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The Liberty Champion

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

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► **WEDNESDAY**
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Low: 56



► **FRIDAY**
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Low: 53



► **SATURDAY**
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ABOUT

► **TAKE BACK SCHOOLS RALLY:** On Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m., in DH 160, two local pastors who work to have prayer in schools will speak. Sponsored by SGA and College Republicans.

► **HOMECOMING PARADE:** The deadline for participating in the Oct. 2 event is Friday. For more information, call Student Life at 2131.

► **VIRGINIA TEN-MILER:** More than 1,000 participants will race down Lynchburg streets at this nationally-ranked running event Sept. 25, at 8:30 a.m. in front of E.C. Glass High School.

► **LYNCHBURG SYMPHONY:** Indoor concert to be held at E.C. Glass Auditorium, Sunday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. The cost is \$15.

► **CAEDMON'S CALL:** Concert begins in Schilling Center at 9 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Students banned from dam area

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The Dean of Students office has classified the James River Dam area off-limits to all students after a recent drowning accident involving an LU student.

Any students found ignoring the new policy will be assessed a safety violation fine of \$100, according to the e-mail notification sent by the Dean of Students office to all LU personnel Sept. 14.

The e-mail noted that the reason for the restriction is the death of Taryn Kelly and past incidents at the Scott's Mill Dam site on River Road.

Kelly, 19, of Ortina, Wash., drowned at the river Sept. 7 in a swimming accident near the dam.

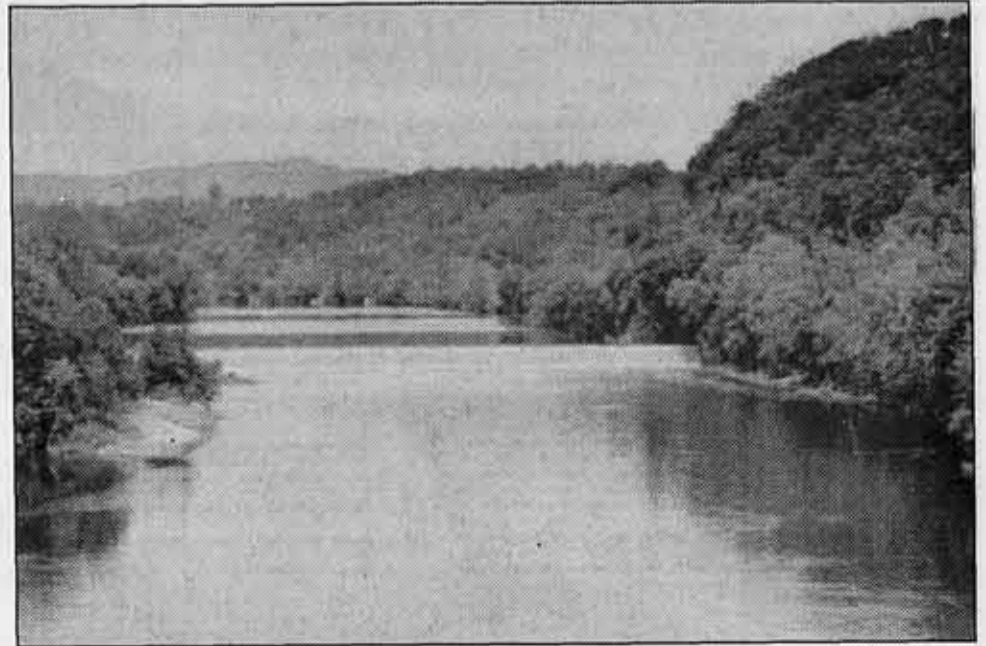
The e-mail also said that the Amherst County Sheriff's Department has been notified of the restriction and has been asked to alert LU officials about any student activity in the area.

The Dean of Students office has also said the area close to campus known as the "rock quarry" in Campbell County is off-limits to students.

The lake area, owned by Dynamic Testing, services as a site for explosive testing. The company examines the impact of explosives on naval aircraft. According to a company spokesperson, the explosives are 30 percent more powerful than dynamite and could be fatal to humans in the water. The area is posted with "no trespassing" and "explosive" warning signs.

A company spokesperson said that because students insist on returning to the area, trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The maximum penalty for misdemeanor trespassing is 12 months in jail or a \$2,500 fine.

In addition to the dam site and the "rock quarry," any train trestle in the Lynchburg area also applies to the off-limits restrictions, according to the dean's office.



BANNED FROM THE DAM — Following Taryn Kelly's tragic drowning, the Dean of Students office deemed the James River Dam area too dangerous for Liberty students.

New year, great meal



SGA SWIPES THE CARDS — SGA President Chris Stewart accepts one of hundreds of ID cards, while Garett Robinson, vice president of student services mans the second machine as the two work to serve students in the cafeteria.

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The Student Government Association opened its legislative year Thursday with an informational session for its 116 new senators.

During the session, Senate president Mike Kostiew presented senators with the new procedures for the year. He noted a strict attendance policy, mandatory class dress for sessions and a required knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and the SGA constitution.

Kostiew said the Senate would take a defined approach to allow more students to participate.

"What we want to do is to slow the pace down a little bit, explain the

motions that are made and explain what the people are voting for," Kostiew said.

"Many times in the Senate meeting, you'll have vote after vote and no one knows what they are voting for. Our intent is to make sure everything is clear, clean and crisp. That makes it simpler, fairer and faster for everyone. We want to make sure there is a fair say."

Kostiew also said many times previously a few students dominated sessions because of their command of Robert's Rules. An announcement before the session noted that senators must have a copy of the rules and the SGA constitution by Oct. 7.

He also said students would be

able to read bills before coming to the Thursday sessions, allowing for more productivity.

"If we give it (information) in increments ... (senators) can give an informed opinion on what they're talking about."

Garett Robinson, vice president of student services, said he feels the new regulations will help the often-strained relationship between SGA and the University administration.

"If we establish standards here, and we show the administration and others that we are professional, ...

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CrossSeekers learn to witness

By Shauna Malcom, reporter

"As a seeker of the cross of Christ, I am called to break away from trite, nonchalant, laissez-faire Christian living. I accept the challenge to divine daring, to consecrated recklessness for Christ, to devout adventure in the face of ridiculing contemporaries. Created in the image of God and committed to excellence as a disciple of Jesus Christ."

More than 500 students made this covenant at the CrossSeekers conference this weekend at Liberty University. Students from churches and colleges in North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia listened to the teachings of main speakers, Dave Edwards, director of National Student Ministries, Bill Henry, and Liberty's Rob Jackson.

CrossSeekers is an outreach of National Student Ministries, which is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is a movement of college students and young adults to commit to the life principle of seeking the cross of Christ.

The weekend centered around the teachings of covenant living. Henry said Christians need to get back to the basics of living a life modeled after the example of Christ. The conference speakers challenged students to abide in consistent covenant living through daily time with God and standing firm on God's principles.

"The covenant put into specific, challenging words and was a reminder of what every Christian should be living," said Liberty senior Teagan Coffey.

The six principles on which CrossSeekers is founded are integrity, spiritual growth, witness, service, Christ-like relationships and purity. Students rallied together for large sessions and could choose elective classes taught by Youth Ministries teacher Matt Wilmington, Director of Light Ministries Wes Tuttle, LU President John Borek and Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson.

This movement began a year ago on Labor Day weekend and has thrived on college campuses across the nation. "I found the administration, students, and the classes very refreshing," Henry said, in regards to Liberty.

"There is an exciting spirit in this place." As Henry and Jackson discussed CrossSeekers at Liberty, Henry realized Liberty was striving in discipleship and accountability through the leadership on campus. However, Henry said Jackson wanted to help the students make a difference in the world and to use CrossSeekers as the model.

Henry defined CrossSeekers as a multiplication process. If 250 students each reach 20 students, 5,000 people would be reached.

U.S. Poet Laureate Pinsky speaks at RMC

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky spoke at Randolph Macon Woman's College Sept. 14. He read one of his poems and then talked about the inspiration behind it. Then he read another.

Pinsky said his style has evolved from researching the history of objects. His poem subjects ranged from shirts, to saxophones, to TVs, to Jesus Christ. He said if one understands the background of an object, then one can understand the universe.

He said anyone can be a poet if they "take what doesn't look poetic and make it remarkable. One of the points of my works is to find out how



POET LAUREATE IN ACTION — Robert Pinsky entertains hundreds at RMC.

ordinary things are extraordinary."

Countries appoint poet laureates to write poems for royal and national occasions. Pinsky said poetry is a vocal art, meant to be read aloud. And although poems are found in anthologies and scrap pieces of paper, the true medium for poetry is the audience.

Pinsky is presently serving his third consecutive year as poet laureate. Poet laureates are nominated based on the quality of their work and their presentations of it.

Hundreds filled Recital Hall to standing room only. Virginia's Poet Laureate Margaret Ward Morland was one of those attending the reading.

A graduate writing professor at Boston University, Pinsky said when

he asks students to read aloud, "something remarkable happens, something in their faces and voices that demonstrates a profound personal connection to the poem."

Pinsky said he was inspired by his favorite poet, W.B. Yeats. He went on to say, he questions the authenticity of any artist who does not have a hero in his own life.

This poet set an informal mood as he joked with the audience whenever he made a mistake, and welcomed them to lean back and relax as he prepared to read his poems.

Pinsky called his first reading, "ABC." He said the poem was a result of a disease

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National Update

Compiled from
Champion resources

Authorities look for motives behind Texas shooting

Before he went on a shooting rampage at a Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, Larry Gene Ashbrook did what many people do when they have something to say. He wrote a letter to the editor.

In fact, he wrote two, both to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The rambling compositions refer to encounters with the CIA, psychological warfare, assaults by co-workers, being drugged by police and being suspected of murders committed by a Texas serial killer.

Authorities are trying to determine a motive from the letters and other writings. As of yet, no one knows why Ashbrook murdered three adults and four teen-agers while attending church Sept. 15.

Investigators found bomb-making tools, including files, pipes, fuses, and gunpowder inside Ashbrook's house as well. He used a pipe-bomb, in addition to two handguns, during the shootings.

Floyd punishes East Coast state by state

Floyd killed 45 people last week as it ravaged the coast with winds up to 155 mph.

President Clinton flew to Raleigh on Monday to view damage caused by Floyd. On Sept. 14, he declared a state of emergency for New Jersey and authorized federal emergency managers to coordinate disaster efforts in nine central and northern counties of the state.

"People have lost everything. It's devastating," said Christine Todd Whitman, New Jersey governor.

Floyd inflicted several billions of dollars in damage and power outages along the East Coast. James Lee Witt, Federal Emergency Management Agency director, said Floyd inflicted more damage than Hurricane Fran, which struck in 1996 and caused \$6 billion worth of damage.

Floyd caused the largest peace-time evacuation in history; some 2.6 million people in Florida, the Carolinas and Georgia fled their homes.

Missouri's partial-birth abortion ban challenged

A federal judge temporarily blocked enforcement of Missouri's new law that would criminalize a type of late-term abortion.

U.S. District Judge Scott Wright's order lasts for 10 days, when a trial date will be set in a lawsuit filed earlier Sept. 17 by Planned Parenthood challenging the law.

Wright issued the order following a conference call with Arthur A. Benson, attorney for Planned Parenthood, and Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon. State Rep. Bill Luetkenhaus, sponsor of the legislation, said he wasn't surprised the judge delayed enforcement.

"Ultimately, the only court that really matters is the U.S. Supreme Court," he said. "In time, whether it's a federal court, a court of appeals, or ultimately the U.S. Supreme Court, their review will give the bill the validity we have said it has had all along."

The late-term abortion ban went into effect Thursday night.

Vroom entertains packed house

By Rick Clark, reporter

Vroom, Nerea and Good Grief provided high energy entertainment in the Spanky's Underground Friday night.

Maryland band Good Grief, opened up the evening to more than 350 fans. Good Grief's sound can be compared to Christian band MXPX.

Following Good Grief, Nerea's music resounded throughout Spanky's. "We just like to deliver full doses of audio karate," said Eric Neff, percussionist. Nerea is a new power-pop band that joined the concert circuit this year, opening for ben yehuda's CD release show last weekend.

Vroom ended the night with a powerful show.

"They had great stage presence compared to other bands," said LU student Matt Hjembo.

Some fans thought Vroom, with John Johnson, Tim Seay, Jason Garner, and Nathan Foutz, might break up following the show. But Johnson, lead vocal, assured Friday that the band would not split up but rather take some time off.

"We just needed to reorganize things," Johnson said.

But bass player Garner is planning to leave the band after their show in October and after that Vroom will make some stylistic revisions.

"God was not blessing what was happening," Johnson said.

Although Vroom has no bass guitarist lined up, they will pray and see what happens in the coming months.

The band has scheduled one more show in October as their final concert with Garner. Vroom plans to use the extra time off to create a new sound and prepare for next year.



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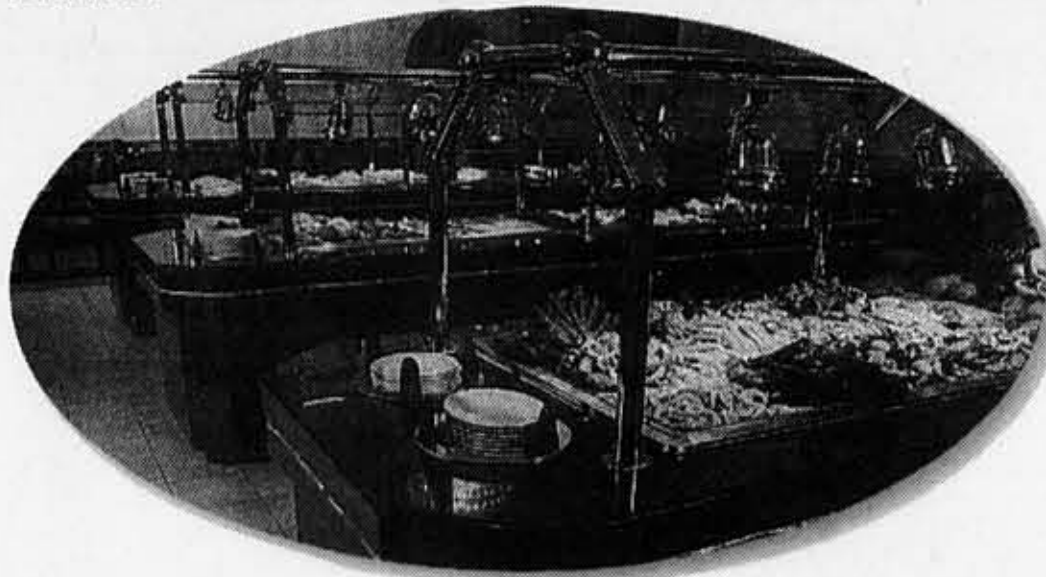
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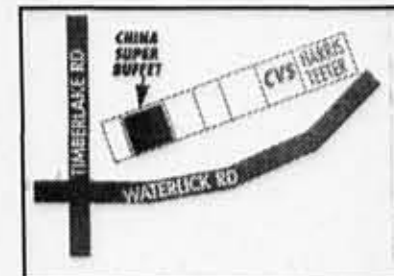
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Unpaved areas in P1 part of construction site

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

What many students consider a pothole problem is really a lack of pavement.

According to Randy Johnson, manager of grounds maintenance, potholes on Liberty campus aren't really a big deal.

"We fix potholes whenever they become a problem," he said. "We don't usually fix them when they are only about the size of your hand; we usually wait until they get about a foot across."

Johnson said the potholes haven't been as bad lately because the winters have been mild. He said Liberty fills almost all of its potholes in-house instead of using outside contractors to save money.

The pavement problems students usually complain about are at the parking lot beside the guard station and Stadium Road, which runs beside the stadiums and David's Place. Both are very bumpy.

According to Johnson, the parking lot is bumpy because Liberty tore it up to make room for a Visitor's Center, and the worst bumps are where the pavement from the road abruptly turns into parking lot.

Dave Young, vice president of Finance and Administration said the Visitors Center is still in the planning stages, but it will be built on the upper portion of the P1 parking lot.

"I've held off on repaving the parking lot because I don't want to expend University funds unnecessarily on something that would be torn up once again as we begin construction," Young said.

Johnson said outside contractors typically charge about \$5 a yard to lay new pavement. He estimated the whole job would

cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The worst bumps in the parking lot are where the road turns into gravel. But Johnson said they can't lay down more gravel, because the parking lot slopes, and the gravel would wash away.

Stadium Road isn't completely paved because the run-off from the hill next to it would regularly wash over the road. Johnson said they try to put gravel on it regularly, but they haven't been able to lately because their dump truck is out of commission, but is being fixed.

In order for Stadium Road to be paved, the hill next to it would have to be made over. Tons of dirt would need to be removed.

"The biggest problem is money," Johnson said. "Students need to pray that God will provide."

Young also said, "The administration fully realizes the frustrations caused by some of these situations but, he wants the students, faculty and staff to recognize that we must allocate our resources where they are most needed as identified by our students."

"For example, in the area of technology enhancements in providing more computers, providing more access in the phone system, increasing Internet access, more food choices on campus and furniture and flooring for the dorms."

Students discover unique salamanders

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

Liberty biology students found two salamanders in a mine Sept. 3 that have never been seen in this part of Virginia.

The students discovered them while doing a lab for Dr. Norman Reichenbach's Ecology class. Biology major Wendy Skinner saw them first.

"It was pretty exciting," she remembered. "But not really monumental. I'm not going to be famous or anything."

But the sighting will be included in the next publication of the Atlas of Amphibians and Reptiles. According to Dr. Paul Satler, chairman of the Department of Biology, the next printing won't be for a few more years, because the most recent publication came out a couple of months ago. The class used the atlas when they went exploring in the cave.

"That was how we knew these salamanders hadn't been seen this far east," said Reichenbach, an associate biology professor. "We looked in Amherst county and there

were no sightings recorded."

Salamanders make up 49 of the 74 species of amphibians in Virginia. Their skin is moist and without scales. They have short limbs and no claws on their toes.

One of the salamanders found was the cave salamander, which has a reddish-orange body with round black spots scattered on its sides and back. Its head is broad with bulging eyes.

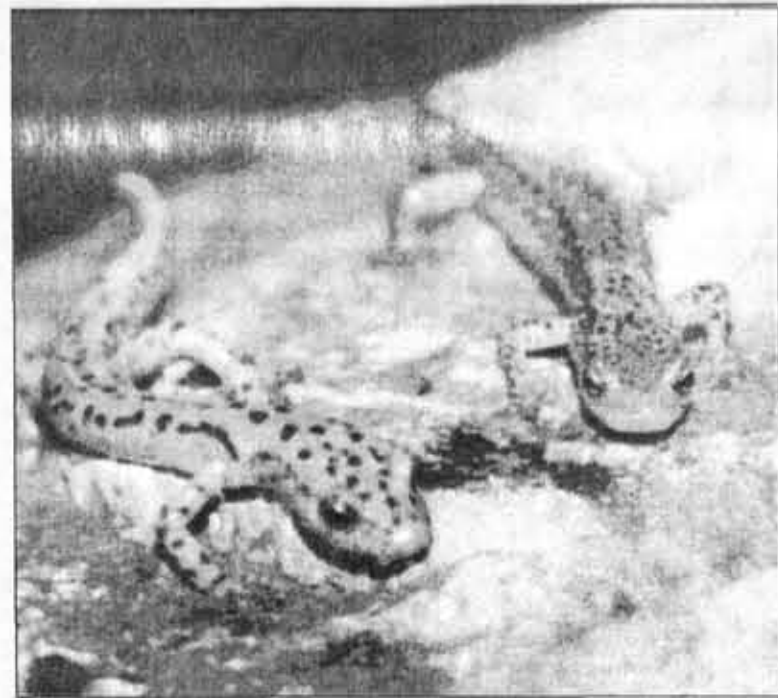
The other salamander was the long-tailed salamander. Its distinguishing feature is its tail, which can be two-thirds of the length of its slender yellow-orange and red body.

"This is pretty cool stuff," Reichenbach said. "It's a county record, and the Liberty biology students will be given the credit."

The ecology class traveled to a 100-meter-long mine about 45 minutes north along the James River. They went to measure temperature and humidity and to look for salamanders.

"It's being a steward of God's creation," Satler said.

Reichenbach said the biology department, along with students, will be studying these salamanders. They will analyze



SALAMANDERS REACTIVATE — The cave salamander (left) and the long-tailed salamander chill out after hibernating in the biology department's refrigerator.

the population, their movements, what they do in winter, and where they reproduce.

Biology majors can participate in this study by signing up for it as an independent research class. The salamander speci-

mens will be sent to the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

Reichenbach said the study will be "initiated at a low level" this semester, and will really become more rigorous next semester.

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Teachers focus on safety

By Rick Clark, reporter

In the wake of the increase in the nation's high school shootings and killings, Liberty's education department has increased safety education programs for prospective teachers.

A recent CNN report said that in the last 18 months there have been 29 deaths from high school shootings. Many more students have been injured. This has increased the safety-education standards of the education programs in many universities.

The Liberty University education department has scheduled a safety seminar for all of the students involved in student teaching this semester. The seminar is scheduled for Nov. 15 and will be taught by lawyer, Dr. John Cooley from Roanoke.

Although the education programs will equip teachers for their safety, Dr. Karen Parker, School of Education dean, said LU teaches the educators to prevent student outrage.

The teachers need to "be prepared and well aware of what is going on in the room," Parker said. She emphasized that as the number one focus of teachers. Second, teachers need to "be sensitive to individual needs."

Another strategy is to "increase vigilance during class changes and during

the lunch hour, because that is when most of the shootings have taken place in the past," she said.

One of the biggest frustrations is that teachers have a limited effect. "It's like putting a Band-Aid on cancer," Parker said. In fact, according to a recent Gallop poll 45 percent of adults believed the reason why the Littleton shooting happened was because of the parents or family.

Another Gallop poll stated that 32 percent of adults surveyed agreed parental involvement would prevent another shooting from happening.

"Teachers have a limited effect," Parker said "we cannot counteract what is at home."

Columbine is just one incident that draws the nation's teachers to develop programs to prevent another tragic incident. "There is no magical solution" to the problem, said Parker. But with these programs she said they will potentially deter problems in the classrooms.

Why does violence continue to plague our schools? "It is an absence of God in our homes," junior education major, Kimberly Higginbotham responded.

Parker said it is because of glorification of the media; all the viewers see is the crimes and not the punishment or consequences of the action.

SBC president speaks at convocation

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

Controversy is one of Dr. Paige Patterson's favorite words.

Patterson, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke in convocation Sept. 13 and highlighted his involvement with Dr. Jerry Falwell in major conservative issues that have irritated the secular world for years.

From calling for President Clinton's resignation after the Monica Lewinsky affair, to taking a firm pro-life stance, to supporting the Disney boycott, Patterson has made headlines ever since his election as SBC head in 1998.

"If you stand for anything in this day and time, you upset someone," Patterson said. He said the difficulty comes when handling the controversy with "kindness and gentleness."

Often, because of his commitment to the faith, Patterson said the media has misrepresented him. During one difficult time, Patterson turned to the Bible for advice and read from Matt. 5. "Love your enemies." He asked the convocation congregation, "Is that not an irritating verse?"

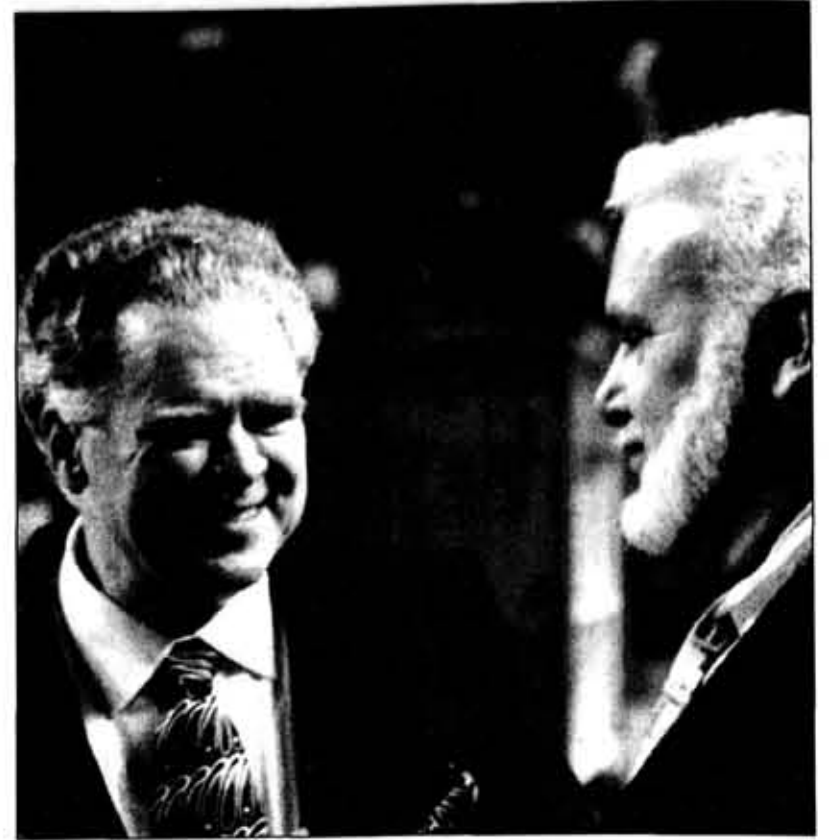
But because of that verse, he began buying ties for his enemies. He would pray for them while laying hands on the tie. Patterson said one of his opponents reported receiving 13 ties. Yet another received Christ after receiving Patterson's forgiveness.

Patterson's message focused on adversity. He said he brought this message in part to comfort students dealing with the recent death of Taryn Kelly.

"It is a small step from grief to bitterness that we must not let go by," Patterson said.

He reminded students that God is merciful and just. And although her friends are still mourning their loss, the Spiritual Life reported some students did receive Christ after hearing about Kelly's sudden death. Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson said more than 50 people received Christ through Liberty's prison ministry when they learned of Kelly's death.

Patterson said SBC is following this pattern of turning adversity into evangelism, and he hopes it will eventually "get the gospel to every person on the earth." He said they plan to reach this goal by involving the



PREACHER AND PHILOSOPHER — SBC President Dr. Paige Patterson and Philosophy professor Dr. David Beck chat after convo Sept. 13.

"common man" in career missions.

Patterson said SBC places a strong emphasis on student participation in church plan-

ning. In the past year, he said students helped convert 20,000 people to Christianity and took part in planning 28 new churches.



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MEW recruits students

By Parrish Ritzenthaler, reporter

Missions Emphasis Week at Liberty University is a time to remind students and faculty of the Great Commission to go out and make disciples of all men, said Jim O'Neill, director of missions at LU and Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

MEW began Sunday night when students heard Gordon Forte, a missionary serving in South Africa.

Jeff Lewis, who is setting up a Great Commission Training Center, will be speaking in Wednesday's Convocation. O'Neill spoke Monday, and Rob Jackson, vice president for Spiritual Life, will close the week Wednesday night. Both men played key roles in putting the week together.

O'Neill said 40 to 50 students dedicated their lives to full-time ministry during last year's MEW. He emphasized that the missions focus at Liberty is as old as the school itself, and more than 500 alumni from Liberty now serve full time on the field.

"We want our students to know there is something larger than America," O'Neill said.

He feels this is a great opportunity to remind students of what most of the world does not have at their fingertips — the Gospel, and to remind students it is their duty to give it to them.

Tomlin celebrates 25 years at LU

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

Evelyn Tomlin, business office manager, celebrated not only 25 years of service at LU Aug. 20, but also 25 years of serving thousands of students.

In 1974, Tomlin came to Liberty Baptist College and became the first, and only, worker in the business office. The office was in one room at Lynchburg Christian Academy, which she shared with the switchboard operator and the business office manager of LCA. When LU moved its campus from downtown to Liberty Mountain, Tomlin was the first person to be relocated into the new building.

Over the last 25 years, many things have changed in the business office with updates in technology and efficiency, but some key characteristics of LU have remained the same.

Tomlin said, "The one thing I'm glad has not changed is that we still are based on biblical principles. We're a business in the school of higher education, but the one thing I hope never changes is the fact that we always honor the Lord first."

Tomlin has upheld an outstanding testimony in front of co-workers and students. She has worked numerous hours without any recognition, has heard thousands of complaints and has remained patient throughout the years.

"I try to focus on each of them [students] and treat every one of them the same," she said, "I think the one thing that has made me be able to be patient is that I believe that everybody is equal, and everybody should be treated the same."

Those who know and work with Tomlin have learned many things from her remarkable testimony and character.

Cindy Ferguson, accounts receivable clerk, has known Tomlin for two years and said, "She's always telling us that we need to be mindful that the students are number one. She teaches us how to service each student to the fullest of our ability."

Toni Scott, senior accounts receivable clerk, has worked with Tomlin for seven years. She believes Tomlin has shown a lot of compassion and mercy for people and will do anything she can to help a person get the job done.

Scott concluded, "She's put her life in this place. She works day and night. We leave usually around 4:30, but she's here up until the late hours of the night to make it easier for us when we have to come the next day. She's put every bit of 25 years into Liberty University."



TOMLIN

Rally helps students take back schools

By Suzanne McDuffie, news ed.

Ever since the government took prayer out of schools in 1962, Christians have been fighting to reinstate a moment of silence.

Rev. Jerry Childress of Appomattox, Va., and Rev. Mark Grooms of Thomas Terrace Baptist Church in Concord, have both asked their county school boards to initiate a moment of silence. In addition, Childress requested to have the Lord's Prayer posted in the school.

On Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in DH 160, students will hear testimonials from both Childress and Grooms. The "Take Back the Schools" rally, has been coordinated to motivate students to follow the leads of the pastors, said Esther Kay, Conservative Leaders of

America spokesperson.

The College Republicans, CLA, SGA, Kappa Delta Pi, collaborated to sponsor this event.

CR Chairman John Ferguson said the pastors will speak on their actions, their motivations and their response to answer God's call no matter what the cost.

Both of their school boards continue to consider this request.

Though the school boards could face a potential law suit from the American Civil Liberties Union, they are willing to risk it, to put God back in school.

"We feel it is time to change the status quo, by any legal means we can," said Lannis Selz, school board chairman.

Pinsky: investigating history of objects

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referred to as "Alphabetarianism." Whenever an alphabetarian finds himself bored, he will search through his mind for words that make a poem alphabetically. Pinsky said. For instance, he began

his poem with "Anybody can die evidently."

Currently, Pinsky is organizing an anthology of American poets. From children to senior citizens, Pinsky's collection will represent the miscellaneous characters of this country.

"I'm not choosing the poems,

I'm choosing the relationship between the person and the poem," he said. According to Pinsky, he has received more than 20,000 entries, accompanied by letters explaining why the submitter chose that poem.

Following his reading, Pinsky opened the floor to questions.

Senate: aiming to represent students

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we aren't falling down on the job like we have in the last few years," Robinson said. "then we will be able to be a substantive voice for the students."

Committee chairmen for the year were introduced in the session. They are: Robert Hodges, technology; David Davis, campus concerns; Rick Clark, academic

concerns; Ronnie Thompson, budget/finance; Leslie Ranson, student life; Greg Dowell Jr., judiciary; Roscoe Lilly, spiritual life; and Andrew Schools, health.

Open committee chairs include: campus improvements, parking/traffic regulations, interior improvement and activities/projects.

The Senate will not move into a full legislative session until

Sept. 30. In the Sept. 23 session, SGA president Chris Stewart will give his inaugural address, and the chambers will be open to the public. Dr. John M. Borek Jr., university president; Dave Young, vice president of Finance and Administration; Mark Hine, vice president of Student Affairs, and Greg Dowell, dean of students, have been invited to attend.

Read up on Miss America and the degradation of society in Christina's column, on page 8

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picks of the week

► 9/21. "Fairy Tales."

Visit Elena Sisto's exhibit of portrait paintings at the Maier Museum of Art. Open Tuesday through Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. 947-8136.

► 9/25. Caedmon's Call concert

Caedmon's Call is set to jam in the Schilling Multi-Purpose Center at 9 p.m. Free admission to LU students with ID.

► 9/25. Virginia Ten-Miler

Nationally ranked running event featuring more than 1,200 participants, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at E.C. Glass High School. Entry fee.

► 9/26. "Sounds Familiar."

Lynchburg Symphony presents an indoor concert featuring music from the movies, theater and TV. E.C. Glass Auditorium, 3 p.m. \$15 adults.

A PENNY SAVED

Becoming financially responsible the key to independence

By Scott Romanoski, reporter

It makes the world go around, according to the musical "Cabaret." Very few people, if any, have enough of it. Most college students have very little of it and the Apostle Paul said that loving it leads to all kinds of evil.

Whether it comes from jobs or gifts from sympathetic relatives and friends, college students need money for both academic resources and amusement. Since money does not grow on trees, the wise student must determine how to make it stretch as far as possible. "Savvy Student," a Web site devoted to helping

students save money offers budget-conscious students the following tips:

- Check the Internet for travel deals. For train riders, Amtrak offers student discounts. For those who prefer to fly, AirTran airlines offers a college program.
- Eat out only occasionally.
- Use leftovers for lunch the next day.
- Use food for more than one meal.
- Go to matinee instead of evening movies.
- Buy only needed clothing items.
- Shop at discount stores.
- Keep first aid, car, tool and sewing kits.

This web site, located at www.savvystudent.com, also gives recipes and other suggestions for saving money.

Around the campus, many frugal students have other ideas about how to save money.

"I try to buy food items at Wal-Mart in mass amounts rather than buy a pizza every night," said freshman Mike Poland, who spends an average of \$20 a week.

Sophomore Jeff Shankle agrees.

"Spend cheap, buy large," he said. Shankle, who also spends about \$20 a week, shops most often at Sam's Club, thrift stores and yard sales. He also advises clipping coupons.

Others have a different system for saving money.

"I just buy necessities," said senior Eric Toy. Toy normally spends about \$30 a week on supplies.

Junior Robert Bratcher takes a more spiritual approach. He tithes.

"When I don't tithe, I'm broke," he said. "When I do tithe, I have plenty. Give God His, and you'll get yours."



Realize your financial dreams by setting short and long-term goals.

Establish a budget to manage income, expenses and savings.

Save money on a regular basis, even if it's only a small amount.

Pay all your bills on time.

Organize your financial records for easy reference and tracking.

Notify credit card companies or banks immediately if your cards are missing or stolen.

Spend money only on items that you really need or want.

Increase your credit card payment above the minimum amount due whenever possible.

Build a good credit history now — you'll need it upon graduation.

Learn from your past mistakes when making future financial decisions.

Educate yourself on financial matters through newspapers, magazines or advice from experts.

—Information courtesy of Citibank



JESSICA PETERSON

SHOPPER OF THE DAY — Junior Gretchen Stogner saves a buck or two by shopping at the Dollar Store.

Save money and time by shopping online

By Corrie Duis, reporter

A shopping revolution has captured the '90's. From flowers to golf clubs, shoppers can find everything they want or need on the Internet. Online shopping is advantageous and convenient for buyers, especially for college students who need to save time and money.

Clothes, music and textbooks are available on numerous sites at discounted prices.

Amazon.com and Varsitybooks.com, for example, sell new textbooks, as well as music, videos, and electronics at wholesale prices. BMG Entertainment even has a site with continuous music deals.

Senior Leslee Noble bought Tae-Bo videos online this summer and said she would recommend it to others, because the videos were cheaper.

Senior Jake Sweet, who bought concert tickets from a Ticketmaster site, liked the convenience of online buying.

"It was less of a hassle," he said. "I don't have to wait to get a hold of people."

GAP, J. Crew and Levi's also have online sites selling their store merchandise as well as original items.

Online sites often run sales that stores do not. For example, J. Crew periodically places clearance sales on the site that are not available in stores or catalogues. Apart from sales and discounts, online prices are comparable to store and/or catalogue prices.

Shipping is also generally prompt and reasonable. Noble received her videos within two weeks.

According to the VarsityBooks site, orders are shipped within 24 hours of placement. Also available is UPS 2nd Day and Next Day Air services for additional costs. If, for some reason, the item ordered is not in stock, shoppers may enter an e-mail address and would be notified as soon as the item comes in.

One of the greatest concerns with buying merchandise online is the security of sending credit card numbers across the internet. Most sites, however, have an explicit safe shopping guarantee.

For instance, Levi's and Amazon require shoppers to sign in and choose passwords before purchasing anything. They then protect online orders by Secure Sockets Layers technology which "encrypt all personal information."

According to the Levi's website, the information obtained is "protected by security measures, which are constantly reviewed and updated."

However, some offer payment alternatives for those wary of sending their credit card number over the Internet.

On Amazon.com, buyers may enter the last five digits of their credit card and then call a telephone number when prompted to give additional information.

Perhaps one of the greatest advantages to shopping online is convenience. With no lines and the "stores" always open, online shopping is a tremendous time and money saver for those with tight budgets and a tighter schedule.

For them, this may be a wave of the future.

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Budgeting the future

There's not a college student anywhere that hasn't wished for more of it.

Money. Moolah. Green stuff. Bucks. Denario. Whatever your name for it, it has the same meaning.

Independence.

But I'd like to share something with you. Careless spending now could mean disaster later.

I know, I know. Who cares about planning for the future when paying for the present consists of loans that multiply faster than a rabbit reproduces and eternal payments on a vehicle whose most valuable component is a back-up

pair of Nikes stored on the floorboard. And no one's even mentioning that the Visa guy knows your phone number by heart.

But in keeping with our cost-cutting theme this week, I'd like to share with you a financial realization I recently had.

Budgets work. Novel idea, huh?

Working as a marketing copy writing intern in a local insurance company, I discovered that, despite my previous stereotypical dismissal, future fiscal budgets weren't just for those who've broken the middle-age barrier.

In fact, it's an issue that's becoming every day more real for even recent col-

lege grads who've unexpectedly found themselves in the so-called "real world."

Believe it or not, planning for the future now can pay off big time with a little knowledge and a pinch of planning. The key is to design a budget that will fit your needs. And whether you've got \$80 or \$8 to set aside for investing or saving, starting now means that time is on your side, so the interest that may seem so small now can add up to big-time bucks later.

The important part about creating a budget is writing it down on paper. Write out every expense and bill that you pay each month. For some living in the

dorm, this may be simple. But for those who have made the transition to off-campus living, things get a bit more complicated.

First things first. Calculate "incoming" resources, like paychecks or those really cool \$5 bills inside grandma's cards.

Next comes the "outgoing." Create specific categories like tithes, rent/utilities, food, transportation, entertainment, "necessaries" (like clothes and toiletries) and miscellaneous (remember grandma's nice \$5 bills? Well, she's got a birthday coming up in a couple of weeks.)

Subtract the outgoing from the incoming. What's left (even though it might not be much) is yours.

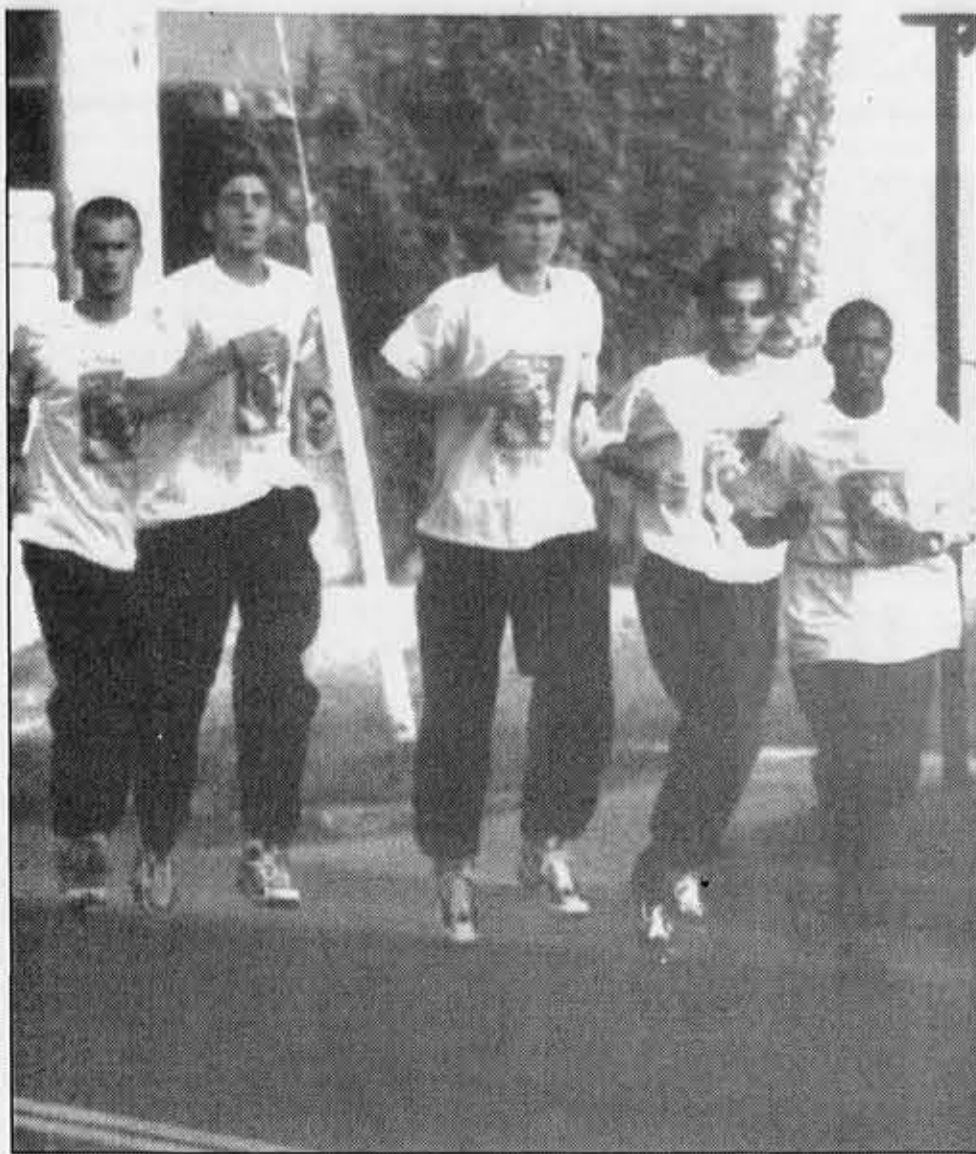
Of course, the smell of a late-night pizza may tempt you, but at this point you must be strong. Limit yourself to a couple of pizzas a month (or split the costs with

friends) and deposit your savings into the investment of your choice. The possibilities are endless — from complicated IRA's (individual retirement account), CD's (certificate of deposits — not music!) or mutual fund accounts to savings accounts in your local bank.

Also remember that even collecting your loose change in a pickle jar is a great way to save. The point is not quantity, but a disciplined routine in saving. Stick with it — time is on your side and before long your pennies become dollars and your dollars become fifties.

Of course, every person's individual situation is unique. That's why it's so important to analyze yours now to decide where you want to go — because the future's on sale and it's gonna go fast.





GOING THE DISTANCE — The LU track team ran in the 1998 Virginia Ten Miler.

MATT HJEMBO

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Virginia Ten and Four Miler attracts world-class athletes

By Kristie Kauffman, reporter

For all the running fans out there, the 26th annual Virginia Ten and Four Miler is just around the corner. This race is nationally known, obtaining its status through advertising in Runner's World magazine and by featuring world-renowned athletes. More than 1,000 runners are expected to participate in this year's event, held Sept. 25, starting at E.C. Glass High School.

According to Chris Ellis, race director, the Virginia Ten and Four Miler is held for several reasons.

"It's a really outstanding community event. It gives people a chance to participate in the race and then also to volunteer and it's our chance to kind of showcase the Lynchburg area and this region," he said. "Not only can the everyday person enter and run but then we also bring in world class athletes to compete."

This year's race features such running elite as Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills, 1997 Ten Miler winner Peter Githuka ranked No. 2 in the world; Daniel Kihara, the 1998 Ten Miler winner; and Margaret Kagiri, ranked No. 6 in the world.

Two years ago, Stephen Githuka, a current member of Liberty's cross-country team, placed third in the race. No doubt, one of Stephen's most competitive participants will be his brother, Peter who is also favored in this year's event.

"Most of our people will just be running the four-miler," said Brant Tolsma, Liberty University Track and Cross Country Coach. "Because of the other cross country obligations we have, the race takes a

lot out of you and we don't want to jeopardize our season.

"There's a possibility that a couple of (cross-country members) will run the Ten Miler."

All 18 Liberty University cross country members, Tolsma and Assistant Coach Clark Zealand plan on running in one of the events.

Whether a college track star or more the run-for-fun type, participants of any age can enter the race.

"The oldest person we had run last year was 82 and the youngest was probably around 10," Ellis said.

Overall awards of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 go to the top three men and top three women. In addition, medals are presented to winners in each of the age groups.

Runners must pick up their entry packets in person at the E.C. Glass High School Cafeteria on Sept. 24 from 6-9 p.m. or Sept. 25 from 7-8 a.m. The packet includes numbers, T-shirts and medical information, said Melissa Husted, a coordinator with the Sports Capital of Virginia.

She added that Billy Mills will speak at Friday's Runner's Clinic at 8 p.m. in the E.C. Glass Auditorium. Mills, winner of the 10,000 meter in the 1964 Olympics remains the only American to ever win a gold medal in that event.

For those still wanting to register for the race, the fee is \$25. Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Courthouse Athletic Club and the Chamber's Visitor Center.

For more information, please contact Chris Ellis, Sports Capital of Virginia by phone at (804)845-5966 or e-mail at vaten @ earthlink.net.

'40 Acres': a land of redemption

By Michelle Kennedy, reporter

For the band that has had four number one singles and won a 1998 Dove Award for Modern Rock/ Alternative Album of the Year, there doesn't seem to be much more to accomplish. Yet, the popular folk-rock band Caedmon's Call seems to be shaking up the music world once again with the release of its new album "40 Acres."

Liberty University and Student Life will host Caedmon's Call on Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. in the Schilling Center. The concert is free to LU students with their student ID.

Jeff Boyer, director of student activities, describes Caedmon's Call as "one of the hottest bands in not only Christian circles but secular colleges as well."

This is because Essential Records is represented in the mainstream market by Silvertone Records and the Zomba Corporation, making it easier for the band to reach out to the secular market.

"They have the relationship and ability to take our music anywhere that people want to hear it," said vocalist and guitarist Cliff Young. "I's never been like that before."

The band has scheduled over 100 appearances, including Harvard University and LA's House of Blues.

Within the six years that Caedmon's Call has worked together they have produced two albums

with a major music label and two independently. According to the Essential Records press release, the band feels this album represents the sound that they have always had.

Vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter Derek Webb said, "I feel like we finally settled into the sound that is 'us.' The album sounds like our live shows because of the way it was recorded."

To help gain this new sound, the band enlisted the talents of producer Glenn Rosenstein and mix engineer David Leonard. Rosenstein is known for his work with performers such as Ziggy Marley and U2, while Leonard has mixed records for performers such as contemporary folk artist Shawn Colvin. The combined talents represented on the "40 Acres" album may even cause the band to surpass sales of its self-titled album Caedmon's Call, which sold more than 250,000 copies.

Although the pressure of producing another successful album weighs heavily on the shoulders of Caedmon's Call, the band has not forgotten the purpose of its music.

"We want to give a genuine, real-life picture of what it means to be a Christian, on and off stage," said drummer Todd Bragg. "We have never wanted to be just entertainers."

"God is a very big God, and His redemption is very big," he added.

That redemption is the focus of "40 Acres" and will once again bring success to the band.



DOUBLE DOWN IMAGES

READY TO JAM — Caedmon's Call will be performing on Sat., Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. in the Schillings Multi-Purpose Center. The concert is free to LU students with their student ID.

Video courses offer alternatives for cramped student schedules

By Corrie Duis, reporter

Scheduling classes can be a complicated process. And when you're down to the last few semesters, it gets even more difficult. That's why many turn to Liberty's External Degree Program (EDP) to complete their academic program.

The EDP program was originally created as an adult education program for students aged 25 and older to complete their degrees at a distance.

Now, however, LU resident students may also supplement their residential schedule with a limited number of EDP courses. This can be done by completing and submitting the "Request to Take Courses at the External Degree Program" form. Once the Registrar approves the request, the student may enroll for the approved course(s).

Alumna Courtney Everson completed nine hours through video last winter. Taking these classes enabled Everson to graduate a year early and marry this summer. She said that although the videos took a lot of self-determination, she would definitely do it again.

"I did great on most of them," Everson said of her test results. Besides taking two core classes, Everson also took a 400 level class in her major.

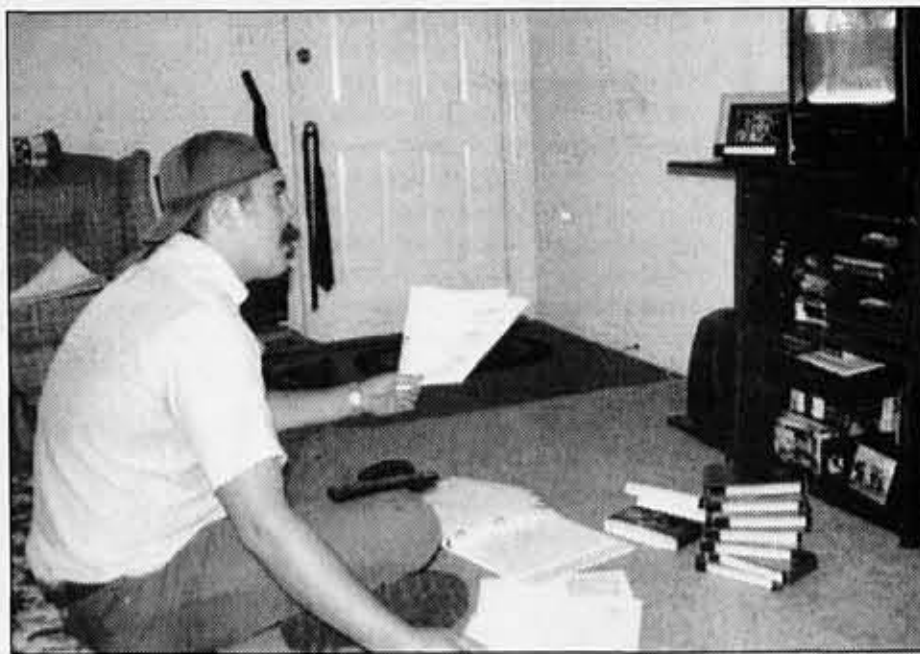
According to EDP program head

Rick Rasberry, more than 100 LU classes are currently available on video.

However, "some classes don't lend themselves to video form," Rasberry explained. For instance the COMS 101 speech class that is a core requirement would not work as an EDP course.

Taught by LU faculty or other field professionals, most of the class offerings are undergraduate classes with a limited number of major courses. Tuition for EDP courses run at \$180 per hour for undergraduate level and \$195 per hour for graduate level.

Students in the LU residential program wishing to enroll in EDP are required to have a 2.0 GPA or higher to receive permission from the



POLLY HUNTOON

HITTING THE BOOKS — EDP student Rasty McGibbon works through a video course.

Registrar to take EDP courses.

Although the EDP grading scale is comparable to that of the residential program, residential students (as well as local EDP students) must take the tests at the LU Tutoring and Testing Center. EDP students outside the local area must have their tests given by an

approved proctor prior to testing.

These precautions are taken to "maintain the integrity" of the examination process Rasberry said.

The EDP program is also conducting an Age Waiver Study that involves EDP applicants who are under age 25. The purpose of the study is to determine whether students under age 25 perform as well in the EDP as students over age 25. At the end of this academic year, the results will be studied by the Age Waiver Committee, which will then make a recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the college/school deans concerning maintaining of the current age requirement or modifying it.

In the past, EDP students have "routinely outperformed residential students in the modulars," Rasberry said.

This may be because EDP is a non-traditional learning system, so stu-

dents' motivations are often higher. However, Rasberry maintains that if residential students do well, it may become available for all future residents.

"We definitely want to be objective about it," he said.

There are also other points to consider.

One of the programs biggest concerns is that traditional-age college students may not experience residential life. Liberty education was based partly on an idea of social interaction. That personal contact would be lost with the video format.

Another point of concern, according to senior Beth Mercer, is the student's motivation.

Mercer is currently enrolled in an EDP philosophy course in order to graduate in December. Scheduling conflicts prevented her from taking the course in the classroom, so she opted for the video format.

"The hard part is that you have to take the class on your own time," she said. "It's not like a set class that you have to go to."

Program heads believe that while concerns exist, the study will aid them in making an educated decision about the future of the program.

As Rasberry said, "we want to make it the best that we can."

Opinion

“When you’re sitting around the dinner table with your daughter or your little niece, it’ll bring up so many questions. I’m shocked.”

-Miss America 1993 Leanza Cornett, on proposed changes in the pageant’s rules,,

The Liberty Champion

Christians victims of hate crimes too

In the wake of the tragic shootings in Fort Worth Wednesday, it's time to look at things in a different light. The recent rash of shootings nation-wide, the Matthew Shepard beating and the dragging death of a black man in Texas have shocked America.

These events have sparked widespread calls for hate crimes legislation. Such bills would ostensibly protect everyone from blacks to gays to Jews. But notice which minority gets left out.

Has anyone heard calls to protect Christians from hate crimes? Instead, we get blamed for the Shepard incident. The secular media portrays Christians as hateful victimizers, but never hated victims.

But consider these facts. The Paducah, Ky. high school shooter targeted a prayer group. The Columbine shooters picked out Christians. And just last week, the Fort Worth shooter chose a church to carry out his crime. Yet the major media outlets focus their outrage on the culpability of the gun involved.

It never helps to surrender to a martyr mentality, but let's call a spade a spade. Some people do target others solely because of their faith. Criminalizing hate may or may not be appropriate. But in the mad rush to do it, why the discrimination?

America needs to wake up and protect everyone, not just the politically correct.

Remember Christ's Great Commission

With Mission Emphasis Week occurring every year here at LU, it's often easy to become accustomed to the booths in DeMoss. It's easy to lose sight of the eternal significance of this time.

If the Creator God of the universe has chosen His people as the means of spreading His message to others, shouldn't we take this week more seriously? Even for those God may not have called to go, this week can help us to learn how to pray, or He may give us a burden for a particular field or ministry to support financially.

This week is also a time for some who may have never considered the call to missions to do so. Take the time to survey the booths, talk to the missionaries, learn from the wealth of wisdom they have to offer. Maybe the field God would have for you is simply one you never knew existed.

While a life of missions may not be considered successful by the world's standards, consider the words of Jim Elliott, a missionary martyred by the Auca Indians in South America in the 1950s. "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Quotes of the week:

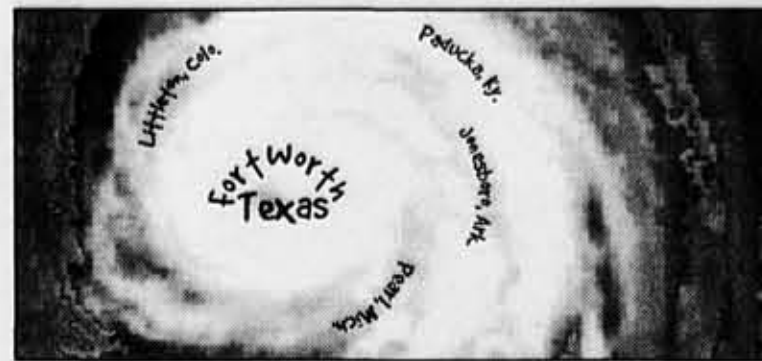
"... How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

-Romans 10:14b

"Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

-William Carey

THE SORE SPOT
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Please pray for the families of the victims and for the work of the Lord in these communities

The Real Natural Disaster

Bring back the chicken patty

This week, a peek into my thoughts on a very important subject - eating at LU.

With an open invitation to Liberty dining services manager Dave Cole for a response on this page, I would like to bring the cries of the Marriott message board to a greater listening public.

Where are the chicken patties?

And the breakfast bar?

Needless to say, multitudes of students have submitted comment cards. I have read them. You have too. Their pleas resonate off the walls and out the new emergency doors.

They are desperate.

Undoubtedly, when the first wave of returning students walked on campus and realized they've lost Mommy's home cookin' until October, they thought of the chicken patty.

It was comfortable. It was familiar. It could be more than just sandwich meat.

Now, Mr. Cole, I understand the need for change. Maybe chicken production in the United States has taken a turn for the worse. It might've been the Drought of '99. Mr. Tyson and Mr. Holly Farms may have gone on strike. Hence, the chicken burger.

(Yes, a chicken burger... faculty and alumni please take note: It's a unique creation, indeed, ... yet the familiar charcoal markings lets us know we are at home).

But, Mr. Cole, college students can't live on vegetarian lasagna alone. The chicken patty was multi-purpose. It crossed all boundaries. Athletes, band members, honor students and prayer leaders all moan the loss. Even RAs liked them. Yes, the chicken patty united us all.

Serving chicken patties once a week is a kind compromise. But, it's just not every meal, every day.

If the loss of the chicken patty wasn't enough, the breakfast bar has also mysteriously disappeared. We know it had only been around for one semester, but, oh, what joy it brought.

The reason is simple - college students rarely get up for breakfast if they don't have a class. So, if they rise to just make convocation, lunch becomes breakfast. A nice plate of eggs and some hash browns appeases a hungry stomach, long after the midnight pizza has come and gone.

Here's another compelling argument for the return of the breakfast bar. Six words - French toast sticks all day long.

Currently, a student who races to the

Reber-Thomas Dining Hall after convocation in search of a fulfilling first meal can be disappointed. Last year, the breakfast bar was a welcome start to the day, but no longer.

A second option was to snatch a chicken patty. It was just right for a first meal: not too greasy, but fulfilling. Just ask McDonalds. They recently introduced the chicken biscuit. It's a quality snack.

Now, if the main line is serving greasy quesadillas or French dip, that could spoil the rest of your day.

Indeed, the two recent deletions heightened my food fears. What's next? Lucky Charms?

Please, Mr. Cole, bring back the chicken patty and the breakfast bar. Students will love eating once again.

On another eating note, I like to eat in a neat and clean place... along with the rest of the student body. That's why 5 p.m. is a great time to eat. But more and more students haven't been treating the cafeteria with respect. Trays are strewn everywhere. Cups and plates occupy empty tables. The floor has been trashed with food.

I know it's not the coolest thing to scold your peers in the newspaper. I also know it's not very nice to make the great ladies in Marriott pick up your trash. Be a neat student. Do your part. Maybe then they'll bring back the chicken patty and breakfast bar.



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Where's her majesty headed?

I'm not one for beauty pageants.

For one thing, I never bought that line about focusing on the whole person: intellect, character, etc. If that's the case, why don't we call them intellect, character, or "whole person" pageants? And what about having contestants wear swim suits to judge... physical fitness? Right.

That aside though, Miss America Organization's official goal mentions nothing of beauty. "The Miss America competition exists for the purpose of providing personal and professional opportunities for young American women and promoting their voice in culture, politics and the community."

Traditionally, the MAO has empowered "American women to achieve their personal and professional goals, while providing a forum in which to express their opinions, talent and intelligence."

The MAO does more than that, though. It produces a new role model every year. Heather Whitestone's open commitment to Christ paired with her deafness especially endeared her to the Christian community in 1995.

However, the stringent qualifications for becoming an official role model may relax somewhat next year. Now, contestants must be single and childless. No previous or current husbands, and certainly

no previous or current children.

With the changes, Miss America would still have to be single and childless, but only currently so. It's okay if she's divorced, or if she's had an abortion.

Let's rephrase that from a Christian point of view. They're saying that it's okay if we lift up a role model who can't keep a commitment, and/or who takes the easy way out and chooses murder over responsibility.

Even from a non-prudish, non-bigoted point of view, why would we uplift a woman who didn't keep her promise to the one she loved, or who lives so carelessly that she'd get herself into such a mess as to want an abortion?

What's the point of considering such changes? I checked out MAO's web site to find out, but came up dry. Robert L. Beck, president and CEO, did include a mysterious press release. Beck wrote, "we have agreed to engage in a dialogue with our franchisees to explore possible alternatives...."

Officially, the MAO said they considered making changes to comply with non-discriminatory laws, though there was no

mention of any law or what the changes were in the press release.

Is complying with law something to hide? If they feared a strong public reaction, why didn't they point their fingers at the specific laws, instead of trying to slip past the public eye?

Seems more like the MAO is trying to sway left without anyone noticing.

Whatever the reason, Americans raised enough of a stink over the issue that the MAO, originally planning to implement the changes in this year's pageant, has indefinitely pushed off final decisions.

So, Miss America's tiara will remain untarnished for another year, and the MAO will have learned a lesson in public relations.

Even as popular as feminism is, and even as lightly we take beauty pageants, we still hold traditional views on what the ideal girl should be.

From their tactics, though, it looks like the MAO thinks it won't be long before a girl who's rid herself of her children and her husband will truly be America's ideal.

We'll see.



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-Katie Hayes, Jr. San Diego, Calif.

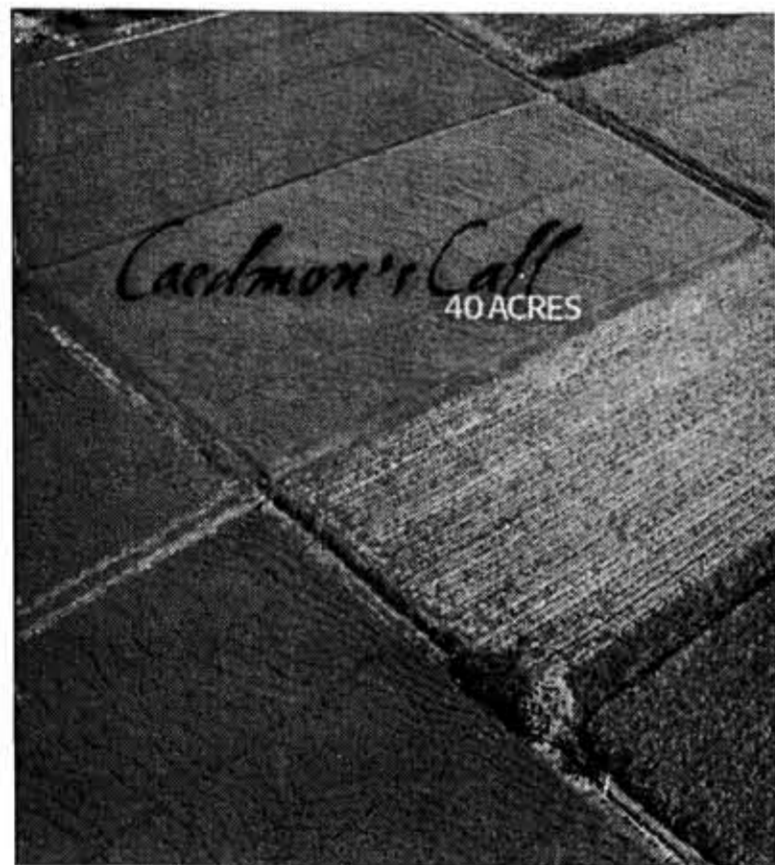


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Sosa makes history with different home run record

Sammy Sosa may not hold the all-time home run record, yet. But, the Cubs outfielder notched a different place in history Saturday when he became the first player to have to consecutive seasons with more than 60 home runs. Sosa endured a home run drought of seven games before the historic shot in the sixth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers. The Cubs lost, 7-4 in 14 innings. With less than two weeks left in the season, Sosa and St. Louis Cardinals' slugger Mark McGwire will square off six more times.

Trinidad takes title from De La Hoya by decision

Felix Trinidad's late-round comeback keyed a majority decision victory over previously-unbeaten Oscar De La Hoya in a welterweight title match Saturday night. De La Hoya lost for the first time in 32 pro fights. Trinidad captured the WBC title to accompany the IBF championship he held entering the match. Trinidad improved his record to 36-0, with 30 knockouts, after the win. Talk of a rematch may be hindered by squabbles between De La Hoya promoter Bob Arum and Trinidad promoter Don King.

Wisconsin drops in rankings after stunning loss

Wisconsin dropped to No. 17 in the new ESPN/USA Today poll after a shocking loss Saturday to lowly Cincinnati, 17-12. Florida State retained the top spot after a convincing win over North Carolina State. Penn State moved to second in the rankings after a late-game rally against Miami (Fla.). Florida gained one spot after holding on against reigning national champion Tennessee, 23-21. Michigan and Nebraska round out the top five. Texas A&M, Tennessee, Virginia Tech, Georgia and Ohio State complete the top ten. The rest of the rankings are: Purdue, Georgia Tech, Miami (Fla.), Arkansas, Kansas St., USC, Wisconsin, BYU, Texas, Michigan State, Marshall, Mississippi St., North Carolina State, Air Force. Arizona, Alabama, Arizona State and Colorado State dropped from the rankings this week.

W'soccer: Record now stands at 3-3

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Big South. "This year's team is better than last year because off the fact that we have more talent. Also this team has grown up and matured a lot. Right now we have to prepare for our next game against Radford," said Jennings.

In a losing effort, goalkeeper Addy Allen had three shut outs coming into the Elon game. Allen played the entire 90 minutes of the game, but fell just 15 minutes short of adding another game to her book of shutouts. The Lady Flames will host Radford on Thursday night, Sept. 23, starting at 7:30. The Highlanders are tied with Elon for first in the Big South Conference.



JOHN FISHER
IN PURSUIT OF POSITION— Liberty midfielder Kim Althouse battles with Elon's Jessica Mills during Saturday's game. LU lost the game, 1-0. The Lady Flames return to action Thursday at home against Radford at 7:30 p.m.

Football: LU returns home for two games

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the two-point conversion, but the Flames still fell short 18-15. While Nobles led the Flames offensively in the game, three Flames led the defense. Aaron Sykes had nine tackles and one interception. Billy Seals recorded ten tackles, and Randall State had an interception. The game, held at Tucker Stadium in Cookeville, Tenn., was moved to noon because of the University of Tennessee-Florida Saturday evening. The Flames play home this weekend against Fayetteville State at 7:30 p.m. LU will host Johnson C. Smith for Homecoming Oct. 2.

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Hats off to the Liberty football program

Editor:
I was ecstatic the day I found out Liberty was traveling to Huntington, W.Va. to take on the Thundering Herd of Marshall University. Being a Marshall alumni as well as a Liberty employee it was a win/win situation for me. I decided the only thing to do was to be a loyal Flames fan and wear my red, white and blue amongst the green-clad hordes that would no doubt fill Marshall's 30,000 seat stadium.
I knew that LU would come in the underdog as the Division I-AA opponent of Marshall, who had moved up to I-A ball only a couple of years ago but had been dominating in their conference. I also had hoped that Marshall would come out flat following their win over ACC opponent Clemson a week earlier. Unfortunately, Liberty caught the Herd at the wrong time. They were hitting on all cylinders while we were not able to play nearly to the level we are capable. We simply

ran into a very good top-25 team with a Heisman candidate at the helm.
The point of my letter is not to evaluate relative athletic strengths and weaknesses of the teams. My point is that Liberty's team showed an enormous amount of class when they shook hands with the other team after taking it on the chin and invited them to bow a knee at mid-field and pray. What an incredible statement. When all is said and done there are more important things in life than the score of an athletic contest.
My hat is off to the Flames football squad.

Sincerely,
Cam Davis
Communication Studies faculty

Keepin' it in the family

Josh Zealand becomes fourth brother to run X-C for LU

By Tim Holland, reporter

It is not a frequent occurrence that four brothers participate in the same sport at the same school, but such is the case here at LU. Josh Zealand, a freshman this year, becomes the fourth brother in his family to run cross country/track for Liberty.

Hailing from Canada, Zealand says that, "finishing in the top four, and making it to nationals as a team," are some goals that he and the team have set for themselves this year.

In the University of Virginia Lou Onesty Invitational last week, Zealand made an impressive showing with a third place overall finish. With the team's already reliable foundation, Zealand is sure to be a

valuable addition. Should they make nationals, he will doubtless make an integral contribution.
According to Zealand, "running against older competition, hilly courses, and the heat," are the

Though Josh is the only Zealand running at LU this year, he is not the only one involved with the team. Clark Zealand, a recent Liberty graduate and former runner, is now an assistant coach for the cross country team.
When asked about his feelings of having his brother as a coach Zealand replied, "It's nice because he's been following me for the past four years, and he knows what I

"I'm always having to push myself, especially in practice, which is great."

-Freshman Josh Zealand

biggest differences between running in college and running in high school. Despite the differences, Zealand has seemed to make a smooth transition.

"I'm always having to push myself, especially in practice, which is great," he said referring to the competitive level of running here at Liberty.

can handle in terms of training and mileage. He's a little tougher on me than on some of the other guys, but that's only because he knows what I can do and what I can handle. It's great though, and I have no complaints about it."

The next test for Zealand is the Virginia Ten-Miler on Sept. 25.

Sam Show: Not just fun and games

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Game" guest, and a feature segment of a player or a different aspect of the football team.

"It's fun to be back on the air," Rutigliano said. "It's more fun here than what I did on the national scene with ESPN and NBC. I didn't enjoy that as much. It's kinda special here especially working with my son."

Paul Rutigliano is the host. It's a challenge to get the show done with Rutigliano's schedule in one day, but he has always loved a challenge.

"The Sam Rutigliano Show" has already aired three times and their last guest was freshman free safety, Aaron Sykes, who made the big interception in the Marshall game.

"This was the first show I have ever done, and it felt really nice being on air," said Sykes.

With only 10 shows left, "The Sam Rutigliano Show" keeps viewers up-to-date on all the Flames sport news.



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ALL SMILES — Rutigliano is enjoying the opportunity to be back on TV. Viewers can catch the show on Home Team Sports and W19BC locally.

Bring back the chicken patty with Chris. See page 8

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Why get high?

Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett will miss the next seven games as a punishment for his fifth violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy.

What I just can't grasp is that if you are a professional athlete, isn't that enough of a high? Obviously not. Making as much money as pro-athletes do, it is understandable how easy drug access is, but my question is simply, "Why?"

Lett has been indefinitely suspended since June and missed the Cowboys opening game at Washington. He is now banned from the team's workouts and premises until November.

Lett was suspended for marijuana in 1995 and cocaine in 1997. Len Bias, top draft-pick for the Boston Celtics, died from cocaine usage two days after entering the NBA in 1986. Then there's the Darryl Strawberry saga.

We live in a permissive society. When we don't penalize the President of the United States for lying under oath, of course we aren't going to severely penalize a drug user in the limelight.

This is Lett's fifth offense, and according to his coach, they just can't wait to get him back. His absence is a part of Dallas' defensive breakdown, but his return is impatiently awaited for the Cowboys game against Green Bay.

Get him back? What about getting him some treatment? More and more athletes are being suspended these days for illegal drug abuse. Then there's the abuse of steroids as well. "The bigger you are the better" is the cliché that seems to prove true.

However, steroids aren't the only drugs being abused in the athletic arena. Whether athletes realize it or not they are role models. They stand on a pedestal that few others reach in a lifetime even if they do not want that responsibility it comes with their contract.

Steroids don't create a strong athlete. Sure they enhance the talent, but that can also come through hard work.

Take for example giants in the Bible who weren't shooting up but were successful in their own world. David fought Goliath and won without any strength of his own. His "steroids" were that of a much higher Being. And Joseph went through terrible trials but fought for God with prayer and obedience.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying go out and try to succeed in pro-athletics without any strength but God. I am implying that we get to the top with Christ and perspiration, not illegal drug abuse. Everyone wants to be the best in what they do, and some people will do whatever it takes to get there.

Make determination, hard work and God your steroids. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me", after all Phillipians 4:13 was written for all circumstances.

Volleyball wins two at FSU Classic

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

After splitting a series of games last weekend in the N.C. State Invitational, the Lady Flames volleyball team took to the court Friday and Saturday in Tallahassee, Fla. as it participated in the Florida State Classic.

Liberty opened tournament play Friday with a marathon 3-2 win over Florida Atlantic, 15-6, 15-9, 10-15, 16-18, 15-11.

Senior Anthonia Akpama led the Lady Flames attack with 34 kills and 16 digs.

Kyrie Dorn added 17 kills, and Rachel Harnack had 12. Michelle Howland recorded 68 assists.

Gracie Helm had 21 kills and Lori Lombard had 19 kills to lead Florida Atlantic.

On Saturday, LU squared off against Florida Atlantic for the second time. This time, the Lady Flames finished off FAU (4-7) in three games, 15-10, 15-13, 15-9.

Akpama keyed the Lady Flames attack for the second time. She recorded 17 kills and 13 digs.

Kyrie Dorn had 21 digs, while Michelle Howland recorded 44 assists. Jessica Wilson had 15 kills for LU.

For FAU, Lori Lombard had nine kills and Heather Chandler recorded 30 assists.

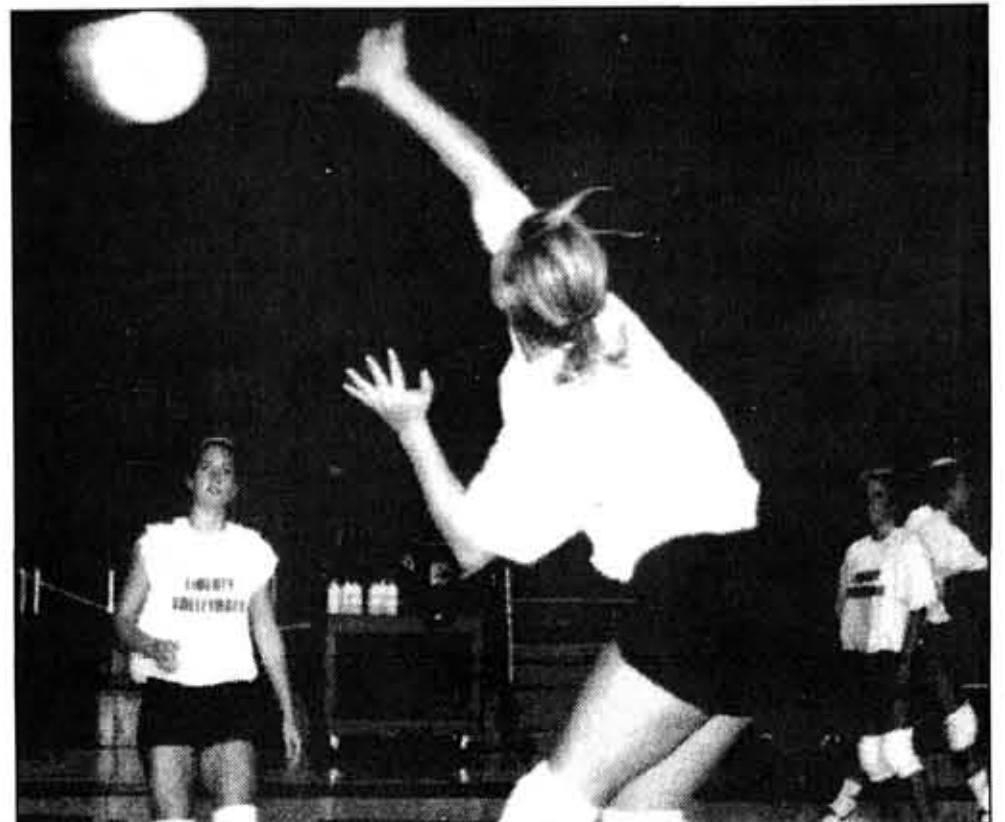
In the final game of the tournament, the Lady Flames dropped a seesaw five-game battle, 3-2, to the Florida State Lady Seminoles, 15-12, 13-15, 15-9, 14-16, 15-7.

The Lady Flames (4-6) did not lose easily. Senior Anthonia Akpama recorded 30 kills, 14 digs and three blocks. Senior Kyrie Dorn had 15 kills, 25 digs, and two blocks. Sophomore setter Michelle Howland had 66 of the team's 69 assists.

After playing their first 10 matches on the road, LU finally returns to the comfortable confines of the Vines Center.

The Lady Flames will be playing in the Vines Center Tuesday at 7:30 against James Madison University.

LU also hosts North Carolina A&T in the Vines Center Sept. 25. The game begins at 2 p.m. Admission is free for LU students.



JOHN FISHER

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — The Lady Flames volleyball team practiced last week in preparation for the Florida State Classic. LU won two of three matches.

On the air again



TED NEUMANN

"WELL, COACH ..." — Freshman Aaron Sykes talks to coach Sam Rutigliano during the "Sam Rutigliano Show" taping last week. Sykes was featured during the "Player of the Game" segment for his performance against Marshall two weeks ago.

Coach's show makes regional TV debut

By Brooke Herrmann, assist. sports ed.

From being an NFL great to an NBC and ESPN sports commentator to now starting his own show, Sam Rutigliano has left a legacy wherever he's been. That is not to say the 66-year old Liberty University head football coach is finished leaving legacies.

With this new adventure ahead, Coach Rutigliano plans to use his

show as yet another platform to glorify Christ.

"The Sam Rutigliano Show" is on Home Team Sports Television every Friday at 3 p.m. and locally on W19BC on Friday night at 11:30 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. On nights Liberty has a home game, it also airs before the game at 7 p.m.

"The show has been contracted to 13 shows with Home Team Sports, with it's last show on November 27," according to show producer, Steve Barry.

"The bottom line is we have the chance to influence other people and Dr. Falwell has always said the best way to reach kids is through music and sports," Rutigliano said. "The show started as a 'brain trust'."

"They decided to cover all the basketball games, and all the football games, then they decided to do a coaches show also. I'm not quite sure if it was Dr. Falwell's idea or not," he said. The show will cover the previous game highlights, a "Player of the

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Tenn. Tech hands LU second loss

Nobles becomes Flames' all-time leading rusher

By Brooke Herrmann, assist. sports ed.

Saturday's football game against Tennessee Tech was important to pull the Flames up after the Marshall loss. But now, after an 18-15 loss at the hands of the Golden Eagles, the Flames will need to finish the season with a perfect record if they wish to have a shot at the playoffs.

Highlighting the Flames effort was senior running back Stacy Nobles. Nobles, with 81 yards on 24 carries, became LU's all-time leading rusher with 2,759 yards, surpassing Lawrence Worthington's mark of 2,723 career rushing yards.

For the first quarter Liberty's defense held Tennessee Tech from scoring as the Flames offense struggled to gain yardage. Christian Newsome was sacked twice before the end of the first quarter and struggled to move the offense. He completed only one of five passes in the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter the scoreboard was bare. Nobles continued to tally up rushing 53 yards for Liberty while Tennessee Tech decided to attempt a field goal. David Collett kicked a 37-yard goal to put the Golden Eagles head 3-0.

With 10:05 left on the clock in the third, Gavin Kralick received Newsome's 14-yard pass to score a touchdown. Jay Kelley's kick attempt was good to bump the Flames a head 7-3. Tennessee Tech refused to let the Flames get comfortable. With 5:30 left the Eagle's Jerome Tillman rushed for three yards to complete a touchdown in a drive that spanned 12 plays and 79 yards with 4:24 left. On Liberty's next drive, Walt Heilig fumbled the ball. Tech's Brandon Vaughn recovered the ball at Liberty's 26-yard line. Tennessee Tech's last drive in the quarter led to a successful 27-yard field by Collett, increasing the lead to 13-7.

The fourth quarter was eventful as Vaughn sacked Newsome for a safety with 10:15 left in the game. Collett helped the Golden Eagles effort with a 24-yard field goal, increasing the lead to 18-7. Liberty refused to give up and answered with a pass from Newsome to Nick Barela for a touchdown with 1:39 left in the game. The clock ran out as Newsome completed a pass to Nobles for

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W'soccer drops close match to Elon

By Tarant Judge, reporter

Coming into Saturday's game against Elon the Liberty University women soccer team were on top of the Big South Conference with a record of 1-0.

Through the entire game the teams were scoreless with both defenses playing a great game. Both teams only allowed six shots.

The Lady Flames dominated the entire game by keeping the ball on the offensive side of the field. They attempted six shots total and three

shots on goal but could not score.

Elon attempted six shots total and five shot on goal and were stopped by the Lady Flames goalkeeper Addy Allen. After 30 minutes into the second half, Elon's senior defence-men Margi Burkhart gained control of the ball and were fouled by a Lady Flame directly in front of the goal. Burkhart took a direct kick and drove the ball towards the left post where she found freshman Jessica Mills to score the game-winning goal. The Lady Flames had 15 minutes to score, but could not put the ball in.

The Lady Flames had two chances to score with corner kicks. The first was by Cheryl Jones off a foul on Elon. The second corner kick attempted came from Breanna Jacinto with four minutes left into the game, but the Elon defense stood tall in the end.

"We dominated the whole game. And we believe we should have won," said Felicia Jennings.

Elon improved to 2-4 overall and 1-0 in Big South Conference play. Liberty is now 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the

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