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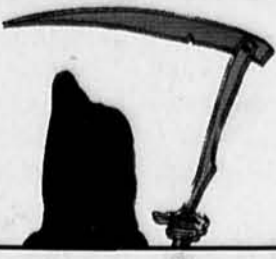
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The Pill
America's favorite birth control causes abortions. **A4**

Social Butterflies
Student Life provides endless activities. **B6**



VACAS members come to Liberty for annual meeting

By Matthew Robinson
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty University's School of Communications is sponsoring the annual Virginia Association of Communication, Arts, and Sciences Conferences.

The conference will take place on Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday,

October 22. Dr. Robert Lyster, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Liberty is coordinating the VACAS conference.

"VACAS has been around for more than 20 years. It is good to have membership in an organization like this. It looks good on a resume," Lyster said.

Members receive a bi-annual newsletter, and the ability to present

during the annual conference.

"By going to the conference, they will meet other students and scholars. They will be able to gain a better sense of their direction, their goals, and what they need to do to reach those goals," said Dr. Catherine Wright, Term Assistant Professor at George Mason University. "The students will have the opportunity to discover more

about what it means to be involved with Communication."

Sessions include several topics helpful for attendees interested in pursuing a career in communications. In addition, former VACAS presidents will be speaking. Among the topics presented, Liberty's Dr. Harry Sova will conduct a workshop on Virals, a short video advertisement seen on the Internet.

Liberty is not the only school presenting during the conference.

Andrew Quicke, professor of Cinema and Television at Regent University will talk about "Sunday night movies at church, and the rise and fall of a Christian Art Form," said Lyster.

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Super Conference trains church leaders

By Tanya Whelly
NEWS REPORTER

Thousands filled the Vines Center to hear distinguished speakers from all over the world during Liberty University's third annual Super Conference. Thomas Road Baptist Church sponsored the four-day conference that offered workshops on topics such as ministry, evangelism and personal growth. Some of the speakers included Charles Stanley, Franklin Graham, Gary Frazier, Tim LaHaye and our own Dr. Jerry Falwell.

On Monday, Oct. 3, Franklin Graham spoke on the need for ministry in AIDS-inflicted countries.

"We need an army of men and women who will say 'I'll go into the dark world of HIV/AIDS,'" Graham said.

Graham continued to explain that every person who is infected with HIV/AIDS has a soul, and it is imperative they know there is a God in heaven that loves them.

He went on to say that although salvation may not cure their earthly bodies of AIDS, "...their soul will be secure."

One of the female speakers, Pam Farrel, spoke on becoming "A Woman of Influence."

"Show me the size of your God and I will show you the size of your opportunities," she said. Farrel has devoted her life to helping develop women's ministries and more specifically wants women to gain a biblically-based foundation for their ministry.

Two locals of the Lynchburg area who spoke at the conference included Executive Director of the Liberty University Center for Counseling and Family Studies Tim Clinton and Thomas Road Baptist Church staff member Jerry Cordle.

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BACK IN BLACK — Charles Billingsley closed this year's Super Conference on Wednesday with several hits.

The Afters, Mute Math and The Myriad to hit stage for CFAW

By Chelsea Franklin
NEWS REPORTER

"Informal, frantic and lush," are the words that Mute Math lead vocalist and keyboardist Paul Meany used to describe the vibe of their performances. Mute Math is one of three bands that are scheduled to perform in the Shilling Center at the first College For a Weekend of the school year. The Myriad and The Afters complete the concert bill. The combined talent and creativity is a definite must-see show that is free to College For a Weekenders, and only \$5 in advance to current students with an LU ID.

"Mute Math, The Myriad, and The Afters are three of the hottest up-and-coming acts in Christian music right now. After a heavy summer of festival touring, some are saying these acts are the next big thing," Student Activities staff member Daniel White said.

The Myriad, consisting of singer Jeremy Edwardson, guitarist Jon Young, bassist John Schofield, drummer Scott Davis and guitarist Steven Tracy, got their start in Seattle and have made their way into American Eagle stores around the country as the in-store sound.

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The night the lights went out on campus

By Joanne Tang
NEWS EDITOR

Friday morning was spent in frenzy as students and faculty found themselves in the dark. Two underground cables supplying power to Liberty failed, causing a blackout that lasted most of Friday



IN THE DARK — Dave Ernest finds his way in the Champion office.

and for a few hours on Saturday.

"Our systems are built to anticipate a wire failing under the ground," said Charles Spence, field operations staff member.

"The campus is a little older than we give it credit for," said Spence.

He equated the aged wiring to wearing out the tires on a car.

The result was a blackout that created much confusion among students and faculty.

"I found out as soon as I got here and had to go home," said commuter student Ashley Whitmore.

"I drove up here in the rain, walked in and walked back out," said psychology professor Dr. Victoria Witt.

A water main rupture Thursday night caused most of the campus to be without water pressure for

most of the night. Construction crews working near Wal-Mart damaged a water line but did not break it. According to Randy Johnson, grounds manager, the line ruptured during the night and began pumping the water from campus back to the rupture point. Campus maintenance first suspected a leak on campus and began searching for one, until 3 a.m. when Lynchburg city authorities notified maintenance the leak was not located on campus.

"It was a bad three days for Liberty," said Danny Robertson of building maintenance.

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Biology professor joins NIH panel

By Angela Franulovich
NEWS REPORTER

Dr. David DeWitt, associate professor of biology at Liberty University, will help the National Institutes of Health to evaluate the scientific merits of its grant proposals this year and decide which proposals it will fund.

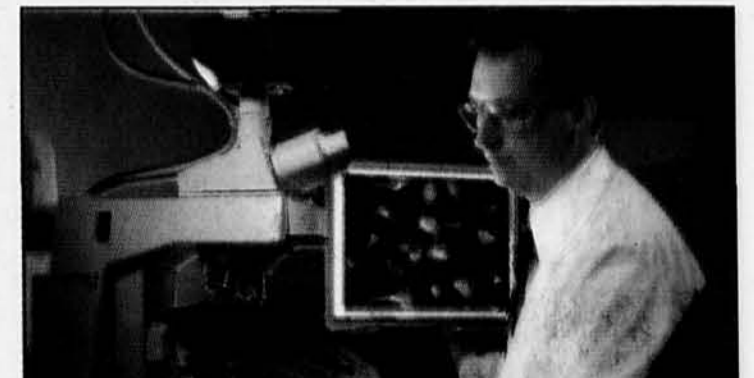
Scientists, universities, medical schools and research institutions from around the world compete each year for the almost \$22 billion awarded by the NIH.

According to an invitation issued recently by the NIH Scientific Review Administrator for Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience, DeWitt's participation in the review process was recommended because of his expertise in neuroscience on the cellular and molecular levels.

DeWitt is a cell biologist, Alzheimer's disease researcher and served as the biology chair for the Virginia Academy of Science until this past June.

DeWitt accepted the NIH invitation last week and will serve as a discussant for a Special Emphasis Panel, which will review about 80 discipline-specific grant proposals beginning later this month.

"This is a big honor to me



SCIENCE — DeWitt with the Zeiss Axioskop 2 plus fluorescent microscope.

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ADAM BISHOP

LIBERTY SUPPORTER, ESQ. — Members of the Board of Regents visit the law school during homecoming weekend.

Law school visited by the ABA

By Matthew Warner
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty student Henry Staton spent this past summer studying two hours a day or more. As a full-time student, he has cut back on his freetime-studying but still reviews every week.

His extra-curricular studies are a byproduct of his passion for law. His preparations are for the Law School Assessment Test.

Staton is studying pre-law as an undergraduate student and has his eyes set on law school. Among his choices for potential law schools is Liberty's.

"Yeah, I have interest in Liberty's law school, especially after hearing some of the (good) reports."

Staton's application to Liberty is hanging on one thing: American Bar Association accreditation.

The ABA accreditation process exists "to ensure that the school's program is consistent with sound legal education principles," according to the ABA Web site.

Liberty's law school,

according to a statement released by the dean of Liberty's law school, Bruce Green, has just completed the first step in a lengthy accreditation process.

Without accreditation, graduates of the school would not be permitted to sit for the bar exam, without which it is impossible to practice law.

"ABA accreditation is paramount," said Staton. Green said he was encouraged by the visit.

"As for my impression of the ABA Site Evaluation Team visit, it is essentially positive," Green said, in an e-mail to the Champion.

The seven-member team sent by the ABA, which visited Liberty's School of Law from September 18 to 21 was a fact-finding visit.

Green and the law school will receive an official report in about 90 days.

After the law school receives their official report "then we will know much more," Green said.

According to the ABA's recommended format report found on their official Web site, the document will review everything from faculty morale

to the financial stability.

The brunt of the report will cover the Program of Legal Education and Students.

The report on the Program of Legal Education analyzes the curriculum, and the review of student overview admissions qualifications and policies.

Other critical areas of review include an analysis of the law school's mission, goals, and objectives, the school's strengths and weaknesses and a lengthy report of the law school's library.

Once the official report has been received by Dean Green and the law school they have an opportunity to reply.

This initial visit is the first step of a tedious process of accreditation that is crucial to the future of the Law School, current and future students, Green and Henry Staton.

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Debate team competes at home

By Alyssa Hampton
NEWS REPORTER

The weekend of Oct. 7 to 9 marked Liberty's 18th annual Intercollegiate Debate Tournament. The general topic for this debate was national policy in China. There were several debates going on throughout DeMoss each day. There were three divisions: novice, junior varsity and varsity. Several schools such as the University of Mary Washington, the University of Richmond, University of Pittsburgh, Wake Forest, Boston College, James Madison University and George Mason University were in attendance.

In years past, these schools have been among the top-ranked schools. Liberty has won the American Debate Association Nationals several times, and this year, the team has goals of reclaiming this title and winning the National Debate Tournament and the Cross Examination Debate Association Nationals.

"Debate team has proven to be the best educational activity I have been able to

experience," said senior Melissa Hurter. "I am an English student, but with debate I learn about foreign policy and democratic political issues. I think it is important to be an informed citizen and debate team helps me do so. I enjoy giving the speeches the most in a debate because of the adrenaline rush, due to the high level of competitiveness."

Freshmen Amy Boyd and Jake Hovis, both new to the debate team, debated against the University of Richmond in the novice division Saturday morning. Their topic of debate was the economic sanctions to enforce on China. The pair has been researching the general debate since this summer, but did not find out this specific topic until 10 minutes prior to their debate.

Between the two of them and their research, they were able to refute the opposing views well and made many interesting points. This was their first debate together this year, so they used this as a practice debate. They were able to receive very helpful advice from the judge of this debate, Pamela Bowman. They were very well-versed on their points and asked intriguing questions during cross-examination.

"My absolute favorite part of a debate is cross-examination. I also like when the information I provide is correct," said Boyd.

This tournament is the only home debate this year, but the team will be at the University of Richmond the weekend of Oct. 15. To find out more about the debate team, go to www.liberty.edu/academics/communications/debate.

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NATALIE LOZANO

NOTES — Students compare notes during the competition.

THIS BRIDGE CLOSED

ROAD WORK — The Route 460 overpass at Candler's Mt. Road will be closed for repairs beginning on Oct. 12, and will remain closed for 3-4 weeks according to the LU splash page. Delays may occur on campus from cars being detoured to University Blvd.

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Concerts: Triple dose of music

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They have played with bands such as Pedro the Lion, Further Seems Forever and Blindside.

The Afters, composed of lead vocalist and guitarist Josh Havens, guitarist Matt Fuqua, bassist Brad Wigg and drummer Marc Dodd, have come a long way from their early days six years ago of playing during their spare time as Starbucks employees. The video for their hit song, "Beautiful Love," is nominated for an MTVU's Woodie award, given to a band voted on by a college audience. Lead singer Meany, drummer Darren King, guitarist Greg

Hill, and bassist Roy Mitchell are Mute Math. The band began as a side project to Meany's band Earthsuit. When Earthsuit broke up, Meany and King decided to work on songwriting for another project.

"We hope to have a passionate, dynamic and intense vibe. We feel that way because the true root is dynamic and intense as well," The Myriad's Young said.

"We write about life experiences like love, pain and joy to which we hope that people can relate. We want it to be the disarming art that music is supposed to be, that doesn't alienate anyone." The Myriad's Young said. He and Scholfield hope the audience

walks away from their shows "knowing there is something more to life."

"I think it's all about being real, if we can somehow be real on stage in front of people. Sharing from your heart in a real and open kind of way makes things very open and honest, and that goes a long way," Havens said. Mute Math has the same take on their musical meaning and impact on their audience.

"We love what we do and are thankful for a chance to 'live the dream' if you will. There have been only a handful of records that I've heard in my life that have completely altered the way I think about music and forced me to feel a rush of emotions I never knew existed prior. I hope to make that kind music," Mute Math's Meany said.

"We believe that music is an essential part of the life at Liberty. I have heard countless stories from Liberty students who came to a CFAW because there was a concert. CFAW students get to check out the most exciting university in the world, and see an amazing concert," White said.

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NIH: DeWitt makes the grade

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According to DeWitt, a past NIH grant recipient, only 10 to 20 percent of grant proposals submitted to the NIH are typically approved.

"The competition is stiff - I hope to see firsthand what goes into a grant review so that I can do a better job and help my colleagues (when they write proposals)," said DeWitt.

According to Dr. Paul Sattler, the chair of Liberty's biology and chemistry department, about one-third of LU scientists are actively engaged in research, with about half of those receiving some type of external funding.

Sattler said that DeWitt's invitation "indicates that (Liberty's science) department is maturing in the research area."

"Our faculty (members) are now receiving NIH grants, reviewing grants and are now being recognized as experts in their field," said Sattler.

According to Sattler, large-scale funding,

like that provided by the NIH, is difficult to secure.

Sattler said DeWitt's NIH review participation "is a good testament to his persistence in breaking into that large scale grant cycle."

DeWitt was also recently awarded a one-year grant from the Jeffress Trust, a Virginia foundation that funds approximately \$1 million worth of natural science research within the commonwealth each year.

The Jeffress Trust was established according to the will left by Robert M. Jeffress, who was a Richmond, Va. businessman and philanthropist who also founded the Virginia Institute for Scientific Research.

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VACAS: Communications conference open to all

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Wright encourages students to become members of VACAS.

For \$10, students will receive the same benefits all current members share. "The first step in encouraging students would be to alert faculty around the state that there is an organization. This is currently done through word of mouth, newsletters, e-mail messages and attending the actual conference. The second step is sharing with the students what the faculty member has learned through his or her attendance at the conference," Wright said.

Members meet annually at the VACAS

conference while non-members are welcome to attend the conference. Cost of the conference is \$50. The price includes meals, sessions and the play "Driving Miss Daisy" at the Lloyd Auditorium.

A special price of \$10 is for attendees who just attend the sessions without participating in breakfast and lunch, said Lyster.

The VACAS conference will begin at 2:15 p.m. on Oct. 21, after lunch and a welcome message and ends at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 22.

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PHOTO PROVIDED

COMING IN OCTOBER — The Afters are long past the days of serving coffee.

Conference: Billingsley returns

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In one of his sessions, entitled "Recovery of the Heart," Clinton explored the slippery slope that believers can fall into when they are assaulted and suffer persecution.

"What takes a man of great faith to a place of brokenness?" he asked. He explained that if an individual does not look to God for intimacy, they will turn to something else to satisfy their brokenness, many times leading to destructive addictions.

Cordle spoke on another

aspect of the Christian faith reaching inner city youth. Cordle is the administrative pastor at The Center, an outreach program directed to downtown Lynchburg families.

In addition to individual sessions, Super Conference 2005 was filled with several Q-and-A sessions in which audience members asked questions to the panel and shared their thoughts and views on topics ranging from theology to politics.

In one of the sessions between Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr.

Ergun Caner and Dr. Ed Hindson, a question was asked about discerning personal ambitions and goals from God's will.

"Everyone I know has that same challenge," said Falwell. He told the audience to pray, seek God's will and have patience.

"Love the people first, they'll follow you anywhere," said Caner, quoting a line from a sermon he had heard from Dr. B.R. Lakin. He said it was the best advice he had ever gotten.

Other topics discussed during Q-and-A included finance and end times.

One of the highlights of Super Conference came when Liberty's "Artist in Residence" from 2002 until 2005, Charles Billingsley, returned to the Vines Center for a concert on Wednesday night. His concert lasted for over two hours and covered a wide variety of songs.

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ON STAGE — The LU praise band and the choir join Billingsley.

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OPINION

"There are not one but three mechanisms of birth control ... The first two mechanisms are contraceptive. The third is abortive."

Randy Alcorn

EXCERPTED FROM "DOES THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL CAUSE ABORTIONS?"

The Pill

How America's favorite birth control can cause abortions



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It is not good for man to be alone. So God created for him a helpmate, and by this action, he gave us the gift of intimacy with another person, in marriage and in sex. For those of you who are married, planning to be married, thinking about becoming married or ever interested in doing so, you will have to choose a birth control method. The pill has long been

considered the safest, easiest and most moral way for Christians to postpone or prevent pregnancy. But for those of you who, like I, believe that a whole, unique individual is formed at the moment of conception, there are reasons to not use the pill.

Pregnancy can only occur when ovulation does. By experimenting with estrogen, doctors in the 1940s and 50s found a way to prevent ovulation the majority of the time. But there's a problem.

What doctors didn't know then, but know now, is that the pill doesn't only prevent ovulation. Instead, it works in three ways. The first and primary purpose is to prevent ovulation. The second is to thicken cervical mucus, which makes it harder for the sperm to reach an egg that may have been released. The third way, which is the biggest problem for any person believing that life begins at conception, is that it thins the uterine wall so that if an egg has been fertilized, it will find a hostile environment in the uterus where it is supposed to implant. If the conceived egg—the whole, unique individual—cannot implant in the uterus, it cannot get the nourishment it needs to survive, and it dies and is expelled with the next menstrual period. By definition, the pill, and all hormonal methods of birth control, can cause an abortion.

If this is the first time you've ever heard this information, you may be in disbelief. I know I was. Many young couples depend on the pill. The thought that they could be inadvertently causing abortions made me wretch inside.

So, following the journalism adage that "If your mother says she loves you, check your sources," I did. But they all said the same thing. Thepill.com, prolife.com, The Johns Hopkins University Web site and most succinctly on WebMD.com, which states "The (hormonal contraceptive) usually stops the body

from releasing an egg from the ovary. HC also changes the cervical mucus to make it difficult for the sperm to find an egg. HC can also prevent pregnancy by making the lining of the womb inhospitable for implantation."

There it was in black and white and right in front of my nose, as if no one was hiding it and it had been a well-known fact the whole time. I started asking my friends if they knew. No one did. This confused me even more. It was so clearly explained, yet still so unheard of.

My supposition is this: The pill was approved by the FDA in 1960, the start of the feminist revolution. One of the biggest goals of feminism was to give women more autonomy over their body by means of birth control. A pill like this was in hot demand. The FDA approved it, and, according to PBS, the number of American women using the pill jumped from below one million to 6.5 million within its first seven years. By the 80s, as many as 50 million women worldwide were using it. Today, prolife.com estimates that 60 million women worldwide are on the pill. This is a huge market. No pharmaceutical company, or doctor, for that matter, wants to tell more than 60 million women their birth control has the capacity to abort their children. These women are already using the pill, already investing in it and generally have no reason to question it. It is still a profitable business. Besides a few pesky Catholics, everybody loves it.

But it isn't just a Catholic idea. The belief that life begins at conception is one held by the majority of evangelical Christians. When the pill was introduced to the market, not enough about it was known for Protestants to dismiss it. In fact, popular Christian literature in the 70s even recommended the pill, as well as intra-uterine devices, which now uncontestedly are known to cause abortions. We didn't know all the ways birth control worked then. We do now, and the fact remains that the pill, the patch, Seasonale, Depo-Provera, and Norplant, as well as all other hormonal contraceptives, can cause abortions. Just because Catholics traditionally stand against it, and Protestants for it, doesn't mean the Catholics are wrong, at least not on this one. We as Christians need to evaluate the pill in light of today's medical knowledge of how it works, and not based on the traditional belief of any church. Medical evidence says that it is an abortifacient.

No one knows the exact numbers on how many children are chemically aborted. According to an article by J.T. Finn on pro-

life.com, research on the pill estimates that 5 to 10 percent of women using the pill experience breakthrough ovulation. Yet, according to the FDA, the pill is only 1 to 2 percent ineffective. While there is no rate of abortion for the pill, prolife.com estimates that every year there are between 7 and 12 million babies chemically aborted (between the Pill, Norplant and Depo-Provera) without the mother even knowing she was pregnant.

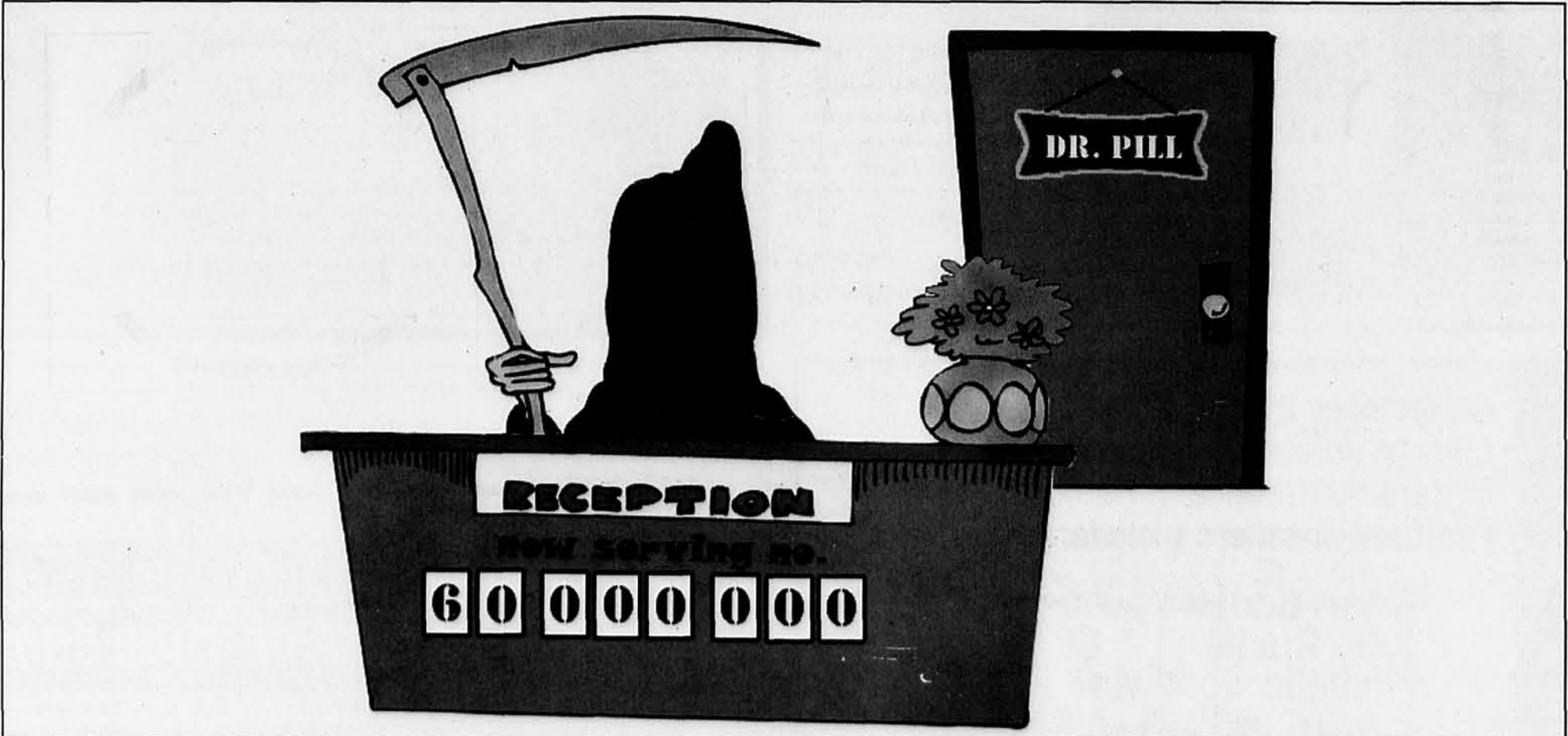
For me, that means the pill is out. My challenge to you is to investigate this information for yourself and come to an educated decision. Randy Alcorn, an evangelical minister and author of "Pro-life answers to pro-choice arguments," published a booklet in 1998 called "Does the pill really cause abortions?" His booklet may be found online at www.epm.org/articles/bcpill1.html. Every Christian should read it.

Now, for the sticky part. There are those who will continue to use the pill in spite of this information. My question to you is, "why?" Risking the life of your child is simply not worth however easy the pill may be. It is convenient, it is effective, it is cheap and it is traditional. But none of these outweigh the value or sanctity of human life. If you have other reasons to continue use of the pill, that is between you, your spouse and God. But the majority of the reasons I hear from people who continue to use the pill, in spite of this knowledge, are copouts that have more to do with convenience and less to do with taking responsibility for one's sex life and the life of any future child.

For those of you seeking alternatives to the birth control, talk to your doctor. You may want to consider using barrier methods, which do not chemically alter the body. Another option is Natural Family Planning, which I would like to emphasize is not the rhythm method. NFP includes the ovulation method and the symptothermal method. For more information on NFP, visit <http://familydoctor.org/126.xml>.

The real point is that if we truly want to respect the sanctity of human life, we will go to extra measures to ensure that all human life, even in the early zygote stages, is protected and unharmed by us. But, of all the questions surrounding this issue, the most important question you want to ask yourself is, "What am I going to do now?"

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SpeakUp: What quality do you find least attractive in the opposite sex?



"Chewing food with your mouth open. That is definitely not attractive."

—Steven Kemner, Sr. Scotia, N.Y.



"I would say that when you use foul language, it is not cute!"

—Tyra Jones, Jr. Goldsboro, N.C.



"I really don't find hairy legs attractive."

—Keith Berard, Fr. Hillsborough, N.J.



"I can't stand girls who cake on makeup."

—Sean Murray, Fr. Lebanon, Penn.



"When they expect us to read their minds ... we are guys, not mind readers."

—Stevy Williams, Fr. New York, N.Y.



"I can't stand a guy who is a stalker, not trustworthy or has wandering eyes."

—Jules Gagnon, Soph. Turnes, Maine

DAVID KREGENOW

COMMENTARY

Individual awareness vital to personal safety

The Sept. 5 disappearance of 17-year-old Virginia Commonwealth University student Taylor Behl has brought national attention to the demand for increased personal safety. Behl's body was found in a barn 70 miles away from the VCU campus. As students, we need to recognize the current problems surrounding the handling of sexual assault acts, the steps that our university has and is taking and what we can do to stop violence against women.



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According to the Sexual Victimization of College Women study, there are 350 estimated rapes a year for every 10,000 college women. According to a new Justice Department report, within a seven-month period more than one in four college women have experienced unwanted sexual attention from stalking to rape. Nine out of every 10 women knew the offender. What is shocking and horrifying is that 95 percent of women who are sexually assaulted on campuses refuse to press charges.

The 1990 Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires by law that schools who receive federal aid to notify victims of their right to report assault to law enforcement. Those schools issue annual reports on crimes committed on campus. A database of college reports can be found at <http://www.securityoncampus.org/crimestats/>, or on our own LUPD Web site under "2004 Campus Crime Report."

While many sexual assault crimes go unreported to universities in general, our police department is devoted to preventing such crimes, protecting the students and assisting victims. Prevention and protection come by way of added police officers, new lighting around the campus specifically by the entrance to the tunnel, 24-hour escort services, sexual misconduct programs and trespass warnings that remove suspicious persons from campus with subject to arrest upon return. The campus police are also dedicated to assisting victims through Virginia Victim and Witness Services with the help of the local Commonwealth Attorney Office. Another program

available is S.A.R.P, the Sexual Assault Response Program. As one of our own lieutenants, Jennifer Jones, is an integral part of the Sexual Assault Response Program, LUPD and S.A.R.P. work together to ensure the victim's rights in prosecution and in seeking counsel.

The seriousness of such crimes needs to be considered by each college student, including Liberty students. In the Campus Crime Report, it is stated that, "a safe university environment depends upon the awareness and cooperation of individual members of the community... we encourage students to take an active role in their own safety and security while on campus." Many women on campus feel that it is safe to run at night with I-Pods or walk home from work after dark. Such acts are dangerous and unwise. Steps for ensuring your protection include going out in groups, avoiding being out in the dark and staying in the well-lit sections of campus, staying off your cell phone so that you are aware of your surroundings, keeping doors and windows locked and calling for the escort service at ext. 7641 if you will be out after dark.

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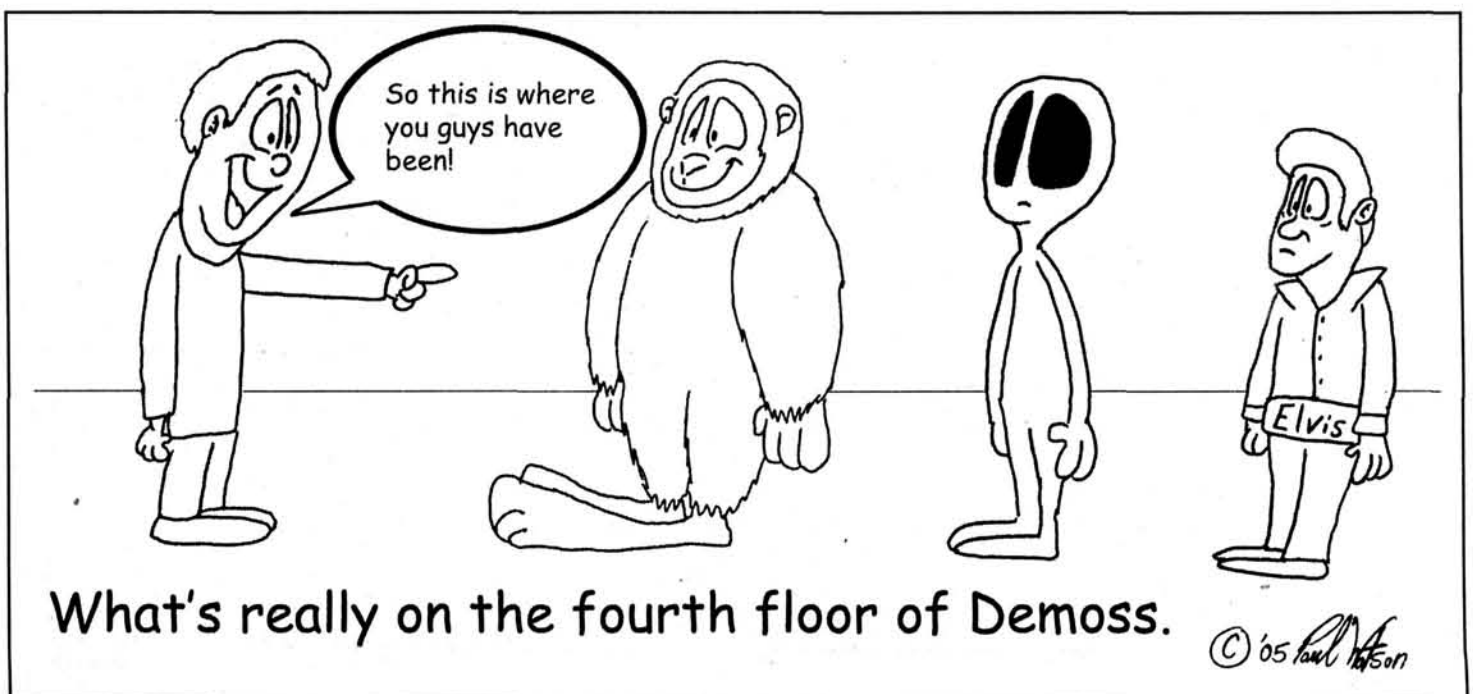
are sexually assaulted know their offender, it is a necessity to be wise with acquaintances and those to whom you give your personal information. Campuses nationwide have experienced a growing number of stalking reports due to personal information such as name, phone number, dorm room, and class/work schedules that are given over the Internet by way of Myspace and Facebook. Students need to be cautious when displaying their lives for public access.

It is our role as brothers and sisters in Christ to protect and ensure the safety of one another. By using common sense safety steps, we can take some amount of control over potential sexual assault crimes. If you or someone you know has been a victim of a sexual act, please step up and stop the silence by reporting the crime to our university police at ext. 7641. As improvements such as more lighting and security cameras are put into action, our campus is increasingly safer, but it doesn't negate our responsibility to be aware.

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Liberty implements new reprimands system

By Tanya Whelly
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty University has implemented a new reprimand system which changes the fines students will pay for various offenses.

The Dean of Men's office, the Dean of Women's office, the office of the Vice President, and Residence Life all collaborated to make this change possible.

According to Josh Brown, former dean, the old reprimand system stated that the first three reprimands a student accumulated were free. After that, the student would be charged \$10 for each additional reprimand.

The reason for this change has nothing to do with discipline or problems with students, but instead, it has to do with technology.

"In April or May of last year, the

system we used to monitor reps crashed," said Brown.

Brown explained that the former violations tracking database could no longer hold the increase of students at Liberty.

"We've used an in-house database that we put together years ago to track violations," said Dean of Residence Life Michelle Bunts. "The homemade database was unable to hold the number of students."

Bunts is in charge of RAs, RDs, and residence and commuter housing. "Because we live in such a tight community," she says, "we need community rules."

The new database being used to keep track of who is breaking those rules is the AS400, which is the same database responsible for holding students' personal information, grades, and so on.

Brown compared this database

to a filing cabinet.

"It was cumbersome to monitor the freebies," said Brown.

Although the new reprimand system does not give students three "free" chances, it actually saves the rule-breaking students money by reducing fines as the reprimands increase.

For example, the consequence for accumulating 12 reprimands under the new system is a fine of \$50. Under the old system, the cost of 12 reprimands, which a student could receive for watching a rated-R movie or entering the space above ceiling tiles, would be \$70.

"In five years we've considerably reduced fines," said Brown.

Brown does not foresee the new reprimand system changing students' views on breaking the rules.

He believes that what students should ask themselves is, "Is (not

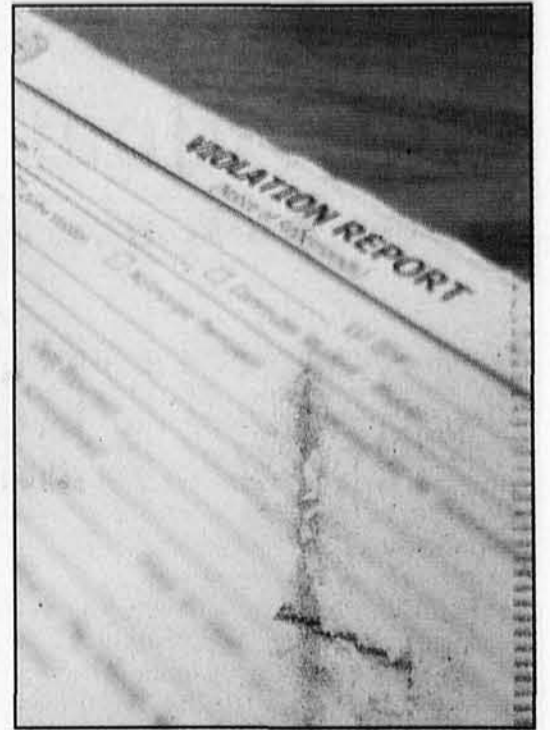
making) my bed worth \$10 this morning?"

Bunt believes that enforcing a disciplinary system helps to keep the campus clean and inviting.

"We want each and every student to love God, love others and be disciples," she said. "We want the campus to look nice so that when we have visitors God is recognizable."

Chris Bowman, a junior at Liberty, was not aware of the recent changes and says they will not affect his attitude towards the Liberty Way. "I'm going to try to behave, whether I get more reps or not," said Bowman. He also expressed his feelings towards receiving reprimands. "Six reps is easy to get," he said, "even for a good kid."

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ROUT — Liberty routed Virginia 10-3 in Charlottesville. The Flames are now 2-0 and will host VMI Friday night in Roanoke.

Hockey rout Cavaliers, 10-3

By Scott LaPeer
SPORTS REPORTER

In a rare afternoon game Saturday, in Charlottesville, Liberty University sent a hard, yet clear message to their University of Virginia opposition. The message: No, you are not on our level. Not on the ice.

Behind an offensive surge that spanned nearly the entire first two periods of play, the Flames, at times, made scoring appear almost effortless in a 10-3 drubbing of the Cavaliers. The good news for Liberty hockey fans and the bad news for future opponents is that this, very possibly, is just the beginning of men's hockey posting victories that are closer in resemblance to low-scoring football games than hockey scores.

On the ice, 10-3 translates beautifully into plenty of high-scoring excitement and satisfied spectators.

Freshmen Kevin Hendrix, Adam Kemp, and Alexandre Gelinat set the tone for a balanced offensive attack that saw seven different Flames players register a goal in the victory. Sophomore goaltender Dalton Stoltz was solid in net, stopping 21 shots while picking up

the win in his season debut.

Hendrix and Kemp alone, outscored Virginia scoring three and two goals respectively, and Gelinat played the role of "set-up man" assisting on three goals. Sophomore forward Kevin Dykstra and seniors Jon Fitter and Jon Ziegler each tallied a goal and an assist for the Flames.

The scoring began at 15:47 of the first period when Virginia's Danny Miller beat Stoltz with a one-timer from the front of the net. Almost immediately after, it would seem as though Liberty had spotted the Cavs the first goal as a way to show their appreciation for playing host to the afternoon event.

Devastation came next — in the form of 10 straight goals rattled off by the Flames — and by the 8:19 mark of the second period, when Ziegler managed to finish a beautiful tic-tac-toe power play goal set up by Dykstra and sophomore defenseman Aaron Mackenzie, all the while being cross-checked in the back and tumbling forward, head-first into the goal post, the rout was concluded and the figurative life had officially been sucked out of the Cavaliers.

"I caught the pass coming across the

ice just in time and reached out to put the puck on net," Ziegler said. "Just as that happened, one of them got a stick in my back and I kind of went neck-first into the post. I was all right though and it was nice to see it go in," Ziegler said.

Skating out to a 10-2 score to begin the third period, both teams occupied the final 20 minutes by displaying some of the frustrations they had built up during the previous 40. For Virginia, it was clearly the frustration of a team out-matched and already completely out of contention for victory.

For Liberty, it was perhaps more of a frustration built out of the lack of any real challenge presented by the Cavaliers. Penalties abounded as the two teams sought to take out their respective frustrations on the other, resulting in several extended stoppages of play that ultimately disrupted the flow of the game and any momentum either team tried to generate. Virginia tacked on a final goal in the third period, but for little worth, as the game came to a close at 10-3.

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Keeper of the Flames

By CJ Krasnyk
SPORTS REPORTER

Fans of Lady Flames soccer know who runs the field. Senior goalkeeper Sonia Rodriguez is considered by her teammates to be that quiet leader.

"People respect her. She does not talk a lot, and we have a rowdy bunch of girls. So when she says something, everyone takes it to heart because she means what she says," Rachel Bendzlwicz said about her fellow captain. She also added that she is a very good spiritual leader and is very trustworthy.

Rodriguez began playing soccer in the sixth grade, but not as a goalie. She played in the field.

"I was always that person, the field player, the fourth string backup. The just-in-case," Rodriguez said, smiling.

She did not start playing goalie until her junior year of high school. She admitted that she does not really like playing goalie because she gets bored easily. However, she loves the responsibility and the pressure that comes with it.

"I am an adrenaline junkie," she said.

One of her favorite soccer memories came during her senior year of high school.

"My senior year we won state. We played the same team for senior night, district finals, regional finals and state finals. And for senior night we actually

scored 1-1 on a goal scored on me. Then we lost the district final by one goal, and lost the regional final by one goal. So we never beat them that whole season except for state finals," she said.

Coming up with a favorite moment here at Liberty was harder. After careful consideration, she said either the NC State game or the Arkansas game earlier this season. She went with the Arkansas game because, as she put it, "It was a big win for us."

Rodriguez, who became a Christian after her junior year of high school, decided to come to Liberty because it was the only Christian school with Division I athletics. The only schools that recruited her were Division III schools which included Mary Washington and Virginia Wesleyan.

Fortunately for her, Liberty soccer coach James Price was recruiting a girl from the same area as Rodriguez. She contacted Coach Price about possibly playing here at Liberty.

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RODRIQUEZ

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Football showing signs of life

By Adam Trent and Josh Velilla

The Flames football team managed to end a three game streak of shut-outs and for the first time this season, hold its opponents scoreless in the first quarter. However, Liberty still lost 10-7 to in-state, in-conference rival the VMI Keydets two weeks ago in the Homecoming Game.

"Our kids will continue to work and continue to improve. There are still six games left and we will take it one game at a time," Flames Head Coach Ken Karcher said after the game.

Liberty indeed began showing improvement this week, despite suffering another heart-breaking loss to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Mocs.

The Flames played their best offensive game of the season Saturday night, but a last second field goal by Esteban Lopez earned the Mocs a 24-21 victory, evening the series between the two teams at 1-1.

The Flames were up 21-14 with 2:13 left in the game, but surrendered two straight scoring drives to lose the game at the end.

Liberty scored first with a 5-play, 30-yard drive after a fumbled punt by

Chattanooga, marking the first time this season that the Flames have scored in the first half.

The Flames then attempted an onside kick, which barely slipped through the fingers of Liberty's hands team, giving the Mocs excellent field position at the 40-yard line.

The Mocs took full advantage of the aid, taking their first drive 60 yards in eight plays to tie the game at 7-7, with a 9-yard pass from Antonio Miller to Lironnie Davis.

Liberty attempted to regain the lead two drives later, moving 54 yards in 10 plays. The drive was ended at the Mocs 21-yard line when Chattanooga defensive back Greg McConnico blocked a 36-yard Zacry Kolegue field goal attempt, ending the first quarter and subsequently the first half at a 7-7 tie.

The action kicked into high gear in the second half, with the Mocs scoring immediately on a 13-play, 80-yard drive capped off by a dazzling 20-yard touchdown run by Davis.

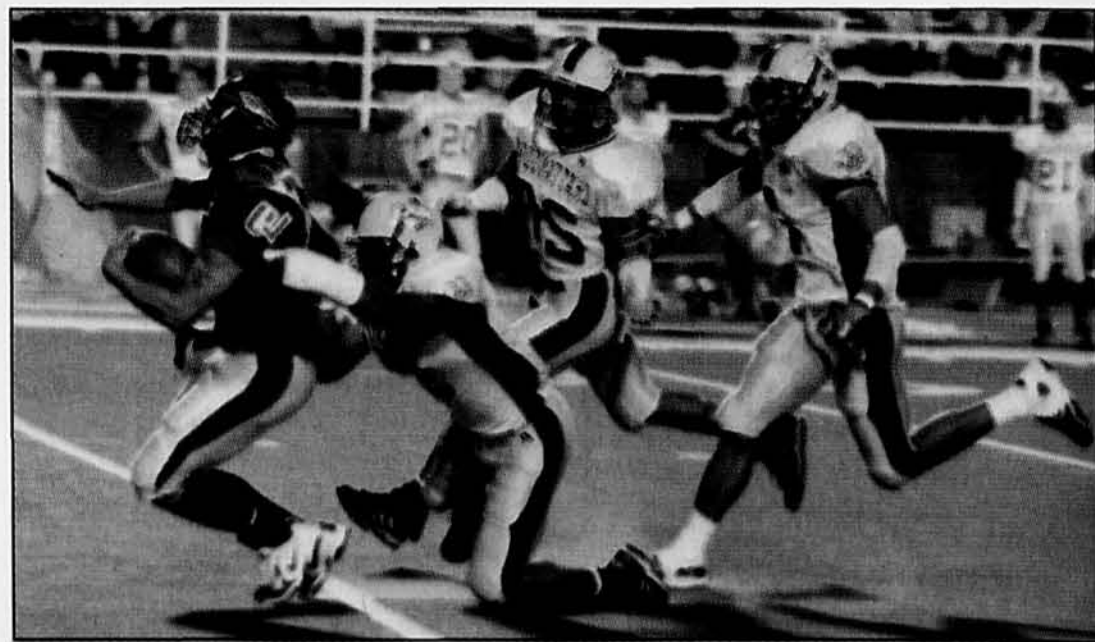
The Flames answered immediately with a five play 65-yard drive that spanned only 1:27, highlighted by four runs by Zach Terrell, the longest of which went for 42 yards and the last of which scored the tying touchdown

from six yards out.

Two drives later, after an impressive 15-play, 69-yard drive, LU place-kicker Ben Beasley missed a 26-yard field goal wide right, marking Liberty's third empty-handed trip the red-zone.

The Flames redeemed themselves on the next drive and scored their final points of the game on an 11-yard pass from Brock Farrel to tight end Chris Luck, giving the Flames a 21-14 lead.

The player of the game was LU true freshman converted quarterback Zach Terrell.



PUSHING AHEAD — Freshman quarterback Zach Terrell was named Player of the Game despite Liberty's loss. Speaking at a Flames Club luncheon in September, Coach Karcher expressed a lot of hope in Terrell's abilities.

ADAM BISHOP

Rodriquez: Love for the game



HOLLY CLEMENTS

DEFENDING HER TERRITORY — Although she has only been playing goalie for six years, Rodriquez loves the pressure and responsibility of the position.

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"I contacted Coach Price my senior year in the spring, and he was recruiting a girl that went to one of the area high schools," Rodriquez said.

Since the two girls played each other, he told her that he would come to that game so he could see both of them play. The game got rained out and then dates got mixed up, but Price did contact Rodriquez's coaches. After talking to the coaches, Price called Rodriquez in July of 2002

and offered her a spot on the team. He could not offer her a scholarship, but it was a spot none the less.

After graduating in December, Rodriquez plans to go home to Sarasota, Fla. She is going to study for the MCATS, which she will take in April, and will take an EMT certification class.

She is also hoping to coach soccer somewhere. Coach Price thinks that she has a lot to offer as a soccer coach.

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The Playbook



It has come to my attention recently that in the midst of the struggles that some of our teams have experienced so far this season, they don't seem to be receiving a whole lot of love on campus.

I have witnessed professors as well as fellow students publicly criticize our football team — in the presence of members of the football team. If I were a student athlete, my desire to sit through a 75 minute class would not be increased one bit if my professor felt the need to rip on my team before he or she began an attempt to make it through 200 Power Point slides in one class period.

We often forget that while we as students sit around being "productive" by joining countless Facebook groups and brushing up on our Xbox skills, our student athletes are going to early morning workouts and practicing after class, all the while trying to maintain a certain GPA.

I am continually amazed by the number of students I hear criticize our various teams that have yet to go to a game this season, or in their entire Liberty career for that matter. These same kids can't even name one player on the team.

There are plenty of other schools that haven't exactly established themselves as powerhouses in particular sports over the years.

Keep in mind that Army and Rice share the longest current losing streak in Division 1-A football at nine games.

Notre Dame, a university synonymous with college football, hasn't won a bowl game since 1993, and has lost five or more games three of the last four seasons.

There are plenty of schools in America that are very successful year in and year out in particular sport, and not so successful in others. There are many schools in the ACC that are successful in either basketball or football, but not both.

As a Christian university we should be here to support and encourage our athletic teams, whether they are having a winning season or not. I am thankful that during times in my life when I have struggled and experienced hard times, it has been my family and Christian friends that have been there when I needed them most.

Ephesians 4:16 says, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

While some Liberty teams may not be having the season many hoped they would, they still deserve our love and support.

Hockey: Another championship year

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"They weren't a great team, and there were a lot of penalties, but overall we kept our cool and played hard," Fitter said. Obviously we finished our plays and got a few goals, and the defense played pretty well, so it was a good confidence builder for sure."

The win improves the Flames to 2-0 early in the season and has Head Coach Kirk Handy feeling optimistic about his young team's performances thus far.

"I'm happy because they're almost all freshmen," Handy said. "You just never know how freshmen might turn out. It's exciting that our best players are largely freshmen, but it's still early and we have some important games ahead of us still before we can really gauge where we are as a team."

Liberty will face off against VMI on Friday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 in Roanoke.

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Tolsma sets record at double decathlon

By Adam Trent

SPORTS REPORTER

For the first time in its 24-year history, the Double Decathlon World Championship was held in the United States. Liberty University had the privilege of hosting this competition at the Matthes/Hopkins track complex on Oct. 7 and 8.

The event included competitors from Austria, Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Japan, Senegal and the United States. Liberty University Track Coach Brant Tolsma, competed and set a world record in the 55-59 age group.

In the double decathlon, each competitor competes in 20 track-and-field events over two days. Field events include the shot put, hammer throw, javelin throw, high jump, triple jump, pole vault and discus throw. Track events include sprints of 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, and 10,000m, as well as the 110m, 200m, and 400m hurdles.

The event began in 1981 in Finland and was held there every year until 2000 when it was moved to England. Austria has also hosted the event.

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COMPETING COACH — Track Coach Brant Tolsma is still setting records.

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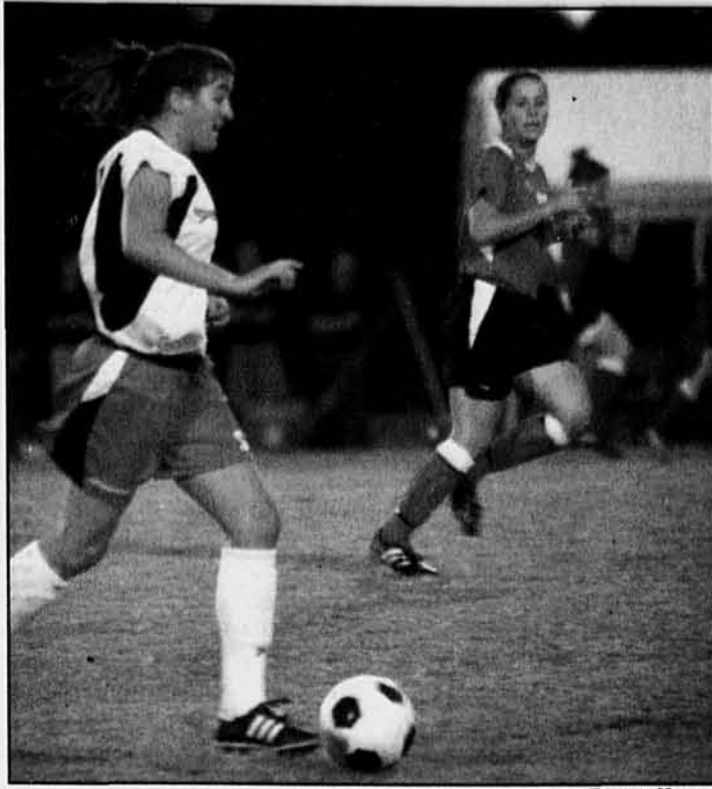
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Women's soccer beats Radford



THOMAS HUNTER

ROAD WARRIORS — The Lady Flames went on the road and knocked off rival Radford, 4-2. Liberty will be back in action on Thursday as they travel to Big South opponent High Point. Game time is set for 7.

By CJ Krasnyk

SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Lady Flames had an offensive explosion in the first half that helped propel them to a 4-2 victory last Tuesday night over the Highlanders from Radford University at the Liberty Soccer Complex.

The Flames jumped on the board quickly, just seven minutes in to the game. Junior midfielder Mandee Judd scored her first goal of the year. She picked up a loose ball at midfield and the split two defenders before finding the back of the net from just 10 yards out. Just a couple of minutes later, Liberty would double its lead when sophomore midfielder Tanya Payne, who was fouled in the box, connected on a penalty kick.

At the 30-minute mark, Radford would cut Liberty's lead in half. Sophomore Megan Horan sent a penalty kick past senior Sonia Rodriguez to make the score 2-1.

However, Liberty would respond quickly. Less than two minutes later

Rachel Hetrick sent a cross pass to sophomore Ashley Braam, who found the back of the net for the third time this season. Liberty then would make it a 4-1 game off a free kick by sophomore forward Hannah Sullivan.

The Highlanders would score the only goal of the second half. Jonita Hooker, a senior from Woodbridge VA, headed in a cross from teammate Kara Ramer, a senior from Richmond, Va., in the 70th minute of play.

Liberty goalkeeper Sonia Rodriguez had four saves in the game, all of them coming in the second half. Radford net minder Annaliese Yoder, a junior from Mohrsville, Pa., had three saves but was replaced by Tara Oleartchick in the 34th minute of play. Oleartchick, a junior from Woodbridge, Va., also recorded three saves for the game.

The lack of intensity in the game surprised Liberty Head Coach James Price, as the Liberty-Radford game is normally more high-spirited.

"It was probably the flattest Liberty-Radford game I have ever been apart of," Price said. "They are usually much

more intense, but we used our athleticism and quickness to our advantage."

Coach Price was pleased with the way his girls played saying, "I thought tonight's match was closer than 4-2. If anyone would have told me before the match that we would defeat Radford by two goals, I would have said 'yes, please' because I wouldn't expect that."

Price went on to say, "The four types of goals we scored tonight are four we haven't seen a lot of this year, so I was very pleased with our scoring."

Both teams finished the contest with 13 shots on goal and were dead even with five corner kicks. With the victory the Lady Flames move to 5-3-2 overall and 2-0-0 in Big South play. Radford falls to 4-9-0 overall and 1-3-0 in Big South Conference play.

The Lady Flames match at UNC-Asheville scheduled for last Saturday afternoon was postponed due to rain, and has yet to be rescheduled.

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Volleyball, at 2-3, stands 5th in BSC

By Adam Trent

SPORTS REPORTER

During homecoming weekend two weeks ago, the Lady Flames volleyball team fought hard but was unable to win at home, falling to Big South Conference foes High Point and Winthrop.

On Friday night, Liberty hosted High Point to open Parents Weekend. In the first game, the Lady Flames were able to gain and maintain a lead over the Panthers, taking it 30-24.

In game two, Liberty raced out to a 12-2 lead, causing the young team to relax and allow the more experienced High Point squad to fight back and win 30-26.

With their confidence shaken, the Lady Flames were unable to stop High Point in game three falling 30-18.

In game four, the Lady Flames showed they would not go down at home without putting up a fight. The Panthers were never able to gain a clear advantage over the Lady Flames, as both teams battled hard for each point, causing fans from both sides to become louder in their support for the teams. In the end, the more

experienced Panthers were able to defeat the Lady Flames 38-36, for the match.

On Saturday, the Lady Flames fell to three-time defending Big South Conference champion and pre-season favorite Winthrop 3-0, but the game was closer than what the match score showed, as Liberty stayed tough in each game before falling 26-30, 20-30, 21-30. Going into the match, the Lady Flames knew they would have to play their best, and Winthrop was expecting it.

Despite the loss, Pinder had plenty of good things to say about his team. "They have a lot of senior leadership and I was proud of our girls with the way they came back after the loss to High Point. We hung in there for about three-quarters of three games, showed a lot of fight, and the future will be exciting."

The Lady Flames team went 1-1 this past weekend in conference action on what is commonly referred to as the "beach trip," dropping Charleston-Southern 3-1 on Friday and falling to Coastal Carolina 3-0 on Saturday.

Friday's match against

Charleston-Southern was a tight one, with the Lady Buccaneers taking game one, 33-35. In game two, the Lady Flames showed their youthful resiliency, taking a 5-0 and never relinquished it to win 30-22. Game three was a tight contest with Liberty going ahead 25-20 until Charleston Southern rallied to tie the game at 29-29, but the Lady Flames would not be denied, as they took game three, 31-29 on two kills by freshman outside hitter Kendall Nichols. Game four was just as dramatic, with the Lady Buccaneers going up 23-17, but the Lady Flames demonstrated the fight and resolve that has been evident all season, rallying to tie the game at 29-29 and then proceeded to win 31-29 to take the match.

For the match, Liberty had a well-balanced offensive and defensive effort as four Lady Flames recorded double-doubles. Sophomore setter Lara Bartolomeo had 19 digs to go along with a career high 62 assists. Sophomore outside hitter Jessica Nelson had 22 kills and 14 digs, senior reserve setter Janell Migeot had 19 kills and 16

digs and Nichols had 17 kills and 20 digs. Senior Allison Hallock also chipped in with 28 digs.

On Saturday, the Lady Flames continued to show fight and resolve but the more experienced Coastal Carolina Chanticleers proved to be too tough and Liberty fell 3-0. In the first game, Coastal Carolina jumped out to an 8-0 lead, but Liberty fought back to keep it close before falling 30-24. In game two, the Lady Flames took an early 8-4 lead but the Chanticleers fought back and won 32-30. In game

three, the Lady Flames would take a 24-20, but the Chanticleers fought back and took it 30-26 for the shut out victory.

For the match, Nelson and Nichols proved to be a valuable combination as both recorded double-doubles with Nelson recording 13 kills and 16 digs and Nichols also had 13 kills with 12 digs.

After the beach trip, the Lady Flames are fifth in the Big South Conference with a record of 2-3. They are currently trailing High Point and UNC-Asheville, who are fourth and third, respective-

ly. Coastal Carolina and Winthrop are currently undefeated in conference play and tied for first. Liberty is currently ahead of Charleston-Southern, Birmingham-Southern and Radford.

Liberty will have a chance to improve its conference record and standing on Friday night as they host the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs at 7 p.m. followed by a Saturday re-match with the Charleston-Southern Buccaneers at 2 p.m.

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FORE!! — (From left to right): Members of the Flames golf team Jay Calvo, Steve Hawk and Pete Horstman practice their swings.

Golf comes home

By Corey Crane
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty golf team is back in action to start up another exciting year.

Senior Andrew Turner will be leading the team as their captain, and hopes to bring knowledge and experience to the table.

Turner is excited about the opportunity to play with the freshmen and sophomores in his last season for the Flames.

Assistant Coach Eric Klinger is enthused about the start of the season.

"We had a great opening tournament and beat the teams we need to beat in our conference," said Klinger. "Jay Calvo and Nathan Clarkson are two freshmen that are going to boost our confidence as a team. Calvo has already shot a 70 in our opening tournament."

Klinger is sure both players along with many of the returning players such as Josh Bain, Peter Hong and Sam Nelson will help put their team at the top of the conference.

Coach Jeff Thomas is also very excited about this year's season. Thomas believes that the team has a lot of depth and is looking for great things to happen this year. The qualifying score is much lower than usual and the guys are hitting with precision and have confi-

dence before every tee off. "If we play hard and our 4-5 spots are doing great, we will have a great chance of making regional," Thomas said.

Turner expressed that their toughest matches will come from Penn State and Maryland. The big schools are usually the heavy hitters and present the biggest challenge. In Big South play, Charleston-Southern and Coastal Carolina will also be very hard to overcome. Coastal Carolina is currently ranked within the top 25 in the U.S.

Coach Thomas is anticipating the up and coming match against several top schools in the country. Liberty University will be hosting the match at Poplar Grove Golf Course in Amherst County starting Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17-18.

The teams that will be competing against the Flames in this tournament are Longwood, George Mason, James Madison, Rutgers, Towson, Maryland, Detroit, Darcy and Temple.

The team invites all students to Poplar Grove to support them as they take on some worthy opponents in their only home match of the year

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Three times a hero

By Scott LaPeer
SPORTS REPORTER

The ball is snapped through the center's legs and glides backward through the air until it is caught in his hands. A quick half-rotation aligns it for the proper release and, upon extending the ball out nearly at arm's length, two short steps follow. Then, the explosion, ball, meet foot, have a nice flight.

A noticeable boom echoes as the ball is launched high and out, spiraling perfectly as it disappears into the late-afternoon sun. A second later it reappears on its way down, still spinning tightly.

Roughly 70 yards from the point of its departure, it finally comes down, completely devastating the front-left end zone pylon that it lands squarely on. The pylon shoots out to the side and off the field.

A ridiculous kick, a group of teammates shout with excitement as the ball rolls to a slow stop, some throwing their arms up in the air as a sort of celebration.

The kicker responsible for the ball's destructive plummet just cracks a quick smile and back peddles. As far as kicks go, they don't get much better than that, and as far as Big South Conference kickers go, they don't get much better than Liberty's Noah Crouch.

Five years ago, Crouch was in the midst of his senior year of high school football at Amherst County high school located on the northern outskirts of Lynchburg. Coached by his father, Michael, Crouch enjoyed a

highly lauded season that saw him named first-team all-state as punter.

Recruitment came knocking, namely from Wake Forest, University of Virginia, and, of course, "local" Liberty University.

Though he admits that, initially, Liberty was not where he desired to attend college, both Wake Forest's and Virginia's football programs underwent coaching changes following that 2000 season, ultimately resulting in the fizzling of their scholarship offers.

Liberty soon became the one program that stuck around and continued to recruit Crouch, and after a meeting with the special teams coach at the time as well as Head Coach Ken Karcher, Crouch agreed to take the coaches up on their

offer. The rest, as they say, is special teams history.

"I never thought I would be here," Crouch said. "I grew up here in Amherst and it was always the one place I said I wouldn't go. But after being here, it's been a great experience for me in my life getting to know the people I have and being around the coaches. The coaches say that they're here to change lives, and it really has been a life-changing experience."

Five years and six Big South Special Teams Player of the Week honors later, Crouch is in the midst of his senior season with the Flames.

Barring illness or injury, Crouch will surely start all five games left this season and will look to improve upon his current standing

amongst Division I-AA punters. Labeling Crouch's leg "strong and dependable" has to be the least one could say when describing it. The description from the 2005 Flames Football Media Guide just fails to do it justice.

As it goes for kickers - when you're great, they rarely speak your name. When you're bad, you are the first to feel the flames. Noah Crouch knows this to be true, but it does not faze him.

"I think it's kind of unfair, but it comes with it," Crouch said. "It's just something you have to accept and when things aren't going your way, or you're having a down time, you're going to be the one that everybody puts the blame on. That's just the way it's always been and probably the way it will always be."

Fortunately for Crouch, he does not really experience too many of those "down times." He has been about as consistent as any punter in the history of Liberty football, presently ranked third in average yards per punt with a 38.4 average and with two Big South Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors already this season.

Crouch is on his way to first-team all conference consideration, which is a goal he set for himself. It is this type of consistency and confidence in his abilities that has Crouch, a business major who hopes to one day own a branch of sports-themed restaurants, thinking about first pursuing a career in the pros.

"I'm going to look into NFL, CFL, whatever I can look into," Crouch said. "I'd really rather do something like NFL Europe first, if there weren't any opportunities from the NFL. It would be a good experience and hopefully could prepare me for the next level."

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FOOTBALL STAR — Punter Noah Crouch was named Big South Special Teams Player of the Week three times in September.

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INTERNATIONAL National Dreams

God, a girl, and the internship of a lifetime



By Brit Engbrecht
LIFE REPORTER

British born, but Maine raised student, Christina Lansley interned in London at the British Parliament over the summer alongside her uncle, Andrew Lansley, Conservative Member of Parliament and Commander of the British Empire for South Cambridgeshire in the House of Commons.

Before summer vacation began, Lansley contacted her uncle and asked if she could work with him over the summer. After her uncle gave her the "ok," she began making arrangements to pursue her internship in London.

In the beginning of the summer, Lansley served on a short term mission trip to Tamil Nadu, India with Light Ministries. The team had a layover in London on the way back to the States, so Lansley stayed in London with family friends

for the rest of the summer. Lansley rode the Underground 45 minutes to work every morning. The Parliament offices were located across from Big Ben.

"It was nice spending the summer in a busy city that is full of so much history," said Lansley.

Among some of Lansley's duties were checking the mail, opening and sorting it and answering it. She also sent replies to e-mails sent to Parliament.

In addition, Lansley was able to participate in different conferences and events in which the British government was involved. One particular conference that took place was called "Make Poverty History," which covered the poverty issue in Africa. Various MP's along with public figures, such as actor Colin Ferth, spoke at these events in preparation for an upcoming G8 summit in Scotland. The issue of poverty was discussed along with strategies on

how to solve it. Another conference Lansley was able to attend was concerning Genocide in Darfur (a province in Sudan). There were many other global issues discussed at the G8 Summit in Gleneagles, Scotland.

While in London, Lansley was able to meet Lord Ian McCall of the House of Lords. McCall is involved in rescue missions throughout Africa.

"An impacting opportunity I had while in London was going to prayer meetings with my uncle's secretary, Rachel. I met some Christian Members of Parliament at the meetings, and they expressed their desire to see God work in the government. It was exciting to see the way they did things, and it was still with the same faith as in America. I wouldn't think something like that would be going on in the British Parliament. There was also an American intern across the hall from my uncle's office who was a Christian," said Lansley.

During her internship the tragedy of the London Bombings took place killing 52 people.

When asked about the bombings, Lansley replied saying, "The bombings made me very much aware of my surroundings and who I was surrounded by, and the fact that terrorism is not just something that is confined to one particular area of the world. It exists everywhere."

In a letter to supporters for her mission trip, she said, "The leg of my trip in London forced me to rely on God in a different way, but also in a very rewarding way."

Lansley graduates in December and is planning to become a flight attendant. Someday, however, she would like to work for a foreign embassy and help solve important world conflicts and problems.

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LU grad named 'best in class' by WSJ

By Angela Franulovich
NEWS REPORTER

A 2005 Liberty University graduate was recently named "Best in Class" in the Wall Street Journal's annual student achievement awards.

Matt Newman, who served as president of LU's student Financial Management Association last spring, was among several hundred students honored by the newspaper as part of its Journal-In-Education program.



respected and highest ranked business schools in the nation according to the Wall Street Journal and Forbes magazine.

During the contest, each competing school is given a virtual fund to invest in stocks, bonds and mutual

funds — and the teams with the highest virtual returns win.

In the April competition, LUFMA beat out Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh, Penn. — a school whose MBA program is consistently ranked as one of the

best in the world by the Wall Street Journal.

Newman now lives in Ventura, Calif., and works for the CPA firm Porter and Company.

According to Newman, he was honored to receive the Wall Street Journal award, representing Liberty University.

Newman said he misses the "community...the people" at Liberty.

"I had the privilege of meeting a lot of great people while at Liberty from politicians to CEO's...my most memorable moment was having lunch with the General Young, Dr. Falwell and the Governor of Georgia. Every time I have lunch with Dr. Falwell I am amazed at how personable he really is," said Newman.

Newman said his best advice to Liberty students would be to "love the Lord with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself, work hard, and things will inevitably work out."

According to Newman, he will continue to be involved in LUFMA as an alumnus.

To learn more about LUFMA, find out about upcoming competitions, or to download a copy of the Liberty Financial Journal, please visit their Web site, www.lufma.org.

"Matt was an excellent student," said Robert Mateer, the chairman of finance and economics for Liberty's School of Business, who nominated Newman for the award.

Under Newman's leadership, Mateer said that LU's chapter of FMA "more than doubled" its membership.

FMA is an international organization that publishes financial research and seeks to "enhance the quality" of finance education by uniting practitioners with teachers and researchers, as well as students interested in finance or business.

FMA also recognized Newman for his 2004-2005 achievements by awarding him its "Collegiate Fellow" designation, along with several other Liberty FMA members.

One of Newman's meaningful contributions, according to Mateer, was the publication and distribution of the first edition of the Liberty Investment Journal.

Newman credits the journal's publication to the vision of his predecessor, past LUFMA President Ryan Robertson.

Newman's leadership also helped to secure third place for LUFMA in the national Equities Cup Competition during April 2005.

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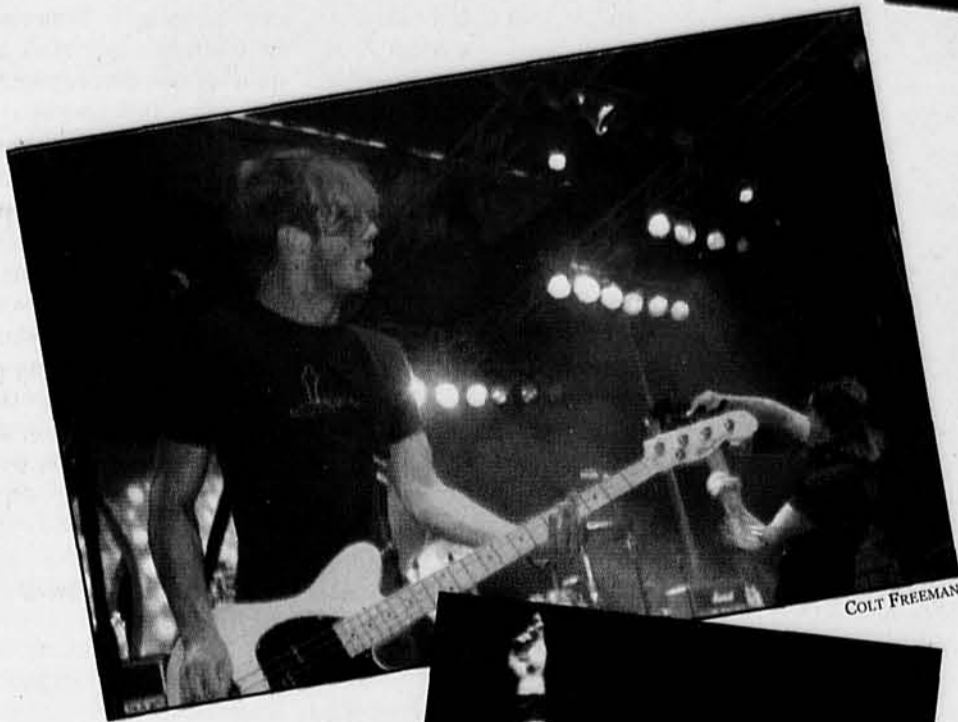


Quote of the week: "Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else."

— Will Rogers

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CONCERTS — (Above) Anberlin bassist Deon Rexroat rocks this year's block party. **(Right)** Switchfoot's Jon Foreman packs the Vines in a visit to LU several years ago. These events and countless others are offered by Student Life.



SUSAN WHITLEY

By Marcelo Quarantotto
LIFE REPORTER

Not a week goes by in which multiple activities haven't been organized for the students of Liberty University to enjoy, and more often than not, these events have been provided by the well-known organization called Student Life.

During Orientation Week, student workers wearing student life shirts are a commonplace sight. Volleyball tournaments, cook outs, the LaHaye Student Center, the Block Party and many other functions and facilities are all maintained and controlled by Student Life.

For the average student, not much is known about student life aside from providing ways to stay out past curfew or the tables they have set up in the Marriott with advertisements for concerts and weekend fun. Now, the curtain is being lifted and the people behind the scenes are on display, in order to convey what Student Life is all about.

Kristen Williams, a psychology major enrolled in the graduate program, works as a manager in the LaHaye Student Center. "One of the best things about Student Life is that they listen to what the students have to say," Kristen said. "Based on what

people say, they try to make things happen in a way that is closer to the students' preferences."

"Also, someone from the Student Activities portion of Student Life came in and told us about different ideas that were being looked into for new events for students, and other things to make their time in Lynchburg more enjoyable."

Matthew Kelso, a senior business major, works at the East Campus Clubhouse. Kelso has been working for Student Life since fall semester of 2004, and emphasizes the fact that Student Life is a great organization to work for. "Working for Student Life is a really good on-campus job. I really like that I have the ability to plan my work schedule really easily around my classes, not to mention all of my employers are really cool."

"For the students," Kelso said, "Student Life provides a service that is much better than those at other schools ... I know a few colleges that don't have facilities that either aren't nearly as nice as what we have, or aren't even available for the students to enjoy."

Kelso also added that out of all the things that Student Life has to offer, he thinks that intramural sports is "the most participated in by the students and also the most beneficial."

Jeff Boyer, who has been the Dean of Student Life since 2000 and is also an LU alumnus, has seen many changes take place. "At one point, Student Life only had three full-time employees and 30 student workers. Now, there are 12 full-time positions, and about 170 of the student workers."

"As of right now, the fitness portion continues to grow. A lot of this growth is due to the new facilities that have allowed us to start things such as providing students with personal trainers and now the swim team called the Virginia Gators."

One thing that Boyer would like to see is the club sports and intramurals become a bigger part of the University. "We are in the process of adding eight new fields on East Campus, not to mention the new ice rink that is currently under construction on North Campus which will be something that will be open to the student body," said Boyer.

Student Life plans to continually get better. "Our goal is in programming ... we would like to grow and provide a better service to the students. In the future, we will have new facilities, new weight rooms, expansions on the student center and other recreational opportunities such as more trips, more local events and new intramural sports."

As a final statement to the stu-

dent body, Boyer said, "We remain vigilant in meeting your needs. We truly look forward to suggestions and comments to help us get better at what we do."

There are a ton of activities that are already planned for this semester. Get online and check out the events that are soon to take place at the Student Life homepage (<https://www.liberty.edu/studentaffairs/stu->

[studentlife/index.cfm?PID=1987](https://www.liberty.edu/studentaffairs/studentlife/index.cfm?PID=1987)). With Student Life, there is no need to have an empty calendar.

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11.04.05	Band Night by Donnie McInerney
11.05.05	Heater of Homecoming Concert by Special Mt. Hood
11.06.05	College Homecoming
11.07-11.11.05	Football Bowl and more events
11.11.05	Football Bowl and more events
11.12.05	2005/06 Battle of the Bands
11.13.05	Day Five
11.14-11.17.05	College Homecoming
12.02.05	Christmas, College Homecoming
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Once on this Island

Don't miss a trip to the island

By Marcelo Quarantotto
LIFE REPORTER

The sound of rainfall immediately quiets the audience. Sobbing from a little girl pierces the storm and is shortly followed by a Caribbean drumbeat. The viewers' eyes are widened once a dark, menacing figure spins and flips about the stage to the music, and a sigh of relief is simultaneously released once a more friendly character sends him away.

From the moment the audience quiets down until the resounding clamor of applause throughout the Lloyd Auditorium, "Once on This Island," performed by the Liberty University Theater Department, retains a firm grasp on the crowd's attention.

This play, as described by Director of Theater Linda Cooper, is a wonderful story

from a culture much different to the average American's, and as a Broadway musical, was a winner of a Tony Award. "This play is very different than anything we've done before," Cooper said before the play began, "but I know that you will enjoy it."

Needless to say, Cooper was correct. Alumnus Mike Waddell, who graduated from Liberty in 2001 with a degree in government, attended the show and agreed with Cooper's praise of the performance. "The play was really good," Waddell said, "All of the dances were choreographed very well and I thoroughly enjoyed watching it."

The cast for this show includes several students who have participated in numerous other LU stage productions such as Erica Smith. "Once on This Island" is Smith's 12th production. There are many students who debut in this play like Josh

Franks, and there was also a second grader from LCA who was performing for the theater department for the third time.

Heather L. Allen, who stars in the play as the character named "Ti Moune," performed wonderfully. Instead of acting as if she is trying to portray someone else, Allen says that she actually becomes the character. "In that way, you can stay within that character's emotions."

When Cooper was asked about the 7:30 p.m. performance went this past Saturday she said, "It was excellent considering that we had to start it a half-hour late because of the power outage, not to mention that we had twenty power-surges during the show...The technical crew definitely saved us."

Cooper revealed there is much in the future for the Lloyd Auditorium. Within the next week, a new sound sys-

tem will be installed and the department is currently raising money for new theater chairs. Plans for other changes of a larger magnitude have been made, but the theater department is waiting for a donor to sponsor these alterations.

As stated previously, the entire cast for "Once on This Island" gave a stellar performance. This play will be entered in the Kennedy Center American Theater Festival. Last year, 200,000 students from across the country participated in the event.

"Once on

This Island" will continue to show at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 14th, and at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the 15th. The next play to be performed by the LU theater department is

"Driving Miss Daisy." Tickets for that will go on sale Oct. 17. Contact Marcelo Quarantotto at mquarantotto@liberty.edu.



ISLAND — Hard work and preparation go into each performance.

MATT TRENT