime," Bauer said. "Three thousand people were killed for one reason: because they were Americans." The terrorist attacks, he said, have changed America. He went on to tell the congregation how the church must play an active role in this new era.

Bauer ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, and has worked as a Domestic Policy Adviser to the president and Secretary of Education under Ronald Reagan, according to American Values' website. He is a past president of both the Campaign for Working Families and the Family Research Council. He is also author of "Our Journey Home" and "Our Hopes, Our Dreams: A Vision For America," and co-author with Dr. James Dobson of "Children at Risk: The Battle for the Hearts and Minds of Our Kids."

"I'm the son of a janitor, and I ended up being chief domestic policy advisor to President Reagan, so God never ceases to amaze me."

Bauer described the effect that the Sept. 11 attacks have had on this country. He compared it to the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"(Pearl Harbor) was a defining moment for America and the greatest generation rose to that occasion," he said. Another such defining moment, he said, was the death of President Kennedy.

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LU comes together to pray for SYATP

By Renee Patrick, reporter

Hundreds of students and faculty members representing every state sacrificed sleep to meet and pray for the nation and high schools during this year's See You at the Pole.

See You at the Pole participants met in the courtyard at 7 a.m. on Sept. 18. An unusually large crowd gathered to pray at the flag pole this year, according to Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson.

"Can I start off by saying 'wow'?" Carson said when asked for his opinion on the event. "I was absolutely thrilled with the turn-out," he said.

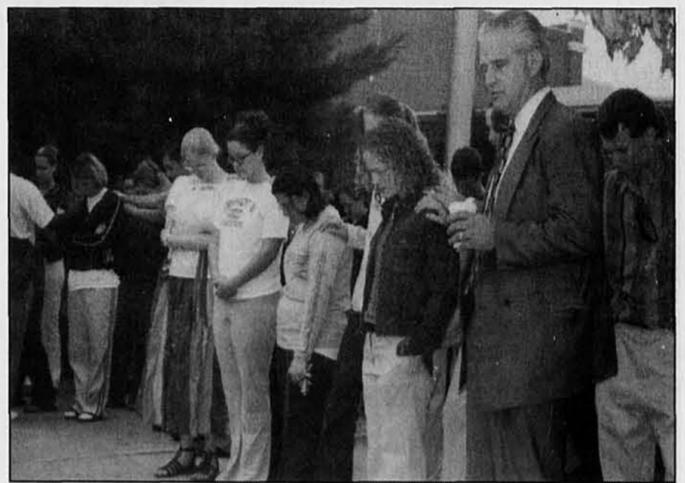
Campus pastor Rob Jackson agreed. "I thought it was great. It was the best attendance I have ever seen... There were not only many students there, but also staff and faculty, and that was very encouraging," Jackson said.

Once the students were in groups according to their home states, Carson started the event by explaining how this annual morning of prayer got started.

According to the See You at the Pole website, www.syatp.com, the event began in 1990 with a small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas, who were burdened to meet at a flagpole and pray for their friends, leaders and schools. The next year one million students across the country followed this example and the tradition still exists today.

"See You at the Pole is a youth movement of seeking God's blessing and favor on their schools," Carson said.

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RACHEL WISE

REMEMBERING THE NATION — Students and staff seek divine blessing and guidance for America's leaders and her high schools.

New suicide prevention guidelines published

By Meghan McCarthy, reporter

Student Services has enacted a new policy that will provide immediate help for individuals in a suicidal crisis situation.

E-mails were sent to students and staff at Liberty University last week that contained a link to Liberty's new suicide prevention procedure, which is to be interpreted literally. The course of action instructs students to contact their Resident Assistants who will contact the Resident Director. A Dean will contact a licensed professional and/or Lynchburg General Hospital. Liberty University Police Department will supply trans-

portation if necessary. A faculty member who comes in contact with an individual in a crisis situation should contact the Dean's office.

The procedure applies specifically to individuals who are in a crisis suicide situation, not to those struggling with depression. Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Hine distinguished suicide as being more urgent than depression. "The tack you take with suicide is different," Hine said.

Resident Assistants have been trained in the area of suicide prevention. The RA manual contains a num-

ber of pages on the subject. At a recent meeting, all RA's reviewed the procedure, signing a paper verifying that they understood it. "It's a good thing to know what to do if this happens," RA of 27-1, Amber

Aruda, said.

Student services decided to create this new policy after reviewing its old policy. "In reviewing our safety net, we

felt that we needed a very specific policy that would get students immediate help," Hine said.

A number of other universities have experienced tragedies of this kind. In several cases, they did not have a specific plan to address a student in crisis, Hine said. The intent of the policy is to never have a student who says he or she needs help and does not get it quickly.

If an individual realizes that there is someone who needs help, they now have a course of action to take because of the policy.

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**"Life isn't about routine. It's about people and their lives."
—Katie Basbagill**

Red Cross exceeds goal for first blood drive of year

By Ricky Hardison, reporter

The Red Cross blood drive exceeded its goal last Wednesday and Thursday in the Vines Center as students extended their arms to help the sick.

The Red Cross's goal was to have 170 units of blood after the drive, and students, faculty and members of the community collectively donated 184 units. This two-day blood mobile is regularly the second largest blood drive in central Virginia.

Lisa Baity, a Red Cross donor recruitment representative for this area, said that Liberty "understands the need and is very willing to give."

After registering, students waited between 20 minutes and two hours depending on the time of day. Then blood drive workers analyzed their medical background, took their blood pressure and tested iron levels by pricking their finger.

If the donors met the blood donation qualifications, then they relaxed as one of the 14 phlebotomists

drew about one pint of blood from a promising vein. Finally, volunteers walked donors to the canteen where they snacked on pizza, cookies and Pepsi.

"This [blood drive] and the last two have been wonderful," Christian Service Director Lew Weider said. "More than enough signed up."

Student attitudes were also very positive. "There are lots of friendly people conducting the blood drive, and it's good to do for other people," junior Kandis Bryant said.

A few student donors had problems

with dizziness. "After they started drawing blood, I got lightheaded. Then beads of sweat starting forming on my head, and the next thing I know I'm breathing in a bag," junior Darla DiAntonio said.

However, DiAntonio did not regret the experience and said that

she would donate again.

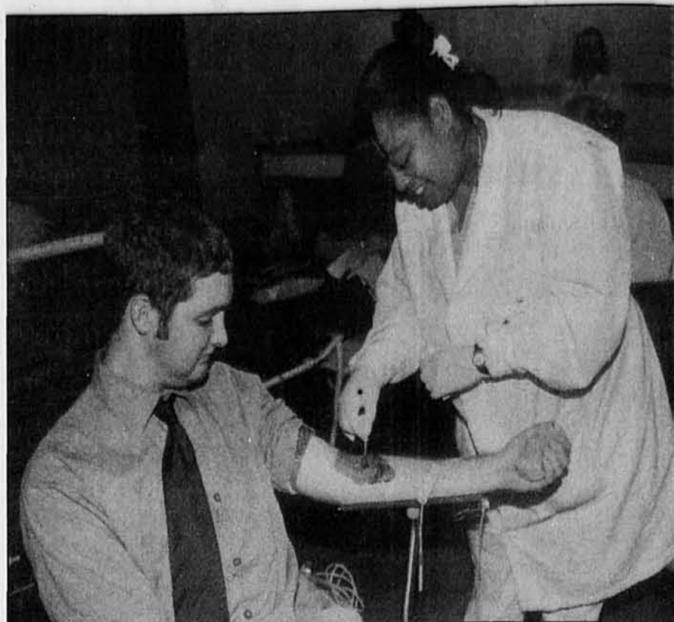
The success of this blood drive is largely due to the increased efforts of the Red Cross this year. Starting last spring, they began bringing more staff and volunteers. In addition, they added two more histories and two more beds (total 10) when they come to LU.

Circle K also helped make last weeks efforts a success by sponsoring the event. Not only did Circle K organize the drive, but it also purchased the cookies and drinks for donors to have afterwards, according to Weider, who doubles as Circle K's faculty advisor and LU's Red Cross representative. Dominos also donated at least 12 pizzas each day.

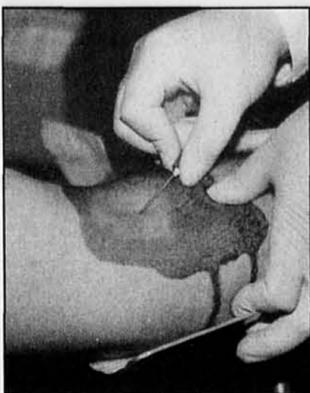
Willing donors had to meet a number of qualifications to be eligible. Those under 17 years of age or 110 lbs. could not give.

One of the greatest causes of deferrals was students who recently had been to other countries on mission trips. About 33 percent of those who came in were deferred for various reasons.

The demand for blood donors has increased, according to Baity. Only five percent of eligible Americans regularly donate blood. The Red Cross will return to Liberty in November, February and April of this school year.



GRIN AND BEAR IT — LU student gets ready to give blood in the Vines Center.



HUNT AND PECK — Red Cross worker locates vein in donor's arm.

Each person's blood will go through over 40 tests to screen out diseases. If anything negative should appear, donors would be notified and the blood discarded.

Jeannie Falwell, Dr. Jerry Falwell's daughter, helped to first bring blood

drives to Liberty in 1985. Liberty has hosted blood drives ever since.

"Because of a positive experience here, some will give the rest of their life," Weider said.

LU celebrates Hispanic heritage of students, nation

Rachel Coleman, reporter

September has been declared Hispanic Heritage Month at Liberty University.

In 1968 President Gerald Ford enacted a week-long celebration to celebrate Hispanic heritage, according to the Dean of Minority and International Students Melany Pearl. Later, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan extended it to a month.

The month-long celebration is in honor of the Hispanic heritage of many of today's American citizens and the contributions and impact they have made on the United States.

Spanish settlers arrived here long before the United States existed. "Hispanics have been an important part of the history and heritage of the Americas since the earliest days of European colonization, and today Hispanic Americans are the youngest and fastest-growing minority community in our nation," Larry Davis said in an article in the MISO Connection.

This month students will have an opportunity to learn more about the culture of their fellow

students. On Sept. 27, MISO will be holding 'Noche de Fiesta' at David's Place in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

According to Dammy Onafowokan, a junior from Nigeria and Cultural Awareness Coordinator for MISO, the event will include poetry, songs, snacks and a piñata.

Pearl said the event has a couple of different purposes. One is to be educational. "America really is a melting pot and one of the [reasons] why this is public policy, is to institute an appreciation and an understanding of the diversity of this great nation," Pearl said.

Onafowokan agreed. It will "educate students on campus about Hispanic culture," he said.

"Devoted to family, faith, country and hard work, they bring unique perspectives and experiences to our national community and character," Davis said. "The vibrant Hispanic influence can be seen in all aspects of American life and culture, from distinctive cul-

sine to colorful festivals, and from the rhythms and melodies of traditional music to the contagious beat of today's most popular songs."

Pearl added that the event will also help students to fellowship in an informal, relaxing atmosphere where they can have fun.

In addition to the 'Noche de Fiesta,' there will be an event at Amusement Square, the Children's Museum in downtown Lynchburg, on Oct. 5.

According to Pearl, they have

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—Larry Davis

been sponsoring Cultural Connections for the past few years to help bring cultural diversity to the Lynchburg area.

This event is mostly for children. Liberty stu-

dents will be there in the Mexican tent to teach them how to make paper roses and other Hispanic crafts. The theme this time is "Latin Groove" and will focus on Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Cuba. Any students wishing to attend can call the MISO office for directions and further information.

"I think it's all pretty cool," Maria Lazo, a junior transfer student, said. Lazo is helping the MISO office with the Hispanic Heritage Month, giving input and helping out with ideas. Lazo attended a community college where they did not have anything like MISO or the events being held this month and is impressed with what she's seen thus far. "I hope it all works out well. We have a lot prepared that we hope the students will enjoy," Lazo said.

Students who wish to attend the 'Noche de Fiesta' can buy their tickets for \$1 at either the MISO office or at the door. The event will be held in David's Place from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 27. Students can call MISO if they have any questions or need directions to Amusement Square.

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The Price is Right



By Chris Price, columnist

Recently I have noticed that a lot of people are going out on dates and coming back with horror stories of how bad it went. So I decided to just give a sampling of what a date with me would be like in case I ever blackmailed you into going out.

7:05 p.m. - I pick you up. I was supposed to be there by 6:30, but my hair wasn't cooperating. It was messy, but not messy cool. Guys understand what I am talking about here.

7:07 - You finally walk to the car after I have honked the horn a good 10 times. You do not look happy.

7:20 - You changed the channel on my radio. What were you thinking? I pretend to not be angry, but one more time and you may find yourself walking home.

7:30 - We sit down at the restaurant and begin to order. You ordered roughly \$90 worth of food, saying you are starving.

7:35 - You are flirting with the waiter and I am pretending not to notice.

7:40 - I see an old classmate from high school and say hey. When she leaves you get mad because you "saw the way I looked at her".

7:41 - I hate my life.

7:50 - The meal comes and you eat two bites. When you are finished you complain that you are "getting fat." You ate two bites of \$90 worth of food. You aren't getting anything but on my nerves.

8:00 - We drive to the movies.

8:05 - Awkward silence in the car. I try to say something funny and it bombs. The only thing I hear is the chirp of crickets, and the rustling of a tumbleweed as it rolls by.

8:10 - We get tickets for whatever stupid chick flick is out.

8:12 - You want candy and lots of it. It was a good thing I went to the tree in my backyard and got the money that grows off of it.

9:00 - I am debating whether to try the yawn-into-the-arm-around-the-back routine. I have worked up the courage.

9:02 - I answer, "Oh, I was just stretching" in regards to your question of "What do you think you are doing?"

10:00 - You ask, "How about ice cream?" I want to answer, "How about 'No', but I say "Sure."

10:25 - You just threw away three-fourths of the ice cream I bought. You are killing me.

10:45 - I start the drive back to your place. You are chatting about something, and I am contemplating diving off the side of Candler's Mountain.

10:55 - Awkward silence number two.

10:56 - I drop you off and start to say I will call you, but what's the use.

11:00 - Go back to my house and call mom and cry.

This is my typical date. Aren't you ready to go out with me! When it comes to dating the Price is Right.

Dr. George helps students excel

By Julleanna Outten, editor in chief

Never lacking something to do, Dr. John George sat at his desk critiquing a graduate (MBA) paper, but he quickly put that aside when a student walked in his office.

His office walls display four degrees and a large poster with the names of God, while papers covered his desk, a picture of he and his wife stand out in the midst. A tall man with white hair and dominant eyebrows turned in his chair to give full attention to his visitor.

No matter how busy he is, George said he will take time to advise or listen to students. He said that he has latched onto the philosophy that says, "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

George, the associate dean of graduate studies and business professor, received the President's Excellence Award for last school year for "his faithful service to Liberty University, his

godly example to the students of the school of business and government and his consistently high standards," Boyd Rist, vice president of academic affairs, said.

"George really is one of the most caring, compassionate and serious faculty members I have

ever known in my life," Dr. Bruce Bell, dean of the school of business and government, said. "He cares enough for students to refuse to let them get by with mediocre work." End of year student evaluations show that students agree, he said.

George teaches three sections of the business capstone course BUSI 400-Strategic Planning/Business Policy. He incorporates a "radically different methodology" into his teaching, using advanced computer technology for simulation exercises and model class presentations all the while holding high expectations for his students, often beyond what they believe possible.

In addition, he requires students to create a five-year strategic plan that has benefited numer-

ous graduates in gaining career positions.

In class he has passed on this advice to his students, "Every moment of our lives, each of us does exactly what we want to do," George continued, "The only real difference in me and your classmates is not our age, our skin color or our sex; the only relevant difference is our priorities."

He quoted Matthew 6:33 as the only priority worth living for. The verse states, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

As the associate dean of graduate studies, George adds more to his load by heading up the university's MBA program and teaching several courses related to that.

"At first he really intimidated me, but our relationship grew to be one of kidding," Sharon Cohick, secretary for business, government and accounting, said. She has been

working at Liberty just under a year and helps George with the MBA program.

She was intimidated by George's military background and said that many students share similar feelings of intimidation when first meeting

George in class but that often goes away once they get to know him.

"I look to him as a father figure. I go to him with problems and look for biblical advice and know I'll get some good, strong answers," Cohick said. "As some say, he's one huggable teddy bear."

Before coming to Liberty in 1990, George served at the military academy at West Point, N.Y. He retired in 1979 after 21 years of service, but then began his second career as the chaplain of Officers Christian Fellowship at West Point for 10 years. His time of military service included two years spent in combat in Vietnam.

The time he spent at West Point in what George called "a basically selfish society" with

every man fending for himself, influenced him to become a workaholic, but he said that in recent years God has humbled him and allowed him to see the importance of making time for people.



GEORGE

George said that he tries to be available for his students 24-7 and recalled one occasion when a student called him at 3 a.m.

"He really does take class seriously and has a heart for students," senior Sylvia Cortez said.

"He wants the class to have an impact on our lives." She noted that the high expectations he has for his class is not easy for him. For example every student must write a 50-page paper for the policy class, and George grades the papers for all three sections.

George enrolled Liberty in 1990 with plans of getting a master's degree to start a third phase in his career as a marriage counselor. He did earn his master's in counseling, but did not go into that field. Instead he was hired to head up the business part of Liberty's study abroad program. Two years later he was hired on as a full-time business professor.

George was not the only one in his family to earn degrees from Liberty. His son earned his masters in religion and his daughter earned her masters in counseling.

His two children have blessed, George and his wife Judy with six grandchildren. He and Judy were high school sweethearts and married in 1958 on the day he graduated from West Point. With a smile on his face, George said that his wife is now the "ultimate grandma" who plays ping-pong and football with her grandchildren, and she inspires him as a great prayer warrior.

Thus, George is known as a husband, a grandfather, a Vietnam veteran, a retired army officer, a counselor and a professor whose professionalism and care has earned him an award given to few individuals.

"The only real difference in me and your classmates is not our age, our skin color or our sex; the only relevant difference is our priorities."

-Dr. John George



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Students' parents, siblings visit for Family Day brunch

Families check out LU during activity-filled day.



SUSAN WHITLEY

A SLICE OF CAMPUS LIFE — Ministry team Praise 'N Motion performs for students, faculty and visitors at Family Day brunch

By Mariel Williams, news editor

Parents and siblings of LU students came to explore campus, support the football team and experience a day of university life during Family Day Saturday, Sept. 21.

Many activities were available for the families to participate in, including a brunch with faculty at which Chancellor Jerry Falwell and President John Borek both spoke.

Later in the afternoon, many families attended the LU vs. Appalachian State football game. Ron and Theresa Pope came to see their daughter Melissa. They particularly liked the game because it was a new experience for them.

"That's the first college football game we've ever been to," Theresa Pope said.

This was the fourth time the Papes came to LU and they have enjoyed every visit.

"We love it," Ron Pope said. "It's our second home," his wife added.

Before the game, Sodexo catered a tailgate party on the Hancock lawn. "The food was wonderful," Theresa Pope said. It had been a long time since she had eaten lunch on the ground. "I'd forgotten what it was like to have grass get in your drinks," she said.

Freshman Aimee Taylor's parents and sister also came for Family Day. They also saw the game, and in the evening Taylor's sister visited David's Place. "She wants to go here when she's older," Taylor said.

Freshman Emily Rosele's two sisters took advantage of the opportunity to experience dorm life for free. One of them is considering enrolling at LU

four years from now. "She really liked the campus," Rosele said. Though her room was crowded with two extra people, Rosele was pleased to have the opportunity to invite her family to Lynchburg.

"I had a great time," Rosele said. "It was nice seeing them."

One student enjoyed Family Day, but thought that it ended too quickly. Freshman Kimberly Priola said that while Family Day was a good idea, there ought to have been more activities planned. "I think there needs to be more things for parents to do while they're here," Priola said. "There should be more opportunities (for parents) to meet our faculty," she said. However, her own family greatly appreciated their weekend at LU. "They loved it here," she said.

Worldupdate

Compiled by Wes Rickards from various news sources

Pakistan arrests 10 suspected of al-Qaeda links

Ten Arab men traveling with fake passports were arrested in Pakistan after trying to sneak across the border last Sunday. Pakistani security forces nabbed the men whom officials say may be part of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

Pakistani and U.S. officials say hundreds, perhaps thousands of al-Qaeda and Taliban members have crossed into Pakistan after fleeing from U.S. forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

The suspects are being questioned in Pakistan, but the authorities have not released evidence to state why the men were believed to have terrorist ties.

Abusive mother wants her daughter back

Madelyne Gorman Toogood surrendered to police last Saturday after a nationally televised videotape showed her shaking and slapping, and punching her four-year-old daughter. An arrest warrant was issued Friday that charged her with batter to a child, which carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

Toogood's daughter, Martha, is currently in foster care pending the outcome of her mother's legal ordeal. Martha showed no signs of physical injury, but the state placed her temporarily in custody of another family.

The 26-year-old Toogood told reporters that she had merely lost

her temper, and that her "daughter should not have to pay for it." She also stated that she would do anything to get her daughter back, as she's fearful of what may happen next.

Authorities said the mother had left the store angry because she was refused a cash refund for goods. Toogood was then seen putting her daughter in the back seat of her car, then beating her child for nearly a half-minute.

Palestinian demonstrators killed in retaliatory fire

In response to a Tel Aviv bus bombing that killed six last week, Israeli forces launched an attack on Yasser Arafat's complex. Four Palestinian demonstrators, part of thousands who violated military curfews, were killed protesting this action.

Israeli troops at Arafat's Ramallah compound threatened to blow up the building unless the men inside surrendered. But later, Israel said it had no intention to harm Arafat or destroy the building.

In Gaza City, thousands marched in front of the Palestinian parliament building to protest the Israeli operation. In Ramallah, troops fired tear gas and bullets to disperse protesters; two were killed by army fire. Two more were killed in Tulkarem and in a Balata refugee camp. Israeli military officials said soldiers opened fire on armed Palestinians after warning shots were ignored.

Campus Calendar

September

9/24/02 - ScareMare Rally - **9:00 p.m. @ David's Place** - Call Youth Office for more info.

9/27/02 - Noche de Fiesta - **7:00 p.m. @ David's Place** - For more info or suggestions, contact the MISO office

9/27/02 - Men's Hockey Game - **11:00 p.m. @ UNC**

9/28/02 - Master's Inn Paintball Tournament - Call Student Life for more info

October

10/5/02 - Homecoming Parade - **12:00 p.m.**

10/22/02 - UVA Minority Career Day - **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. @ Charlottesville Omni Hotel** - Transportation and lunch provided - \$2.00 to reserve your seat - Call the MISO Office for more info

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DROUGHT: Water from James keeps L'burg and LU from running dry

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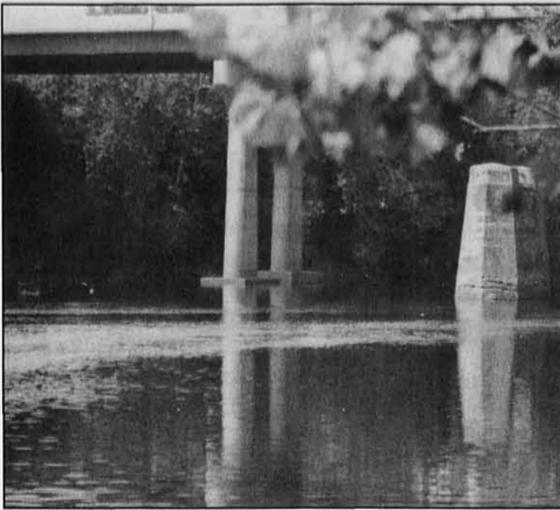
Although the last couple of weeks have brought some rain, the only lasting effects come with a good amount of precipitation at Pedlar Reservoir. Bontrager said that even a downpour in the city would be short-term. To stay on top of the problem, the Lynchburg Utilities Department will be proposing a water conservation ordinance to City Council this week.

Since LU gets its water from Lynchburg waterlines that feed onto campus, the city's problem is also the university's. J.O. Renalds, director of Field Operations, is in charge of making sure the school does its part in the conservation effort. "The maintenance department endeavors to keep all plumbing fixtures and campus waterlines serviceable to pre-

vent wasting of water," Renalds said. Renalds also noted that the grounds department has cut back on watering the grass, shrubs and flowers around campus. "We have seen some losses of trees and shrubs due to the drought, especially some of the more recently planted items," he said.

Many students have not noticed the change in water quality since returning in August, but it doesn't bother them knowing their water comes from the James. "I have full faith in the Lynchburg water system. I know whatever comes out of my spigot will be drinkable," senior Joe Leahy said.

Senior Adreana Sprouse feels the same. "I trust that Lynchburg keeps the public in mind and works to give the residents the best possible water," she said.



KENNY GIBSON

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE — Central Virginia's diminishing water supply passes the hill city, flowing out to sea.

SUICIDE: Prevention measures promoted

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Many students want to be ready to help the suicidal but don't know how. "Without knowing about this policy I would have prayed for the person and tried to talk. I would consider that the person was really crying out for help," freshman Pressley Powell said.

The policy has done much to bring the seriousness of suicide to the minds of many people. "We can become so complacent. Life isn't about routine. It's about people and their lives. We could be surrounded and not even know about it. It's something we should be aware of. It's not until something like that [suicide] happens that we stop to examine people," Spiritual Life Director, Katie Basbagill said.

Basbagill believes that as a student body, we need to be aware of any signs and do anything we can to prevent it. Hine said it's important that everyone read the policy and understand it. Any questions can be e-mailed to www.suicideprevention@liberty.edu, and they will be answered.

BAUER: Conservative activist speaks

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"(The assassination) set off a period in our history when there was divisions and battles in the streets," Bauer said.

In the same way that these events gave the people of the 40s and 60s meaning so the new war on terrorism have given the new century a sense of definition.

"The defining moment for this generation was 9/11," he said. Bauer went on to recount how he was just 75 yards from the Pentagon when it was hit by the hijacked plane.

"I would find out later that there were people on that plane I knew," he said.

Senior Heather Ransom said she gained a very favorable impression of Bauer during his talk. "I really enjoyed what he had to say," Ransom said.

The Sept. 11 tragedies were the bloodiest in the last 100 years of American history, but showed the vulnerability of this nation. "Certainly there is a renewed patriotism," Bauer said of the post 9/11 country. "It was encouraging to see people in the aftermath calling on God." However, he added that "we can't just call on God during a tragedy, then kick him out of our lives, our schools, our public meeting places every other day."

last 30 or 40 years has seen a complete decline in the moral fabric of our civilization, demonstrably shown by the gradual eradication of God from public squares and the legalization of abortion.

"If we had a real revival sweeping this country, then I think we would see change in the culture and the politics," Bauer said. "If more people had confidence and courage, we could end up reversing a lot of the decline."

"I think there's a possibility for national renewal here," Bauer said, expressing how his eight years under Reagan made him an optimist. "Maybe ten years from now, we'll look back on the last thirty years and wonder how it is we can take the lives of our unborn children."

On Sunday, Bauer closed with a word of hope. He exhorted his audience to not give up hope, and to remember that the most important conflict is already over. Bauer said, "Take heart this morning; believe with all your heart that the cross won the battle."



BAUER

POLE: Students pray for their home high schools

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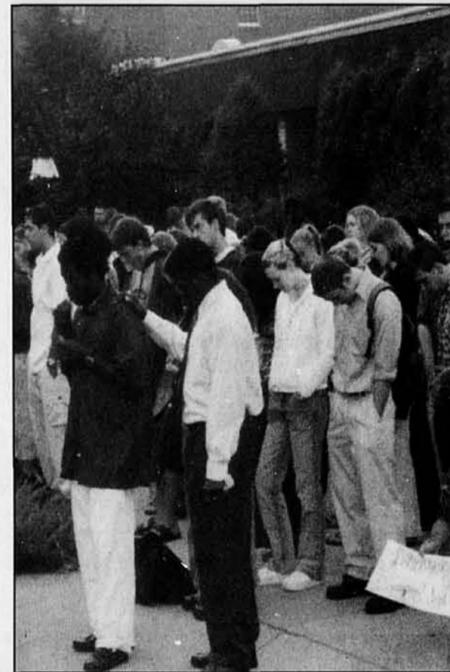
Sophomore Wade Hvizdak, when asked why he thought See You at the Pole was so important, said, "It is important because it is a sacrifice of sleep to show that you are supporting the country and that you actually care."

After a time of praise and worship, the students and faculty separated into groups of two or three and prayed for their home high schools, friends, teachers, leaders and the nation.

"I like the fact that the school initiates the spiritual aspect of prayer for the nation and having each student pray for his own school. Some of the high schools just need help," sophomore Bethany Barnett said.

Sophomore Jaime Wolfe agreed. "It was awesome to see friends praying for friends back home."

Carson said he thought that making this sacrifice of sleep and time showed the students' great desire for God. "The students' prayer is expressing desire as well as trust in God... We are seeing a group of students who are understanding the value of prayer," he said.



RACHEL WISE

HEADS BOWED, EYES CLOSED — Students from around the world pray around the courtyard flag.

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Opinion

“ Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.

-Phillip Brooks.

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Excuses for parking tickets

1. I was just getting my mail.
2. That diamond wasn't there before.
3. I'm valet parking for Jerry.
4. I'm color blind.
5. I was only there for five minutes.
6. Isn't it 4:30?
7. I had my flashers on.
8. I'm a visitor.
9. There wasn't any other space.
10. The whole lot was empty anyways.

APOLOGY: The names of the police officer and dog pictured on the front page of last week's issue are Sgt. Mark Tinsley and Diwa. -Julles Outten

Napster unheralded for music sales

Stealing is wrong. Piracy is wrong. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people who'll take those statements, and unjustly apply them to certain areas. When I use internet file-sharing services, I am not in the wrong, nor am I guilty of anything. I have absolutely no problem using internet file-sharing services like Napster, and it's not just because I like sticking it to the fat cats in the record industry. Fact of the matter is that I think those services are completely legal.



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The law that affects Napster the most is the 1992 Audio Home Recording Act, which was passed by Congress. In it, it states that it is legal to make recordings and to lend them out to people, provided that it's not done for commercial purposes or for a profit. Napster does not make a profit from the songs that are downloaded, but instead by selling advertisements.

But are they guilty of piracy? In order for that to be true, it must be proven that Napster's actions hurt the music industry. However, this is not the case. Seventy percent of Napster's users download songs to sample music before they buy a CD. I, for one, downloaded several of Bruce Springsteen's songs before I purchased his new album (one of the best that I've ever heard, actually). In 2000, during the height of the Napster era, music sales increased by \$500 million, according to a CNN report on the subject. Does Napster hurt each individual artist? Well, for every album sold, Toni Braxton for one made a paltry 37 cents. Musicians don't get money for every album, but instead from signing mega-deals with record labels. And, the aforementioned fat

cats are not injured because of file-sharing, but instead made a half a billion bucks. Why? Because Napster broadens the horizons for music listeners.

There are groups such as Metallica who are infuriated with Napster, comparing internet file-sharing to breaking into a

record store and stealing CDs. But Metallica, and others (such as Dr. Dre) are in no way representative samples of all musicians. Courtney Love made a rather poignant comment by stating "Stealing our copyright provisions in the dead of night when no one is looking is piracy. It's not piracy when kids swap music over the Internet using

Napster. There were one billion downloads last year [2000], but music sales are way up, so how is Napster hurting the music industry? It's not. The only people who are scared of Napster are the people who have filler on their albums and are scared that if people hear more than one single they're not going to buy the album."

Curiously enough, Metallica has no problem when users utilize Napster to download their bootlegged recordings. Why is that? Well, any music aficionado can tell you that Metallica hasn't had a good song since "Enter Sandman." The reason they allow listeners to hear bootlegged recordings (and this is pure conjecture) is because their songs are filler; they're using Napster as sort of a focus group, to see what the public likes. From there, Metallica will alter its songs accordingly, and release a

better song than they originally intended. All because of Napster.

If an individual decides to download songs, put them onto a CD to sell it (and make a profit), that's wrong and illegal. That person would be guilty of violating copyright laws, because he profited on

someone else's work. Some would have you believe that Napster would be guilty of "vicarious infringement", because it played a significant part in the person's quest to acquire those songs. But there are no songs on Napster's central server, only on other computers. Napster is but a mere conduit, much like the phone company is during a conversation. Some could still argue that it is still guilty

because people abused its system. But, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 says that an internet service provider, like Napster, has no duty to monitor or seek facts showing infringing activities.

So is Napster legal? Yes. We must realize that Napster is not crippling the music industry, but instead revolutionizing it. The real question should instead be, "Will we welcome this change, or will we deny ourselves the opportunity to change our music for the better?" After all, the same roadblock that Napster has endured has been seen every time a new device or piece of technology is introduced. For the betterment of the music industry, we must toss whatever vice we have towards Napster and realize that it is legal and beneficial. The future holds limitless possibilities, and it is up to us to accept it.

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Teens sue McDonalds for their obesity

In a list of the stupidest lawsuits ever, the most recent case against the McDonald's restaurant chain ranks number one, even over the infamous "my coffee was hot and I spilled it on myself" case. In a complaint filed by lawyers for two overweight adolescents, McDonalds is accused of marketing their food to underage consumers, who because of their impressionable age could not make rational health conscious decisions and as a result became excessively obese.

The two plaintiffs, who are both girls, stand 5'9" and 5'3" but weigh 270 and 200 pounds, respectively. The lawsuit claims that while both of them ate at McDonalds several times a week, they and their parents were unaware of how fattening the food was. This, despite the obvious poster-size charts of nutritional information that every one of us knows McDonalds hangs on its store walls. The dilemma this case creates is not over whether or not McDonalds food is fattening, but over whether other people can be held responsible for an individual's personal ignorance and poor judgment.

"When we're suing on behalf of children, it's hard to argue that a 6, or 8 or 10-year-old has to take full responsibility for their decisions when they're lured into McDonald's by the toys and the playground and happy meals and the birthday parties," said attorney John Banzhaf, who is helping represent the suit.

Since when can't a child be held responsible? Granted children's minds do not function on the same accountability level as adults. If a child was to get to tipped off by an executive relative and commit insider trading, of course we wouldn't hold them accountable, but that is the simple reason children are not stock brokers. To the extent that children are allowed to function and make decisions in society, they should be held responsible. Furthermore, if a child suffers lapse in judgment and cannot make sound decisions over even the smallest of things, they have been provided with superior sources on responsibility to help them in their time of need, namely parents.

How can a child be expected to get away with what ever he wants, never accepting responsibility, and then like a magic act grow up the day he turns eighteen? The message that is being sent is that these two girls are not socially responsible for their actions, and because we all assume that someone must be responsible we blame some big bad corporate entity.

Then as if money is the answer, mom calls a lawyer over her kid's obesity and we have a multi-million dollar lawsuit. Well,

just in case nobody thought about it. Money isn't the answer, because every cent of any settlement is likely to go walking right back into McDonalds on the haunches of a richer but not in the least bit smarter obese kid, for twice as many Big Macs as his money could buy before.

If we as people can't be held personally responsible for our eating habits what can we be held accountable for? Society in general has continued to buy the rationalization of each individual's actions until no one is responsible for anything, not even the food you put in your own mouth.

The number of cases like this, however, will continue to rise as long as people continue to blame others for their bad decisions. While the McDonalds lawsuit is new, the premise is not. America has allowed the robbing of millions of dollars from corporate entities, including large tobacco companies merely because they do not have a positive social image. I'm not a tobacco fan, or a fast food fan for that matter, but the issue is not their product, both of which are well marked as to their content. It is the responsibility of each human for the decisions that they make. What you do is your responsibility (period).



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SPEAKUP: What are your biggest pet peeves?



"Fake fashion rock and people who listen to bad music loud."

-George Borsay, Sr.
Waterloo, Ind.



"That lady in the purple civic who never uses blinkers (you know who you are)."

-David Detwiler, Fr.
Lynchburg, Va.



"Meaningless conversations such as 'how was your break?'"

-Darrell Ford, Sr.
Newport News, Va.



"My biggest pet peeve is that people can't drive. Go to driving school!!!"

-Becca Blackley, Sr.
Durham, N.C.



"When people snap their gum from the fillings in their teeth."

-Korey Bonser, Sr.
Madison, Va.



"My biggest pet peeve about people is pre-judging before getting to know them."

-Kelly Wick, Sr.
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Commentary

Letter to the Editor

by Carrie Seaford

It has been brought to my attention several times in the past weeks that there have been a number of articles on the fashion fury of fall for Liberty students. It seems that we have an eclectic ancestry that I was unaware of, rules and regulations of the fashion world that have been passed down from the thousands of years of Liberty graduates before us. Fashion "do's and don'ts" if you will. I hate to break it to a few misinformed people that their ideas are rather outdated.

Let's touch on the issue of white after Labor Day. In the fashion industry of today it is completely acceptable for fall as long as you don't include the white shoes. White has been seen sported in all of the latest "trendy" magazines, as well as fashion runways all over the world. As for our ladies looking "classy," and not "loud," sure you catch a day or two when you've got a few people sporting black and white, but you fail to give creativity its proper dues, have you missed the unique, hard-to-find, only looks good on a few people in the universe outfits? That's where the credit goes, to those people that don't conform to look like every other person on the planet with the same American Eagle shirt as 552 other girls on campus, who all inevitably wear them the same day.

As for the boys, they've been given props for "smart" dressing in khakis and button up solids. I don't know if anyone else has noticed the rising trend in the Howdy-Doody-I-just-walked-off-the-set-of-Hee-Haw look that only a few guys can pull off and

call it fashion. I love this. Once again you that do pull it off are not conforming, that's something once more to give props to.

The issue of thriftiness also came to my attention. The comment about not wearing clothes until they wear out, I will answer with a single point. If you walk into any name brand clothing store today you'll find clothes that look like they've already been worn out for you, wear it as long as you like, it's the "style." If you like it, wear it, if no one else does, newsflash, it doesn't matter.

It also bothers me that we're so consumed by this whole fashion issue. When you shop for clothes you're not shopping for a body or "who you are". If we could buy bodies we would all be the same, having the same impossible Barbie figure, or ripped Ken physique. We would fail to our individuality that God designed us for, and remain hollow, beautiful, indifferent people without a face to express our purpose. There's a reason that Barbie dolls were created hollow. There's also a reason that we ask Christ to inhabit our hearts, instead of our meager, failing, decaying, framework. Did Christ not die a naked man to save the souls of undeserving people, that He also sees as naked?

"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matt. 6:25

Out of touch with reality shows

Death defying stunts, satanic neighbors, starving island people, and a loosely dressed plus sized model fill the air. What bizarre dream could this be? It could possibly be an act in a circus sideshow, or a comedy improv skit, or even people in line for the auditions of a Kid Rock video, but the answer is none of the above. What I'm referring to is the newest rage of television known as reality shows.



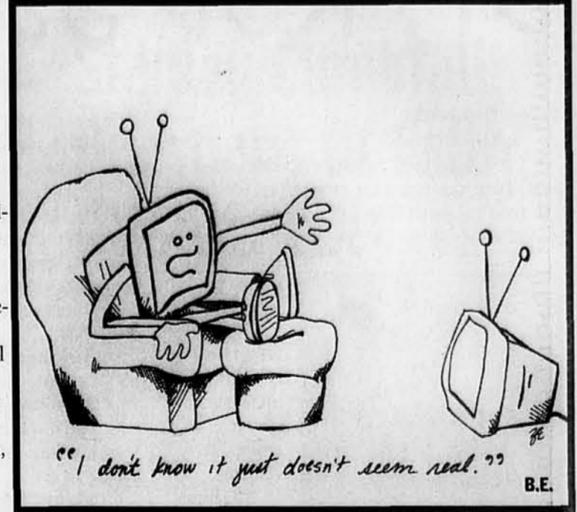
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These reality shows are supposed to capture life as the networks think it is, raw and unintelligent. The networks do a great job of portraying the unintelligent part of their shows, whether they do so intentionally or not. In most of these type shows, a camera basically lives with celebrities or normal people no matter what they do, or where they go. The key word here is anything or anywhere. This includes two girls arguing over whom to sleep with, as in the show Big Brother, the Real World, Road Rules, or basically

most of the reality shows, and also includes Ozzy Osborne yelling obscenities at his dogs for using the bathroom on the carpet, as in the current most popular reality show, the

Osborne's. Lets not forget Anna Nicole Smith wallowing down the street while trying to eat the whole bakery section from Krogers, and still managing to be fowl at the same time.

In my opinion, this is stupidity at its worst. Maybe the producers of these shows find the reality of their lives to be as equally shallow and brainless as the shows that they produce. That at least explains why there is no such thing as morals in these shows. Even in reality game shows such as Fear Factor and Dog Eat Dog, there is a lack of taste and morals. A prime example of this was an episode in which a challenge for the contestants was to strip completely nude in front of a studio audience in order to



win \$50,000. This is not confronting fears, which is the purpose and supposed edginess of the program, this is blatant immorality and pornography. In what sense is reality being portrayed through these shows? Maybe for these Jerry Springer rejects whose lives have been exploited and turned into entertainment this is reality, but I think not. These shows are being broadcast on local chan-

nels and primetime spots where millions of people are seeing them and millions of people's morals are being distorted more then they already were. We shouldn't buy into the life that is being portrayed through these reality shows.

Get your own image and get your own life, don't let the trailer trash of Hollywood be an example for your life.

Pride: The sin from which all others arise

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It is everywhere. The pastor, who will not take advice from his wife, the baseball player who demands an eight-digit income, and even the Liberty University student who "dresses up" to dine in the Marriott. It is the very thing that drives us to intense competition in even recreational sports and the very thing that leads to an endless path of destruction and demise.

It has been called the sin from which all others arise. The excessive belief in one's own abilities, that interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God - pride. C.S. Lewis said of pride, "There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves. And the more we

have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others."

Pride is the utmost evil. It is the very source that drives us to want more, all the while, feeling like we have obtained less. It is the single cause of man's fall. It is through pride that the devil became the devil. The more pride we have in us, the more we dislike it in others. Pride is not having something, but rather having more than the next man (or woman). Pride destroys relationships, because it's always seeking to take away from others. It is the most competitive of sins, and a sin that we as Christians are tempted with more often than non-believers. It becomes a never-ending cycle because each person's pride is in competition with everyone else's pride.

The Christian handbook, The Bible, has countless stories of

pride and its effects. In 2 Samuel 17:11, Hushai appeals to Absalom's pride, which later led to Absalom's fall. Second Chronicles 26:16 tells how pride leads to destruction. The book of Proverbs is chiefly devoted to educating the reader on pride (vs. 2:16-17, 6:3, 8:13, 13:10, 16:18). Pride is a barrier to belief in Jesus in John 11:45-53. In Acts 12:23, Agrippa's pride led to his death and in Ephesians 2:11-13, pride blinds us to our faults. I do not know the answer to

solving the problem of pride. It is a problem that we all face everyday of our lives. I do not think we can ultimately conquer

it, but I do know that the first step is giving God total control of our lives and to stop believing in the good of ourselves. My final suggestion is reading C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity", namely chapter eight, "The Great Sin".

This article was written with one person in mind, myself.

"The more pride we have in us, the more we dislike it in others. Pride destroys relationships, because it's always seeking to take away from others."

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It's a long way from the Apollo Theatre to the Apollo program. And while his playing may have been "as lofty as a moon flight," as Time magazine once suggested, that would be as close as Louis Daniel Armstrong would ever get to taking "one small step for man."

But as the jazz musician of the 20th century, giant leaps were simply a matter of course for Armstrong. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extracurricular in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at www.ArmstrongforTheArts.org. Just like the great Louis Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.

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picks of the week

• 9/24 Scaremare Rally

Come out on Tuesday at 9 p.m. for the Scaremare kick-off rally. This rally is a chance to talk with the various room leaders and to sign up to work in the different rooms. YouthQuest will be the entertainment and snacks will be provided.

• 9/24-26 Female Self-Defense Course

A self defense course for women will be offered in the Schilling Center Wrestling Room at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. This course will include physical instruction as well as information on the issue of self-defense.

• 9/27 Noche De Fiesta

This celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month is open to all and will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at David's Place. Cost is \$1. For more information contact the MISO office at ext. 2688.

• 9/30 "Recipe for Resumes"

A workshop is being hosted by the Career Center on Monday at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 2053. This workshop will advise students on preparing their resume in this age of technology. Students will be taught how to prepare paper, electronic and scannable resumes. The workshop will be presented by Sharon Minard.

Dr. Rob Jackson returns to LU

By Carrie Frasz, reporter

Dr. Rob Jackson, Liberty's senior campus pastor and vice-president for spiritual life, has returned to Liberty University. Dr. Jackson served at Liberty for two decades before he left to



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Campus Pastor Rob Jackson speaks to students

follow God's calling to another ministry in August 2000. Now he is back to influence the lives of even more Liberty students.

Jackson is originally from High Rolls, N.M., just outside of the Lincoln National Forest. There his father was contracted by the government to work

on the atomic bomb. His mother played a vital role in Jackson's life, since she was the one who led him to Christ at a Good News Club held in the Jackson's backyard when he was 5.

Jackson credits his mother and father for having a huge impact on his life and ministry.

"My parents impressed upon me the sense to fit in to God's World and what He had planned for me," Jackson shared.

Dr. Jackson first went to the Air Force Academy and began his education with the military. After two years, he realized his true calling was to be a pastor. So, he left the Academy and went to the University of Texas. He spent a single semester there then joined the Life Action ministry team.

It was there that he met his wife, Tami. Tami worked with the children for the ministry, and it was her dynamic teaching skills that caught Jackson's eye.

Together they went on to run a camp in northern California. It was then that Jackson made the decision to transfer to Liberty University.

While here Jackson not only received his Bachelors, but also completed two masters, an MA and MD, and is still going. He is close to receiving yet another degree. Jackson remarks as he points to the hanging degrees on the walls, that he has had "too much school."

Jackson worked on the staff at Liberty from 1980 through 2000. He served as a dean, until the need came for a campus pastor. Jackson stayed on the staff, watching students grow and go out into the world.

"It is fulfilling to see grads doing front-line work in the world and making a difference," said

Jackson. In 2000, Jackson and his family felt a call leading them elsewhere. God directed Jackson to pastor a church in Austin, Texas. He was actively involved in the incredible growth of the church and also started the ministry of Family for a Lifetime.

Family for a Lifetime is a program that strengthens families by promoting biblical marriages, a spiritual heritage for children, and a passion for the local church and sharing the gospel.

Jackson has a high sense of family. He speaks highly and often of Tami, his wife of 22 years and his children. His oldest daughter, Beth, 21, is working on her masters at Liberty. Jessica, 16, is a high school student, and Ryan, 12, is in Jr. High. The latest addition to the Jackson family, however, is just over a month old. Jayden was a surprise and blessing to the entire

Jackson family.

Jackson brought his family back to Lynchburg this year when he felt the Lord calling him back to serve at Liberty. He returned to his position as the senior campus pastor and is also the vice president for spiritual life.

Jackson has a sincere care and concern for the student body. He shared, "I would like to see genuine revival. Revival has typically started by youth, and I would like to see a spontaneous work of God started by our students." Jackson would also like to see students commit to a local

church. He said students should, "become deeply committed to the local church and use their God given gifts through the church."

Junior Nate Riddlehoover says of Jackson, "It's obvious that he loves his job and the students, and genuinely has concern for the spiritual life here at Liberty."

Jackson just feels honored to be able to do the Lord's work. He says it is the greatest fulfillment to know that, "God gave the privilege to a Joe-Blow mountain kid to make a difference in the world."

Jackson works with Light Ministries, sending disciples all over the world, and also with the campus pastors office, including ministering to the leadership as well as the entire student body. He attends and often challenges students through speaking at campus church both on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

"Rob Jackson expresses great passion about the things he preaches about. He is also very sincere and sensitive when it comes to things of the Lord and everyday issues." Senior Laura Leibmann said.

However, Jackson is not all work, he has many hobbies including racquetball, hunting, and riding his motorcycle.

"Even with his busy position, growing family, and hobbies, he always makes time for students," sophomore Kristin Conrad said.

Jackson welcomes each and every student to meet with him, email, or call him. He regularly hangs out after convocation to be available to students as well.



Dr. Rob Jackson and family

Get involved with Operation Christmas Child

By Kelly Sullenger, reporter

Gift-giving is such an exciting thing. It's a wonderful feeling to watch the expression on someone's face as he opens a gift. The best reactions come from some-



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Some 5 million children, including hundreds of thousands in Africa, will receive shoebox gifts this year

thing totally unexpected. The person receiving the gift gets wide-eyed with a big toothy grin and total shock written all over his face. Watching that scene always brings that feeling of satisfaction deep down inside, knowing that someone was made very happy.

Operation Christmas Child is a project that seeks to give that joy to kids all over the world at Christmas time. Unlike most Americans, these kids don't get Christmas. Some of the children that receive gifts through Operation Christmas Child have never felt the excitement of opening a gift at all, ever.

Through prayers, volunteering and financial contributions, people all over the United States and other fortunate countries can contribute to this cause.

The project is put together by an organization called Samaritan's Purse that is headed up by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse delivers millions of shoeboxes full of little treasures for kids all around the world. They distribute to countries such as Albania, Haiti and Uzbekistan.

The amazing thing about this project is that it comes from your heart. You have the opportunity to pack a shoebox for either a boy or a girl, ages 2-14.

Those interested in putting together a shoebox can decide what they think a child of whatever age they choose would like and they shop for them. They can put a letter and a picture of themselves in the box as well to personalize their gifts.

Samaritan's Purse recommends such gifts as a flashlight and bouncy ball for a boy or a teddy bear and bracelets for a girl. This project is also an opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with a child. It is suggested that colorful books that share the message of Christ are put in the box, or even a Bible.

At a school in New York City, students decided to each put together boxes for children of Afghanistan.

Some of the children from New York had lost family members in the September 11 attacks yet they realized that Afghan children were hurting as well.

If you are interested in contributing to Samaritan's Purse'

Operation Christmas Child then contact the Champion office at ext. 2124. The Champion office also seeks to be involved in this project, so come by the office located in DeMoss 1035 to pick up a sheet with more information on what to put in the shoeboxes. The Champion office will be the drop-off for all of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

This is a great way to get involved and to spread a little Christmas cheer, and with the easy drop-off spot in DeMoss, there really isn't an excuse for not getting involved.

You can also go to their website at www.samaritanspurse.org to find out more about Operation Christmas Child. The collection week to send in your shoeboxes for 2002 is Nov. 18-25.

Christmas may seem like a long way away, but now is the time to think about ways to spread a little Christmas cheer to some very special children. You could have the opportunity to show Christ simply by filling up a shoebox.

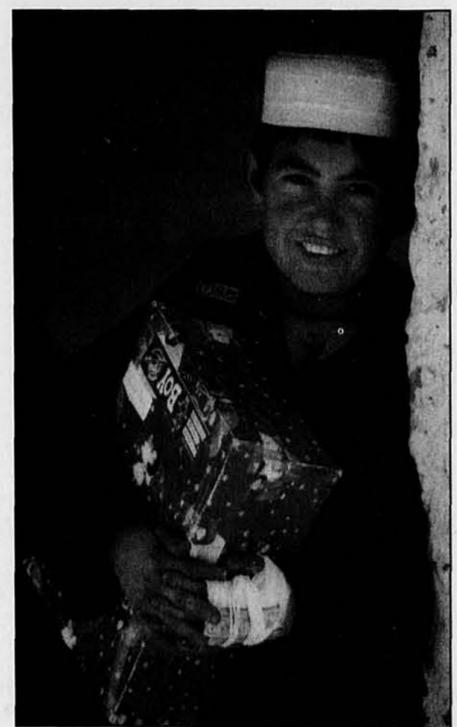


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In December 2001, 65,000 Afghanistan children received shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child.

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Enjoy your imaginings

Okay, so we all know that we have them. Those people who, despite all of your best intentions, make your heart beat faster when they walk by. You simply can't help the smile that lights up your face after a conversation with that person. Just being in their presence has a way of making the day seem brighter, and the project that you have to complete less overwhelming. Every single one of us, who is not deeply committed to someone, has those meaningless little crushes.

Granted, I am very much the hopeless romantic, but even the most devout opposition to the romantic side of things cannot help but have the occasional crush. There is just something fun about having that guy that you look forward to seeing in the Teacher Education Hall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or, for you guys, it might be

the girl that has the same lunch as you on Tuesday and Thursday. And don't even try to deny that you don't take the long route to your math class just so you can get a glimpse of that person whose class lets out before yours starts.

I knew a girl who would purposefully go out of her way to go through TE to see a particular guy each Tuesday and Thursday. They were dating for three months before they realized that he didn't have a class in TE either. This pair ran into each other one time in TE, and both assumed that the other one had a class there.

Now, I am perfectly willing to admit that these meaningless crushes are all completely ridiculous, because, in fact, they are. However, there is great fun in having that

person who has the ability to brighten your day simply by existing.

Someone once said that "to know is nothing at all; to imagine is everything," and I think that applies in the area of little crushes. It's always fun to imagine yourself with the person who you're absolutely convinced would be perfect with you.

Guys, you just know that if the girl would pay you a little attention then you would be able to win her over with your incredible sense of humor and superior good looks. We girls are sure that if the guy would just ask us out then we would make the ideal couple.

But what do we do about all of this? Absolutely nothing. We may have a meaningless little conversation in the bookstore or share a smile in the



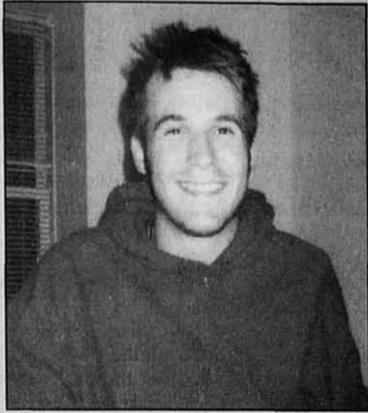
courtyard, but this is the extent of it. Now for some of us, this is enough. Having personally had my share of silly crushes, I can vouch that oftentimes this is all a person is looking for. Yet—why not be willing to take the next step?

I am strongly encouraging each and every one of you who has that crush in your life to do something about it. Ask that girl in your speech class if she'd like to have coffee. Live a little bit—the worst thing that will happen is that you won't be the ideal couple that you thought you might be.

And in the event that the worst happens, and the guy from your English class really isn't your prince charming, then don't despair, because the boy that sits next to you in government could be your future husband. You just never know.

So go ahead and enjoy those crushes—the girl you see in the library that makes the studying you have to do seem much less important, or the guy in the cafeteria that makes your pasta seem suddenly unappetizing. Enjoy these moments. But be willing to go beyond your imaginings. Something wonderful just might happen.

Do You Know



JAMES NASMAN

- Hometown:** Westwood, Mass.
- Major:** Communications—Public Relations and Advertising
- Favorite movie:** Bonnie and Clyde
- Favorite Color:** green
- Most treasured material possession:** My CD collection
- My worst habit:** road rage
- Describe your ideal Saturday afternoon:** A day at the beach on Cape Cod.
- Pet peeves:** vanity plates
- Favorite Holiday:** Halloween
- Something I collect:** parking tickets
- Favorite Verse:** John 16:33
- Girls impress me who:** don't dress the same as all the girls on campus
- Favorite TV Show:** Survivor
- Dream Vacation:** road trip out to the Grand Canyon
- What I do when no one else is watching:** rummage through my room-mates' stuff
- If I could be anyone for a day it would be:** my math professor so I could give myself an A.
- Most significant moment:** Being featured in the Liberty Champion.

Lynchburg's Kaleidoscope

By Tamia Hetrick, reporter

Whether you're from a big city that has it all or from a small town that offers few community events, Lynchburg, Va. has something to offer everyone with its Kaleidoscope of events each September.

The word kaleidoscope can hold as many different personal meanings as there are people to ask. When a few Liberty students were asked, they responded with a variety of answers. "It means a beautiful confusion," Camie Poplaski said.

"Kaleidoscope means a mixture of different things, shapes and personalities. It's something where everyone sees it different, like a collage," Christie Hoggard said.

When student and Lynchburg resident Mark Jennings was asked about Kaleidoscope his first response was, "Are you talking about the event here in Lynchburg? Kaleidoscope tries to blend culture, arts, music and history."

Kaleidoscope was started in 1975, after William P. Blackwell returned from a visit to the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville, Tenn. Blackwell was impressed by the festival and thought something like that would work well in Lynchburg.

Kaleidoscope made its debut in September of 1975 with six days of 47 cultural, recreational and athletic programs. Among the first year's events was a hula-hoop contest. More than 25 years later, the Kaleidoscope festival features 30 attractions and lasts the entire month of September. Kaleidoscope now offers the city's most attended community gatherings.

Kaleidoscope events started on Sept. 1 and last until Sept. 29. This year's Kaleidoscope kicked off with a professional giant bicycles stunt team. Freestyle stunts were performed during two shows that were free to the public. Other events included a visit to a confectionary store and a swing con-

cert that featured both swing and jazz music. The highlight of Kaleidoscope is the Day in the Park on Sept. 14. This year featured family events that centered on musical entertainment, concessions, rides and exhibits. The more adventurous of heart were able to enjoy airplane rides of Lynchburg.

Among the events still to come is the Central Virginia Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. This is both a fundraiser for Alzheimer's and an awareness builder to the community.

The Walk will consist of a 4.5 mile walk starting at the Peakland United Methodist Church. The memory walk is a nationwide event that takes place each year during September and October. There are walks in more than 400 cities. Since 1989 these walks have raised more than \$100 million for Alzheimer programs and services. For more information about the memory walk you can call the Peakland United Methodist Church at (434) 845-8440.

There is also still time to enjoy The World's Longest Recital, which will take place on Sept. 28 at the River Ridge Mall Commons Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is an informal music recital presented by students of all ages. The many styles of music being performed include patriotic, jazz, classical, gospel and show-tunes.

Kaleidoscope has a number of ongoing events in the area such as "A Life in Photography: Louise Rosskam and the Documentary Tradition" at the Maiser Museum of Art, located at Randolph-Macon Woman's College from 1-5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Rosskam is a photojournalist who worked on New Deal government and post-war corporation projects, and is one of the few surviving photographers of that era.

Also mark Sept. 28 on your calendar, when the 29th annual Virginia Ten Miler takes place. This is a Lynchburg tradition that shouldn't be missed.

Music Spotlight

Lifehouse

Stanley Climbfall: Questions Of Faith ANSWERED!

By Joe Portnoy, reporter

With their debut album, "No Name Face," Lifehouse wowed secular audiences with songs like, "Hanging By A Moment" and "Sick Cycle Carousel," but it was some time before the Christian market heard the album and began to ask questions of the trio.

"Is Lifehouse a Christian band?" While the band never really answered this particular question during its double-platinum selling run, the question has been answered with its sophomore, Dreamworks Records, release, "Stanley Climbfall."

Not only did the band cross-over from the secular market into the Christian market with this release, look no further than the liner notes and see that Lifehouse members are hiding their faith no more. Jason Wade, Sergio Andrade and Rick Woolstenhulme all thank God as well as thanking God for being their source of strength.

Lyrics such as "And the world keeps spinning 'round / My world's upside down and I wouldn't change a thing / I've got nothing else to lose / I lost it all when I found you and I wouldn't change a thing / You and I wouldn't change a thing," express their utter dependence on Jesus Christ.

Lifehouse picks up where they left off with "No Name Face" and takes one step farther with this latest release. The record "rocks out" much more than the debut with tracks like "Spin," "Anchor" and "Take Me Away."

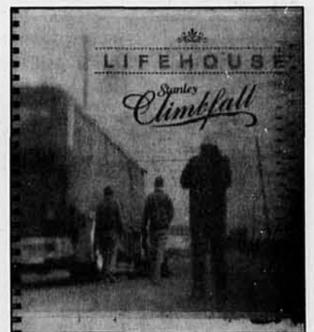
The record's title track and "My Precious" show that the group can slow things down a bit as well. "Am I Ever Gonna Find Out" and "Out of Breath" stand out on the album as well.

Look for a few of these tracks to get massive radio air-play, at first listen, there are at least three potential hit songs on this album. Along with the CD comes two bonus tracks. A song called "How Long" and an acoustic version of track number 3, "Sky Is Falling" will definitely be receiving attention.

Lifehouse takes us a little deeper into its journey with its latest release. The honesty and transparency on the album should all but lay to rest questions of the band's faith in Christ.

ALBUM STATISTICS

- Release: 9-17-02
- Dreamworks Records
- Produced by Ron Aniello
- Mixed by Brendan O'Brien
- Website: www.lifehousemusic.com
- 12 Tracks (2 Bonus Tracks)
- Total Running Time: 58:19
- enhanced CD (launches secret website)
- Grade: A



he said, she said

What is your idea of an ideal evening with your significant other?



Matthew Kirkland, senior biblical studies major

I'd like to take her to a nice restaurant where you could look out and see the best sunset possible. Then I'd like to take a carriage ride through the city. I'd end the date telling her I've grown more and more in love with who she is.



Heather Richardson, junior FACS major

My ideal date would be to go to a park, where it's peaceful and quiet, and have a picnic. After that I'd like to go on a hot air balloon ride and watch the sun go down. I would just love having the chance to be together, where things are tranquil and quiet.

Helpful Hints For Following Laundry etiquette

By Mike Adame, reporter

As if classes, dorm life and parking weren't enough to deal with, there is yet another aspect of college that can take a toll on the average student. That issue is laundry. No matter how hard you try to keep your clothes clean and fresh between washings it is still inevitable that laundry must be done. Luckily, Liberty does provide us with facilities to do our laundry, but that doesn't mean that we are all experts at it.

Some of us have come to college without having done a single load of laundry in our lives. Others have become so adept at it that they hardly even have to bat an eye at the mere thought of it.

When asked how she acclimated to laundry at school, Erica Kim said, "It was easy for me to learn how to do my laundry on my own." I was lucky enough to have someone who

made me do my laundry on many occasions just so I could learn and teach myself the basics of cleaning clothes.

However, in the community setting of a college campus there is a certain etiquette that must be followed as well as the basic rules of washing. Those who know not to leave their laundry sitting in a washer or dryer for hours at a time usually don't experience any unusual problems with their clothes, but others pay the price for their lack of laundry etiquette.

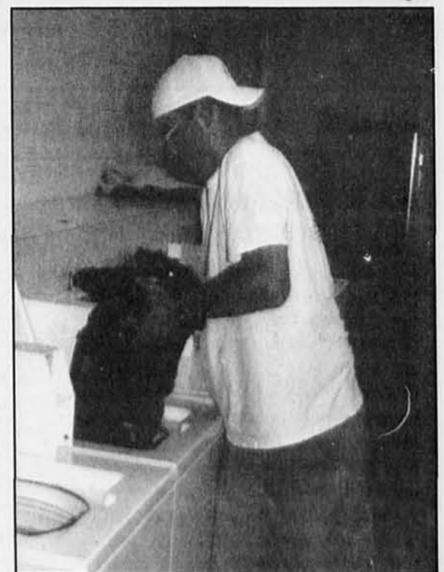
Whether you are using the laundry facilities on campus, or using the facilities in your apartment complex, when many other people are using the facilities, it can be hard to find a washer or dryer to do your laundry in. At times like these, don't leave your laundry sitting in the washer or dryer for long periods of time. This is a simple act, but it is a common courtesy to others who are waiting for a washer or dryer. This is not your own personal laundry room, so be considerate of those around you who also have dirty clothes. Often, when people see a washer or dryer

your clothes out and put theirs in without any remorse. "When other people leave their clothes in the dryer it makes me mad, so I just throw them on the table and put my own clothes in," admitted Paul Flannery.

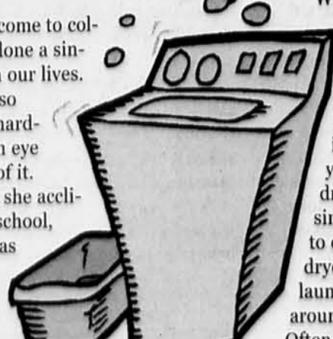
If you are in this situation where someone else's clothes are sitting in the dryer or washing machine, then be considerate of the person whose clothes you are removing. Either set the wet clothes in a dryer or nicely fold the clothes coming from the dryer. These "dryer fairies" are few and far between, but much appreciated.

Along with the "dryer fairies" there are also the "dryer devils" who are the people who get so disgruntled with people's laundry sitting in washers and dryers that they feel the need to make an example out of them. Those people usually put clothes on display in trees, on rocks, and various other places on campus. While such an activity is not condoned, it nonetheless happens.

So, the best thing to remember when doing your laundry is to keep track of when your cycles are ending, so that you can be a considerate launderer. Doing this may make your



LAUNDRY ROOM ETIQUETTE is practiced by a student in the campus facilities



ROBERTS: Striving to make LU the best

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"I wasn't really, [expecting this much success this early] but we have some good passers of the ball. And we are always communicating. They have confidence in me. I just put away the ball," Roberts said.

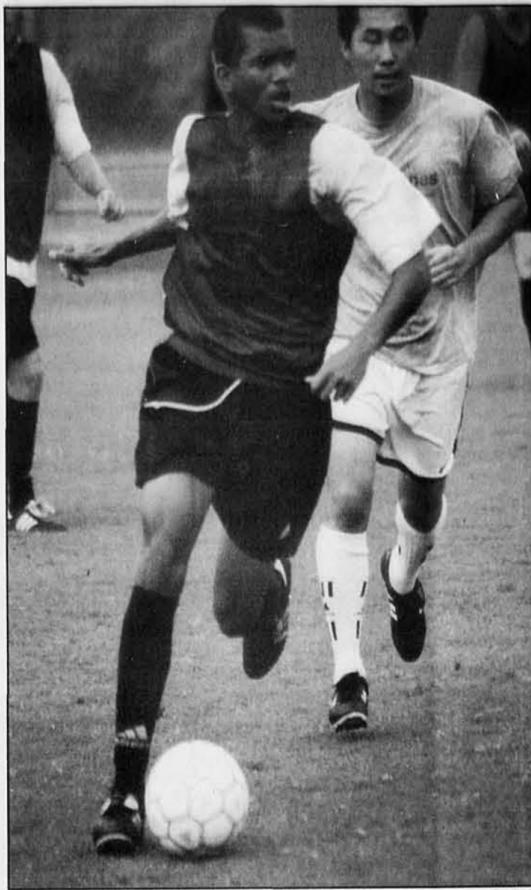
One of displays of that confidence the team has in Roberts came when Alder selected him to take a penalty kick against Virginia Tech. "We have a lot of confidence in him to stick the ball in the net. He has a lot of composure and doesn't get rattled easily. He never panics," Alder said.

It has also helped Roberts to have a veteran like Chase Perry play alongside him at the forward position. "He [Perry] is more experienced. He talks to me a lot and shows me what the game is all about. I like that," Roberts said.

"He has caused problems for other teams. And that is what we expected him to do. We have confidence in Darryl," said Alder. However, Alder and Roberts expect much more as time goes on. "It should be nine or 10 goals. But as gets he stronger and is in the system for a while longer, he should get better," Alder said.

Roberts even has an impact on defense for Liberty. "If we are under pressure we may dump a ball in the corner and sometimes Darryl gets to the ball. He gets to balls you don't think he will get to," Alder said.

"I want to get better after every game. I want the team to get better after every



NATHAN LAWRENSEN

SCORER— Freshman Darryl Roberts goes all-out during a Flames rout.

game. We are supposed to be getting better," Roberts said. "We should be able to compete with the highest level teams in the Big South," Roberts said.

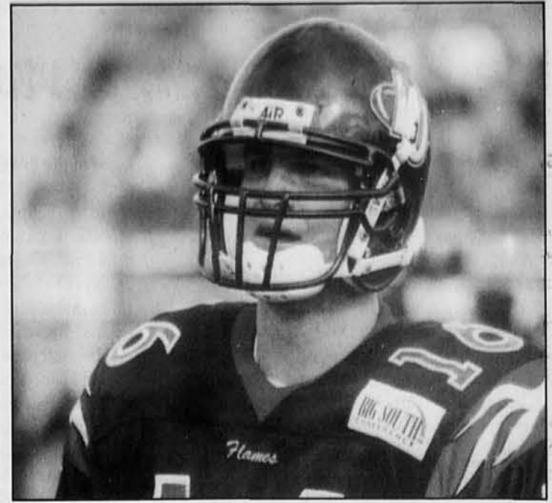
Roberts composure is apparent off the field as well. Roberts, from Trinity,

Trinidad, came to United States and played high school soccer at Wesleyan Christian. Wesleyan Christian, High Point, N.C., also has produced current Flames players Perry, Patrick Heery and Brentley Kellum. "I didn't know them until I got up here. But it is nice to play with them," Roberts said.

It's not just his composure that is noticeable off the field. Roberts is a quality person, according to Alder. "This guy screams character. There are certain guys like Darryl, Davy Guinn (current Flames midfielder), and Ben Strawbridge (former Flames defender) that if my son turned out like one of them, I would love it. Yeah, they are good players but they are also good people," Alder said.

Roberts also speaks highly of his coach and teammates. "On my recruiting trip Mr. Alder really seemed to care about me and his players," said Roberts. "Friends are easy to make. Everyone in Lynchburg has been very nice," said Roberts.

Both Alder and Roberts feel as though he has a future in professional soccer. But Roberts has set a different priority for the moment. "Yeah, I would like to play professional soccer. But after I get my degree that is the most important thing right now," Roberts said. The only thing Roberts doesn't seem to have figured out is his major.



JOHN FISHER

PERPLEXED— Quarterback Gus Condon and the Flames couldn't complete their miracle victory. Liberty has never beaten a top 10 I-AA team.

FOOTBALL: Miscues prove costly for Flames

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Two possessions later with the Flames trying to punt, the snap went over Kelley's head and through the endzone. The safety put ASU ahead 15-14, and after the free kick, they went 69 yards in eight plays to take a 22-14 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Neither team moved the ball well in the third quarter, as the Flames defense tightened up to keep the Mountaineers off the board.

"We knew they would make some plays and put together some excellent drives, but we knew that if we stayed poised and did what we were supposed to do, we could bend but not break," said defensive end Aaron Deberry, who finished with eight tackles and two sacks.

"I think the defense played exceptionally well," Karcher said. "If we don't turn the ball over on special teams early in the game, it's a non-factor."

After ASU kicker Mark Wright missed a field goal, Liberty started its first possession of the fourth quarter at its own 28-yard line.

Condon took control of the game, completing a 27-yard pass to wideout Adrian Hall, scrambling for six more yards, then throwing a 37-yard strike to Danny Jackson to bring the Flames within two. On the conversion attempt, Condon split out wide as a receiver, allowing Barnes to take the snap and score on an option run to tie the game at 22.

The defense held again, forcing a punt and giving the Liberty offense a chance to take

the lead. The Flames appeared to be in good shape after Eugene Goodman ran 37 yards to the ASU 18-yard line, but another mistake—this time a holding penalty—erased the play and forced a third-and-11. Condon scrambled for four yards and the Flames prepared to punt the ball away. The ball sailed over Kelley's head again, however, and gave the Mountaineers a first-and-goal from the Liberty seven yard line.

Joe Burchette completed a third-down pass to Daniel Bettis to put the Mountaineers ahead for good, 29-22.

Another 10-yard holding penalty and an illegal formation penalty marred the Flames next possession. Facing fourth-and-14, they turned the ball over on downs, giving ASU the ball at the Liberty 16 yard line and extinguishing the comeback.

The game did give the fans a lot to cheer about, though. Barnes (18 carries, 90 yards) and Goodman (14 carries, 78 yards) proved that the Flames can run at, over, and through anyone. Coach Karcher's game plan was perfect, mixing smash-mouth running with draw plays and play-action passes until the Mountaineers had no idea what was coming. The defense was prepared, and kept the Flames in it when the offense struggled. This game was a few ill-timed mistakes away from a monumental upset, but even that offers little consolation to a team that left everything they had on the field.

"We didn't win and that's all that matters in the game of football. There are no moral victories," Karcher said.

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Littlefield was also honored as the MVP of the Stihl Soccer Classic in Norfolk after scoring four goals in the tournament, including the game-winner against Old Dominion. Littlefield currently leads the team in goals (8) and is tied for the team in scoring (17 points), shots (21) and game-winning goals (2).

Winthrop's Remmers Earns Volleyball Player Of The Week

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—For the second consecutive week, a Winthrop player took home the Volleyball Player of the Week award. Lindsay Remmers earned the honor, while UNC Asheville's Rose Butler was named the freshman of the week.

Remmers was an All-Tournament selection at the Kangaroo Classic. She averaged 3.4 kills, and one block per game while posting a .304

hitting percentage. She had a career-high three solo blocks in the win over Youngstown State and had two solos in the loss to Duquesne. Remmers also had seven service aces.

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Ice Hockey embarrasses UVa

By Dave Kurtz, hockey correspondent

There are two constants in the LU sports universe; the women's basketball team winning the Big South and Liberty-UVa hockey games are nasty.

This year's version was no exception as the Flames opened up the 2002-2003 campaign with a home-and-home series against their long-time rival, the University of Virginia.

The Flames dominated the Cavs last season, winning 6-1, 6-2, but the Cavs had brought in 13 new players, half of their roster, so there was an unknown element to the game. Early into the game it looked like Virginia's changes had made it a much better team, playing tough with LU and holding the Flames offense to one goal in the first period. The goal was scored by freshman forward Jonathan Ziegler.

Early in the second, Liberty looked like it was going to have a fight on its hands as UVa scored 52 seconds into the second period. But, all the Cavaliers did was wake the sleeping giant. After that, the Flames offense started to click and the rout was one. Jordan Davies and Joe Bellow scored 30 seconds apart and Ziegler got his second goal at the 6:14 mark of the second period. The scoring continued in the third as Liberty lit the lamp five more times in the third period. UVa potted a late score, but it was two little too late. The Flames cruised to a 9-2 win.

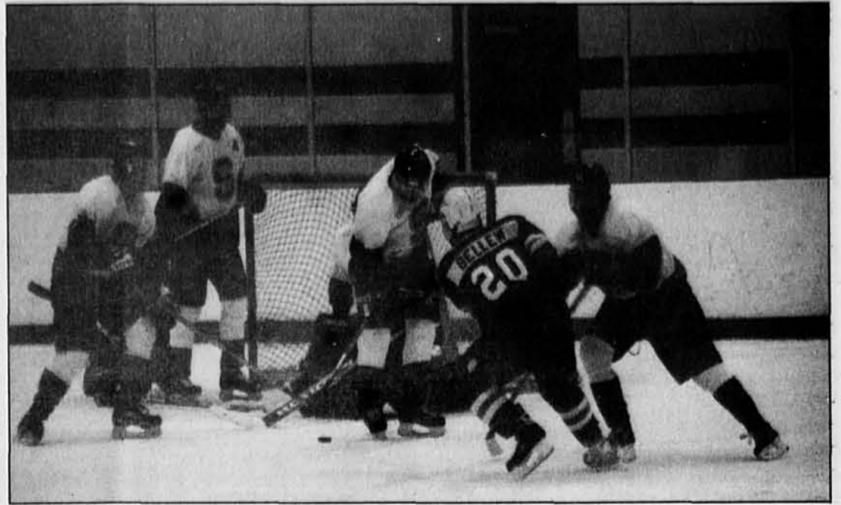
The home opener on Saturday promised to be

more of the same, and early on it looked like the night before. LU came out and took the physical game to Virginia and making sure that the visitors did not want to go into the corners. Freshman Paul MacDonald scored the first of three goals in the game to get the Flames a 1-0 lead at 17:26 in the first period. By the end of the first LU had stretched the lead to 3-0.

The second period and most the third were played very sloppy by both teams. No real rhythm was set until six minutes in to the final frame, when Captain Ben Wilson got his first goal of the season, getting a pass from Davies and hitting the back of the net. Two more scores from MacDonald, giving him the hat trick, sealed the game and gave the Flames a 6-0 lead. Getting the shutout was sophomore goalie Kevin Rainey, who easily handled the 17 shots that UVa managed against him. The only downside to the two games was the injuries. Already having lost rookie defenseman Ron Cooney to a broken foot for 6-8 weeks, two more injuries were suffered this past weekend. Sophomore Josh Pearce dislocated his hand and did not play in the home opener. Also, asst. Captain Ryan Rosewell broke his ankle hitting the boards and will be laid up for at least a couple of weeks.

The Flames (2-0) will be back in action this Friday night against the University of North Carolina. Game time is at 11 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Marriott or at the Roanoke Ice Station prior to the game.



WRIST SHOT—The Flames hope that with players like Jim Bellow and company they can reach new heights this year.

Ice Hockey season preview

By Dave Kurtz, hockey correspondent

The upcoming hockey season is filled with more expectations than ever, and the team reflects that pressure as they try to take the next step in the evolution of the team.

When we left our team...

They had just completed the most dominating season in ACC history going undefeated in both the conference and playoff season. The Flames finished with a 20-5 record and as ACCHL Champions. Liberty finished fifth in the Southeast region of the ACHA D2 standings, its highest ranking ever.

Since that time many things have changed for both the Flames and in the ACHA. LU, along with Maryland, the league runner-up, have left the ACC, in hopes of being able to raise their competition enough to warrant a bid to the national tournament. In the ACHA, two of the teams that represented the Southeast are now gone, Life to academic problems and Michigan to the Central region. This all adds up to a golden opportunity for the Flames to be able to make a move into the vacuum left in the region.

In order to accomplish this, the Flames schedule has reflected the need to impress voters. The schedule includes (all rankings are from final standing of last year's tournament,) No.2 Michigan, No. 3 Miami (Ohio), No. 4 Indiana, No.7 Siena, No. 10 Robert Morris, and No.12 SUNY-Stonybrook. Throw in perennial Southeast region contenders Pittsburgh, Dayton, and IUP and the Flames have the toughest schedule ever, and the greatest way to make a name for themselves.

What we lost...

Since the end of last season, the Flames have lost nine players that the coaching staff will have a tough time replacing.

Gone are three players to graduation; Chris Lowes, who was fifth in the league in points, second in assists, Miles Gerlatt, part of the league leading defense, and Matt Bruland, who was the heart and soul of the team. The Flames also lost the services of three players who had excellent freshman years. Mike Ansell, ALL-ACCHL freshman team selection, and Scott Singor, eighth in the league in scoring, have moved on to playing opportunities in Canada. Joe Gahagan, a solid hockey player who complimented his linemates last year well with his grinding play, has had to step away due to academic commitments. The team also lost Dave Cross, who was plagued by a nagging injury last spring. Also not returning are the Turner twins, who are pursuing careers in the music industry.

What has come in...

You would think that after losing so many players, that the Flames would need to rebuild, but looking at the new recruits Coach Handy may be using the word "reload."

Jonathan Fitter, a defenseman from Ontario will be looked upon to carry a lot of minutes in his freshman campaign. Fitter has the ability to play both up on the wing and back on defense, and his versatility will be vital for the season.

Thomas Cooney, from Washington, D.C., will round out the first two defensive pairs. He has the ability to jump up in the play to pressure the opposition's defense and the speed to not get caught on a rush. Paul McDonald, out of Ontario, is a player who has had a lot of hype thrown his way and he has not disappointed in the early going. With McDonald's breakaway speed and a great scoring touch, whatever line he is with will instantly add a real scoring threat every shift out there.

A Toronto native, Mike Ward, gets to step into the shoes left by Chris Lowes, being the linemate of Ben Wilson, and from looking at the tryout, he is going to have many chances to use his speed to rack up points. Hailing out of Michigan, Matt Brady, a forward will add some size and a physical presence to Liberty's lines. Dan Bechtold, a transfer from Ontario, has added some much needed depth to the forward lines and should make a significant impact in the upcoming season.

Finally, the Flames are excited about the scoring ability of Ontario native Jonathan Ziegler. The coaching staff is high on his knack of being in the right place to bury a goal and keep the pressure on the opposition.

On the coaching side, there have been some changes as well. Handy has added four new coaches to his staff. First, Dave Wight has joined the team after playing the OHL and for the University of British Columbia. Wight is in charge of the forwards and practices.

Other coaches will be familiar to Flames fans as well. Stepping into the shoes of Shuber will be former LU player, Chris White. White returns to the team after three excellent years with the team. Another former player, Matt Bruland, takes off his jersey and puts on a tanktop as the team's strength and conditioning coach. His job will be to help the members of the team through personalized workouts that will help increase the strength and speed of the team.

Liberty has never had a bigger opportunity to excel than this season and many, both in Lynchburg and around the ACHA, believe that it has taken the next step onto a bigger stage.

Flames win Navy Invitational

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

Liberty's men's soccer team captured the Navy Invitational by defeating Navy 1-0 on Sunday afternoon.

Flames defender Adam Godwin passed the ball from midfield down the left sideline to freshman midfielder Jonathan Burklo, who collected it and buried the game winner in the 86th minute.

The Flames earned their fourth win of the season with a 2-1 overtime victory over Army in the Navy Invitational on Friday Sept. 20. Freshman forward, Darryl Roberts, continued his stellar play scoring both of the Flames' goals to give him a total of seven goals in six games this season.

The Flames also received a strong performance from senior goalkeeper, Patrick Heery. Heery recorded seven saves and the only goal he surrendered was an own goal that evened the match at a goal a piece in the 73rd minute.

Roberts first goal was unassisted and came in the 30th minute. Roberts' game-winning goal came eight minutes into overtime. Freshman midfielder, Jonathan Burklo, was credited with the assist. The two goals were Roberts only shots of the match.

Liberty was out shot 18-9 and Army won 10 corners to the Flame's five corners.

The Flames will travel to Elon for their second Big South match of the season tomorrow.

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John Farel

ALMOST UPSET

Going into last weekend's football game against Appalachian State, practically no one would have thought it would turn out as close as it did. I mean, after all, Appy St. came in as one of the top five teams in the nation and Liberty hasn't won a big game in five years. While the Flames didn't win on Saturday either, they did come extremely close. In fact, the loss got me to thinking about other Flames teams which have upset major opponents. Saturday's game was close as the football team has come in over 10 years to knocking off a top five opponent. The last time they came that close was in their first season of 1-AA, in 1988. The Flames lost that season 36-35 to Western Illinois, who at the time was the second ranked team in the nation. Other Flames teams have faced top ranked opponents as well, especially when it comes to NCAA tournament play. Thus far, none of our teams have been able to pull off the upset and advance past the first round. However, each year we continue to get closer. To date, our baseball team is the only team to win an NCAA tournament game. They did so in the 2000 season, upsetting Seton Hall with a 10-2 victory. Unfortunately, the Flames were defeated 4-2 by Wake Forest preventing them from becoming the first team in the program's history to advance past the first round.

Volleyball, softball, soccer and basketball have all made trips to the NCAA's as well, but major upsets have also eluded them. Last season the softball team came as close as ever to a first round upset, before falling to top ranked UCLA 3-0.

Women's soccer has made consecutive trips to the NCAA tournament but has lost 6-1, and 3-0 to Wake Forest and Virginia respectively. While men's soccer has not made it to the NCAA tournament it has beaten several top 25 opponents including a major upset in 2000 over then No. 5 ranked Wake Forest.

We're all familiar with the success of the women's basketball team—six straight NCAA tournaments—but last year was as close as its ever come to a monumental first round upset. Seeded 14th, the Lady Flames nearly knocked off No. 3 seed and 12th ranked South Carolina, falling 69-61.

The men's basketball teams biggest wins of late have come against Virginia Tech, but in 1997 they pulled off the biggest win in the basketball program's history by defeating the University of Virginia 69-64 in Charlottesville.

This season many of Liberty's teams are picked near the top of the conference, and it won't be long before another major upset, possibly in the NCAA tournament puts the Flames on the map yet again.

Winning hopes snapped

By Kyle Adams, reporter

The Flames came at Appalachian State with everything they had but ended up on the short end of the score on Saturday, falling, 29-22 to the fourth-ranked Mountaineers.

The game featured a little of everything—blocked kicks on consecutive plays, a safety, a running back throwing for a touch down, a quarterback lining up at wide receiver—but in the end it came down to the Mountaineers taking advantage of a few crucial Liberty mistakes.

Mountaineer defensive back Derek Black returned a blocked field goal 50 yards for a touch-down. Two bad snaps by the Flames punt team led to an Appalachian State safety in the second quarter and the game-winning touchdown with three minutes left in the game. All told the miscues provided for 15 of the Mountaineers' 29 points.

"We had opportunities to win the football game and we didn't get it done," Flames Coach Ken Karcher said. "We made too many mistakes on offense, defense and special teams. But if you make those mistakes against the fourth-ranked team in the country, you're going to lose. We lost and we deserved to lose."

Liberty got off to a fast start as Gus Condon threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to fullback Sam Gado to give the Flames 7-0 lead on their second possession. The scoring drive began when Milton Johnson and Seth Reichart stuffed Appalachian State's Jerry Beard on fourth-and-two, snuffing out a Mountaineer threat.

The Mountaineers tied the score at seven on their next possession when Sean Jackson sprinted 42 yards for the score. Jackson finished the game with 18 carries for 153 yards.

The Flames went ahead again in the second quarter, when running back Verondre Barnes pulled up and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Gado to make the score 14-7.

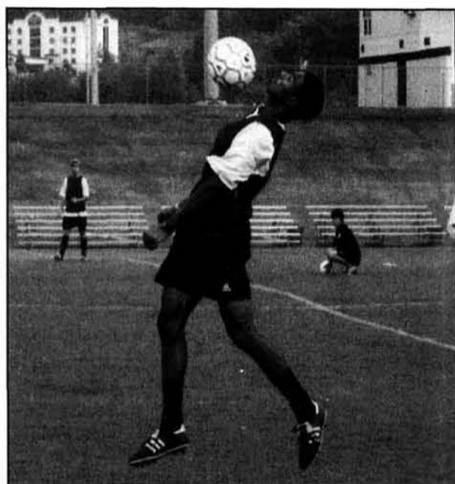
The Liberty defense took the field and forced a three-and-out possession by the Mountaineers, giving the Flames excellent field position and a chance to add to their lead. But instead of putting Liberty in front 17-7, kicker Jay Kelley's field goal was blocked and returned 50 yards to cut the lead to 14-13.



JOHN FISHER

BREAK FREE— Sam Gado breaks a tackle while speeding towards the end zone. Gado had two receiving touchdowns in last Saturday's near upset to Appalachian State, ranked in the top five in most every college football poll. Liberty lost 29-22.

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NATHAN LAWRENSON

FUNDAMENTALS— Darryl Roberts works on all aspects of his game.

Roberts shows veteran capability

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

One of the most important attributes for a true goal scorer is composure. He must be able take in the frenetic flurry of activity that follows him everywhere on the field and make use of his skill and understanding while patiently waiting for his chance to strike. And when that chance comes, he has to be composed enough to be able to put the ball into the net. Liberty has found a true goal scorer in freshman forward, Darryl Roberts.

Roberts has scored five goals in five games for the Flames going into this weekend's games in Annapolis at the Navy Invitational. However, it not just Roberts' ability to score that has impressed Liberty's soccer coach, Jeff Alder. "Darryl does a good job scoring goals, but he also does a good job of drawing defenders and getting other players involved in the game," Alder said.

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W'Soccer defeats CSU

By Andrew Martin, reporter

The Flames women's soccer team notched its first conference win Saturday afternoon against Charleston Southern (1-4-1) by a score of 2-0.

The Flames (2-4-1) got on the board early. In the fourth minute, Liz Rudolph received a pass from Alicia Davis on the right side of the field. She took the ball wide, and crossed it with her left foot to an open Sarah Foster who headed it past CSU keeper Miki Wilson.

The early part of the game was dominated by Liberty. The Flames kept getting shot after shot off, but only a few were put on goal. In the fifth minute, Foster took a shot on goal that was stopped by CSU keeper.

"Sarah played a great game. We're trying to get that consistency game in and game out from her. She's working on it," Flames Coach James Price said.

The Flames were working from a 3-4-3 formation, which produced more offensive chances than they have had all year. By having three strikers up front, they put the pressure on the Buccaneers defenders to make the plays.

In the 12th minute, Flames junior defender Jenny Davis put an incredible pass onto the foot of Freshman forward Megan Balmer for a breakaway chance, but Balmer couldn't finish as the ball skidded past the right side post.

With the score still 1-0 Liberty in the 26th minute, the Flames put tough pressure on in the CSU box. Senior Alicia Davis kicked the ball to freshman Kati Ulland who scored.

The referee though, stopped the game right as the play was taking place because of an injured Buccaneer in the 18.

"I've never seen that call in all my years of coaching," Price said. "I don't know where he got that from."

It was a judgment call by the referee that penalized the Flames brilliant play. Liberty went into halftime with the score remaining 1-0, while dominating the first part of the game.

Senior forward Katie Woodrow had a few shots in the opening of the second half. Woodrow took a shot that went over the crossbar, and a few moments later had a ball put on her head that also went over the crossbar.

In the 84th minute, CSU countered an attack from LU that led to a 2-1 for the Buccaneers. The only Flame back was sophomore defender Megan Fatkin. She pushed up

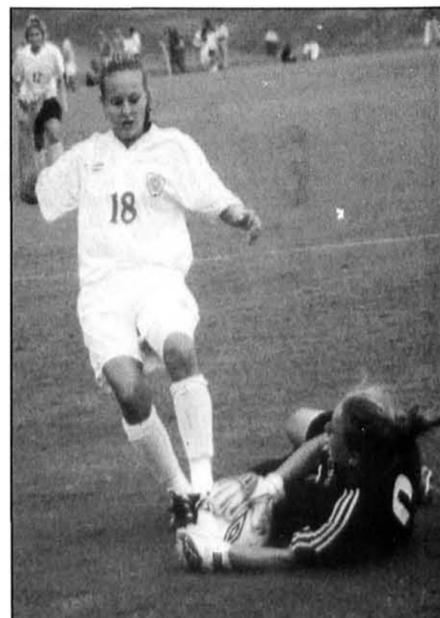
and forced an offside. It was a great heads up play that stilled the attempt to tie the game by CSU.

One minute later, Ulland crossed a ball to Woodrow at the top of the box, who put it into the back of the net for the goal. The goal was Woodrow's first of the year.

"We like to bring Kati Ulland off the bench to finish the game, sort of a Mia Hamm type situation. She provides a spark off the bench," Price said.

It was a well-needed spark for the Flames that put the game out of reach. The game ended with both teams gasping for breath after a hard-fought game.

"We should've put the game away in the first 15 minutes. We were creating chances, and that's a positive," Coach Price said when asked whether or not he was pleased with the goal output.



JOHN FISHER

WORKING HARD— Sarah Foster helped the Flames win 2-0.