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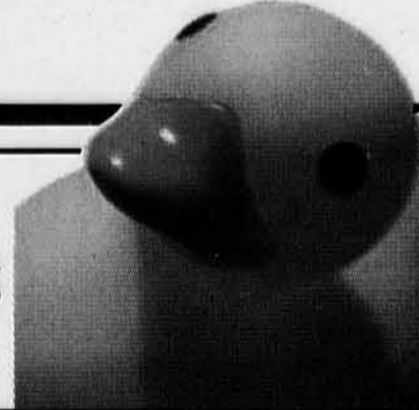


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Is this experimental process an end to abortion? **A4**

Squeaky clean

Life! gives tips on preventing illness and infection **B6**



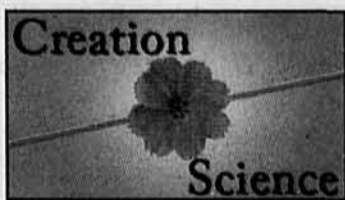
Creation college: What universities are teaching

By Angela Franulovich
NEWS REPORTER

No one will deny that Liberty University has a distinct academic atmosphere compared to secular universities. But many LU students may not be aware of how distinct Liberty is within Christian academia – and perhaps nothing demonstrates this more clearly than LU's scientific

stand on a biblical creation.

Besides Liberty, some Christian colleges that hold fast to scriptural accounts of a young-earth creation would include The Master's College of Santa Clarita, Calif., and Clearwater Christian College of Clearwater, Fla.



But according to Dr. David DeWitt, director of Liberty's Center for Creation Studies, there are only a handful of such colleges in the

U.S.

The majority of Christian colleges, it seems, are open to allowing secular scientific theories to override scriptural authority, at

least in their science departments.

One such college is Wheaton College of Wheaton, Ill.

After a 1961 controversy in which one Wheaton professor openly promoted evolution, the college again came under scrutiny for scriptural inconsistencies in its science department with the 2001 release of a PBS television series on evolution.

In the series, a Wheaton field trip was featured in which a water hole was purported to be 33 million years old. According to biblical genealogies that trace Jesus' lineage back to Adam, the earth is less than 10,000 years old.

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Marty Kilgore campaigns at LU



By Jeremy Wicks
NEWS REPORTER

While the Republican gubernatorial candidate, Jerry Kilgore, campaigned in Winchester on Friday, his wife Marty Kilgore joined Liberty students in the Reber-Thomas dining hall during convocation to rally support. She was preceded by a host of contributing organizations, faculty and student leaders who informed the audience of opportunities to help in Kilgore's race to Richmond.

On Aug. 2, Marty Kilgore resigned from her position as executive director of the Tobacco Settlement Foundation to campaign on her husband's behalf. When asked if she would miss her job she said, "Yes, of course I will miss my job, but this election is a family affair."

Although Jerry Kilgore and his wife usually campaign separately, they make it home almost every night to "share the story of the day." Since resigning, Marty speaks almost every day at colleges, churches, graduations and community organizations stretching from Virginia's Cumberland Gap to Tangier in the Chesapeake Bay.

Creating jobs, lowering taxes and "better pay for better teachers" are just a few of Kilgore's policies that his wife touched on. Being a third generation teacher, Marty Kilgore holds the "better pay for better teachers" program very close to her heart. She believes the children of Virginia deserve the best teachers in America, and in order to do that, they need to be rewarded for their hard work.

"Marty is really the greatest asset I have," said Kilgore in a press release. "I always joke with her that she generates more support and enthusiasm at political events than any candidate ever has. We both consider this effort important to our family."

Kilgore is leading Democrat Timothy M. Kaine in the polls by four points, but campaign organizers say help is still needed. "You want to help out, well we need help," said Professor Stephen P. Witham of the Helms School of Government, which is responsible for organizing the event.

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HITTING THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL — Marty Kilgore met with students and raised support for husband, Jerry.

ADAM BISHOP

Tsunami: Nine months later

By Jennifer Maxfield
NEWS REPORTER

On Dec. 26, 2004, the world listened in horror as reports of a tsunami that hit Indonesia, southern India, Sri Lanka and Thailand came in. The Indian Ocean tsunami was a result of an underwater earthquake in the Indian Ocean, one of the five largest ever recorded.

The tsunami took a devastating toll. With over 100,000 casualties, the tsunami became one of the deadliest natural disasters ever recorded.

In the weeks that followed, millions of people across southeast Asia found themselves without clean water and in diseased streets where bodies were still uncovered. Malaria and other illnesses related to dirty water plagued the people.

The need was clear, however, and armed with food, water and medical supplies, Liberty University decided to reach out to the victims. Student mission teams went to parts of Thailand and India even as recently as this summer, long after media coverage and the public eye moved on. Over 300 students volunteered for the spring break mission trip last spring.

Valerie Warner went on a missions trip to Chennai, located in southeast India in March 2005. Though it wasn't as damaged as some of the cities closer to the coast, there were, "displaced families and signs for missing kids." The team helped in clearing debris and building straw huts to replace tin ones, which were becoming too hot to tolerate.

Warner said many people were wary of the team, and in some instances didn't want foreign help because of the idea of evangelism, so the team focused their efforts on relationship building through ministering to needs.

Liberty student Liz Lefebure also went on a missions trip to Banda Aceh in Sumatra, Indonesia, one of the hardest hit areas of the Tsunami. Lefebure and a group of students left May 15 and stayed through June 2.

"Everything was pretty much flattened," said Lefebure. "It was hard to comprehend. Even from the plane you could see most of the towns were still underwater. Everyone I talked to lost an immediate family member," said Lefebure.

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LAUREN HULTZ

HOMECOMING 2005 Schedule of Events

Alumni Events

Friday, September 30

6 p.m. Alumni Block Party in front of the LaHaye Student Center

9 p.m. Annual LU Bonfire & Mallow Roast in the David's Place parking area

Saturday, October 1

9 a.m. LaHaye Fitness Center open for visiting until noon

10 a.m. Annual Homecoming Parade on University Blvd.

Noon LU Homecoming football game vs. VMI

3 p.m. Alumni Cookout

3 p.m. Alumni Carnival

Events Open to All Students

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Saturday, October 1

10 a.m. Annual Homecoming Parade on University Blvd.

11 a.m. Parade Float Competition

Noon LU Homecoming football game vs. VMI

University Blvd. will be closed from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. for the Homecoming Parade.

Tsunami: The efforts continue nine months later

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Indonesia is also wary of Christians, and it was an opportunity to, "live out our Christian lives in front of (survivors of the Tsunami) so they could see their ideas of Christians were not accurate," said Fraser.

Fraser told the story of one man in Indonesia who was near a mountain when the waves hit his village. The man related that the first wave was about 10 feet high, and people ran from their huts to a bridge near the town limits. The second wave came and was "as tall as the palm trees," Fraser said the trees the men mentioned were nearly four stories tall. The wave literally scooped up the villagers and washed away the bridge they were clinging to.

The man in Fraser's story ran up the mountain for safety and stayed there for three days with little more to eat than a handful of rice because he was so terrified more waves were coming. After about three days, he came down to help the survivors from his village bury the bodies. "The village had a 60 percent mortality rate," said Fraser.

"It will be more than a decade before Indonesia is back together," said Fraser.

For the survivors, it will take a lifetime.

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Lookadoo gives LU students dating advice

By Tanya Whelly
NEWS REPORTER

Students were allowed to stay out past curfew in order to eat ice cream while listening to motivational speaker Justin Lookadoo. The late night event, which began at 11 p.m. in the Schilling Center, focused on Lookadoo's book, "Dateable: Are you? Are they?" He explored topics relating to guys and girls, and gave students practical advice on relating to the opposite sex. Lookadoo has been a motivational speaker for 11 years and has delivered over 2,000 programs to public and private schools across the United States.

"Whatever you pour into this relationship will determine how much it will rip you apart when it ends," he said.

This was one of the first issues Lookadoo sought to explain to students Friday night. "Don't ditch your friends," he said, "they're the ones who will stick next to you." He went on to give insight on how the opposite sex thinks, receiving exclamations and applause from girls and guys alike. He then gave advice to both sexes, telling girls not pour their emotions into something that may not happen, and telling guys to be responsible with what they say to girls.

The one idea that Lookadoo would like to communicate to students is "live with no regrets." On his Web site, Lookadoo said that his biggest mistake was, "trying to protect

myself from being hurt. I didn't open up to anyone or let anyone get close ... Great way to lose friends and waste time."

Lookadoo began speaking to youth groups while he was still in college. He believed that he could relate to teens in ways that other speakers he had listened to while growing up did not.

"I wanted to be the speaker I never heard," said Lookadoo, who said he was a "smart mouth" in high school. Because he had such a talent in speaking to teens, Lookadoo was asked to be a Juvenile Probation officer in one of the toughest parts of east Texas, where he specialized in drug and crime prevention. He was a probation officer for the Smith County Juvenile Probation Department for six years, helping youth accused of everything from stealing to murder. While in Texas, Lookadoo was honored by the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature for his "immeasurable contributions in behalf of young Texans."

Lookadoo took what he learned from helping troubled teens in Texas and began to share his tips on being "dateable" to students throughout the country. Though Lookadoo is not shy about his relationship with Christ, he does not limit his outreach to Christian schools alone. On the contrary, he has spoken to many public schools about his book and on achieving success in life. "Dateable," according to

Lookadoo, is all about relationships.

"It's about becoming the person God wants you to be," he said, "and that's what makes you attractive." Besides "Dateable," Justin has authored seven other books including "The Dirt on Sex," "The Dirt on Drugs" and "The Hardest 30 Days of Your Life," which challenges readers to give up an indulgence such as television or radio for 30 days.

Lookadoo hopes to reach even more students when he begins Dateable: The Tour, in January 2006.

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GIMME SOME LOVIN' — Lookadoo meets his wife after his presentation at LU.

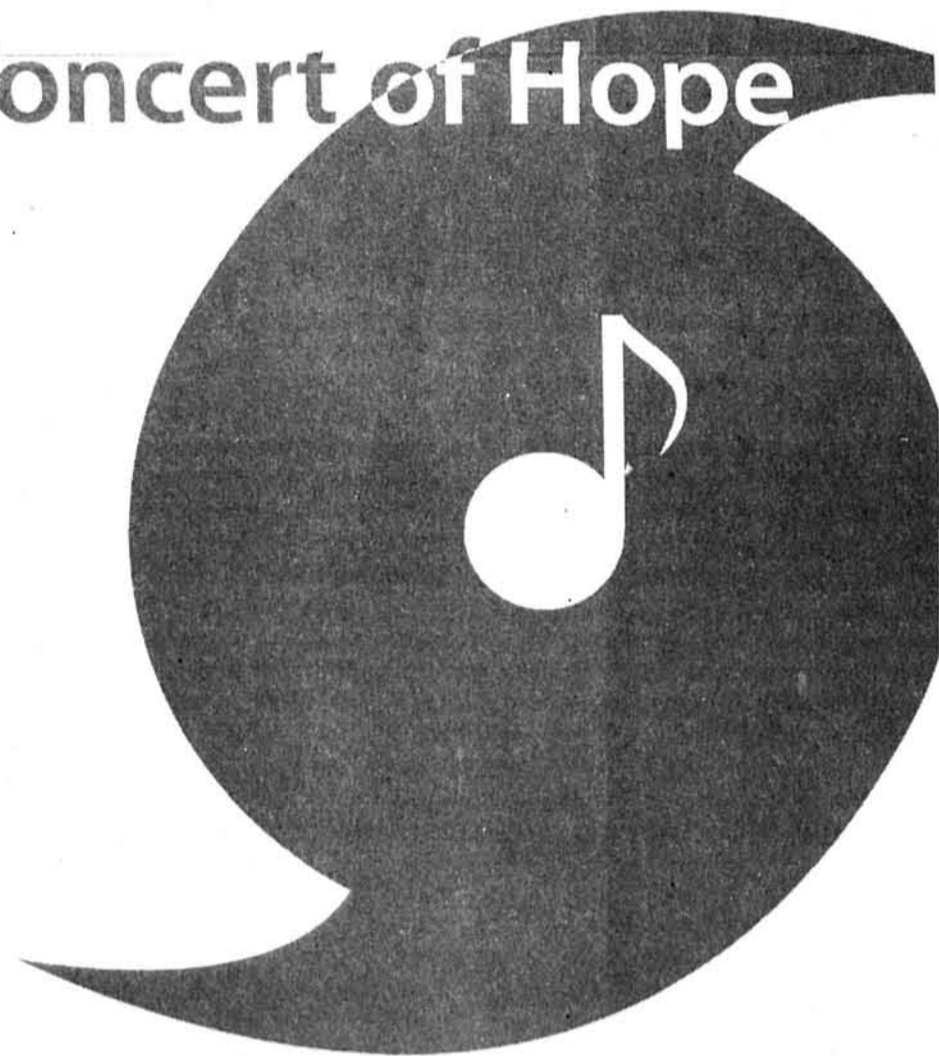


REACHING OUT — Lookadoo speaks to thousands of students a year at both Christian and secular campuses.

Oops, my bad

Due to a reporter error, the story "Student Government elects new leaders," published in the Sept. 20 issue, incorrectly identified SGA Supreme Court Justice David Hornickel as Davis Hornickel.

Concert of Hope



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An eclectic open-air concert of edgy folk, country and contemporary Christian music to raise funds for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort of the North American Missions Board. NAMB Disaster Relief has served nearly a million hot meals to those affected by the hurricane and to the relief workers.

The concert is free, but donations will be collected.

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Writers Conference books a trip to Liberty

By Chelsea Franklin
NEWS REPORTER

Before putting pen to paper, every writer should learn how to get the most out of his or her writing talents. Experienced writers often offer the best advice on how to begin or continue an accomplished writing career.

Best-selling author Frank Peretti is one of eight speakers scheduled to address the attendees of Liberty University's Writers Conference, Oct. 21-22, sponsored jointly by the Department of English and Modern Languages and the Integrated Learning Resource Center. Peretti has been called the "first sales superstar of spiritually-themed thrillers", with books including "This Present Darkness" and "Piercing the Darkness". Combined sales of his books have reached over \$12 million. Other speakers include: freelance writer and founder of I Love to Write Day John Riddle; award winning screen-

writer Brian Godawa; Liberty graduate and last year's Lynchburg City Schools' Teacher of the Year Ruth Erquiaga; Liberty School of Education Professor Michelle Goodwin; Lynchburg Regional Juvenile Detention Center English teacher Nancy Zappula; Lynchburg City Schools Instructional Reading Specialist Linda Williams and Liberty graduate and Appomattox County School System Teacher Kara Byrne.

"Our primary mission is to encourage students and those in the surrounding community who like to write, by providing them with speakers who will inspire and instruct them. Our secondary purpose is to encourage those who teach others how to write, by offering workshops taught by experienced and successful teachers," said Curriculum Library Supervisor Rachel Schwedt.

With seating for 400 people and such accomplished guest speakers, the sponsors hope that the 2005 Writers Conference attendance will be greater

than years past. Sponsors and guest speakers alike hope to impact the attendees with a great sense of hope and motivation for their future in writing. "I really enjoy meeting people and encouraging them to follow their dream of becoming a published writer. I hope that people will come away with a new understanding of how to become a published writer," said guest speaker and founder of I love to Write Day, John Riddle. He also said he would like for people to think outside the box and to The Writers Conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2005, with hors d'oeuvres and Frank Peretti's keynote address, "The Writer's Calling" in DeMoss 1113. Anyone interested in attending should obtain a ticket at the Curriculum Library desk.

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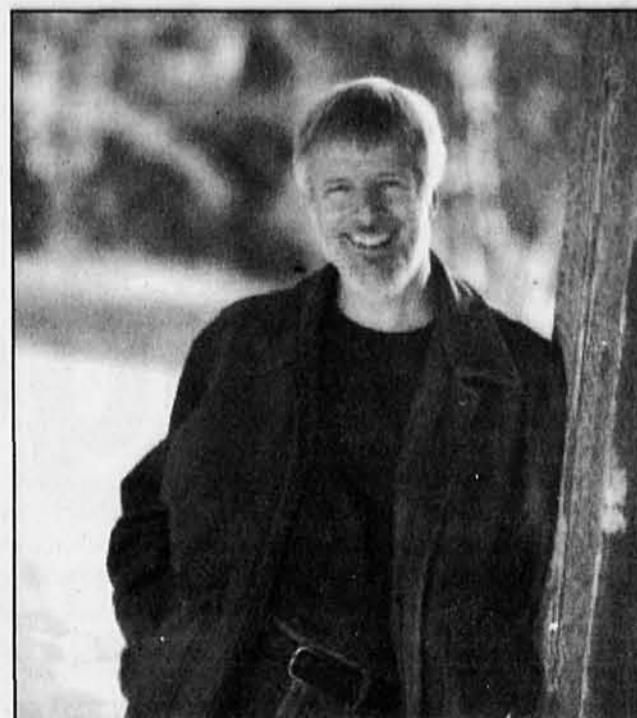


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BEST-SELLER — Frank Peretti, author of "This Present Darkness" and "Piercing the Darkness", will be the keynote speaker at this year's Writers Conference.

Construction continues for 460 Creation: Keeping it real

By Matthew Robinson
NEWS REPORTER

"When will the Champion Circle ramp reopen? Why does it need to be closed?"

Those questions are being answered. Orange barrels baffle students who would like to see the reopening as soon as possible.

More than a week has passed since the exit ramp onto U.S. 460 West from Champion Circle was closed due to construction. The closure prohibits travelers from traveling westbound 460 via the Champion Circle exit and reroutes them to Ericsson Dr. to make the nearest available 460 West connection.

The Virginia Department of Transportation initially authorized the ramp closure for safety concerns. "The ramp is to be closed during periods when work is taking place on the slope above it. This is for safety reasons," said Paula Jones of VDOT's Office of Public Affairs.

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Public Affairs, said.

Before VDOT's involvement, the steep ramp could potentially send cars off the side of the ramp and into a ditch. VDOT is requiring Liberty to construct a new slope. Complimenting the revamped ramp will include a shoulder to prevent run-off into a ditch which was a prior concern for VDOT officials.

"The paved shoulder being constructed will improve safety on the ramp and on 460," J.O. Renalds, director of Field Operations at Liberty, said.

The angle of the slope must be lowered and a road shoulder put in place before construction commences. It is a gradual process but some major work is still left unfinished.

"Now that the dirt has been

removed from the bank to make room for the road shoulder, they must dig out for the stone base and pavement. They will be digging about 15 inches deeper than the existing road surface," Randy Johnson, Grounds Department manager, said.

Completion of the shoulder almost ends the construction process. The goal is to have the ramp open for homecoming, but VDOT has the final word before the ramp can reopen.

"It may be several weeks. The paving of the ramp shoulder and U.S. 460 must be completed and all VDOT requirements before they will allow LU to reopen the ramp," said Renalds.

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MATT TRENT
NO BUSINESS LIKE ROAD BUSINESS — Construction continues for 460.

Kilgore: Drumming up support

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Molly Ford and Amie Kellar, two Liberty graduates who played a major role in planning the event, worked all summer brainstorming ways to get more students involved in government.

"We wanted to make the students feel like they are a part of something," Ford said. Besides rallying support for Kilgore, Ford and Kellar hoped the meeting would help students become aware of opportunities for hands-on experience in the political realm.

"Education with practical experience," said

Keller. "To get jobs, students must be hireable." Several different opportunities were presented during the meeting. Janet Polarek is a campaign manager looking for interns. Chairman of the College Republicans Dave Ernest spoke about opportunities to join the club. Classes on campaigning were offered by Christian Robey of the Leadership Institute.

When asked what she will do after the election, Marty said, "Be the best wife to my husband and the best mother to my children."

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Wheaton's official science statement regarding the history of life is that Wheaton is committed to affirming "that God directly created Adam and Eve, the historical parents of the entire human race." But Wheaton also confesses that "nevertheless, we encourage the careful examination of all worthwhile ideas in our curriculum, including those that may seem to contradict our own institutional commitments."

The origin theologians hosted on Wheaton's Web site demonstrate such encouragement.

For example, Dr. Pattle P.T. Pun, professor of molecular biology at Wheaton, has posted his alternate creation theology on their official Web site. In his "theology of progressive creationism," Pun makes numerous appeals to scientific authority.

Pun asserts that a scriptural young-earth creationist position "has denied and belittled the vast amount of scientific evidence amassed to support the theory of natural selection and the antiquity of the earth."

Besides his appeal to "scientific evidence," Pun falsely represents young-earth creationists to strengthen his case. Young-earth creationists do believe that natural selection occurs — but they believe it to be a conservative process, not a creative process.

Pun also states that the "fossil record of life" indicates that carnivores lived "long before man's appearance" and that "physical death existed before the Fall as necessitated by the food chain." Pun claims his creation theology "focuses on the unity of God's revelation in nature as well as in Scripture."

Another Christian college that does not hold fast to biblical accounts of a young-earth creation might come as more of a surprise: Moody Bible Institute.

Moody's PR department said that they may have some faculty members who do not believe in scriptural accounts of a young earth even though they reject "such notions as natural or theistic evolution."

Although Moody requires "every faculty member" to sign a doctrinal statement declaring "that God created the universe and all in it from nothing, and that this creation was formed in seven literal days," Moody also said that "it is possible to hold to either a young earth view of creation, or an old earth view of

creation, and still believe in God (having created) the universe and the world from nothing in seven literal days."

Compromise regarding the biblical accounts of creation is not a new phenomenon in Christian education. It does seem to contradict biblical language scholarship, however.

All but a handful of Hebrew scholars throughout history have asserted that the author of Genesis 1 intended to convey a message of six ordinary, 24-hour creation days. And almost all biblical language scholars agree on the chronological intentions of the authors of the genealogies.

According to Dr. Harvey Hartman, professor of biblical studies at Liberty, compromises regarding creation are not based on biblical scholarship but on outside influences — and whether someone believes the Bible to be the ultimate authority.

"Too many pastors, too many theologians, too many apologists... (are) trying to find some compromised position where they can hold to creation and not look silly (to the world). They're trying to help scripture out where (they consider it to be) woefully ignorant (based on popular scientific theories)," said Hartman.

According to Hartman, the implication of such compromise cuts straight to the heart of the four gospels.

"If we are not going to believe that God could create (everything) instantaneously by a spoken word... why should we believe the record of the four gospels about Jesus, who... being the Word made flesh... performed numerous miracles... almost every one of them (in which) he didn't touch the person... he only spoke to the person, sometimes even in their absence, and they were healed instantaneously," said Hartman.

"If we can't believe God did something... instantaneously in Genesis 1, why would we believe He could do it in the human flesh in the gospels? To me it is inconsistent — we're talking about the same person. Did (God) improve his capabilities over time? (Did he) finally get it right?"

The differences revolving the creation issue impact all Christian universities throughout the country, changing the way students are being educated.

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OPINION

"In the womb, the fetus is in a fluid environment. I am trying to bring the womb environment outside the patient."

Thomas Shaffer

PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY AND PEDIATRICS, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Ectogenesis

The procedure that would put an end to abortion



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What would you say if I told you the abortion debate is over? What if pro-choice advocates no longer had a case because science and technology played its trump card in the game of life? What if terminating pregnancies no longer meant killing babies? The answer is the ongoing development of ectogenesis, a procedure designed to grow

embryos and fetuses in an artificial womb outside the body of a woman. While this may seem like a procedure out of a science fiction novel, we must consider the prospect of such a practice and its ethical implications.

Wendy McElroy, pro-choice author of the book *Liberty for Women: Freedom and Feminism in the 21st Century*, recently discussed the rising issue in an online editorial for *feminists.com*. She writes, "For better or worse, new reproductive technologies are redefining the ground rules of reproduction." Although not yet perfected, two channels are still being developed to make ectogenesis a reality.

The first procedure is aimed at one day helping women who suffer miscarriages or pre-mature births find a safe home for their not-yet-viable fetus. A fetus is placed in a tank of artificial amniotic fluids and connected to tubes acting like a placenta. Scientists from Japan's Juntendo University under the leadership of Dr. Yoshinori Kuwabara have been successful in keeping goat fetuses alive for weeks at a time using this method.

The second method grows an artificial womb from the cells of a real woman's uterus, then places the fetus in the new environment. In 2002, Hung-Ching Liu of Cornell University and her team were successful in growing uterine tis-

sue and implanting a fertilized human egg into the wall of the artificial uterus. However, due to legal constraints on human embryo experimentation, the project was terminated after six days.

While it is not yet possible to grow a human fetus to complete maturation using ectogenesis, the reality of such an option is just within our grasp. Both Kuwabara and Liu believe the technology will be ready in just a few years. Therefore, it is imperative that we as Christians face this issue and consider its possible benefits and consequences now, before a technological Prometheus leads society to an imminent demise.

The philosophies of *Roe v. Wade* were centered at what point a fetus could live outside the body of its mother, known as its viability. Many states still ban abortion of a fetus that has reached the age of viability. If ectogenetical advancements are made, then a fetus could survive outside the mother at any time—even from the moment of conception, such as with *in vitro* fertilization—and abortion could be completely banned. There is no doubt this issue is the new and most deadly threat to pro-choice America's holy grail. As Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, states on the controversy, "that, by any measure, is good news."

Unfortunately, there are a myriad of questions to be asked when considering the consequences of such an experiment. Ultimately, do the ends of saving a child's life justify the means by which it is done? Are we willing as Christians to put an end to the process that has caused 40 million deaths by inviting into our society a new culture of synthetic families? To open the doors of ectogenesis would mean granting not only barren women but also gay couples children of their own.

However, another possible drawback in that the issue of sanctity of life would destroy civil liberty as we know it. How

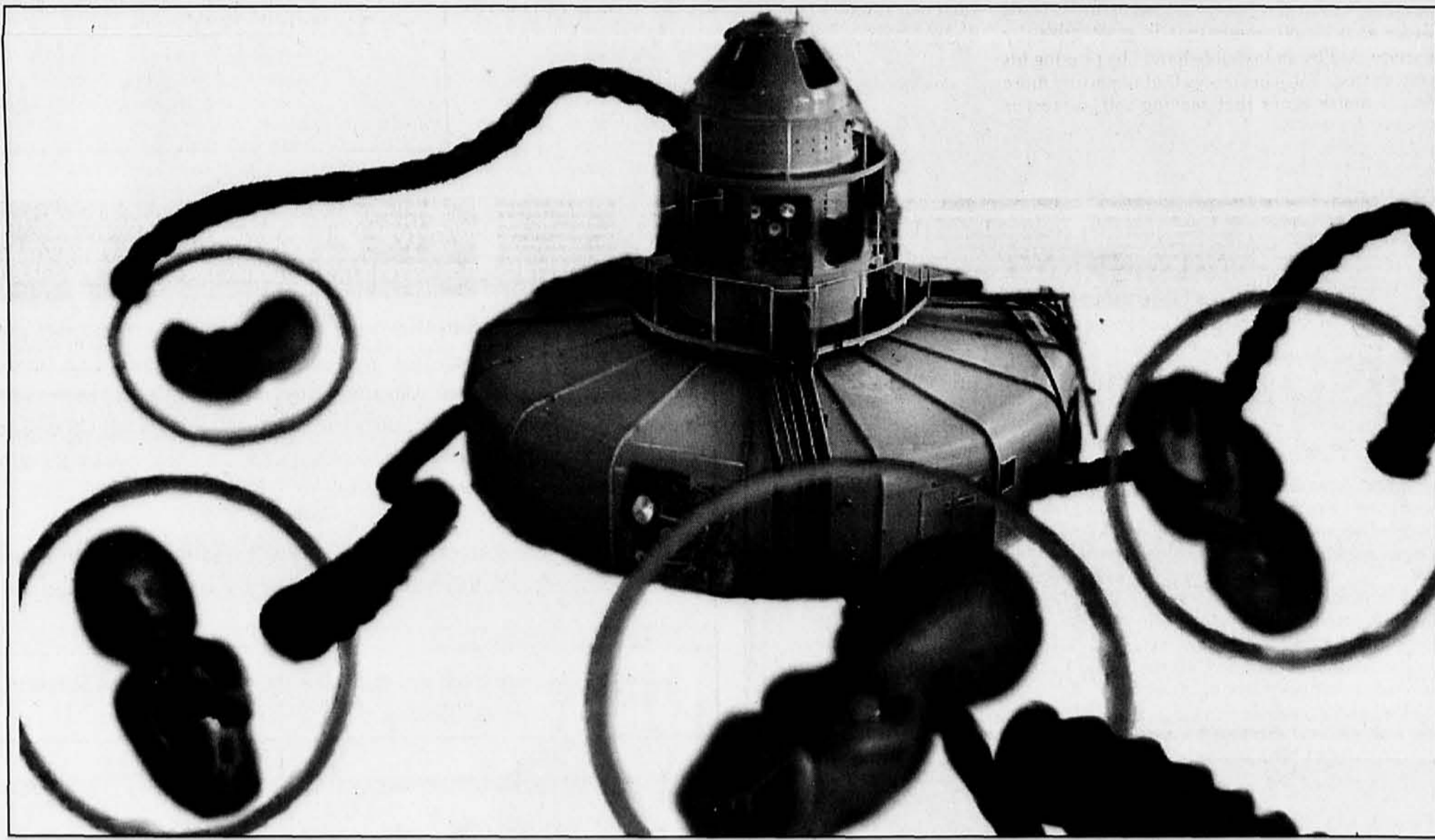
much control would a woman have over her body if artificial gestation was mandated by the government as a means to protect the unborn? Would it simply stop at the right to an abortion? Or would the government have boundless jurisdiction in monitoring the health and safety of a fetus? Could officials be given the right to intervene in a pregnancy if the mother abuses her fetus by, for example, a drug or alcohol addiction? Would this force the fetus to be extracted and carried to term via artificial means?

We must also consider how the moratorium of one vice can give rise to the proliferation of another. If women were given the option of an easily-accessible, affordable termination of an unwanted pregnancy by choosing ectogenesis, what would the effects be on birth control and abstinence? Would society become more promiscuous with a guilt-free ticket out of their pregnancy? Would this in turn cause a surge of childless parents to depend on the state?

Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" foretold a society in which the government completely controlled human reproduction, a system called "decanting." Through this process, humans were grown in laboratories and predestined into a highly-structured caste system. Through ectogenesis, this prophecy lingers over the horizon. Is it worth saving the lives of children to have them not only gestated, but then raised by institutions, hospitals, or the government?

Regardless of your personal stance, a new bioethical controversy is just around the bend. Outlawing abortion may one day be possible, but it will only create another political and ethical quagmire for us to navigate through. We must consider the implications of this possibility now, before any such procedure is ever made legal.

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-LESLIE PARAMYTHERNG

SpeakUp: What would you be doing if you were not in college?



"...running a computer business and working in a church."

—Adam Bowers, Sr.
Lake Odessa, Mich.



"I would probably join the military."

—Daniel Carrasquillo, Soph.
Leesville, La.



"I would be in Romania working at my grandparent's farm..."

—Andreea Mateciuc, Jr.
Richmond Hill, Ontario



"I would probably be working in my church."

—Keith Beck, Jr.
Nashville, Tenn.



"If I wasn't in college, I would be waitressing, saving up to go back to Brazil."

—Casey Barnes, Fr.
Bel Air, Md.



"I would be working at my camp's day care center."

—Hillary Scott, Fr.
Colonial Heights, Va.

STEPHANIE GULAMERIAN

COMMENTARY

Christian love in an economic crisis

The black numbers are taken down and changed every time you drive by the local gas stations. Humane Societies are asking for help with housing and feeding animals. Every event, television show and restaurant becomes a drop off point for donations and supplies. This has become the daily scene in American towns as our nation tries to come to terms with the reality of the New Orleans disaster. As Christians and citizens of a free market capitalist economy, we have the responsibility and privilege to help others in time of need and to contribute our resources to benefit the community as a whole.



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Over the weekend, the death toll has risen above 800 as Republican Senator David Vitter estimates that the total death toll for Louisiana could be well over 5,000. There are at least 273,000 people homeless and living in shelters across the southern part of the nation. The cost of damage could surpass \$100 billion dollars, and \$35 billion coming from insurance companies. The loss of productivity in the area costs \$100 million

a day. President Bush has appealed to the nation for unity and compassion, promising aid and vowing solutions. Yet, because of the late response by the government, the president's ratings have dropped, due to issues that cover inequality and race, mainly that the New Orleans refugees were poor blacks who lacked the means of getting to safety. As our president vows to rebuild the devastated land, we must do what we can to ensure the continued freedom and liberty within our economy. We can do this by pursuing the maximum use of our time and resources while obeying God's Word.

The father of free market capitalism, Adam Smith, stated in his classic work, *Wealth of Nations*, that every individual is continually exerting himself to find out the most advantageous employment of whatever capital he can command. "It is his own advantage, indeed, and not that of the society, which he has in view. But the study of his own advantage naturally, or rather necessarily, leads him to prefer that employment that is most advantageous to society...led by an invisible hand...by pursuing his own interest he frequently promotes that of society more effectually..." Smith notes that seeking self-interest is

the most beneficial way for an economy to run. Here, Smith uses the term "self-interest", not in a negative way, but in a way that promotes the greater good of society. Likewise, this self-interest motivates individuals to work hard at their job. First Corinthians states that each believer has a talent or gift to offer. As Christians, we are to use what God has given us to help others. Mark 12:30-31 states the second greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Through laboring by means of the gifts and talents God has given us, we are showing love to our neighbors. The "invisible hand" that guides our economy is that of people working out of a self-interest that is not selfish. From the beginning of Creation in the Garden of Eden, man has had tools and resources that can be used for good or evil. Regardless of your occupation, by working arduously, you are helping the nation's economy obtain stability and growth.

Adam Smith has also stated there are "evidently some principles in his (man's) nature, which interest him in the fortune of others, and render their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it except the pleasure of seeing it...man has almost constant occasion for the help of his brethren..." Smith realized that in order for an economy to grow while maintaining values, individuals would have to sympathize and have empathy for one another. Smith saw sympathy as being a pity and compassion for the sorrow of others, and gratitude and joy for their deliverance and success. Ecclesiastes 3

"Evidently some principles in his (man's) nature, which interest him in the fortune of others, and render their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it except the pleasure of seeing it."

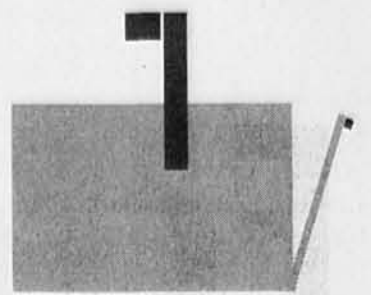
Adam Smith
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shows the believer that there is a time for everything. There is no disputing the fact that we are called to live a life that mirrors Christ. By placing ourselves in the shoes of those who have been devastated by disaster, we are glorifying God. Galatians 6:2 tells us to "carry each others burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ."

By laying down our own desires and seeking to help those in need through the use of our resources and services, we are being an example of Christ to the world. Whether it is donating your extra tip money that you received over the weekend, volunteering at a local shelter, taking in a pet from the Human Society or giving blood, you are fulfilling the will of God. There are many ways to become involved for the security and growth of our economy. As citizens, we are called to give to the community as a whole, as Christians, we are commanded to love our neighbor as yourself. What are you doing or what can you do better to ensure the freedom and liberty of our economy?

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Letter to the Editor



After reading David Ernest's endorsement of Condoleezza Rice for President, I must respectfully dissent. Although Rice has demonstrated that in addition to being a brilliant scholar she is also a very capable diplomat, this does not qualify her to be President of the United States.

The President of the United States is the elected representative of the people of the United States, a position of great trust. It may be impossible to know for certain how a person will act until he or she is in the Oval Office, but those with a proven track record in other elected offices are entitled to greater trust. During the Bush administration Dr. Rice has gained experience working in Washington, but she has never held, or even run for elected office. Other candidates, like Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, have demonstrated their ability to effectively handle elected office, with the unique responsibilities and demands that it entails.

In addition, although Ernest did not mention this issue, we must consider the beliefs that the President of the United States should hold. Rice has not stated her positions on some of the most important issues like abortion. She has given us reason to question her beliefs. Other candidates, like Pennsylvania's Senator Rick Santorum, have unhesitatingly stated their positions on the most controversial issues that face our nation, and have defended those positions in the heat of campaigns without wavering.

Finally, Ernest's claim that Rice should be elected President because she is an African-American woman is both dangerous and counter-productive. It is dangerous because to choose anyone other than the most qualified person to be the leader of our nation could have serious consequences, both domestic and foreign, at permanent cost to our nation. To choose Rice because of her race or sex would also be counter-productive, because if someone is chosen on the basis of those factors and then fails in any way, their failure may be held against truly qualified candidates who would later run.

In short, because she has never held elected office, because her positions on the most important issues remain unclear, because there are more qualified candidates, and because I do not believe that race or sex should be determining factors, I dissent from the proposition that Dr. Condoleezza Rice should be elected the next President of the United States.

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LU helps Mississippi town recover

By Joanne Tang
NEWS EDITOR

A group of campus pastors and students arrived Sept. 23 to see the devastation in Wiggins, Miss. Walking among the wreckage was Liberty Distance Learning Program student and Pastor Greg Buckley, who has been helping his fellow citizens recover lost items and set up temporary shelter. He has also been passing out any supplies he can obtain. His efforts have been helped greatly by the 26-foot truck sent by Liberty University that arrived over the weekend. The truck delivered diapers and hygiene products such as deodorant.

"(People) couldn't believe we would come from Virginia to make sure they had everything they needed," said Chris Deitsch of the campus pastor's office.

Since Hurricane Katrina hit the small town of Wiggins and its surrounding areas, children have not been able to return to school for a significant length of time because of power outages. The schools that did resume halted because of Hurricane Rita.

On Saturday night, the team drove to Biloxi, Miss., which Deitsch described as a "ghost town."

The team passed out supplies to families living in damaged houses and prayed with them before leaving.

While Wiggins has been damaged by winds and tornadoes, Spiritual Life Program Coordinator Scott Ray reports that churches south of Wiggins have been completely demolished. Displaced families in Gulfport and Biloxi have left and some have journeyed to Wiggins to stay with relatives.

"They're going to need help for a very long time," said Ray.

Below, students share their experience from the trip to Mississippi:



Having the opportunity to be used in Wiggins, Miss., was an unbelievable, eye-opening experience. Before we actually arrived I was not sure what to expect. I thought we were going to run into people who were completely broken and asking the question "why" to events I had no answer for. I was completely wrong in what little expectations I had. As soon as we arrived, we were greeted by the Buckley family who wanted nothing but to serve others in their community. When we finally began to distribute to families, we were greeted with smiles and thankfulness. The Lord really showed himself as the great comforter as people expressed how they were going to make it and how grateful they were to still have their homes. The people of Wiggins also expressed their concern for others as they only took exactly what they needed because "there are other people who have less than us." I was not sure how that was possible until we went to the city of Biloxi. This city was completely destroyed. I have never seen anything like it. It was like walking on a movie set. There were homes in the streets, cars turned over and nothing but steps left where houses once stood. The most devastating thing I saw was a casino tore in half and carried across the street. Seeing this made me realize how frail we are as people and the power of the Lord.

— Jonathan McCorey



I can't say enough how much I count it a privilege to serve God and others on this trip. I really didn't know what to expect when coming on this trip. I had seen things on the news and read about different things that were happening, but still didn't know what to expect. I did know that I had one purpose on this trip, and that was to serve.

When driving through Mississippi, I can't tell you or describe to you some of the things I saw. I do know that so many times we take for granted the things God gives us. God blesses me in so many ways, and so many times I seem to forget that.

These people have nothing, and we always complain about the little things. This trip made me realize how much God really blesses me. If you're reading this, let me challenge you in one way: Think about his blessings and stop complaining. I speak for myself, as well. This was truly an amazing opportunity for me and I count it a blessing to serve God.

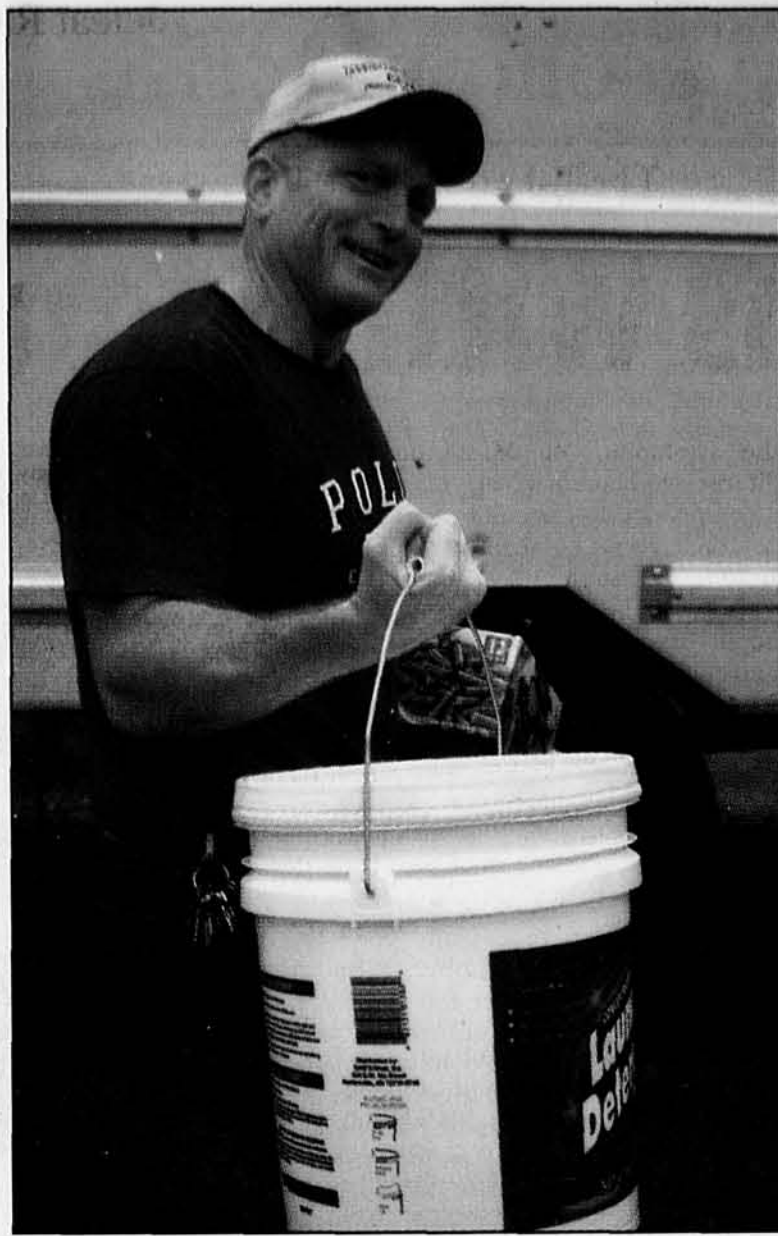
— Jeremiah Flockhart



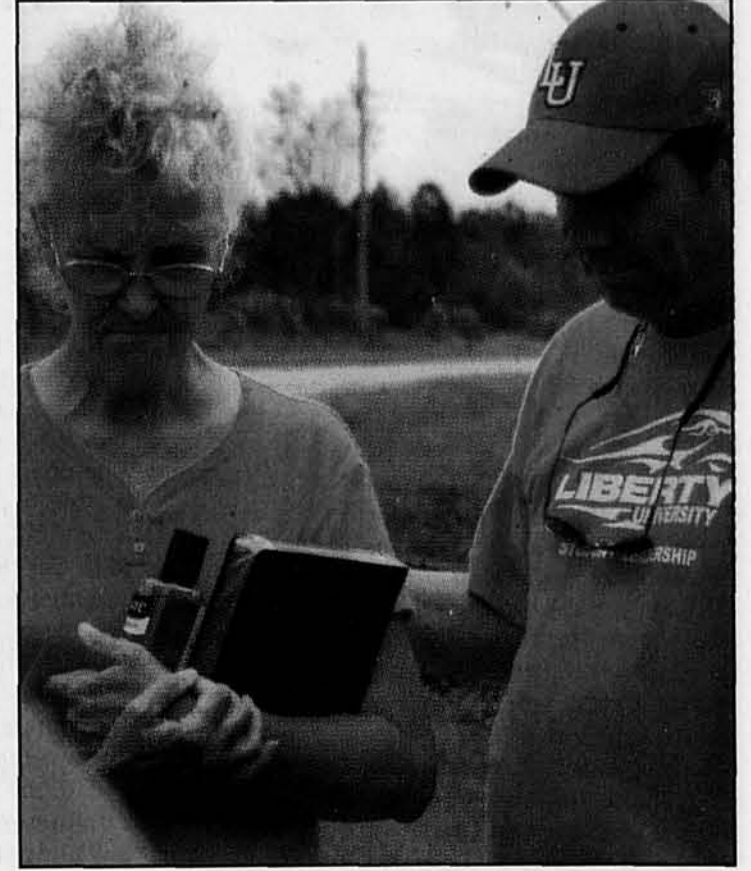
This weekend was a very humbling experience. God obviously had his hands on everything that happened. To be able to see the faces of people light up as we pulled up in their driveways with a truck full of things that they needed was amazing. People were very grateful to receive everything that we had for them. Many were amazed when we shared with them that what we had for them was all from students at LU. We were sure to tell them that it was God who provided these things, and we were just tools that he used to distribute them.

It was as if we were on a movie set while in Biloxi. I will never forget the smell or the destruction that I saw. Only God could cause something that powerful.

— Cale Duncan



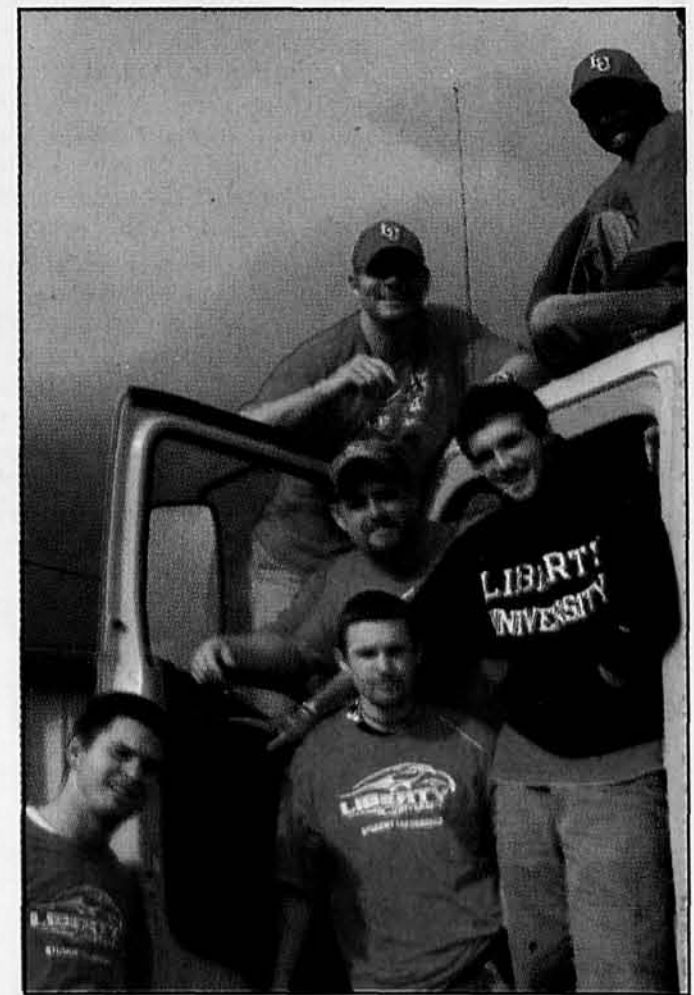
HARD AT WORK — (Left) DLP student and Pastor Greg Buckley helps the Liberty team deliver necessities in his Wiggins, Miss., community. (Below) A Mississippi woman prays with Spiritual Life Program Coordinator Scott Ray after receiving the first outside help since Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulfport region nearly four weeks ago.



PRAY — Assistant Campus Pastor Chris Deitsch (far left), Spiritual Life Program Coordinator Scott Ray (far right) and Liberty students pray with members of the Mississippi community they delivered supplies to this weekend.



BILOXI — (Above) Down but not out, many citizens of Biloxi have left to stay with relatives.



THE RHINO — (Above) The Liberty team poses with their 26-foot delivery truck, affectionately nick-named "The Rhino." They covered nearly 2,000 miles in the three-day trip.

WASTELAND — (Left) Downed power lines and debris litter the landscape of Biloxi.

Sports

Volleyball Shines The Playbook

Volleyball holds JMU to five games then goes on to defeat Radford.

Andrew Stevens discusses the healing power of sports.

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Hockey opens with strong showing

By Scott LaPeer

SPORTS REPORTER

On Saturday night the first puck of the Liberty men's hockey season was dropped at the Roanoke Ice Station, signaling the start of a new season on the ice and the first step in a reenergized run at a national title.

A strong outing last year saw the Flames skate to a 25-5-1 overall record that included a UHL conference championship, a number-one seed at the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) national tournament, and a final ranking of 11th in the nation. Last season also saw the departing of 10 seniors who helped guide the team to that success.

Liberty begins the 2005-2006 hockey season with a very new team and a new identity. However, after a 7-1 victory on Saturday night against Lafayette College of Bethlehem, Pa., the Flames showed no signs of a team struggling to find an identity.

A combination of first-game nerves and off-season rust contributed to a slow start for the Flames, who were skating in their opener without three of their premier players. Senior captain and forward Jon Ziegler, senior defenseman Thomas Cooney and sophomore forward Kevin Dykstra. Each were serving a mandatory one-game suspension carried over from the final game of last season.

Freshman forward Alexandre Gelinis, one of 12 freshman players on this year's roster, was the only player able to score in the first period. He took a pass from sophomore forward Jay Pagett and found the back of the net, giving Liberty a 1-0 lead at the first intermission.

The Flames appeared to be more comfortable on their edges with the start of the second period as a

couple of other freshman, Pete Masterton and Josh Ahier, lit the scoreboard, giving LU a 3-0 lead. Lafayette responded to close out the period with a goal of their own - the only time the Leopards would crack sophomore goaltender Mike Binnie all night. From there on out, the Flames played to the rowdy home crowd with another solid 20-plus minutes of shutout hockey.

In the third period, it was all Liberty as the Flames completed what was a visibly evident period-by-period transformation, scoring four goals backed by the strong play of Binnie. Tristin Chambers, the only upperclassmen to score a goal on the night, trickled a backhand shot past the scrambling Lafayette goaltender to open the flood gates for the Flames victory.

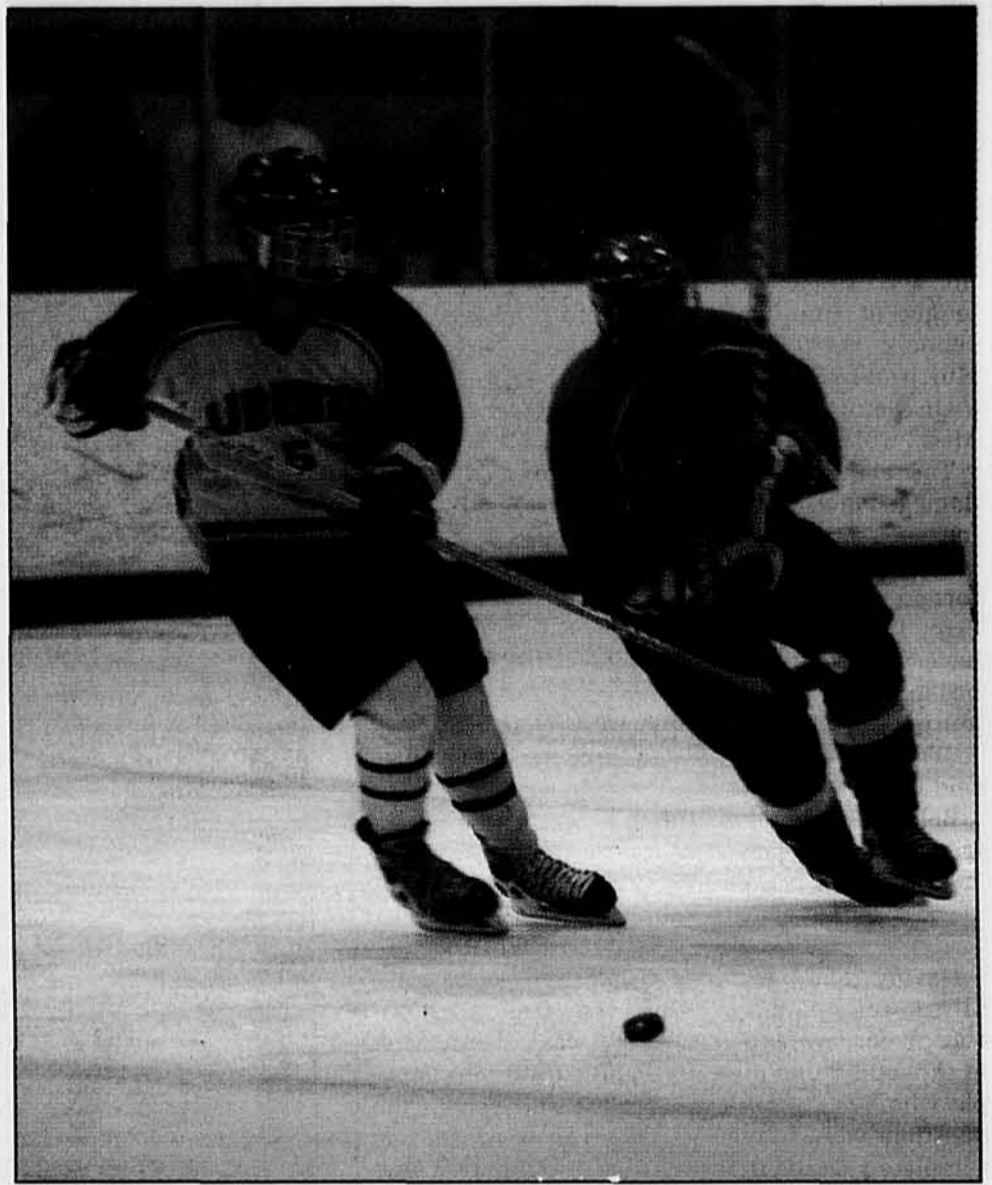
Junior forward Jordan Wilson, the team's leading returning goal scorer last season, got into a playmaking mood shortly after, setting up consecutive goals for freshmen Kevin Hendrix and Fred Boothman. Finally, as if a 6-1 score was not convincing enough, Masterton notched his second goal of the night to close the game at 7-1.

Binnie stopped 16 shots from the opposition in net and was honored as the first Player of the Game of the new season. Liberty out-shot Lafayette 28-to-17, a statistic that Coach Kirk Handy would not mind seeing his squad develop into a trend as the season progresses.

"Even with a few of our regular guys out and with 12 freshmen in the lineup, we played really well and showed a lot of offensive ability. We feel we have enough offensive power to put lots of goals on the scoreboard every game this year," Handy said.

Liberty will next take the ice on Oct. 8 at the Charlottesville Ice Park when they face off against the University of Virginia.

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COLT FREEMAN

LOOKING TO REPEAT — Although hockey is taking the ice with a very young team this season, Saturday's performance against Lafayette is not leaving anyone worried.

Cross Country, McDougals victorious in Calif.

By Evan Falat

SPORTS REPORTER

Sooner or later the streak is bound to end but right now the McDougal brothers are reaping the success of their first season of competing together for Liberty University. For the third straight race the brothers finished 1-2 and this time the stakes were the highest yet. Competing in the prestigious Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif., Josh and Jordan flexed their muscle on the West Coast while helping lead the Liberty men's cross-country team to an outstanding fourth place team finish.

"Josh was expected to be a contender, but hardly anybody thought that they would go 1-2 again," said Liberty coach Brant Tolsma. "Even I was really impressed by the performance they turned. I usually

go into a meet with an expectation and a hope beyond expectation and the results from this race were even beyond my farthest expectations."

In winning his 10th race in 11 collegiate tries, Josh McDougal ran a time of 23:24 and in the process not only set his fifth course record but also a new personal best 8K time and a new Big South Conference record for the 8K.

Jordan McDougal used a strong kick to move up from fifth place during the last mile and crossed the finish line in a time of 23:42 and in the process ran the finest race of his young collegiate career.

For the first time since the initial race of the season, the Flames had their top five runners in the race and the depth paid off for the Flames. Jarvis Jelen, who missed the previous race due to an Achilles problem, was the third



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GOING FOR THE GOLD — Josh McDougal gave another strong showing at Stanford, winning the 10th race of his collegiate career.

Liberty runner to finish as he placed 37th in a time of 24:53, while Clint Jackson, who has been battling a hamstring injury, was the

next Flame to finish as he placed 42nd in a time of 24:59. The Flames fifth runner was senior Evan Falat who has been fighting a virus for the past few weeks but showed signs of progress by finishing in a time of 25:43 which was good for 79th place.

The Flames final two runners were Drew Ponder and David Hunt. Ponder finished in 103rd in a time of 26:03, while Hunt was 112th in a time of 26:09. Overall there were more than 200 runners in the men's race and a total of 32 teams.

"The guys showed that we are a much stronger team than people thought, especially by beating a Cal Berkeley team that is ranked 41st in the nation," Tolsma said.

The Lady Flames effort in their 6k race was also very impressive. The young female squad finished in 13th place out of 40 teams.

Sophomore Carol Jefferson followed up her first place victory last week with another impressive race as she led the Lady Flames by finishing in 26th place in a time of 22:32. Jefferson, last week's Big South Runner of the Week, also set a new personal best time for a 6K by over a minute.

The next two runners for the Lady Flames were Sarah Roberts and Danielle Jordan. Roberts ran a time of 23:07 and placed 54th while Jordan was right behind her in 55th place with a time of 23:10. Chelsey Swanson was the Lady Flames fourth runner as she ran the course in a time of 23:36 and placed 78th overall. Reyna Quiroz was the final Lady Flames scorer, finishing in 94th placed with a time of 23:48.

The final two runners for the Lady Flames were freshman Ashley Osborne

and sophomore Jo Welch. Osborne ran the course in a time of 24:13 and placed 109th overall while Welch was 114 in a time of 24:18.

"The girls continue to look solid and gained valuable experience as a very young team. For several of the girls it was their first 6k race and they responded to the challenge," Tolsma said.

The Flames are off until Nov. 15 when they compete in the Pre-National meet in Terra Haute, Ind.

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Athletic Department aids Katrina victims

By Megan Joiner

SPORTS EDITOR

Fans attending Liberty University's football game against Youngstown State were greeted by members of the baseball team as they entered the gates last Saturday night. Thirty members of the Flame's baseball team volunteered to collect money to send to the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

When the Big South Conference asked its member schools to collect donations for the victims in the

Gulf States, Liberty University was only too happy to comply. The Athletic Department believed that taking up a collection at a Flames home game would be one of the most efficient ways to raise money, and baseball coach Matt Royer asked that his players be the ones to take up the collection.

"The athletic office needed a group of people and I thought it was a good opportunity for (the baseball team) to be involved. I think anytime you can do something for someone less fortunate, you not only get to help them but you feel better about yourself," Royer said.

"They are doing what they are supposed to do. They're getting out in the crowd," Mike Hagen, a grad-

uate assistant with the Athletic Department, said of the baseball team on Saturday night.

According to Hagen, people were giving above and beyond what was expected. He said that one person even threw in a \$50 bill.

The players raised almost \$2,000 at the football game, and added to money that was raised at convocation on Sept. 7, Liberty was able to send almost \$18,500 to the NAMB. The NAMB has partnered with the Red Cross to help the victims of one of the largest hurricanes in American history. The NAMB is the United State's third largest disaster relief agency, behind the Red Cross and the Salvation Army respectively, and has been serving more than 30,000

meals a day in the disaster zone.

According to the NAMB Web site, as of Sept. 22, the NAMB had served more than 3.5 million meals to victims and relief workers.

There is still a great need for relief in the Louisiana and Mississippi areas, and Hurricane Rita has expanded the disaster area across parts of Texas. The NAMB reminds those who would like to help in the relief effort to make monetary donations instead of purchasing supplies to be sent to the Gulf.

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Volleyball bounces back

By Adam Trent
SPORTS REPORTER

The young Lady Flames volleyball team rekindled the fire that was evident earlier in the season, pushing the Dukes of James Madison to five games before falling and going on

the road to defeat arch-rival Radford University in five games to open Big South Conference play.

On Tuesday night, the Lady Flames played their first home game against the Dukes of James Madison University in front of an extremely supportive crowd. Liberty

opened a sizeable lead and held off a late rally by the Dukes to take game one, 30-26. The Dukes proved they were not going to be an easy team to beat by taking game two, 30-16. In game three, both teams battled hard with JMU leading most of the way, but it was Liberty that came out on top 31-29. The Lady Flames and Dukes then battled just as hard in game four, but it was JMU that held on to take it 30-28, tying the match at two games apiece. Game five was close early, but the more experienced, senior-led JMU squad was able to defeat the younger Lady Flames, 15-6, for the match.

"We have been working hard on finishing games. We often find ourselves down a few points and have a tough time finishing. We've really worked hard on that in practice. Our kids did a good job of listening and executing, and changing our shot selection towards the end of the match made a huge difference," said JMU Head Coach Disa Garner.

"Every team we face this year is, unfortunately, going to be the same story. We're really young, and most teams have three, sometimes four seniors to anchor their teams in tough matches. The way we see it, that is the first half of the season and that is over. Now we start conference play and each match we're trying to get better so that at the end of the year we can put ourselves in a position to be as tough as we can down the stretch," said Head Coach Shane Pinder.

The Lady Flames proved to be too tough for the Radford Highlanders on Friday night, defeating their arch-rivals 3-2. The last time Radford defeated Liberty was when the Highlanders swept the Lady Flames in 2001 en route to a 14-0 conference record, only to be upset in the Big South Conference tournament finals by the Lady Flames. The Lady Flames showed that they wanted to continue their win streak against Radford, taking game one 32-30. The Highlanders were eager to snap the streak in game two, winning 30-19.

The Lady Flames demonstrated their youthful resilience in game three, taking it 30-22. Radford's seniors stepped up and captured game four, 30-24, but the Lady Flames proved they had fight and resolve, as they took game five 15-9.

For the match, Liberty had four players who recorded double-digit kills. Junior middle blocker Autum Poorman had 18, freshman outside hitter Alysson Sanders had 12, junior middle blocker Rachel Denton had 10 and freshman outside hitter Kendall Nichols also had 10 in addition to 18 digs for a double-double.

The Lady Flames return home to the Vines Center to face the High Point Panthers on Friday at 7 p.m. followed by a 2 p.m. Saturday match with three-time defending conference champion Winthrop.

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ADAM BISHOP

SPIKE! — Autum Poorman lets loose on JMU. The Lady Flames lost 3-2 in five games.



ADAM BISHOP

DIVE — Senior Allison Hallock goes all out as the Lady Flames lost a thriller to JMU. The Lady Flames will host High Point on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Playbook



A N D R E W

In my 22 years of being a sports fan, I have often heard or been told that sports simply doesn't matter and is irrelevant to life. However, many times throughout the history of our great nation it has been sports that have brought healing in the midst of tragedy.

This past Monday, as the New Orleans Saints played their "home" opener against the New York Giants at Giants Stadium, I couldn't help but pull for the Saints. Yes, this was in reality a football game, but for four quarters it offered the people of New Orleans something to cheer about, it was too bad they lost.

Last night as LSU hosted Tennessee after having their original home opener postponed and having to play last week's home game against Arizona State in Tempe, the Tigers finally came home. Tiger Stadium has always been a tough place to play, but this long awaited homecoming was extra special.

In 2001, as our nation was rocked by the tragedy of 9/11, our country was unified as sports teams — both professional and college — took to the field. The National Anthem, "God Bless America" and our nation's flag took on new meanings, as they became almost centerpieces to sporting events that year.

As the New York Mets and Yankees wore hats of various fire and rescue squads in the area during games, the city of New York seemed to emotionally cling to the success of the city's two baseball teams.

In November of 1999, 12 Texas A&M students were killed preparing a bonfire that was to have been used prior to a game against rival Texas. The lives of those lost while preparing a bonfire that has been a tradition since 1909 at Texas A&M will never be forgotten. For the remainder of the '99 season, the Aggies' played

for something greater than wins and losses.

Last spring, as Liberty's lacrosse team was shaken by the tragic van accident they experienced in Alabama, suddenly the sport those young men had grown to love took on a whole new meaning. With the remainder of the season nearly cancelled and teammates Chad Gurney and Ryan Leaming lost for the season, the sport of lacrosse became therapy for new Head Coach Tom Metallo and the Flames.

Sports have the ability to touch people and cross through barriers that few things in life are capable of doing. Sports will forever be the universal language. On a mission trip in Mexico, I found it hard to communicate with many people I came in contact with, but when a soccer ball entered the equation, words were no longer needed. At the end of a bad day, there are few things in life that can lift my spirits like popping in "Rudy" or "Remember the Titans" and crawling into bed.

One of my fondest memories from having open-heart surgery when I was almost 5 years old was lying in my hospital bed watching the Super Bowl. In today's society where performance matters whether it's in the office, the classroom or even as a parent or child, sports can be a pleasant reminder of second chances.

I realize that sports are totally incapable of rebuilding New Orleans or replacing the lives that were lost, but for four quarters or nine innings they are capable of reminding a nation that just because you lose today doesn't mean you won't win tomorrow.

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Lady Flames blanked at JMU

By CJ Kraszyk
SPORTS REPORTER

Last Wednesday did not quite go the Lady Flames soccer team had planned it. After coming off of an emotional high by beating Arkansas 2-1, they hit an emotional low by falling to the Dukes of James Madison University 4-0.

JMU's Kimmy Germain, a freshman from McLean, Va., connected on a header off of a cross from junior Natalie Ewell to take a 1-0 lead at the 33rd minute mark. That would be the score as they broke for half-time.

At the 50th minute, the Dukes would double their lead with a goal from senior Kim Argy, from Oak Hill, Va. She scored from four yards out after dribbling through the box. Argy would add her second goal of the evening 10 minutes later. The goal was set up

off of a Ewell pass. In the 63rd minute, JMU, would add their final goal of the night. Karly Skladany, a senior from Westerville, Ohio, scored off a Germain corner kick.

The Flames had a couple of opportunities to score but were unable to capitalize on them. Co-captain Rachel Bendzlowicz' shot took a high bounce but JMU senior goalkeeper Jessica Hussey punched it over the crossbar. In the 75th minute Hannah Sullivan, a sophomore from Minden, Nev., had her shot go just wide of the goalpost.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed with our loss, but I'm more disappointed that we couldn't compete tonight," said Liberty Coach James Price.

Co-captain Sonia Rodriguez agreed with her coach. "We never really competed, never really fought, and it was just a

lack of effort. We are pretty disappointed. You could just definitely feel the disappointment after the game," she said.

Liberty came out flat and never got into their rhythm. Rodriguez believes that is extremely important for them to move and put this loss behind them.

"We have Big South games starting next week and that is the big part of the season. We cannot have a lack of confidence going into Big South games," Rodriguez said.

She also believes that is why the game against Longwood is important. "If we can get a good result, and even if we get a bad result but play well, we still have confidence," the senior said.

However, the Lady Flames did learn a lesson in the midst of the defeat to JMU — that good teams show up and win consistently.

"The difference between a good team and a better team is that the better team will have good wins over and over again, whereas just regular old teams will not do that. We are right on the edge of being one of those better teams, but we still have those little lessons to learn," said Rodriguez.

Once again Liberty was pounded with shots. They were out shot 26-4 on the evening. Rodriguez had nine saves, marking the fifth time this season she has had seven or more saves in a game.

Liberty is now 2-3-2 in this year's campaign. Liberty was back in action Monday as they took on the Lancers of Longwood University. Results were not in at press time.

Editor's note: Some information was obtained from www.libertyflames.com.

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MATT TRENT

ALL TIED UP — Liberty's Adrian Bumbut looks to score against Wofford. The Flames will be back in action tonight as they host Southern Virginia at 7 p.m.

Men's soccer ties with Panthers

By Corey Crane
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a hard-fought match this past Wednesday against High Point, a 1-1 tie with the Panthers left the Flames hungry for more. Early in the first half High Point Panthers scored the first goal of the game.

"This caught a lot of us off-guard, but our team started picking up the pace and started passing more," said Adrian Bumbut.

Early in the second half, coming from one down, Jeremiah Kappler rocked a shot past the High Point goalie to tie the game at 1-1. Brandon Patterson had the nice assist from the corner and Jeremiah stepped in and completed the play.

"The Flames had 16 corner kicks this game and we came close on so many shots," Osei Telesford said.

"After the tie, we started going harder and harder. We have several shots but couldn't make things connect," Bumbut said.

After the tie, Liberty stands with 1-3-2 overall and 0-0-1 in conference.

At practice, a few of the players said the coaching staff was upset with the tie and the missed chances, but very happy that the team did not give up.

All of the players have been very confident and are looking forward to getting better through practices and playing better as a team. There is really nothing that can be done about missed shots — they are common mistakes and all the team can hope for is to nail them next time.

The Flames are set to battle Southern Virginia on tonight at 7.

"I do not know what to expect out of this team because we have not played them for several years," Bumbut said.

The guys seem really anxious to get some more wins under their belts. Bumbut and Telesford both said practice is going great, and the team is getting a lot better,

but they just cannot walk away with the win.

"Our game against Southern Virginia, we are going out hard as if we were playing top ranked teams such as UVa or Virginia Tech," Bumbut said.

The team shows a lot of mental strength and great characteristics on the field.

"Southern Virginia is a good team, but I feel we are better. We just need a few games to get us warmed up and now we are ready for conference action," Telesford said.

Darryl Roberts, the senior forward/midfielder, is expected to be back from the disabled list sometime in October. The Flames have two big matches coming up in October at UVa and Virginia Tech and they will need to be prepared.

The Flames face Southern Virginia Tuesday, Sept. 27 and Winthrop Oct. 1 on the LU soccer field.

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ADAM BISHOP

NOT QUITE ENOUGH — Brittney Bench and the Lady Flames lost a tough one 1-0 to JMU.

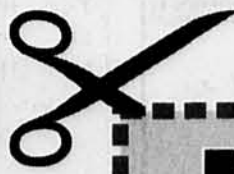
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The third time is not always a charm

By Josh Velilla
SPORTS REPORTER

Sometimes breaking school records can be a very bad thing. Such was the case Saturday afternoon as the 16th ranked William and Mary Tribe handed the Liberty Flames its third consecutive shutout loss, a 56-0 drubbing in which the Tribe gained 635 yards of total offense and held the Flames to only 145.

After losing 59-0 to the University of Connecticut on Sept. 10 and getting beat 42-0 by Youngstown State on Sept. 17, Saturday's loss to William and Mary marks the first time in the 33 year history of Flames football that Liberty has been shutout in three consecutive games. Since the season opening victory against Concord, the Flames have been outscored 157-0 over 192 scoreless minutes, which is another Liberty record.

William and Mary began the game with a mediocre seven-play, 35-yard drive that ended in a field goal attempt that missed wide right, but it was full speed ahead after that as the Tribe scored 28 points during the first two quarters, eating up 17 minutes of clock time and 301 yards of total offense.

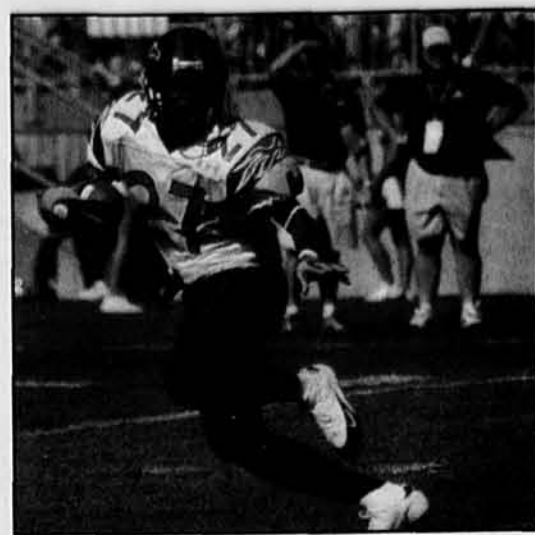
The first of William and Mary's eight scoring drives came seven minutes into the first quarter, with a methodic 10-play, 69-yard drive capped off by a one yard touchdown run by Elijah Brooks off of a pitch by quarterback Mike Potts. After forcing Liberty to punt on the ensuing drive, the Tribe started out the second quarter by marching 72 yards in 12 plays and extended the lead to 14-0 off of a two-yard touchdown pass from Potts to receiver Matt Trinkle.

Though Liberty's next drive was more productive as the Flames converted on fourth down once and drove 36 yards in 9 plays, William and

Mary retook possession with seven minutes remaining in the half and drove 69 yards and made it 21-0 after Elijah Brooks scored his second touchdown on a one-yard run up the middle.

The first half ended lopsided at 28-0 after yet another touchdown drive by the Tribe capped off by a pass to Brooks for his third score. The drive started on the Tribe's 17 yard line when cornerback Ryan Nickell intercepted a Brock Farrel pass and returned it 28 yards. The Flame's fortune in the second half was no better, as the Tribe made touchdowns out of all but one of their five drives in the second half.

The Flames are looking to break their streak when they face the Virginia Military Institute for homecoming this Saturday at 12 p.m.



LES SCHOPFER

SHUT OUT — Dominic Bolden and the Flames are still looking for the elusive endzone.

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Construction resumes on operation center

By BJ Williams
SPORTS REPORTER

Many people that have driven by the football field on their way to Campus North have passed by a huge dirt pit. The pit is the construction site for the new Arthur L. Williams Football Operations Center.

The two-story building will be located at the northern end zone at Williams Stadium. It will contain a locker room, weight room, training room and equipment and laundry rooms.

Construction on the operations center began early this year. Many that have walked around the Liberty University campus have heard different rumors discussed as to why construction, which was scheduled for completion for

fall 2005-winter 2006 has been delayed. According to Dr. Thom Park, Liberty's Athletic Director, many people do not know the whole story behind the construction of the operations center.

There are several things that pushed the date of completion back, not the least of which was the bad weather early on. However, according to Park, one of the major reasons is all the new construction happening on "Liberty Mountain."

Liberty Christian Academy opened on Campus North a few weeks ago. Thomas Road Baptist Church, which will hold its first service on the 50th anniversary of the church's founding July 2, 2006 is also being erected at Campus North. The brand new LaHaye Ice Center, scheduled for a December

2006 opening, is well under way. The manpower just has not been available.

Another issue was the fact that when the original foundation was laid, workers discovered that the ground where they had dug was more unusual than they had anticipated and they deemed it unsafe for building.

Park also explained there is a process to a building project of this magnitude. First, the institution makes a conscious decision to advance the athletic program, much as was the case with the building of the Vines Center. Once the administration approves the project, comes the interesting part: figuring out how to pay for it. The Football Operations Center was slated to be a \$4.5 million project, although it will likely cost an additional \$1.5 million to out-

fit the building with the furniture and technological amenities that it needs. The Arthur L. Williams Foundation contributed the initial \$4.5 million to pay for the building. The development department, under the direction of Bob Good, the Associate Athletic Director for Development, is currently working to raise the money for outfitting the building.

"Liberty University is unprecedented as an institution in the history of Christendom," said Dr. Park. "There has never been an athletic program of this magnitude at a Christian University."

With the concrete having been poured for the new foundation and the steel for the infrastructure now on order, the project is on track for completion sometime in

the middle of 2006. The football program is planning to move into the center in the fall of 2006. If the previous athletic facility upgrades are any indication, this latest one

will definitely be worth the wait.

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DAVID KREGENOW

A GROWING CAMPUS — The new football operation center will be located behind the northern endzone. The project has been delayed for various reasons, but work is now underway once again.

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Start getting paid

Get a job and overcome those broken bank blues

By Marcelo Quarantotto
LIFE REPORTER

It's about that time of the year. To returning students, the concept is familiar and expected, but to the new freshman it may come as quite of a surprise...and the agonizing realization of that inevitable fact comes simultaneously with the loud, resounding cry, "I'm a poor college student!"

With all of the excitement during the first few weeks of classes, bank accounts rarely get checked and what was once a comparatively large number is down to only the two numbers on the right side of the decimal point.

Textbooks, notepaper, flash-drive, wireless card, countless cups of coffee at "Tha' Drowsy," rip-free, dress-code-friendly jeans bought at Rugged Warehouse, nightly trips to Movies 10 and those very delicious Cinnamon Sensations at Macado's have completely diminished the supply of finances that was worked so hard for during the summer. Now the time has come to buckle down and start looking for a perpetuating source of capital resources, a.k.a., a part-time job.

As everyone is well aware, Lynchburg seems to have almost nothing but places where students can either

continue to deplete their finances or apply for employment... but if this is true, why does it seem so hard to get a job around here? To unveil a solution for this chin-stroking enigma, the Champion visited stores in three of the biggest shopping centers near the LU campus to see what employers are looking for in potential hires.

Sandra Smith, the store manager of Maurice's in the River Ridge Mall and a Liberty alumnus, gladly offers what she seeks in new employees. "Past experience is very important. I also like to know how much time the applicant has spent at each job."

She also very clearly expressed the need for people skills. "The way people interact with customers is something that I notice... Good customer service is a must," Smith said. As a tip for those seeking employment, she says that in order "to get a job, you need to be able to show what you can bring to the store."

Molly Gilbert, who owns both The Drowsy Poet and its neighbor Plato's Closet with her husband Michael, has a lot of experience when it comes to hiring people. "I like to have employees with a cheerful personality."

Like Smith, the Gilberts look at past work history to see what the applicant is like,

but they do take into account the fact that there are some people who haven't had to work before college and have never had a job.

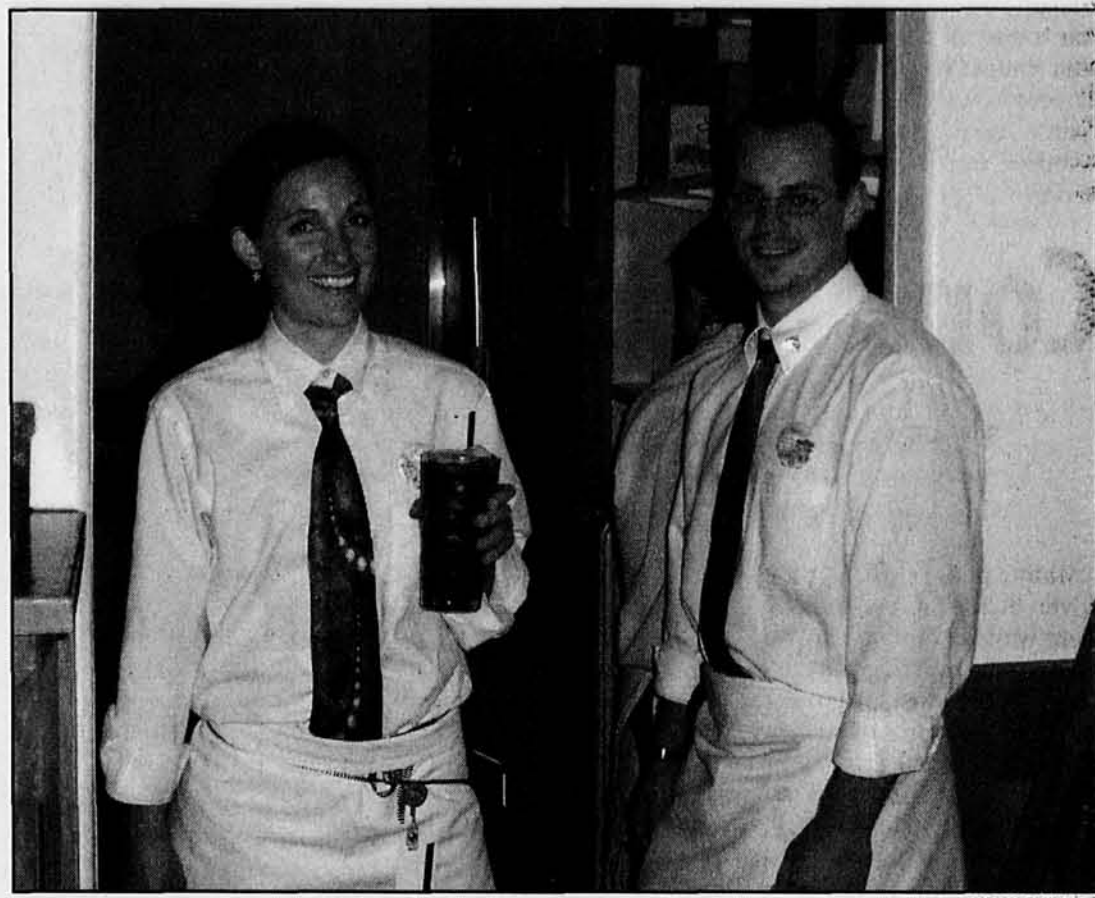
Another thing Gilbert emphasizes is the necessity of calling back after an interview. "There are many times where I get too busy to call back applicants, so it is always good when they call me. Calling after an interview is a great way of showing that you are very serious and interested in working, and that means a lot."

Customer Service Manager Tracy White of Dick's Sporting Goods said she wants to know if applicants will be able to stay during Christmas break, since many of Dick's employees are Liberty students and request time off.

White also explains, "If you are applying to work at a sporting goods store, an energetic and upbeat personality will be something that makes you stand out."

There is hope to those who have wallets getting thinner by the minute. With a cheerful attitude and a willingness to work, employment is waiting to help support those extra expenses.

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HOLLY CLEMENTS

SERVICE WITH A SMILE — Servers at Olive Garden like their jobs and the money that comes with them.

Interviewing:

- Who will you be talking to? Will you meet the manager you'd work for, or will you just talk to human resources? What are the interviewer's expectations?
- What's the dress code? Dress better than suggested. Most times, it's best for men to wear a suit and women to wear a professional business outfit.

• Get directions to the office. Plan to leave early. Keep a phone number to call if you get stuck on the bus or in traffic. If you arrive late and stressed, the interview will not go well.

• If you don't have a detailed job description, ask for one.

• Try to do some research about the company online.

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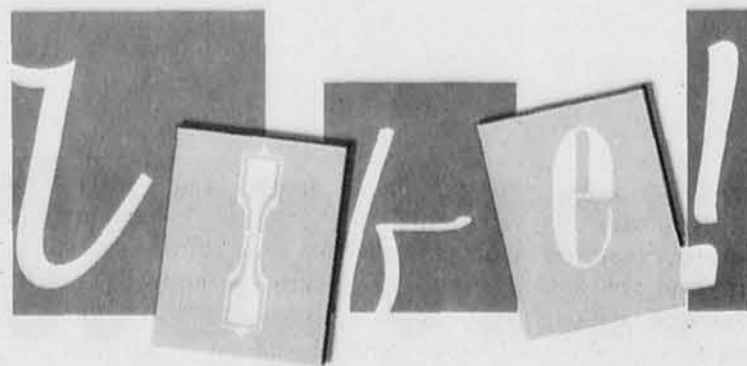
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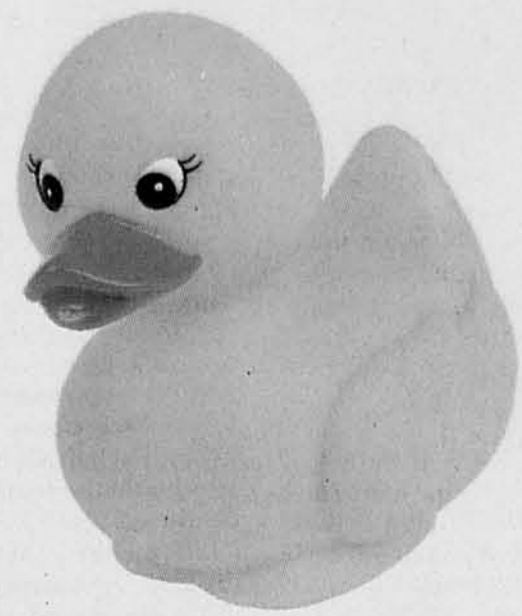


Quote of the week: "When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure."

— Peter Marshall

Squeaky Clean

Why your cleanliness helps campus living conditions



By Mandi Corbett
LIFE! REPORTER

Well it turns out mom was right, not washing your hands will make you sick. Aside from catching a common cold or flu bug, bad hygiene can cause staph infections. Students who are physically active are at the highest risk of this if they are not careful. However, this doesn't mean students who don't spend much time in the weight room aren't at risk.

The term staph infection derives its name from a type of bacteria called staphylococcus aureus. Chances are good that even right now as you are reading this article, this type of bacteria is on your skin and even in your nose. According to The National Athletic Trainers Association, 25-35 percent of healthy people carry staphylococcus bacteria on their bodies. Campus Doctor Richard Lane said, "Typically this poses no problem, but sometimes the bacteria go from colonization to infection."

Lane explained that while most staph infections are common and easily treated, there is one type of staph infection that has become a nuisance for sports teams. Its long and scary medical term, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, has thankfully been shortened to MRSA. This type of infection is posing a problem for sports teams because it is so contagious and treatments are limited. "Like many schools, Liberty has had its share of MRSA among the athletes and to a lesser extent the general student body," said Lane. "This semester about 20 students are being followed for this condition," he said.

So how can students prevent developing MRSA? As you may have already guessed, the best way to prevent a staph infection is by simply washing your

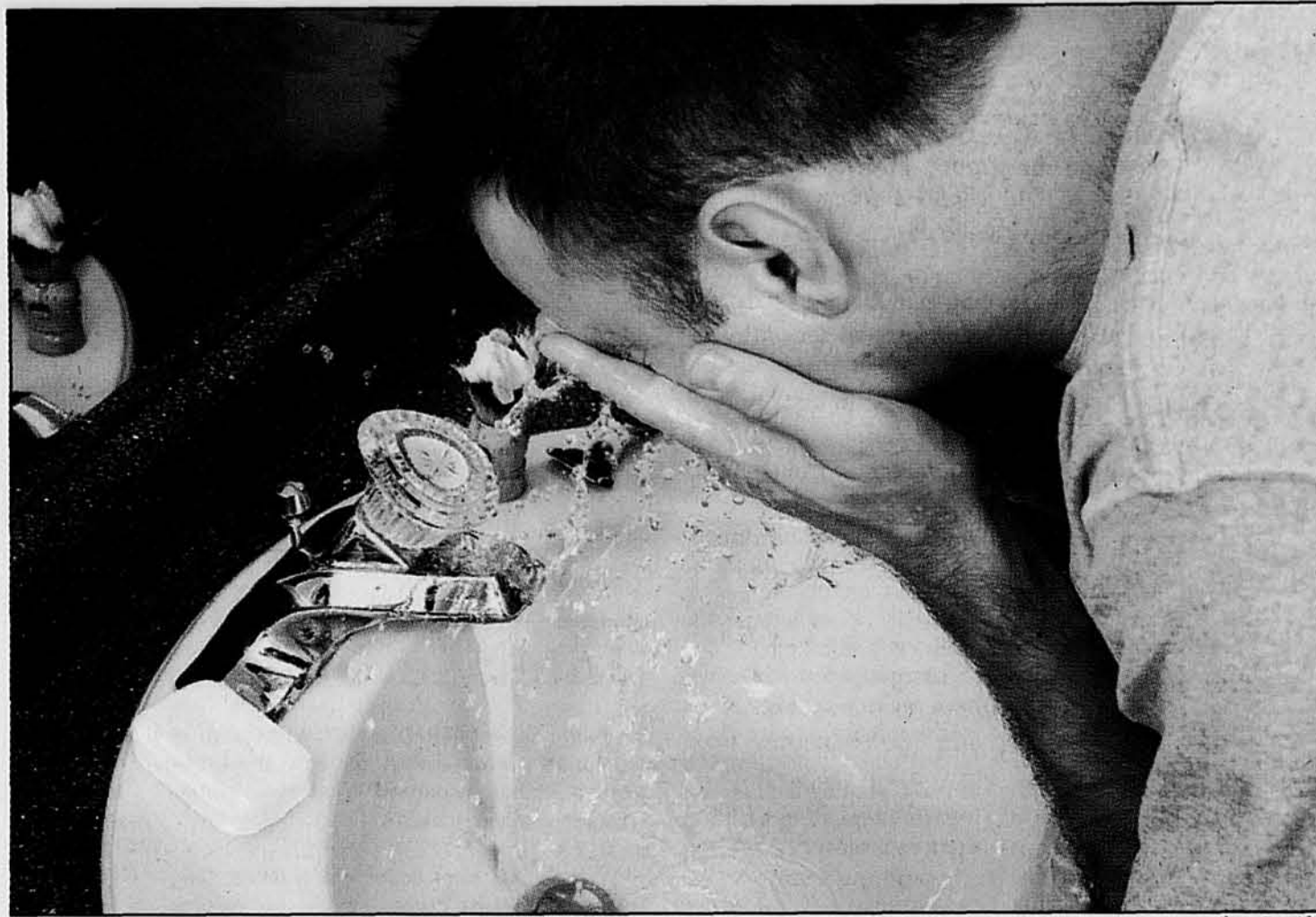


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WASH UP — One of the easiest ways to prevent illnesses such as colds, the flu and foodborne illness is to wash your hands. Showering after every workout and using an antibacterial soap is an even stronger way to fight the germs, particularly staph infections.

hands. It cannot be said enough that using proper hygiene will keep you from developing this type of infection.

As mentioned earlier, students that are physically active are at a higher risk of developing a staph infection. This means that students who spend time at the gym need to practice proper gym etiquette. "...wash your hands after you work out, shower after you work out with antibacterial soap, and don't have skin to skin contact with people," advises Jenny Krause, manager of the LaHaye Student Center. Krause explained that the student center has a thorough cleaning schedule in which all the equipment is disinfected daily. However, if students do not use proper hygiene, no matter where they are working out, they are still at risk of developing a staph infection.

"Another variable is the health of a person's immune system," said Dr. Charles Detwiler, professor of biology. "Not everybody who has staph on their body, has a staph infection," he said. Detwiler explains that because students are notorious for eating unhealthy foods, not getting enough sleep and operating under high stress loads, they are at risk of developing a compromised immune system. This, he says, is what makes the staph bacteria more of a threat.

It all goes back to the three basic things your parents — especially moms — drove you crazy over as a child. Get to bed on time, eat your vegetables and don't forget to wash your hands.

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PROTECT YOURSELF!

It is estimated that 25 to 30 percent of all people have staphylococcus bacteria on their skin or in their nose. This bacteria usually doesn't cause a threat unless there is a break in the skin, such as a cut, scratch or bug bite. However, with staph infections becoming an increasing problem among athletes and on college campuses, here are a few easy ways to help avoid them:

*Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

*Athletes and anyone who works out in a fitness center are encouraged to shower and wash with antibacterial soap after all practices and competitions.

*Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with a proper dressing until healed.

*Avoid contact with other people's wounds or material that could be contaminated from wounds, including towels, clothing and sports equipment.

Science confirms: Men are dirtier

By Alicia Wotring

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The American Society for Microbiology released a study last week showing that women wash their hands more than men after using the bathroom.

Researches from Harris Interactive spied more than 6,300 people in public restrooms in four major cities, Atlanta, New York, San Francisco and Chicago. As reported by the AP, they found that overall 90 percent of women washed their hands after using the bathroom, while only 75 percent of men do.

The results were worst at Atlanta's Turner Field, where more than 25 percent of adults did not wash their hands.

The difference between sexes was most obvious at New York's Penn Station, where 92 percent of women washed, while only 64 percent of men did.

The best results were in San Francisco and Chicago, where more adults exhibited better hand-washing habits.

According to Washup.org, a Harris Interactive telephone survey found that 83 percent of Americans say they wash their hands after using the bathroom in their home and 77 percent say they do so before eating or handling food.

However, only 42 percent of Americans said they wash after petting a dog or cat, 32 percent wash after coughing or sneezing and only 21 percent wash after handling money.

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MarLiesa Johnson

"Stampede!" I want to shout. We have them every day at Liberty. When one is about to hit, the classic signs are there. The calm before the stampede.

When it happens in the earlier hours, everything seems so serene at first. It's just you, the coffee lady, some people taking their children to Liberty Christian Academy and maybe another student or two walking the campus halls.

From appearances alone, you would never expect anything. But you know better than to go by appearances. You know by the sweat on the brows of those walking by, the shortness of breath, the tension in the air, that all is not well.

Then, the clock hits 9:20, or 12:25, or one of those weird times when classes end. It is then that

panic and maybe a little terror fills the air. The floor begins to vibrate, mother's hold their children close, people huddle under chairs and wall decorations seem to shake.

Then, the doors open and students come flying in every direction. Those moving go in the direction that the pack goes because they have no choice. The choice is to go in that direction or be trampled. Being trampled would not be good.

Every once in a while you will see a lone soldier who dares to brave walking in the opposite direction. Bless you for your courage, soldier.

Eyes are glazed over,

nostrils are flared, and hooves, I mean shoes, are clicking and squeaking against the floor. They don't see the people around them, or if they do, they try not to act like they do because then they would have to stop and say "hi" which of course, would result in being trampled. With some of the high heels that girls are styling these days, being trampled would definitely be hazardous to your health.

Am I exaggerating? Of course. But pay close attention someday, if you have not yet, to the craziness when classes are over. It is almost comical. Almost. For a few minutes, you might think you are walk-

ing on the streets of New York. Throw in a few Gucci or Rolex vendors and the similarities would be amazing. Actually, vendors along the halls would not be a bad idea ... Focus, MarLiesa, focus.

Anyway, my point is, in this day and age, we are all in a hurry to get here or there. We all have some important place to be at a specific time or people to meet. It seems like we have no time to stop and just "smell the roses." Old cliché, but you get my point.

Stop and just look at your surroundings and appreciate them for what they are.

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in this moment for a specific reason. Every moment of our lives is very significant to God, so every moment should be significant to us. Enjoy life and don't get in such a hurry that you don't notice each moment. And for goodness sakes, don't trample people. We have law students walking around campus now.

Try explaining your "trampling other students" fee that pops up on your account information to your mom and dad.

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