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► **TUESDAY**  
Clear  
High: 64  
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► **WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 64  
Low: 39



► **THURSDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
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Low: 31



► **FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 60  
Low: 34



► **SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
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Low: 31

## ABOUT

► **EVENING OF LITERATURE:** The department of English and Modern Languages invites you to its performance, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts 101.

► **PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE VISITS HAMPDEN-SIDNEY:** Tuesday at 3 p.m. John McCain will speak at Hampden-Sidney, located 60 miles southwest of Richmond, Va. For questions and specific directions call 804-223-6000.

► **SENIOR RECITALS:** Sharon McCall will present her soprano recital Nov. 9, while Kerrie George will perform Nov. 15. Both will sing in Pate Chapel, at Thomas Road Baptist Church, at 7:30 p.m.

► **LIVE WITH THIRD DAY:** The concert will be held Nov. 18 in the Schilling Center. Free admission with LU ID.

## Forum results in mixed reactions

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

When LU Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell and gay activist Mel White decided to hold an anti-violence forum back in August they could never have guessed the outcome.

They, as well as 400 others, 200 of Falwell's supporters, and 200 from White's group, Soulforce, met at Thomas Road Baptist Church to try to tone down the antiviolenence rhetoric between the two groups.

"We have failed to build a bridge to the gay community," Falwell said during the forum.

Falwell's bridge was started at the forum a little more quickly than even he could have imagined.

Oct. 31, Falwell announced from his Thomas Road pulpit that five unnamed Soulforce delegates had contacted Thomas Road and said they wanted to leave their gay lifestyle.

"They indicated their desire," Falwell said. "And we have Christian counselors helping them right now."

White said he was a little surprised when he heard about the news. He sent an e-mail to each of the delegates, trying to find out who had contacted Falwell. He said everyone responded, and no one admitted to it.

"The delegates took this forum seriously," White said. "They are old hands at the ex-gay thing."

White was also curious why the names of the five were not released.

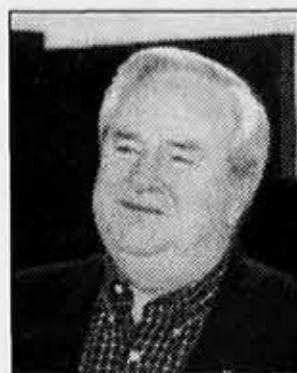
"They don't want to be bombarded by the gay and lesbian community," Falwell said. "We want to minister to them."

White said he has received letters from dozens of Lynchburg residents who housed Soulforce delegates during the forum saying their minds weren't changed about homosexuality but homosexuals.

One man who wanted to come to Lynchburg as a Soulforce delegate but was turned down is Brett Beasley.

Beasley's letter to The News & Advance was printed Wednesday. In the letter he claimed to be Jerry Falwell's gay cousin.

"He knows my family and me quite well," Beasley



FALWELL

wrote. He said he wanted Falwell to accept him for who he is. Falwell said during the forum, if he had a gay child he would love that child while still encouraging him to leave the gay lifestyle.

Falwell says Beasley is his second cousin, even though Falwell said he doesn't ever recall meeting him.

"My mother was a Beasley, one of 16 children," Falwell said. "They had lots of children. And those children had lots of children. Beasley is one of those children."

Falwell has known about Beasley for a few years, ever since Beasley was interviewed in the National Enquirer. Falwell said he called someone in his family who verified a Brett Beasley lived in North Carolina.

Falwell said Beasley has never contacted him requesting, but if he did, he would "be very happy to talk with Brett about the gospel of Christ."

White said he turned down Beasley from being a Soulforce delegate because he hadn't completed the 17-week course.

"And we thought his motives would not be the same as the other Soulforce delegates," White said.

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## Director films movie scenes on campus

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

Director Danny Carrales chose Liberty University as a set for a few scenes from his latest Christian movie "The Inferno."

"LU has been very cooperative with us in the past and we feel like it's a great location," Carrales said.

Besides "The Inferno," Carrales also filmed scenes from "The Gathering" in LU's mansion.

Thus far, Carrales' movies have been hour-long presentations focusing on death.

"It makes them (viewers) think about how short life is," he said. "The thought of death makes people come to a sense of urgency. Today is the most important day of your life."

"The Inferno" centers around a doctor, who is disillusioned with life. This doctor, who is played by actor Dan Kruse, comes from an abusive family and he searches for unconditional love and acceptance, Carrales said.

The doctor tries to prove there is no hell, and death is a beautiful place and he tries to induce his own death.

Kruse said he enjoys working for Carrales.

"He has a good vision — sometimes it seems crazy, but in the end he gets what he wants," Kruse said.

What Carrales wants is to spread the gospel via the movie industry. Presently, he has broadcasted his films in the United States, Australia, Brazil, Lithuania, Canada, and more.

"Where I can't go, the films go," Carrales said.

He said he began directing, in part because he loves to tell stories. He co-writes many of his scripts with author, Michael Martin, who won the Virginia Script Writing award.

Carrales is working towards the major movie industry; however, he said finances constrict his dreams of the big time. Still, he remains optimistic.

"If you honor God with the little things, then He'll give you more," Carrales said.

For those planning on a career in films, Kruse warns that it is not as easy as it seems.

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## Results of an off-year

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

Republicans may have won Virginia, but Democrats claimed the nation.

For the first time in Virginia's 400-year history, Republicans captured control of the House of Delegates, the State Senate, the lieutenant governor's office, the attorney general's office and the governor's office. Governor, Jim Gilmore said Republicans won at least 53 of the 100 House of Delegates seats and 21 of the 40 Senate seats.

Though Dr. Kevin Clauson, School of Business and Government dean, was pleased with the results, he said the Republican Party will have to prove themselves as a party.

After Republicans disappointed conservative voters when they took control of the U.S. Senate and voted for bills as though they were moderates, Clauson said, "The challenge is — are they going to use that (the state majority) to implement their 'less government' agenda."

Meanwhile, Democrats held governorships of Kentucky and possibly Mississippi and won all five of the mayoral contests they targeted. John Street (D) won election as mayor of Philadelphia by one percent, surviving a tough challenge from Sam Katz (R). Losing the city would have put three of the five largest U.S. cities in Republican hands.

Though a recount may be in the works, Katz conceded defeat.

"Not everybody gets to live out their dream," Katz said.

Martin O'Malley defeated Republican challenger David Tugano to maintain Democratic control of Bal-



REPUBLICANS CLAIM VIRGINIA — Republican Senator Steve Newman stands next to his family during his victory speech at the Lynchburg Holiday Inn.

timore. Democrat Bart Peterson defied expert opinion in Indianapolis to defeat Republican Ann Gilroy, and became the first Democratic mayor of the city in 36 years.

Although off-year elections are decided primarily on local issues, both parties are watching for clues about the mood of the electorate before the 2000 presidential vote.

Locally, Steve Newman (R) claimed the state Senate 23rd District with 66 percent of the votes, defeating John C. Campbell (D).

Del. Preston Bryant, R-Lynchburg, won uncontested, while Kathy Byron, R-Lynchburg, won with 65 percent of the vote over Jason Campbell (D), a Liberty graduate.

"That was an interesting race. I do not know why Jason Campbell even ran," Clauson said. "He talked like a Republican."

Clauson said Campbell's move to run as a Democrat was a part of a

dying trend.

He said conservative Democrats are a rare species and many "right-wing" Democrats have left the party to join Republicans. Clauson said this explains the influx of Republicans, who are "economically conservative and socially moderate."

Clauson said conservative voters are tired of liberal Republicans. He said this was evident when liberal Republican Senator Jane Woods lost to Leslie Byrne (D) in the 34th district race.

He said voters were saying, "It's time for traitors of the party to be ousted. However, Woods only lost by 37 votes and a re-vote is expected."

The success of local Republicans can be contributed, in part to the grassroots work of LU students, John Ferguson, College Republican Chair, said.

More than 120 CRs volunteered

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## Cracker Barrel and Target join local economy

By Chrissy Remsburg, asst. editor

The city of Lynchburg is developing plans to bring many new businesses to the area, providing Liberty students with all the shopping they can handle and possibly more traffic than they want to handle.

According to Lynchburg City Planner Fred Ickes, Lynchburg residents and LU students can look forward to a variety of changes over the next year or so. The two projects that have been under way the longest are a Target and a Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. However, plans are being developed for a Golden Corral and a Sleep Inn.

The building of the new Target is cur-

rently the most visible to local residents. Ickes said the Target will be located on Wards Road past the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. Tom Austin, the consulting engineer overseeing the project, said the official ground breaking took place Oct. 15 so construction has been under way for about three weeks. Austin also pointed out that the Target will actually be the anchor store for about seven to nine other stores.

"There's a lot of excitement about the other retailers that are coming," said Austin.

While negotiations for the other stores are still in progress, Austin anticipated the naming of two or three national retailers as part of the complex in the



next month. Austin said residents can look forward to the opening of the store to come sometime in July 2000 and those interested in possible employment can expect hiring to begin about two to three months before the grand opening.

Also becoming highly visible to area residents is the clearing of the site of the new Cracker Barrel. The site is cur-

rently under private ownership and Cracker Barrel is working through the permitting process in hopes of purchasing the property, according to Julie Davis, the corporate communications director for Cracker Barrel. If the sale goes through as anticipated, the Cracker Barrel will be located at the corner of Wards Road and Harvard Street, next to Wal-Mart and across from CVCC.

"Lynchburg is an attractive market and we would certainly like to be a part of the community," said Davis.

Davis said that if everything comes together as planned they should be able to break ground in the spring. While the

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## Calm seas allow crews to hunt for EgyptAir instruments

Relatives of the victims of EgyptAir Flight 990 gathered today to bid a wrenching farewell to their loved ones, as the Navy received reinforcements in its search for the airplane's "black boxes." Leaders from the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths were called upon to offer prayers at an afternoon memorial service in Brenton Point State Park, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The service was closed to the public.

At sea, a civilian ship equipped with a newer, remote control submersible robot called the Magnum ROV headed out to the area off the island of Nantucket where the Boeing 767 plummeted into the sea Oct. 31 from 33,000 feet, killing 217 people.

At the same time, the Navy's USS Grapple, the floating base for the robot Deep Drone that already has been at work amid the sunken wreckage, headed back into port for refueling.

A break in the weather earlier in the day had allowed the remote-controlled Deep Drone to return to the ocean floor to look for the voice and data recorders investigators hope will yield important clues about the crash.

## V.P. Gore bashes Bush for bungling foreign affairs quiz

Vice President Al Gore denounced Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Friday, for appearing to praise last month's military coup in Pakistan, saying it raised serious questions about his ability to lead the nation.

In an interview with a Boston television station Wednesday, Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, was asked to name the leaders of four world hot spots, including Pakistan. He managed to name just one, the president of Taiwan.

But in the exchange with the reporter over Pakistan, Bush appeared to condone the recent coupe that brought Gen. Pervez Musharraf to power, dislodging the elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

"The new Pakistani general, he's just been elected — not elected, this guy took over office. It appears this guy is going to bring stability to the country and I think that's good news for the sub-continent," Bush said.

In a written statement, Gore said: "The very serious and troubling events that occurred in Pakistan constituted a military coup — not an election."

# National economist visits Liberty

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

Economist Dr. James Gwartney has lost 90 percent of his eyesight, but he sees economic principles clearer than most people with 20/20 vision.

Gwartney spoke to more than 100 students at Liberty University Nov. 1 on "Environments conducive to economic growth."

"In other words, why some countries grow rapidly and some grow slowly," Gwartney said.

Students are more familiar with Gwartney than they think they are. Those who made it through micro or macroeconomics will recognize him as being the man who wrote their textbooks.

Gwartney is also the chief economist for the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, appointed by Senator Connie Mack.

He is taking a two-year sabbatical from his work at Florida State University because of his nomination to the Economic Committee.

"I'm still teaching," he said. "Only now my students are in Washington, and they have names like 'senator' and 'congressman.'"

He also serves as an adjunct scholar with the CATO institute and he is on the advisory board of The Champion & Business Association along with Liberty University Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell.

He has received numerous academic awards including Florida States' Outstanding Teacher Award and inclusion on the Templeton Honor Roll.

Gwartney said some of the factors in economic growth are secure property rights, political and monetary stability, competitive markets and size of government.

"If you can get the environment right, resources will be attracted and the growth rate will accelerate," Gwartney said as easily as if he were discussing the correct proportions of ingredients in bread dough.

During the question-and-answer period after his speech, he



GWARTNEY SPEAKS, MORE THAN A HUNDRED LISTEN — Economist and author of LU textbook gave students insight into the market world.

gave his predictions for the future.

"I am optimistic about the economy in the next millennium," he said. But in the stock market he said he would wait to buy stocks until after a "calming of the waters" following the Y2K. He sees the budget surplus as an indication of the health of the economy.

Tsung Lai, assistant professor of business and teacher of both micro and macroeconomics, said he enjoyed Gwartney's comments.

"Small government is important," he said. "Government shouldn't limit its citizens."

But government major Micah Mayell was a little more skeptical about the future of the U.S.

"Our country has gotten increasingly greedy," he said. "I know greed is supposed to even the competition, but the desire of CEOs for personal profit will slow growth."

## Cloverleaf forces Wards Road Shell gas station to close

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

The Shell gas station and convenience store on the corner of Route 29 and Wards Ferry Road closed its doors after four years of service to the community.

The closing of the store left eight employees without jobs.

"The highway ran us out. They went to court and condemned the property," Mike Hutton, area supervisor for Stop In Food Stores, said.

Stop In Food Stores owned the convenience store in the

Shell station, and Hutton said the store had recently made many upgrades in an attempt to bring more business to the store.

According to Scott Pittman, a relocation agent for the Virginia Department of Transportation, said the store was acquired to ease the traffic congestion caused by the new ramp and cloverleaf on Route 29.

"The state wants to limit the traffic that's going to come onto and off of Route 29 in the area of the cloverleaf," Pittman said.

Another consideration made in

the store's purchase was safety, Pittman said. He said it wasn't safe for large gas trucks as well as customers to come in and out of the parking lot.

But, according to Pittman, the state had to offer to buy the property based on its "fair market value," which is based on an appraisal performed by an independent appraiser.

The state also had to offer to help with the relocation.

"If somebody actually has to move, they are entitled to assistance which is basically money

assistance or physical people assistance," Pittman said.

Those who must relocate are "entitled to moving costs which is the physical dollar amount of what it will cost to relocate," he said.

Even though the state has offered its services, any future relocation of the Shell gas station remains uncertain.

According to Hutton, considerations are being given to relocating the store to Forest.

Another option is the vacant lot located next to the old location of the store.

## Education department now offers masters and doctorates

By Shauna Malcom, reporter

The Education department at Liberty University just expanded.

The doctrinal program in educational leadership began this semester, offering specializations in instruction, curriculum and administration.

The masters program also introduced special education and school counseling this semester.

Dr. Rebecca F. Carwile is the graduate adviser for the educational department. She has worked at Liberty full time and part time since 1986. Carwile helps coordinate programs on campus and through the distance learning program. She also helps students get all admission requirements together and plan their course work over the next few years.

Carwile said that most Christian schools do not offer

doctrinal work.

"We are more than competitive in terms as what we are able to offer students," Carwile said.

Liberty's education format is unique in its distance learning option. Carwile said. Since the program started this semester, students are taking the courses as they are being taped for the distance learning program.

Students interested in graduate work, even in the undergraduate level, can see Dr. Carwile. Seniors with the right credentials can take graduate courses.

The master's level now offers an opportunity for licensure. It is accepted at the graduate level, but is not necessary to do the undergraduate work.

Dr. Carwile said that a student with an undergraduate biology degree, for example, could get an initial licensure and teach.



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# Ad Club sponsors night-long volleyball and basketball contests

By Stephanie James, reporter

The all-night Throw-Down '99 sponsored by the Ad Club began at 11 p.m. It made for an exciting Friday night in the Schilling Center starting with the crowd roaring during the slam-dunk contest and ending with a competitive game of volleyball.

"We decided to come out with a bang. The whole thing is about the people and basically the student body," said Randy Wenger, a sponsor for the Ad Club. He said the Ad Club has not had an event like Throw-Down '99 in four years.

Students registered for the event and paid \$15 per volleyball team and \$6 for the slam-dunk contests. All spectators paid a

general admission of \$1.

"I played volleyball for Texas A&M last year," said senior Ryan Pieve. He said he thought that paying a registration fee was worth it because volleyball is a growing sport and there is good competition at Liberty.

During the slam dunk contest, the contest was divided into eight-foot, nine-foot and 10-foot high baskets. Some students wanting to show their dunking creativity demonstrated their originality by jumping over people in front of them, handling two balls, blowing a whistle and throwing the ball without looking.

Six members of the men's and women's basketball teams judged the contestants. The judges voted

on creativity, audience response and scoring.

Freshman Viktor Hash, won a \$25 Finish Line gift certificate after winning the eight-foot basket slam-dunk contest. The crowd shouted for him as he dunked the ball over two people who were standing in front of the basket.

"I did not know I was going to jump over them. I just gave it a try," said Hash.

Senior Jeremy Emory, won a \$30 Play It Again Sports gift certificate for his victory for the nine-foot basket slam-dunk contest. To beat the creativity of his opponents, he sat in a chair throwing the ball back and catching it then slamming it into the basket.

The grand prize, a \$75 CMT

Sporting Goods gift certificate was given to Curtis Harrold, a freshman with a score of 53 leading him to victory in the 10-foot basket slam-dunk contest. His creative dunk was with a backpack on his back and drinking water.

The volleyball contest began after the slam-dunk events. 4-on-4 volleyball games continued through the rest of the night.

The event ended at 8 a.m. Saturday after, senior Christi Cherry, graduate student Brian Gann, sophomore Carl Williams and sophomore Chad Petree, who called themselves "Old Florida Players," won the volleyball contest. They each received a \$10 Gaetano gift certificate and two CDs.



SAMANTHA HANNA

**I BELIEVE I CAN FLY** — The crowds watch in awe as one LU student after another defied gravity and slammed basketballs through the rim.

## SGA passes dress code amendment

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The student senate passed a bill Thursday that would allow students to wear shorts in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall and bypassed legislation granting a Good Friday holiday to students.

The measure, known as the Dress Code Amendment Act (SRF 99007), was the lone piece of legislation passed during the weekly session. It was passed by a vote of 107-14. One senator abstained.

Senator Tim Helman, author of the bill, said he was happy it passed by such a large margin.

The bill states students must often return to their dorms before attending meals to change from shorts to pants after activities in warm-weather months. Helman also said he feels the LU Dining Services provided a relaxed atmosphere much like David's Place, where shorts are allowed.

"Already allowed in the Marriott are T-shirts, sandals, wind pants and blue jeans," Helman said. "Allowing shorts isn't going to take that much away (from the atmosphere)."

The shorts allowed by the bill would conform to the "modest standards" of "sports clothes," as stated in the Liberty Way. The bill also said any shorts

would have to extend to a student's fingertips. It prohibits tight-fitting shorts and leaves the discretion of modesty to Residence Life staff and faculty members. Penalties for violating the policy would fall under "dress code violation" in the Liberty Way.

Helman does not feel a change in policy would add pressure to resident assistants, already the lone group trusted to enforce the dress code.

"They are already enforcing it in other areas of campus this year," Helman said. "... and I did not want to make it so they would have to run around campus with a ruler."

Dean of Students Mark Hine will review the amendment next.

The Good Friday Resolution (SRF 99006) was also brought to the floor, but author Michael Kostlew, SGA executive vice president, asked the senate to refer the bill to the class officers committee for more work. Kostlew said he wrote the bill during his sophomore year and felt the arguments needed another look.

In other business, the senate approved the nominations of Chief Justice Sen. Jennifer McRorie, Sen. Nathan Cooper, and Sen. Matt Hines as justices on the student court.

## Career fair opens opportunity doors

By Stephanie James, reporter

Students attending the career fair Nov. 4 gained an opportunity to receive a head start on job offers. Nearly 50 organizations participated in the career fair held in the LU Dining Services, such as temporary agencies, banks, hospitals, government jobs, businesses, and schools.

Karin Griffin said the purpose of the career fair was for upperclassmen to find jobs and internships and underclassmen to explore career opportunities and majors.

The career fair offered something for everyone. The FBI, Virginia Employment Commission and Crosswalk.com were a few organizations who were open to any major.

McDaniel said the benefit of the career fair was to give the students an opportunity to sell themselves before the interview.

"It gives the recruiter an opportunity to meet them face to face before the interview," McDaniel said.

Fay Martin, a regional sales coordinator at the American Family Life Assurance Company, said she would advise underclassmen to be more open minded to what is offered.

Mac Lawhorn, a communications major, said he had hoped to see more radio stations, broadcast TV stations, production companies, and recording label companies.

"It was good overall but there was nothing good there for COMS majors," said Lawhorn.

Vision Marketing, a new company, who published the "Student Survival Guide," was one organization that did have jobs relating to the communication field. The company is currently looking for writers and graphic artists. Griffin said she expects more organizations for COMS majors at the second career fair in the spring.

Prior to the career fair, the career center held a kick-off. Joni McDaniel from State Farm Insurance spoke to students on preparation for the career fair. She told the students to make eye contact, look professional and bring their resumes.

## Scaremare sets attendance record, students involved in salvation follow-up

By Parrish Ritzenthaler, reporter

Those who attended this year's Scaremare, put on by YouthQuest, said it was better than ever.

Tony Philpott, the coordinator of Scaremare, said the house was 105 people short of the all time record for the most going through in one season.

He said they counted 21,635 people who walked through the house. But they did break the single-night high

with 4,335 people.

Philpott said many of the people had been standing in line that night for six hours, just to visit the renowned event.

"The LU students were amazing," said Philpott. One Saturday night, no one but the student acting as Jesus on the cross left for a break. Philpott said. That meant they spent eight straight hours in character.

Debbie Morris, a student who

worked at Scaremare nearly every night, said, "I definitely feel that it was worth all the time and effort. I would do it all over again just to see one person saved."

"I think it's important to get out of the Liberty bubble and meet the needs of people in the community," Morris said.

Philpott said, "It's not the rooms or the sets that make Scaremare. The thing that makes Scaremare is the characters."

Philpott said the key to Scaremare is the tents and follow-up. He also said next year they want to have copies of the gospel of John to hand out to everyone who comes through the haunted house.

At this point, YouthQuest is following-up with phone calls and visits. Philpott said everyone who filled out a card will receive a call-back.

"We are finding out that we are winning people to Christ over the phone,"

Philpott said.

He said more than 4,000 decisions were made and about 900 of those were local.

YouthQuest workers will personally call those in the local area. Everyone else will receive a letter giving them more information about the gospel. They will also be told who to contact if they have any questions regarding the gospel message and will be provided with the addresses of local churches.

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# Development: New buildings dot Lynchburg

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decision has not been made at this point, she said the odds were good that this would happen.

There are also plans in the preliminary stages for a Golden Corral and a Sleep Inn.

The Golden Corral would also be located on Wards Road across from Target. The exact location for the restaurant has not yet been determined as the city only recently approved the rezoning for the intended location.

Ickes said Sleep Inn executives applied for a building permit several months ago and it was approved, but nothing else has been done to his knowledge. Sleep Inn would be located next to Applebee's in place of the small garage that currently



resides there.

The addition of the new businesses prompted the city to assess the traffic problems that could be caused as a result of the growth.

Lynchburg Traffic Engineer Matt Shiley said the city had an outside company perform a traffic impact study to determine the possible problem areas and to recommend solutions.

The main area of concern was the congestion that would be caused on Wards Road at the location of the new Target.

The city plans to add three new lights based

on the recommendations of the study. The new signals would be placed at the intersections of Wards Ferry Road and Wards Road, Wards Ferry Road and Atlanta Avenue, and Atlanta Avenue and Wards Road.

Apart from these the only other change that would affect traffic would be at the location of the new Cracker Barrel in this busy area.

Cracker Barrel has negotiated a joint-use agreement with Wal-Mart for the use of the back of its parking lot and entrance. Cracker Barrel also plans an entrance off of Wards Road southbound and is proposing an entrance off of Harvard Street, but no agreement has been made concerning that particular entrance because the street is actually controlled by CVCC rather than the state.



**TICKLING THE IVORIES** — Hitomi Harada plays "Etudes d'Execution Transcendante" during an elite concert, which highlighted Liberty's best.

## Inferno:

filming the essence of death at LU

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"You have to love it, and it has to be your life," Kruse said. "You have to be so focused on what you're doing."

Kruse studies under William Esper, professor at Rutgers' school of drama. Esper is one of the top 10 acting coaches and has coached stars such as Cameron Diaz.

Kruse said he enjoys Carrales' movies.

"He's the best in the business," Kruse said.

Often times Christian movies tend to be, "trite and too preachy, Danny has a way of making people seem more real."

Carrales' next project is based on a comic book character called, "El-Gato Negro," the black cat.

Meanwhile, many students have been stopped in their treks across the campus to become extras in the film.

Carrales said he appreciates all the help and if any students or faculty want to help as extras or with griping, they can call his office at 239-6763, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Elections: wrapping up a day of decision

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on election day and College Republicans have been campaigning for local conservatives throughout the voting season.

Sheriff Mike Brown, a frequent speaker for the College Republicans, earned a 2 to 1 victory over Democrat challenger Chuck Reid for his second term. Brown said in The News & Advance that he would continue to fight drugs, school violence and Internet pornography.

President Bill Clinton said, because Republicans felt so strongly on these issues, he was glad they claimed the

majority in Virginia.

"They won by running on education, on health care, on economic development — on progressive issues, and entering into a constructive contest of ideas to try to build a dynamic center in America," Clinton said in a Reuters article.

Vance Wilkins, from Amherst County and Lace Putney, from Bedford County will vie for the position of Speaker of the House in Virginia. Wilkins is the favored incumbent, whom Ferguson said is responsible for recruiting such politicians as Newman and Byron.

In referendum news, San Francisco voters banned surcharges on

automated teller machines, and California banks filed suit in federal court Wednesday to block the measure from taking effect.

Voters across the nation approved proposals to fund state and local government projects, with transportation and education top-priorities. Reuters reported 85 percent of voters passed bond referendums.

Maine voters followed their left-wing trek when they passed a referendum allowing medicinal marijuana and refused to pass a ban against partial-birth abortions.

Additional reporting by Chris Edwards, editor in chief

## Follow-up: Falwell deals with forum outcome

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Meanwhile media-hungry protester Fred Phelps is trying to organize a summit of his own. He sent a fax to Falwell and all major media outlets Tuesday proposing a summit in Lynchburg similar to the one held by White and Falwell.

He proposes that he bring 200 people "who believe you were wrong in your rapprochement with White and his homosexuals," and Falwell bring 200 supporters Dec. 11-12.

They would discuss the "current militant homosexual agenda" and then worship together that Sunday.

"If you and the openly gay Rev. Mel White could get along to whatever limited extent you felt productive, you and I should be able to get along to a greater extent," Phelps wrote.

Phelps never talked to Falwell

directly or sent him a personal letter about the proposal. Falwell declined the same day.

"As long as Phelps believes God hates homosexuals, we have no basis for discussion," Falwell said.

While not everyone has been as disapproving as Fred Phelps, they haven't embraced the forum either.

A spokesman for Focus on the Family is quoted as saying he was concerned the recent forum had been turned into a "media circus."

"We feel the gay community and media will use this to somehow say he's positioning his stand on the issue," said John Paulk, the gender analyst at the ministry. "He's not. He is holding fast to the truth that homosexuality is sinful but nonetheless can be changed."

White has his own share of protesters. Bob Kunst, founder of Oral

Majority said White is "selling out to Falwell" as the "new homosexual messiah."

White said both he and Falwell are under attack. But that won't stop White from holding a Soulforce workshop in Topeka, Kan., home of Phelps in a couple of weeks. He said the location of the workshop is completely coincidental.

"I don't know if he is protesting and I don't even care," White said.

White said he will meet with LU spokesman Mark DeMoss in three months to set up another forum.

Pastor Willie Taylor, of Cornerstone Community Church, said he agrees with Falwell's position.

"Jesus loved the Samaritan woman and talked to her when no one else would," he said. "We need to love them (homosexuals) into the kingdom just like anyone else."

## Top eight Liberty music students perform

By Rick Clark, reporter

The music department held its 14th annual fall honors recital Nov. 1, where the top eight music students performed.

"This is our pride and the musicians set the pace ... the students dream of being on it. It's the highest achievement," Performance Coordinator, Dr. John Hugo said.

The group of eight students comprised five singers, two instrumentalists and one pianist. In his fourth appearance in the recital, baritone Sr. Garrett Graham sang "Erlkönig" at the performance. Soprano Kerrie George, a senior, sang a piece from "Don Giovanni" in her second appearance at the recital.

"It was fun to see what everyone had been working on," George said.

Junior Jeremiah Oliver, a baritone, sang an Italian piece and said he wanted to minister to the audience.

"Tihara and I were able to pray before the event...We asked God to sing through us and shine through us," Oliver said.

Oliver said it was fulfilling because he had people comment afterward about the unique radiant performance of their pieces.

Senior Megan Owen and Sophomore Tihara Vargas sang solo soprano pieces for their second time in the recital.

The instrumentalists, Rebecca Knapp, flutist, and Michael Strader, trombonist, made their first appearances. Knapp captivated the audience by playing "Prelude to Scherzo," while Strader played "Allegro Molto."

Pianist Hitomi Harada made her fourth appearance and played "Etudes d'Execution Transcendante." Hugo said the piece is one of the most difficult pieces to play on the piano.

These eight were selected from 30 who auditioned, and they were honored by the music students who attended.

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## Intramural Basketball standings:

**Men's Western Conference    Men's Eastern Conference**

	<u>Division</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1. Memoirs of E.D	6-0	8-1
2. Wolfpack	5-1	8-1
3. Gophers	3-3	6-3
4. Untouchables	3-3	5-4
5. Roughriders	3-3	4-5
6. Marion Rhodes	1-5	2-7
7. Hedgehogs	0-6	0-9

	<u>Division</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1. Hoopaholics	4-2	7-2
2. East Coast Madness	5-1	6-3
3. Steve Groff	4-2	6-3
4. Special Boyzz	3-3	4-5
5. Bad Boyz	3-3	4-5
6. The Ballers	1-5	2-7
7. The Squad	1-5	1-8

\*check the Intramural Sports web page for updates on the Flag Football PLAYOFFS.  
[www.liberty.edu/campus/studentlife](http://www.liberty.edu/campus/studentlife)

### Women's Basketball

1. Souljaz	6-0
2. Natalie Malcolm	4-2
3. Stephanie Menez	2-3
4. Kim McCarrick	2-4
5. Belcher Babes	0-5

INTRAMURAL





# Life!

## MILLENNIUM BUG

Y2K preparations move into full swing as the turn of the century ticks closer

By Scott Romanoski and Michelle Kennedy

As the calendar winds down toward the New Year, many people wonder what will take place on Dec. 31, 1999. Some believe major catastrophes will occur, others are not concerned at all.

As the clock ticks past the last few seconds of 1999, the question of the year — even the decade will be answered. Will the Y2K bug hit?

The year 2000, commonly known as Y2K, can potentially cause problems for the whole world.

While most people don't understand the technical aspects of the problem, they know that some computers may not recognize "00" as 2000, but recognize it as 1900, or 1000 or possibly the non-existent year zero.

Some think this may lead to the loss of data currently stored on computers and could annihilate industries.

Others think this "bug" will cause only minor inconveniences, if anything at all.

To prepare for any possible problems, businesses, organizations and government agencies have spent the last few years working to remedy the situation.

According to a recent USA Today report, one-third of all American colleges and universities are not ready for Y2K related problems.

At Liberty University, the Field Operations office and the Information Technology Resource Center have handled the Y2K preparations.

The Student Accounts Office (formerly known as the Business Office) has worked with the ITRC to ready their office. But they have prepared a back-up plan.

"We're going to print every account as close to the end of the year as possible," said the new Student Accounts Office Manager Doug Lowe.

The Student Accounts Office also has a plan to conduct business after Jan. 1 should a power outage happen.

The office will set up stations in

the library to use their systems, although they do not expect anything major to happen.

The ITRC inspected and updated the computers in the Registrar's Office, and they also do not believe that they will have any problems with the on-campus students' files, according to Mike Mullins, assistant registrar.

They also keep paper and microfiche records for all on-campus students.

As for potential problems with on-campus housing, the Residence Life Office will now enforce the policy of completely closing the dormitories for Christmas break.

"It's obviously in the best interest of everyone to have halls closed," said Brad Smith, Dean of Residence Life.

Dorms will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 17. They will officially open for new students on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

"By then, we hope most of the Y2K issue will be resolved," said Smith.

International students who would normally spend the break on campus will also need to find another place to stay.

Residence Life posted signs in early October to give these students ample time to make necessary housing arrangements.

Smith said most students needing housing usually link with a friend or a roommate for the break. But, Smith also said that the Residence Life Office would help students with lodging if they had no place to go.

Students who plan to attend the January intensives beginning Jan. 3, will be allowed to stay in their rooms. But, they must first register with Residence Life. The office does need to know how many will be on campus to meet any need that may

arise. Residence Life is anticipating just a small number to students to sign up.

### HOW WELL IS OUR SOCIETY PREPARED?

According to the Food Marketing Institute Web site, food manufacturers and retailers are ready for Y2K.

"Our industry has been quietly tackling this issue for some time, and feels well prepared to deliver food to consumers when the new millennium arrives," said FMI President and CEO Manly Molpus.

Most financial institutions are also well prepared for the date change. USA Today has reported that 99 percent of all banks are prepared for the date change.

The government Y2K Web site said governments and businesses have spent billions to have smooth transitions from one century to the next.

The July 9 issue of USA weekend said U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd, vice-chairman of the Y2K committee, suggested that Americans prepare as they would for a serious storm.

The United Methodist Church and the Southern Baptist Convention recommends checking Y2K related internet sites, especially the Joseph Project 2000, for tips on preparing.

The Joseph Project 2000, under the co-leadership of a Board of Reference including Bill Bright and Larry Burkett, tries to respond to and prevent any potential problems of the Y2K bug and other disasters in a Christian manner.

One can visit their website at [www.josephproject2000.org](http://www.josephproject2000.org).

### picks of the week

#### 11/10. "The Web: An Insider's Perspective."

Internet business entrepreneur Omar Wasow will speak at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center, Lynchburg College. Free. 544-8325.

#### 11/13. "A Tuna Christmas!"

Bedford Little Town Players perform "A Tuna Christmas!" at the National Elks Home in Bedford. For reservations and ticket prices, call 540-586-5881.

#### 11/18. Third Day concert.

Third Day is set to perform with Selah and five o'clock people in the Schilling Center at 7:30 p.m. Concert is free to Liberty students.

#### 11/18-20. Opera Gala.

The Fine Arts Department presents a variety-filled evening of some of opera's most memorable pieces. Tickets cost \$5. Lloyd Auditorium. ext. 2318.



MATT HUENGO

**BUGGIN' OUT** — Computer problems frustrate senior Renee Peckham. Many Y2K experts expect that possible problems at the turn of the century might stem from computers' inability to recognize the abbreviation "00" for the year "2000."

### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR Y2K?

While there is no reason to panic, individuals can take reasonable precautions to ensure their basic needs will be met.

"It's right to want to be prepared," freshman Jordan Stallings said. Senior Steve Mayo agreed, but believes there may be some panic on Dec. 31, "not because there will be a problem but because people will create their own chaos."

Students and their families should plan ahead to avoid any difficulties associated with Y2K.

According to the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion ([www.y2k.gov](http://www.y2k.gov)), people should begin storing food, water and other supplies in preparation for the turn of the century.

The site suggests having a three-day supply of water — exactly one gallon per person per day — and making food purchases early.

Other items to have handy are flashlights, batteries, a battery-powered radio, sufficient clothing and a first-aid kit.

The Council also recommends withdrawing some money out of the bank — an amount equivalent to what one would need for a holiday weekend.

Also important is keeping the gas tank in one's car above half full and filling medication prescriptions.

Individuals should also make sure all of their electronic equipment is Y2K compliant.

Ralph Brasure, Microsoft Office User Specialist head trainer, suggests going to the Microsoft web site at [www.microsoft.com/Y2K](http://www.microsoft.com/Y2K) to see if all of your computer equipment has the newest upgrades. He said students should check with the manufacturers of the system as well to ensure that equipment functions correctly.

Following simple guidelines for preparation for the millennium will help individuals cope with any problems brought about by Y2K.

**"We're going to print every account as close to the end of the year as possible,"**

**-Doug Lowe,  
Student Accounts  
Office Manager**

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#### Copy editor foretells future following Y2K

Many people have their pet ideas on what is going to happen when Y2K hits. Some think the world will blow up as soon as the apple in Times Square drops. Others think the world will simply black out.

Some think the stock market will be hardest hit (And why not? The Dow Jones average is inflated by Internet stocks, and who is going to want those when the Internet might become unavailable Jan. 1?)

Others think the hospitals could have the biggest problems (you know all those outdated pacemakers), and still more think it could be the government.

Supposedly, the government uses

computers more outdated than some used in Third World countries.

The area I think is going to be hardest hit is ... the Cook Islands.

No, they aren't where the new millennium sun will dawn first. Actually, they'll be one of the last places for Y2K to hit, since they're located just east of the International Dateline.

Earth will see the Y2K bug as something to be feared, and it will flee from it. Because Y2K won't start when the apple in Times Square malfunctions. It will hit New Zealand first, and retirees will collapse on the sand clutching their hearts because their pacemak-

ers went out.

The yuppies will collapse clutching their cell phones, because they mysteriously no longer work. And the journalists will collapse clutching their laptops because they are approaching deadline with nothing but a dead computer.

The news will spread around the world. While everyone else is still blowing up their Y2K balloons and squirting "Y2K" on millennium cakes, the dreaded bug will have begun its terrible trek.

Like the Great Black Shadow of Death in the Charlton Heston movie "Ten Commandments," the Y2K bug will sweep across the earth. News anchors will begin each newscast with a Y2K update.

"The bug has now hit the country of China," (because China is all one time zone) and "The bug has now

struck Moscow."

Some people will sit blissfully in their living rooms blowing up balloons thinking Y2K will never happen to them. Some will be downloading files frantically, hoping the disks will not become infected too ("I just got these at Wal-Mart yesterday").

Those who planned ahead will have already regressed back to their roots, stoking their fireplaces and cooking their dried meats and vegetables in a great steel pot.

People will soon get the bright idea to flee west with their computers and microwaves to save them from the Y2K bug.

At first they will run madly, booking every last Concord flight going west, but soon a plan will form in their crazed minds.

Somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean, they will look at one of the in-flight magazines. The magazine will have a map, and they will notice the absolute

farthest place they can flee from the millennium bug — the Cook Islands.

So to the Cook Islands millions will go, still carrying various electronic appliances, and arrive by boat and plane having about a day's worth of jet lag.

The Islanders will be mildly surprised. They thought no one would come to their little archipelago, after their appeal to have it switched to the other side of the International Dateline was denied (International Dateline, you know, the great place to meet singles from all over the world?).

But the dawn will eventually come to the Cook Islands, and the multitudes assembled will surrender in defeat.

But not me. I thought of a better way to save my computer. (Hee hee) I told my computer the year was 1997. In three years I will have a new computer, and whoever gets my old one could have a little surprise come Jan. 1, 2003.





# All I want for Christmas

Light Ministries plans second annual 'Christmas with an Orphan' ministry

By Corrie Duis, reporter

Light Ministries will be off to India for its "Christmas with an Orphan" ministry.

Although Team India has been participating in Christmas endeavors in the country for three years, this will be the second year for the solo Christmas program.

The Christmas team will depart Dec. 17 to meet up with Liberty's Team India, which is already ministering in the nation.

According to Fitu Tafaoa, associate director for Light Ministries, the goal of the program is to "provide the children with some of their needs and give them something to look forward to every year."

Raipura Orphanage, run by Emmanuel Ministries, is located in the northern city of Kota. The number of children residing in the orphanage has increased from 650 last year to more than 1,100.

"There are very few beds, so three or four children will share one bunk," said senior Shauna Malcom, who participated in last year's trip. "But the conditions are considered very good for India."

This year's program consists of a three-day children's conference in addition to the annual Christmas program. The conference is similar to a Vacation Bible School but will last all day.

The children are divided by

age groups and rotated through several "stations" throughout the day. The different activities will include singing and drama, arts and crafts, memory verses, snacks and recreation.

Each evening concludes with a prayer meeting led by the 60-member Light team.

According to Tafaoa, 300 children from outside cities and orphanages will join the 1,100 children in the orphanage program this year.

Tafaoa believes the program has an incredible impact on the children.

However, the main purpose is not to "save" the children, because he said the majority of the children already have Christ in their lives and they celebrate Christmas every year.

Still, several people have accepted Christ over the years. Last year, more than 1,200 people came to the Christmas program and many, including six Hindus, were saved.

"We give the gospel message in the celebration," said Tafaoa.

Anyone high school age or above is eligible to go on the India trips.

However, Light Ministries does review paperwork to make sure there are no health risks or other problems which would prevent someone from leaving the country.

From there, each member of the team is responsible for

raising his or her own support money. This is generally done through prayer letters and speaking at different churches.

The money raised by the team goes to support the children. They buy blankets, toys and clothes for the children.

"The children were so excited," Malcom said. "In past years, all they were given were oranges and a piece of candy."

In addition, this year's money will also go towards the outside children's traveling expenses to Kota.

One area of concern for this year's trip was Y2K rumors. However, Tafaoa insists all precautions have been taken in the planning and there should be no problems.

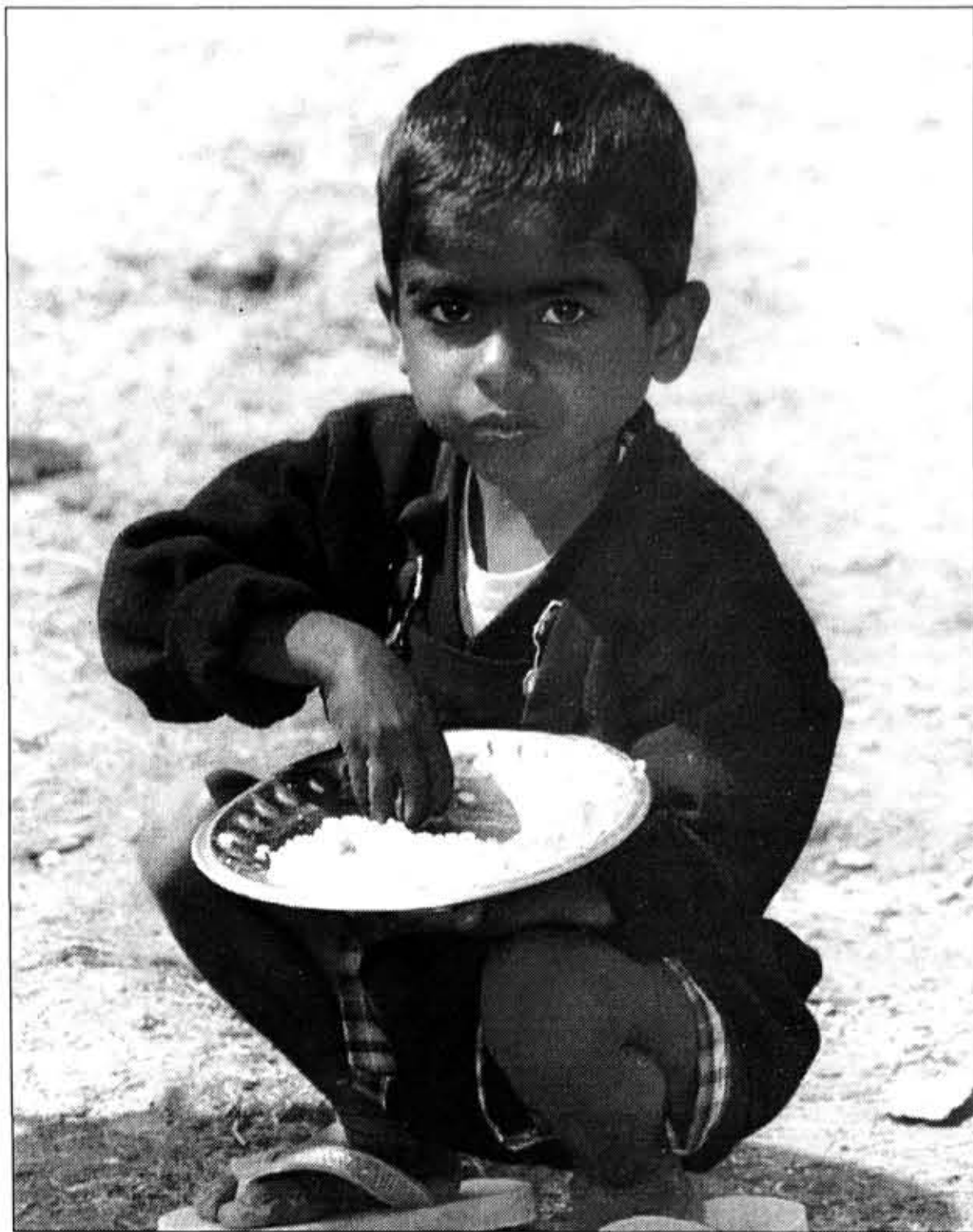
"We'll be back by December 29, which gives us two days of leverage to get back," he said. "We made it a rule to not travel in January at all this year."

With everything so well planned, all that is left is to gather small toys to take over for the children and continue to gather support money.

All in all, the trip promises to be a success, not only for the children, but for the team as well.

"The trip impacts the team," said Tafaoa. "It really opens their eyes to the needs of the world."

Malcom agreed, saying, "I will never forget this precious memory or the beautiful faces of the children."



COURTESY OF LIGHT MINISTRIES

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT** — On Dec. 17, Light Ministries will make its second annual trip to Raipura Orphanage in Kota, India for its "Christmas with an Orphan" ministry.

## Feelings of tiredness signal body's need for rest, relaxation

By Tara Williams, reporter

Yawn! Stretch! Having those feelings of being tired? Those feelings could be a condition more serious called fatigue.

Dr. Everett Koop, surgeon general for President Reagan from 1981-1988, defines fatigue on his Web site ([www.drkoop.com](http://www.drkoop.com)) as a feeling of tiredness or weariness and is usually a signal for rest and relaxation.

It also can involve muscle weakness. He also said it lessens concentration, slows down the reflexes, and breaks down the ability to cope with stress.

Koop said that the causes of fatigue can include "a stressful day, heavy physical exercise, inadequate sleep, mental strain, boredom, a long period of dieting or even poor posture."

Dr. Scott Adams, of Light Medical,

said "fatigue is a gradual process where students experience stress and exhaustion primarily related to intensive schedules."

According to Adams, fatigue is a pretty common plight on college campuses.

"This is a basic college campus where students are not getting the proper rest and diet that they need," he said.

Subsequently, college students' tendency to stay up very late and eat junk food late at night affects their ability to handle fatigue.

"There are studies out now that show that fatigue and stress have an adverse effect on our immune system



JESSICA PETERSON

**SLEEPY TIME** — Exhausted students grab a few moments of shut-eye.

and on our psychological and emotional well being," Adams said. "There are chemical reactions in our brain that contribute to it."

As a result, students under stress are more inclined to get sick.

Junior Stephanie Stevens agreed.

"Being tired slows me down, almost to the point that I don't want to do anything but sleep," she said. "But knowing that I don't have the time to sleep makes me even more stressed and tired. It's like a never ending cycle."

Fatigue can leave the immune system susceptible to any infectious disease, including mononucleosis and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Without proper rest, people also become predisposed to emotional problems, primarily depression.

Adams listed several ways students can prevent fatigue:

- Get proper rest.
- Exercise three or four times a

week for at least 20 minutes.

- Eat a well-balanced diet, including 5-7 servings of fruits and vegetables, lean (not fried) meat, minimize sweets and sugars, and consume only moderate amounts of low-fat dairy products.

- Avoid eating late at night.
- Evaluate lifestyle and sleeping patterns.

According to Time Magazine, 25 percent of the patients in doctors' offices were so tired that their fatigue interfered with their daily activities but only half of them talked to their doctor about it.

"When I am worn out, I don't feel like going to class, doing work or even listening to the professor," said freshman Elizabeth Hudson.

Students experiencing symptoms of prolonged fatigue are advised to see a doctor for consultation.



COURTESY OF FOREFRONT RECORDS

**A "Distance-less" Geoff** — Christian artist Geoff Moore will perform with Steven Curtis Chapman on Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Salem Civic Center. Call 846-8100 for more information.

## Can Moore succeed without the Distance?

By Andrew Woodell, reporter

This week, we're looking at Geoff Moore's self-titled solo release.

It's one you may hear songs from when Moore comes to the Salem Civic Center to perform with Steven Curtis Chapman Dec. 9.

The point of the album review is to save your money that you would have otherwise spent, or to encourage you to buy quality music that deserves to be heard.

Hopefully we'll eliminate mediocrity in Christian music by not buying the albums that sound like elevator music.

Well, first something seems weird about the title of this album. Oh that's right, I thought Geoff Moore's last name was The Distance. The two names used to be inseparable, but I guess they have both moved on.

The classic voice of Moore sets the mood for the whole album. You'll never realize the Distance has gone.

"Out Here" starts the project out on a regular Geoff Moore note. It's upbeat, but it has a profound spiritual message.

One of the things I admire about Moore's songwriting is

his ability to combine a spiritual point with a relevant type of music. He doesn't use slow tear-jerking music to get his point across.

Song No. 3?

"Through It" turns out to be a pretty decent song. Along with "Thanks to You" and "Belong," "Through It" was co-written by Moore and lifelong friend Steven Curtis Chapman.

Moore and Chapman met in the early '80s when Moore sang on a demo for one of Chapman's new songs.

Chapman liked Moore's voice and Moore liked Chapman's song writing. The friendship grew.

Although of you might not like Chapman as much as others, you have to respect the man's way with music. The tone of the "Speechless" album by Chapman is also found here — namely a guitar-driven hook combined with a bit of synthesized sound.

"Boy Like Me, Man Like You" was co-written by the late Rich Mullins. This song is good stuff. Mullins' ministry

continues with this song about a young boy growing up wondering about Jesus.

This is a great song, and one of the most memorable on the album.

"With You" is a love song from Moore to his wife. This one will probably be sung at weddings. It is a good love song, but I don't know if it fits on the album.

"Land of No Regret" starts off a bit slow, but has a really nice chorus that kicks in. A little Hammond B-3 organ and a little extra electric guitar

makes this song a good one.

Also, a very good guitar solo in the middle followed by a quiet half chorus makes this one an "ear pleaser."

I'm not sure if you're aware of this, but Moore is very involved in Compassion International.

Compassion is a non-profit ministry dedicated to the long-term spiritual, economic, social and physical development of children in poverty in more than 20 countries, including the United States.

I think that's why many of his songs deal with the poor

and helpless.

"My Own Backyard" is a song about how people are suffering all around us, but we want to think people only suffer across the ocean, or in Third World countries. Great message.

The problem is that all these songs start to sound the same after a while.

"Best Friends..." is yet another song Moore sings about growing up and friends and life.

Please Geoff, no more songs about friends.

For those looking for new music to listen to, this album will be one that you'll pull off of your shelf about once a year. It's not worth \$15.

Those who love Geoff Moore with the Distance will love him without the Distance. Do what you want with your money. I'm saving mine up for a rainy day.

Senior Andrew Woodell has played music for 18 years. He has performed alongside such groups as Aaron Jeoffrey, Newsong, Truth, PCD, Third Day and Reality Check and currently plays guitar with Eternal Praise. His reviews appear regularly in the Life! section.

**MUSIC REVIEW**



# Opinion

"I never ... talked to them, but because God was working on my heart, just the presence of those Christians convicted me to the depths of my soul and drew me to repentance."

—Michael Johnston, an ex-gay, on encountering Christians passing out tracts in gay bars

## The Liberty Champion

### Keep on keeping on

"Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." These words from Scripture are especially comforting at this point in the semester.

Between fall break and Thanksgiving break may be the toughest point of the season. At least, second to finals week. With a constricted schedule and midterm papers and tests piling up, it's a rough time.

Especially for those who are new to LU, and those who've been here the longest and are suffering from senioritis, November seems to crawl by. Many don't go home for Thanksgiving and use the time to play catchup.

So now for a quick word of encouragement. In six weeks, it'll all be history. In the meantime, it pays to reflect on the bigger perspective. It's often said that where God guides, He provides. If there are no accidents in God's plan, we're here for a purpose. Let's "study to show ourselves approved unto God."

Often when the pressure is greatest, there's a strong temptation to squander opportunity. But perseverance through the pressure will pay off. Failure to stick to the task now will never be worth what it costs in the future.

So look to the Lord for His help, and, like Daniel, purpose to stick to the task no matter what. Fight through six more weeks, and Christmas break will be a well-earned rest. To quote Scripture again, "Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning" (Psalms 30:5).

## College Republicans key in Tuesday's victory

Liberty's College Republicans played a part in making history and gained valuable experience last Tuesday. State Republicans captured both houses of the state legislature for the first time — ever. They already held the governor's mansion. In the person of Gov. Jim Gilmore.

The key to the Republican victory was holding on to the seats they already controlled, and Lynchburg featured two of the most-watched races in the state. Senator Steve Newman and Delegate Kathy Byron convincingly won re-election, but not without a boost from Liberty.

The College Republicans played an integral part once again. Every year since Newman's first victory in 1995, the CRs have been a major factor. They've helped take flyers door-to-door, put yard signs together and put them up in yards around town, and work at the polling places on Election Day.

Newman, whose father works in the prison ministry at Thomas Road Baptist Church, made sure to note the CRs' accomplishments. At Tuesday night's Republican victory party, Newman paid special tribute to the LU CRs, crediting them with much of the praise for his win.

Good job, folks. Your concern for the future of your nation has paid off. Thank you for caring enough to make a difference.

## Quotes of the week:

"Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool lays open his folly."

—Proverbs 13:16

"Some people get lost in thought because it's such unfamiliar territory."

—G. Behn

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## Campaigning: old before it starts

The off-year elections came. Thank goodness they're gone — along with the signs, the radio ads, the TV ads, and the newspaper coverage that clogged my jump to the sports section.

So, people voted.

Everyone is happy. If the good side won, there is newfound political stature yearning for abuse. If the bad side won, at least the campaign signs will disappear from every street corner in time to preserve the Christmas scenery and leave little memory of obnoxious campaign rhetoric.

The Republicans in Virginia are happy. They have control of the entire state for the first time in 400 years — including the office that grants those personalized license plates. Yet, elephant lovers around the state can revel for a short time.

Everyone in San Francisco is happy. They don't have to pay those absurd ATM fees any more — at least until the statute is contested in court. Yet, the kids in 'Ciso will still rejoice because a short break is better than none at all.

New Yorkers have no such luck. We are unhappy — a big shock — because, for the next year, we will advance our reputation as a state of grief-ridden people. Our election whirlwind has just begun.

Wednesday — the day we tradition-

ally trash the campaign signs — New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani launched his first television ad promoting his probable U.S. Senate candidacy. The USA Today report said the ad will air in

major N.Y. cities — like

Syracuse, Rochester and

Albany — this week.

Next week, the folks in

Buffalo — apparently a

city of much lesser

importance — will be

treated to the ad, which

touts the mayor's record

as a "really good guy."

Just in case you

could not get enough

press coverage about

one probable Senate

candidate from New York, the other

moved in to her \$1.6 million house in

Chappaqua Thursday. What fun —

more coverage.

As you know, Hillary Rodham Clinton

— or the First Lady — doesn't

really live in our great state, yet. She

commutes to her new "white house"

from her other one. But for a non-resident

considering her own probable

Senate run, we've heard quite a bit of

her story already. Born in Illinois, she

spent much of her time in Arkansas

before freeloaded in Washington the

past seven years. These days, she's

concerned about picking out just the

right shade of Razorback red for the

bathroom and "listening" to her new

neighbors.

The "listening" has lost its flavor. We

the people have been forced to listen to



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## Facing challenges to your faith

I remember trying out a new church during a 10-week internship in a strange town. I'd found the atmosphere pleasant, and the members refreshingly down-to-earth.

Then the pastor began speaking.

He started by condemning all translations of the Bible except the King James' version. There I sat, with my leather-bound NIV open in my lap, feeling a tad uncomfortable.

He then began speaking about Calvinism, that "damnable doctrine" that sends people to Hell. He asked his congregation if they knew what "TULIP," the acronym that sums up Calvinism, stood for. Only two raised their hands.

But instead of teaching his flock the five points of Calvinism and why he considered them heresy, the pastor merely assured them that they could trust him, implying such doctrinal issues were too complicated for them to grasp.

I looked for another church.

This congregation had erected a thick wall around themselves, fearfully maintaining their beliefs, but fostering their ignorance in the long run. I could see that easily.

What's harder to see, however, is the same wall around myself. When someone would challenge me with non-Baptist beliefs, like the possibility of losing one's salvation, or that one could go to Hell if not baptized, my defenses would automatically go up, and I would purposefully ignore any scriptural proofs they presented.

After all, they were wrong. And prideful. And as wrong, prideful people tend to twist things to prove their point and salvage their pride, these people would do the same with Scripture.

But I had everything backward.

Instead of dismissing odd beliefs because their backslidden proponents automatically misquoted Scripture, I should have checked any quoted Scriptures myself, verified their misuse (if

that was indeed the case), and then dismissed what they said.

And if it turns out that I am wrong, wouldn't I be better off knowing?

Part of my resistance to odd beliefs, however, came from the fear that I would fall victim to clever brainwashing, like so many others — others who know far

more about the Bible than I. Better to hold steadfastly to what I believed, and "just have faith."

But how real is a faith that deals with challenges by dismissing them? So then, the solution remains the same: not to insist blindly on my beliefs, but to honestly search the Scriptures.

In theology class, I learned why Baptists believe what they believe, for which I am grateful. Instead of solidifying my beliefs, however, such learning made me realize the legitimacy of other

denominations.

The author of my text book defended Baptist doctrine very well. So well, that initially I wondered how anyone else could interpret Scriptures differently.

But, if it were so obvious that the Bible meant one thing and not the other, why isn't there more consensus after we've had it for centuries?

I'm not saying that the Bible isn't clear, especially on issues like salvation, Christ's deity, and so forth. But God didn't write it just to satisfy human curiosity. He revealed Himself to us, not as we wanted Him to, but as He saw fit. And so, we're left wondering on certain issues: the events surrounding Christ's return, predestination and the specifics of baptism, to name a few.

When I found out a colleague believed some strange things about baptism, I tested my new technique.

I picked his brain for Scriptural proofs, then looked up his verses. He didn't change my mind, but to my astonishment, he did make some legitimate points.

And I realized that, although he might not have gotten everything correct, it's possible that I might not have, either.



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## SPEAKUP!

### How are classes going?



"Classes are going very smooth when I attend."

—Marcus Dillon, Fr Galtburgsburg Md.



"My students are wonderful. They are working really hard!"

—Carolyn Towles, Prof Lynchburg, Va.



"Putting a hindrance on social life."

—Justin Lett, Sem. Orlando, Fla.



"All I have to say is everybody should be a COMS major!"

—Leah Peeks, Sr. Johnson City, Tenn.



"My Western Civ. class is wrecking my 4.0."

—Allison Rhodes, Jr. Philadelphia, Pa.

Photos by Jessica Peterson



## sportsupdate

Compiled from the Champion Resources

### Hokies take No. 2 spot in ESPN/USA Today poll

With Penn State's loss, Idle Florida State (9-0) picked up 13 more first place points this weekend and solidified its hold on the top spot. The 'Noles received 57 of 59 first-place votes from the coaches and 1,472 points overall.

Virginia Tech (8-0) barely escaped Saturday, but moved up a spot to No. 2 with one first-place vote and 1,394 points. Tennessee (7-1), Florida (8-1) and Kansas State (9-0) complete the top five, each benefiting from Penn State's loss.

### Ken Griffey Jr. named Player of the Decade

Ken Griffey Jr. got the nod as the Player of the 90s by beating out Barry Bonds and Greg Maddux. Griffey finished the decade with 382 homeruns, 1,002 runs and 1,091 RBIs while hitting at a .300 clip. He has also won nine straight gold gloves and was selected as an All-Star starter each year of this decade.

Boston Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez took home the Player of the Year award and was also selected on nearly every ballot for American league's Outstanding Pitcher. Mike Hampton, Astros left-hander, was picked as the National League Outstanding Pitcher.

The Outstanding Player honors went to Chipper Jones in the National League and Manny Ramirez in the American League.

The top rookies were Preston Wilson of the Marlins and Carlos Beltran of the Royals.

Alex Fernandez of the Marlins and John Jaha of the Athletics were chosen as the Comeback Players.

### Tiger Woods wins fourth straight tournament

Tiger Woods became the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win four straight tournaments, capturing the American Express Championship on Sunday after Hoganlike play and a Hollywood finish.

An hour earlier it appeared one of the greatest rounds of Woods' career would be wasted on the 17th hole of the Valderama Golf Club, where an almost perfect shot rolled into the water and ended in a triple bogey.

"I've had a great season, and it's nice to end it this way and to get a victory on a tough, tough, tough day," Woods said.

### Chebet earns rare double in NYC and Boston

"If I lose this time, I will never go back to New York," the Kenyan Joseph Chebet told his coach. Chebet can come back.

Chebet is the first marathoner to win in Boston and New York in the same year since Alberto Salazar in 1982. The only other runner to sweep those races in the same year was Bill Rodgers in 1978 and 1979.

Ending the frustration of two straight second-place finishes, Chebet used a powerful finishing kick on Sunday to out run Portugal's Domingos Castro and win in 2 hours, 9 minutes and 14 seconds on a cool, windy day.

## LU golf Regionals bound

By Brooke Hermann, asst.sports ed.

Coming off of the program's best season, this year's golf season looks very bright for this young but talented team.

Seventh-year head coach Frank Landrey sees his team doing very well this upcoming spring season.

"The NCAA Regionals is a very strong recruiting topic, and if we are going to the tournament on a consistent basis then we will start getting those 'Blue Chip' Christian golfers. That is what we need to be one of the top programs in the country," Landrey said.

Coming off a record-setting season, Landrey sees the

chances of making the NCAA Regionals a very realistic goal.

Currently in the District 2, the Flames golf team is ranked 13 out of 50.

This past Monday and Tuesday the Flames played in the Anchor Bank Intercollegiate Tournament in Florence, S.C. Liberty placed 13th against schools such as James Madison University, Seton Hall, and The Citadel.

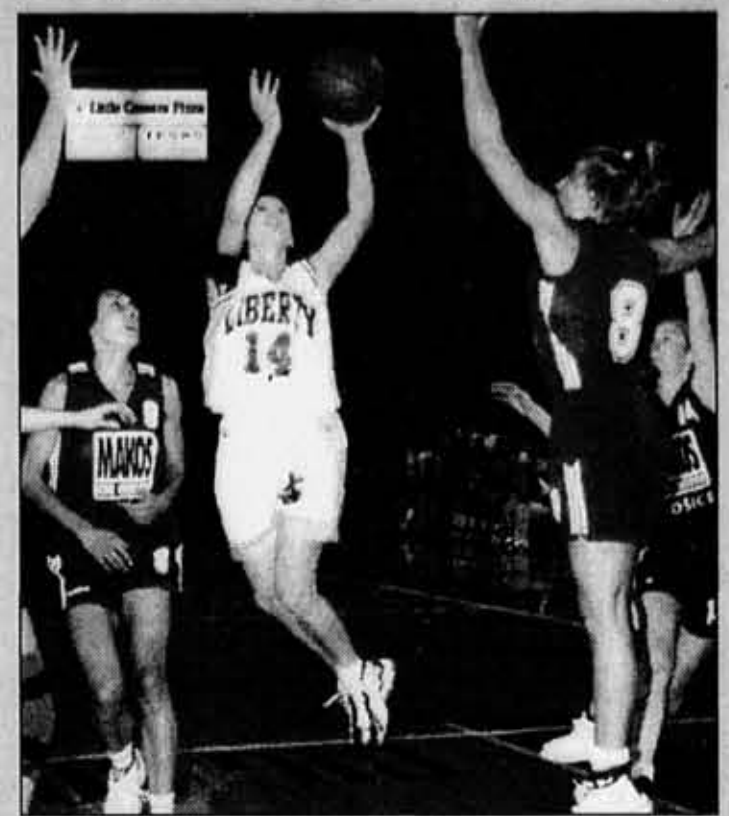
Yong Joo did well placing 37 out of 70 young golfers in the tournament.

This tournament was the last of the Flames golf fall schedule until the spring season begins in February at the Jacksonville Tournament in Jacksonville,

"... 'Blue Chip' Christian golfers ... is what we need to be one of the top programs in the country."

-Liberty's Head Golf Coach, Frank Landrey

## Lady Flames hoop it up



MATT HUEMBO

NOTHIN' BUT NET— Sarah Farley takes it to the hole as the Lady Flames played the Slovak National Team on Friday night.

## Lowes knows LU ice hockey

By Brooke Hermann, asst.sports ed.

For 16 years Chris Lowes has been on skates. For those of you alternative kids, I'm not talking about roller blades. Lowes has been playing ice hockey since he was three years old. Most people are hardly walking at that age. But in Peterborough, Ontario, ice hockey is the norm.

"It was the thing to do," Lowes said. "Everyone did it, all my friends were, so I did it too!"

Lowes' father loved the game of hockey and started his boys playing at a very young age. Lowes older brother Jeff is two years older and also plays for the Liberty Flames Club Hockey team.

"We played in high school together and that was a lot of fun," Lowes said. "Now here we are together in college."

Lowes did not want ice hockey to end after high school, so he followed his brother to Liberty. "I wanted a Christian

college with a hockey team and God led me to the States and LU. It never did bother me that Liberty's team was a club team, I just wanted to play," Lowes said.

Although his father has always been a huge part of his career the professional hockey star, Wayne Gretzky has always been a hero in Lowes eyes.

Like Gretzky, Lowes has put in much time in the penalty box this season. With 21 minutes so far in penalties, four assists on goal, and one goal scored, Lowes is an asset to the Flames. Lowes was suspended for one game after checking an opponent that was considered a gross misconduct hit.

"It's hard to draw the line as

a Christian hockey player from where you can be tough and where you need to be a witness, especially in hockey," said Lowes.

Except for his one suspension, Lowes has played in all of the Flames' games this year.

"Hockey is a platform to spread the gospel. Unlike the football team, we like to pray with the opponents before the game, because once you get on the ice, it gets a little rough, and they don't really want to talk after the game," Lowes said.

Saved at the age of seven, Lowes knows the importance of a team bonded in Christ.

"There's just a whole different atmosphere when the com-

mon bond is Christ, we're playing for Christ out there and that's probably why we are doing so well," Lowes said.

With this year's strong goal tending, Lowes believes that's what makes the difference this year in close games.

When the lights go down in the Roanoke Civic Center for Lowes, after graduation in two years, he plans on using his sports management major by working in the front office for an NHL team.

"I don't see myself totally quitting hockey when I leave Liberty. I'd love to coach or play in some men's league, but I doubt I'll go pro," said Lowes. "I'm not worried about the future, God will provide."

With still 13 games left in the regular season, the Liberty Flames are expecting great things out of Lowes. Lowes and the Flames will play home Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. against Duke University in the Roanoke Civic Center.



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**By Leneta Lawing, reporter**

A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic moment during a football game. In the foreground, a player wearing a light-colored jersey with the number 15 is running with the football. He is being tackled from behind by a player in a dark jersey. The background shows a blurred field and a fence, suggesting an outdoor stadium setting.

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**FANCY FOOTWORK** — The Lady Flames fought hard against Elon during Saturday night's game but they were unable to defeat the Fightin' Christians and bring home the Big South Championship.

## W'soccer: gut-wrenching end

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In their quest to become the first team in school history to win the Big South Tournament in soccer.

Despite the women's trend of early success in their tournament games, they fell behind 2-0 before halftime. Both of Elon's goals came off the foot of sophomore forward Marissa Venuti.

Though they were down two goals heading into the second half, the women would not let that get them down. Nancy Davis tallied her sixth goal of the tournament only 3:22 into the second half on a cross from Breanna Jacinto making the score 2-1.

Both teams played inspired soccer over the next 40 minutes and traded scoring opportunities.

A last ditch effort by the Lady Flames resulted in an Emily Shubin goal with only 1:55 remaining in the game. Shubin's goal tied the game at 2-2 and sent the fans into mass pandemonium.

Regulation ended with the score knotted at 2-2. The ensuing overtime featured two possible 15 minute overtime periods where the game would end with the first goal by either team.

The Flames had an excellent chance to end the game early in the overtime period, but the shot was cleared off of the goal line by an Elon defender. Only minutes later, the Lady Flames cinderella season came to a gut-wrenching end on a third goal by Elon's Marissa Venuti.

Freshman Lauren Coffey said, "Hopefully next year we'll learn from this. We're a young

team which is really exciting."

Seniors Cheryl Handwerker, Christy Reccord, Rebekah Walters, and Jennifer Hodges played their final game for the Lady Flames on Saturday night and ended their careers knowing that they helped build something great.

Coach Price said, "We came out flat and it really cost us, but we did well to get back (into the game). You feel bad for the seniors, but they have built a great platform for us to build on. They've left a great group of freshmen and sophomores and they know that they're gonna win (the tournament) later on."

Nancy Davis, Breanna Jacinto and Kim Althouse were each named to the all-tournament team. Davis' six goals led all other scorers in the tournament.

## M'soccer: tough loss

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It took over 150 minutes to complete but in the end the Radford Highlanders upset the Flames and were eventually named the 1999 Big South Champions.

The amazing contest went into four overtime periods, and still the two teams remained locked at 0-0. The exhausted teams then moved into a shoot-out to determine the winner.

Radford shot first and netted its first attempt. Derek Avilez led off for the Flames and answered the Highlanders goal to tie the score at 1-1.

Radford knocked in its next shot and Troy McLean hit the post giving Radford the lead 2-1.

RU made it a two-goal advantage by powering another shot past helpless LU goalkeeper Dean Short. LU was visibly on the ropes of being bounced out of the tournament until Jason Streets and Jose Gomez scored and Radford missed wide of the net to tie the score at 3-3.

The next Highlander took advantage of his opportunity to give his team the 4-3 advantage. It then came down to sophomore Chris Verde. A goal would tie the game and a miss would end Liberty's season and prolong Radford's. Verde's shot hit the post and bounced back. The Radford bench jumped into the air with jubilation, and Liberty crumbled in a

state of disbelief.

Liberty once again finished its season on a sour note. However, the 1999 season was filled with outstanding play throughout the entire season. The Flames attracted national attention several times throughout the exciting season. Dean Short and his intense defensive unit are currently ranked in the top 10 in goalkeeping and overall defense respectively. Jason Streets was recently named National Player of the Week.

The Flames also turned heads by upsetting nationally ranked teams such as No. 13 Jacksonville and No. 25 Virginia Commonwealth.

## Flames' fans enjoy a day in the sun



JOHN FISHER

**CHEESE** — Liberty students gathered at Williams Stadium on Saturday to support the Flames football. Students seemed to enjoy themselves despite the Flames' disappointing loss to the Fightin' Christians.

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## Cleansing, purging NFL

Just when the weather is all clear and there is not a cloud in the sky that's when El Nino comes in and knocks you for a loop. That is exactly what has happened so far this season in the NFL.

Those teams who were undoubtedly going to do so well are now in the basement.

Take for example the New York Jets. They were originally picked to win the Super Bowl this year, and now their record is a pathetic 1-6. As a Jets fan, not by choice but born into an X-Jets defensive line family, I can only hang my head in shame and blame it on the loss of Vinny Testaverde and the other injuries to our key players. I can only imagine what Coach Parcells is thinking when he comes home from work everyday.

Then there is the Atlanta Falcons who won their Division Play-offs last year and this year are struggling with a 2-6 record. Sorry Falcon fans, but this just won't be the year anyone from Atlanta goes all the way. Not a great year to be a Georgian. My point was proved Sunday as Jacksonville beat the Falcons 30-7.

The Falcons can't blame this one on injuries.

The Denver Broncos, the Super Bowl Champs of yesteryear are scrapping to hold a No. 5 seeding in the West standings. With a horrendous record of 2-6, one can only think, what happened? Possibly it is Brian Griese and his sore shoulder or the loss of tight end Shannon Sharpe.

The list of teams could go on and on. This is a good thing that I am realizing though. Every couple of years this seems to happen in the NFL. Every team is in the running. Each is its own contender. As they say, all for one and one for all. Now the Bowl is up for grabs for anyone!

In the AFC two teams that are ahead are the Miami Dolphins and the Jacksonville Jaguars. Jimmy Johnson continues to thank the teams productive running that has made the Dolphins so successful this year. The Jaguars bank on their power house defense, including their AFC Defensive player of the Month, tight end Tony Brackens.

The top three teams in the NFC right now are the Washington Redskins, the Detroit Lions, and the St. Louis Rams. The Rams suffered their first defeat two weekends ago took them out of the running to be in the ranks of the elite teams that have gone undefeated, like Miami in the '70s. Then the Detroit Lions again surprisingly silenced the Rams 31-27 Sunday. In Washington Stephen Davis is leading the NFL with 696 rushing yards. He is the bombshell that is keeping the Redskins on top. My vote is with the Redskins this year.

As quickly as El Nino can blow in, it also blows out. With only half of the season underway, the professional football world's eye could change all over again. Batten down the hatches; there's a storm brewing in the NFL.

# Heartbreak hotel for m'soccer

By Douglas Stewart, reporter

As the Men's soccer team began the 1999 season, the ultimate goal was obvious and the steps to achieve the goal were evident.

It was now up to LU to secure the one thing that has slipped out of its grasp each of the past seven seasons — winning the Big South Tournament Championship.

Well, make that the past eight seasons.

The Flames won their first and second round games against Elon College (1-0), and against Winthrop University (4-0) on Thursday and Friday in Conway S.C. After the two decisive victories, Liberty (14-2) found itself in the Big South Title match for the second consecutive season.

Without Head Coach Bill Bell at the helm because the match was to be

played on a Sunday, Assistant Coach Jeff Alder filled in for the championship match.

Alder has been Bell's assistant for the past eight seasons and figured to be able to get LU over the hump as far as winning the Big South Championship.

Last year the Flames fell agonizingly short as they lost to South Alabama in the Championship game. This year Liberty fell to in-state rival Radford (5-10-3), who Liberty routed 5-0 in the first match of the regular season.

However, BSC Tournament matches cannot be compared to the magnitude of a regular season match, as each team seems to elevate the level of its play to its best. The latter revealed that the match was sure to be close, but no one could have predicted just how close things really were.

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FILE PHOTO

THAT'LL LEAVE A MARK — LU defeated Winthrop early on in the Big South Tournament but was unable to claim the championship after quadruple overtime Sunday night.

## W'soccer falls in overtime



JOHN FISHER

JUST TRY AND TAKE IT — The Lady Flames also experienced a heart breaking loss during their championship game against Elon. They were unable to pull out the victory despite going into sudden death.

By Tim Holland, reporter

In what was sure to be one of the most dramatic turnarounds in the history of Liberty athletics, the Lady Flames soccer team went from perennial cellar dwellers to Big South elite in only one season. The women finished with their best record ever at 10-9 and almost fought their way to an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Flames played their first game in the Big South Tournament on Thursday night against Howard. For the first time ever, the women had the luxury of being the higher seed and favorite in their opening tournament match. Sophomore Nancy

Davis provided all the offense that the team would need, netting four goals in the game and leading the women to a 4-1 win. The win over the Lady Bison assured the Lady Flames of a date with No. 1 seed Radford on Friday evening.

Earlier in the season, the Lady Flames lost a 3-2 decision at Radford, so they knew coming in that they had a chance to win the game. The women wasted no time gaining the upper hand in the game as Nancy Davis scored only 1:22 into the match to give the women a 1-0 lead. The intra-state rivals played the remainder of the half to a stalemate leaving the women up one goal at halftime. Roughly 10 minutes into the second

half the Lady Flames lost junior Cheryl Jones for the rest of the match, and gave Radford a man advantage, after she received a red card. In spite of the one-man advantage, the Lady Highlanders were unable to capitalize and their season came to an abrupt halt at the hands of the Lady Flames. The 1-0 victory sent the Lady Flames to the Big South Championship game, a position that they had never found themselves in before. Liberty would face Elon in the tournament final for the rights to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

Flames fans were out in full force Saturday night to support the women

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## Elon crushes Liberty

By Brooke Herrmann, assist. sports ed.

The Liberty Flames (4-6) haven't been shut out at home in over a decade but this Saturday they were to close for comfort. Elon College beat Liberty 38-14, as the Flames returned home this weekend after a four-week-long road trip.

Saturday's game against Elon (8-2) could have gone down in the record books for the longest game in the history of Division I-A football. An hour after the game began, the first quarter finally ended, and the Flames still had yet to pass the 50-yard line.

Liberty's first drive of the game was a misleading window into the house of victory that the Flames never entered. Christian Newsome completed a sideline pass to Trey Miller for seven yards.

Elon started its first drive with a rush option for 26 yards ending in a touchdown in the first three minutes of the game.

That was just the beginning of a strong offensive game for the team. Elon continued to drive Liberty in the first quarter as Eric Jones ran the rush option for Elon 10 yards to the LU 17 giving Elon its second first down of the quarter. With two minutes left in the first quarter, which was actually 45 minutes into the game, Elon scored again.

The Flames entered the second quarter down 14-0. Stacey Nobles struggled to run the ball as he rushed left for no gain in the first Liberty drive of the second quarter.

"This was the first game where I felt like I didn't have a running back," said

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## Lady Flames tip off 99-00 season with loss

By Douglas Stewart, reporter

The Liberty women's basketball team tipped off its 1999-00 campaign in an exhibition game against the Slovakian basketball traveling team on Friday night.

The game marked the first game at the helm for Liberty's new Head Coach Carey Green. Green served as the top assistant at Clemson University for the past 12 seasons.

Green and his brand new offensive scheme will be major changes for the Lady Flames this season.

The veteran Slovakian team took advantage of the Lady Flames and went on to control the game with a 76-56 win over LU.

The Slovakian team was led by 6'4

center Alzbeta Czakova who finished with 23 points and six rebounds.

The Lady Flames could not get on track offensively as LU gave up an uncharacteristic 28 turnovers.

The Lady Flames fell behind early in the game and were never able to make a run at the lead throughout the game's entirety.

The first half ended with the Slovakian team leading 40-18.

LU held its ground in the second half as the Lady Flames outscored the Slovakian Team 38-36.

According to Coach Green, the purpose of an exhibition game is to allow the team to gel and learn how to play together as a unit.

"We needed a game like this. This game should be a wake up call for us,"

said Green.

Senior leader Elena Kisseleva contributed to the LU cause as the two-time Big South Player of the Year paced the Lady Flames with 16 total points.

Sarah (Wilkerson) Farley finished with 10 points.

Junior Irene Sloof also chipped in with seven points on 20 minutes of playing time.

Sharon Wilkerson and Dawn Woodruff scored six apiece for the Lady Flames.

Although the loss was disappointing, Green now knows what his team needs to work on in order to be successful in the future.

"This game will show us where we are and where we need to be. It is

obvious that this team must improve offensively," said Green.

"We struggled offensively, mainly because of our own mistakes," said Green.

The Flames were not impressive on the scoreboard, but other categories caught Coach Green's eye.

"Our team has heart, we did not do a lot that was praiseworthy tonight, but we never gave up and that is good to see," said Green.

Green was not worried by the early mistakes by his quad.

"This team can and will get better," he said.

The Lady Flames will play another exhibition game against the Australian national team at home on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.