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# LIBERTY CHAMPION

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## Married students will call Liberty Ridge 'home'



MOVING IN — Liberty Ridge currently contains 26 housing units.

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By Christi Corbin  
NEWS REPORTER

"Everything here is beautiful. I have prayed for a bedroom with a sunroom for two years, and God answered above and beyond what I imagined," Smith said.

God answered a lot of prayers for Smith, who moved less than three weeks ago into Liberty Ridge, which was previously Liberty Village and is located south of Liberty on Candler's Mountain Road. She made the move from Greensboro, N.C., to Lynchburg, Va., so that daughter Jessica Smith could attend Liberty

University's nursing program.

The house Smith moved into was everything she had wanted, with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, sun windows, marble kitchen counters, high ceilings and a radio that plays throughout the house.

Bad experiences with her previous landlord made Smith grateful for Liberty Ridge's realtor, Elizabeth Simms. Smith said that Simms, of Forest Realty Company, helped at all times and was very supportive during the move.

Rebecca and Jessica Smith could not stop smiling while talking about the Liberty Ridge community. They proceeded

to tell a story of how their car battery died, and LUPD arrived at the scene shortly after they called for help.

"You can't beat the safety here," said Smith.

Smith is also thankful for the maintenance team at Liberty Ridge. Project manager Wendell Ellege had already stopped in to fix the shower.

"Wendell and the maintenance team are wonderful," Smith said.

Lee Beaumont says that is why the university bought Liberty Village and turned it into Liberty Ridge.

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## Law students raise the bar

By Mitchell Malchiff  
NEWS REPORTER

The Liberty University School of Law moved one step closer to permanent accreditation thanks to a projected 89 percent success rate by its graduates on the Virginia and other state bar exams.

The success of a law school's first-year students is a crucial factor in determining whether a school will receive full accreditation. Dean Mat Staver was pleased by the high rate of success.

"We believe in our students, and we expect them to succeed," he said.

"It's a big milestone for a new school to hit 70 percent."

The average success rate for a new school such as Liberty generally hovers between 30 and 40 percent.

Established Virginia law schools average only 71 percent. Liberty's success ranks among the elite in the nation.

Staver listed several factors that he believes account for the difference. Students are subjected to a rigorous program. Members of the American Bar Association (ABA) site team placed Liberty's legal education program in the top one percent in the country.

At the beginning of the Fall of 2006, Dean Staver challenged the students to compete head-to-head in bar passage rates against the nation's topped-ranked schools.

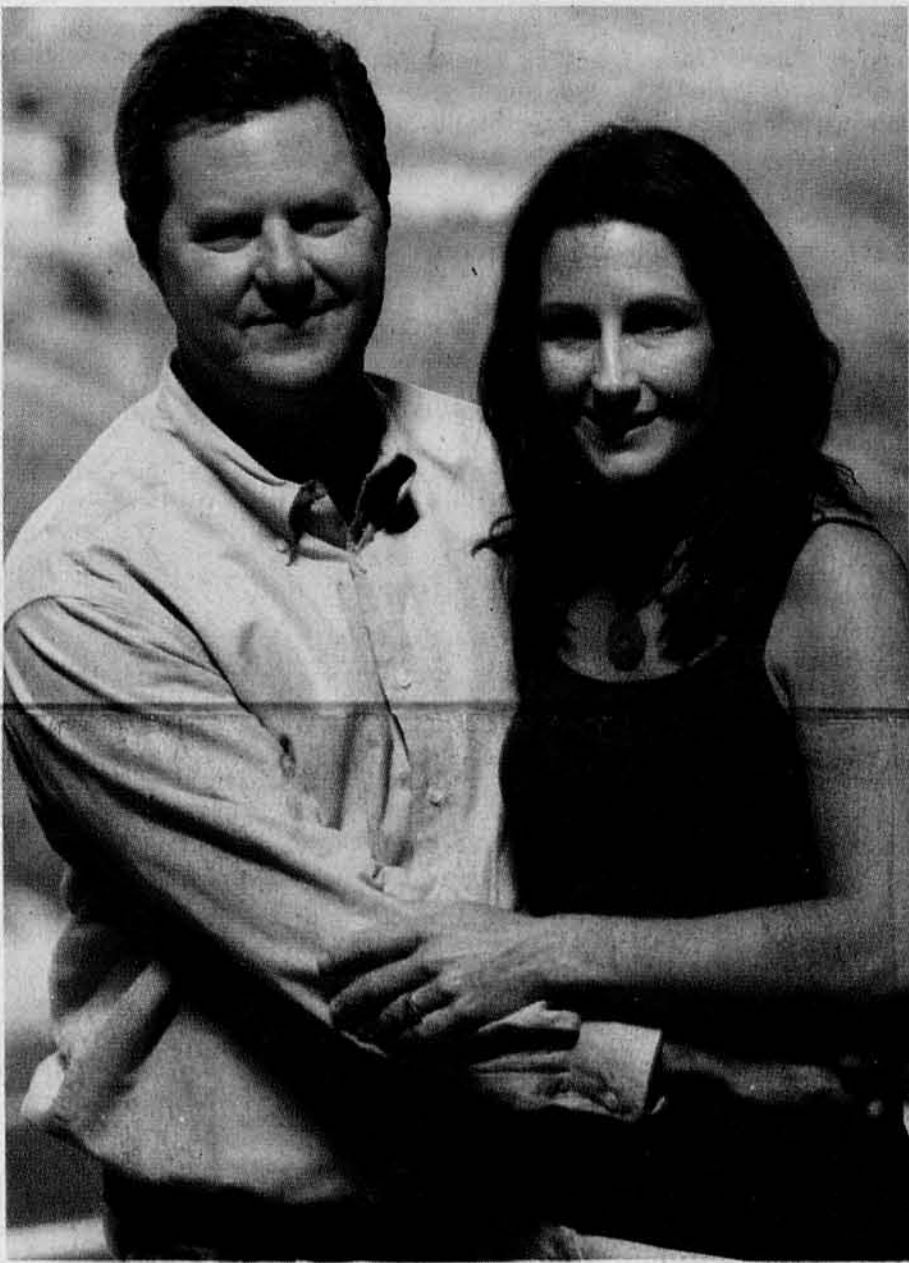
"They accepted the challenge and obviously succeeded," he said.

In addition, he said that the students are blessed by God, mission-driven and always conscious of what their objective is.



DEAN MAT STAVER

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ALEX TOWERS

## Meet the Chancellor

True or False? Read A8 to find out.

HE THREW CHICKENS INTO THE CAFETERIA WHEN HE WAS A STUDENT.

HE CALLS HIS WIFE, BECKI, HIS SECRET WEAPON.

HE GRADUATED WITH A 4.0 GPA.

## Aviation team soars to win

By Amanda Forth  
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty University won the regional National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competition for the third time in a row.

The competition was hosted this past weekend by Liberty University at Lynchburg Regional Airport.

Liberty won the safety award and also earned team victories for both the flying and ground events.

Other schools who competed and placed were Hampton University, second; Averett University, third; and Caldwell Community College, fourth.

"The enthusiasm of collegiate students competing has been great. One thing we have been trying to do this year is get the camaraderie between the schools so they can get to know each other personally," said the Aviation department Chairman Ernie Rogers.

The team captain Jonathan Bullock, is a senior at Liberty and will be graduating in December. Bullock has been on the team for four years after coming to the school with his private pilot's license, which is a requirement for the team members.

Bullock is one of the four returning students on the team. He and the rest of the team placed in almost every event. Bullock took second in the top pilot competition.

In the computer accuracy event, Chad McClure took third place, Bryan Lockhart fourth, Bullock fifth and Eric Carter came in sixth. Bullock placed second in the pre-flight inspection event, and John Lazzi and Carter placed fourth and seventh, respectively.

In the aircraft recognition event, the students were shown a picture of either an aircraft or a part of an aircraft for three seconds and were required to identify the model, make and other details of the aircraft.

In this event, Bullock earned third, Lazzi fifth, Alex Boyd sixth and Christian Eberle came in ninth.

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## Professor's book tackles the Creation-Evolution debate

By Charles S. Goss  
NEWS REPORTER

Dr. David DeWitt has not only taught Creation Studies at Liberty University for a decade and helped biology students assemble scientific presentations, but he has also authored a new book that addresses the very heart of the creation vs. evolution debate.

First published in June, "Unraveling the Origins Controversy" is now the main textbook for the Creation

Studies course required at Liberty. The book deals with the assumptions behind both creationism and evolutionism while providing a firm case for the former, DeWitt said. This is the first book the lab coat-donning Ph.D. has written.

"The starting assumptions that are made under each theory will play a decisive role in shaping the discussion and the final conclusions," DeWitt writes in the second chapter.

DeWitt said many books supporting creation are either too detailed

and complicated or too simple and repetitive. With "Origins," he seeks to provide a sort of middle ground approach that readers can readily understand, he said, but not without the use of Scripture and a solid presentation of fact and logic.

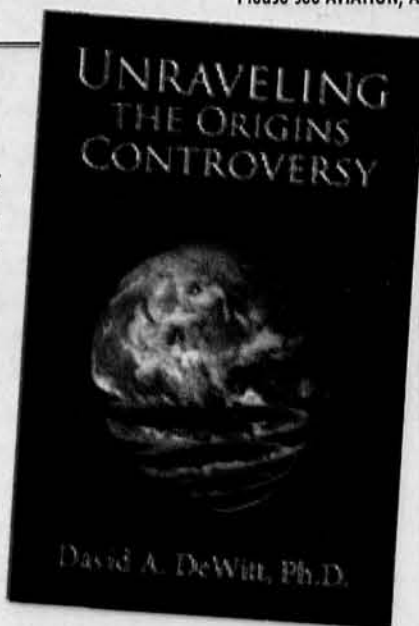
DeWitt said he treats evolutionism fairly in the book, which means there are no illogical claims or ad hominem (personal) attacks against key proponents of evolution.

Using an example of his approach, DeWitt said natural selection does

not explain the production of life and survival of organisms. There are many random factors, such as whether or not a plant receives proper sunlight under a canopy of trees, which determine survival and growth, not only genetic advantage, according to DeWitt.

"Evolution issues are in the news every day," DeWitt said.

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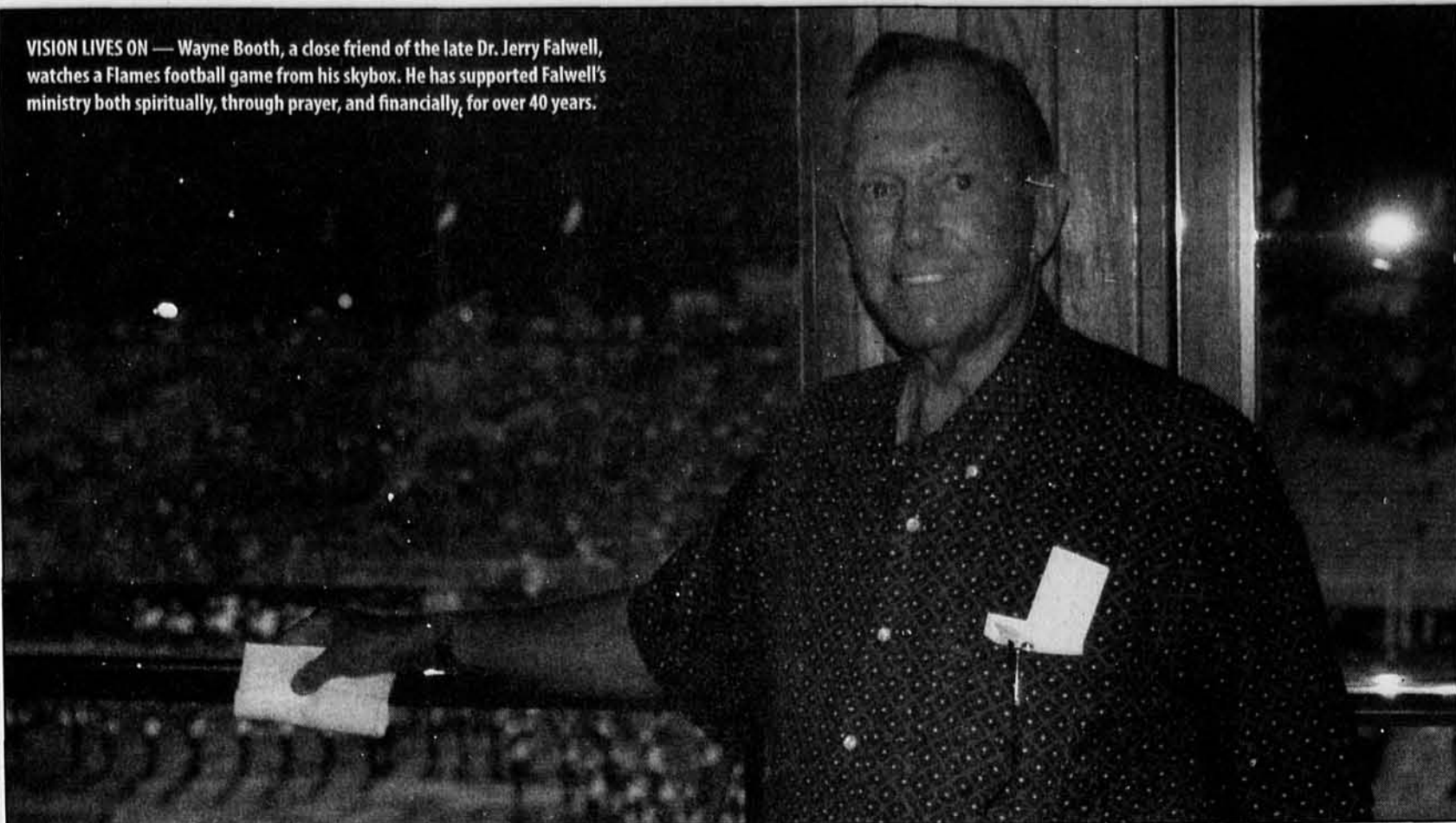
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# The Last Musketeer: Long-time Falwell friend gives back

**VISION LIVES ON** — Wayne Booth, a close friend of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell, watches a Flames football game from his skybox. He has supported Falwell's ministry both spiritually, through prayer, and financially, for over 40 years.



NICK POOLE

By Eric Brown  
SPORTS EDITOR

The glass door reads Bat Masonry Co. Inc. Inside this mobile skybox at Liberty University's Williams Stadium stands a man entertaining guests and shaking hands with various friends and business associates. His name is Wayne Booth. It is no surprise that the president and chairman of two major companies in the Lynchburg area takes time to make sure that his guests are comfortable.

For much of his life, Booth has enjoyed giving back to the community and seeing the smiling faces of those benefited by his contributions. One cause that Booth has adamantly supported for over four decades is the vision of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Booth wanted to help Falwell see Liberty University provide education to over 50,000 students through residential and distance learning programs.

"I captured the vision early on of where he (Falwell) wanted to go," says Booth. "That's why I always backed him in everything, whether I could afford it or not, because I believed in what he did. I knew he did have the calling from God, and it always worked out that way."

Booth started out as bricklayer by trade. Eventually, he and two others started a business known as Bat Masonry. Since taking sole ownership of the company in 1963, Booth's company has become one of the largest brick masonry contractors in the Eastern United States. After gaining much success in the business world, Booth purchased Way Tec Electronics, a company specializing in the production of circuit boards.

In addition to his two companies, Booth is also the owner of the Bank of the James building, located in downtown Lynchburg. This 20-story struc-

ture is currently the tallest building in the Hill City.

"The business world has given me an opportunity to do more," said Booth.

Over the years Booth has been able to contribute financially to the development and growth of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty Christian Academy and Liberty University. In the early 1970s he and two other businessmen helped purchase the land known today as Liberty Mountain. During the mid-1990s he purchased notes that were key in reducing the university's debt. In 2000, Booth made a major contribution to the construction of the DeMoss Learning Center, one that the DeMoss Foundation matched by 300 percent.

"Wayne Booth is the donor we call when we have a financial challenge that requires a creative solution," says Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr.

In his autobiography, titled *Strength for the Journey*, the late Dr. Falwell made mention of Booth along with two other businessmen, Bill Burruss Jr. and "Big Joe" Leonard.

"At church we called them the 'Three Musketeers' for their ability to appear just in time to help God rescue us from another crisis," said the late Dr. Falwell.

While having the title of musketeer carries a somewhat noble connotation, Booth remembers a more humorous nickname given to him by his close friend.

"Every time he would have a vision to do something, we would all get together and go out to dinner and have a big prayer meeting, so he (Falwell) said, 'That's my Three Stooges,'" recalled Booth. "Sometimes we would laugh at each other

because we would come up with such crazy ideas."

Although Burruss and Leonard have both passed on, Booth has continued supporting the late Dr. Falwell's vision. Just before Falwell's death, Booth pitched one of his creative ideas to his longtime friend.

With Liberty continuing to add new educational programs, the entrepreneur presented the idea of starting a vocational program at the university. Booth saw the need of starting such a program to help with the construction of future buildings

Virginia, but beyond. The university, through its Executive Vice President and Provost, will continue discussions with Mr. Booth on ways the university might further his desire to see such programs offered through Liberty University.

In that same meeting with Falwell Jr., Booth also agreed to rent one of the six mobile suites currently featured at Williams Stadium. The suites have attracted local business owners who would not normally come to a Liberty football game. While at the game these businessmen and women are able to see the

direction that Liberty University is headed.

"We have had several significant gifts come to athletics already because of these suites, and that will only grow in the future," said Athletic Director Jeff Barber.

Booth acts as an ambassador for Liberty by inviting various business owners to the Bat Masonry Suite during Flames home games so they can capture the same vision he did years ago.

"If they haven't accepted Christ as their personal savior, we introduce them to that," said Booth. "We want them to see where they can invest their money to help not only our town and our city, but to help people and themselves."

Jody Lyons, a realtor who works primarily in the Smith Mountain Lake area, is one several business owners invited by Booth to watch the games in the comfort of suite. While Lyons has attended many Virginia Tech games in the past, his experience at Liberty University is one he will not forget.

"This is a beautiful area," said Lyons. "The stadium is beautiful. The scoreboard is nice. This is really

going to grow into something right here."

Stadium growth is something that those involved with Liberty athletics want to see become a reality. Apart from talks of adding bleachers and permanent boxes to the stadium, Booth is working to help add a unique improvement to the stadium.

"Last spring we contacted Bat Masonry to investigate the opportunity to enclose our football field with a four-foot brick wall," said Barber. "There are several major universities that have done this, and it creates a beautiful ambience for football Saturdays. We will continue to raise funds which will allow us to do this and other important projects to make Williams Stadium the best it can be."

One purchase made by Booth and the Three Musketeers several decades ago would vastly impact the late Falwell's ministry. In the early '60s, a man by the name of Gene Dixon provided Thomas Road Baptist Church with its first airplane in order to get the reverend to various evangelistic events faster. Several years later the church's Three Musketeers purchased a Cessna 414, a larger pressurized plane. Booth, who already had a pilot license, flew the late Dr. Falwell to numerous preaching engagements around the country.

Through many years of traveling together, the two developed a close bond. Booth recalls the many adventures he shared with his close friend and the impact the late Falwell had on the lives of people he met.

"All the times that I flew him, he would light up the crowd, said Booth. "When you would get off the airplane, all you had to do was look at the expression on their face. When he would come in, he brought an amount of electricity that went out into the audience."

These days when Booth travels outside the country, he often comes in contact with those who have seen the late Falwell on television. While it is evident the reverend impacted many around the world, he also influenced those who knew him personally.

Despite only being about two years apart in age, Booth viewed his friend in a unique way.

"Dr. Falwell was really an inspiration to me," said Booth. "He was my spiritual father and spiritual leader. He would always have the right solution for you. I can't tell you the hurt and the loss I felt when he died."

Since the passing of his close friend, Booth has continued to support the vision the late Dr. Falwell had for the university. As the last remaining member of Falwell's Three Musketeers, Booth remains steadfast to the task at hand — being one for all and giving all for the One.

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Wayne Booth is the donor we call when we have a financial challenge that requires a creative solution.

— Jerry Falwell Jr.

for other educational programs on campus.

"We plan to work with Wayne to establish these vocational programs so students can learn the construction trades at Liberty in addition to the liberal arts education," said Falwell Jr.

In May of this year, Booth met with the current chancellor and agreed to donate \$100,000 to help start the program. At this point, it is unclear as to when the program will be available to Liberty students.

"Each year we evaluate current programs as well as demand for new programs," said Liberty University Provost Dr. Boyd Rist. "It is very clear that there is high demand for vocational programs in the workforce, not only in Central

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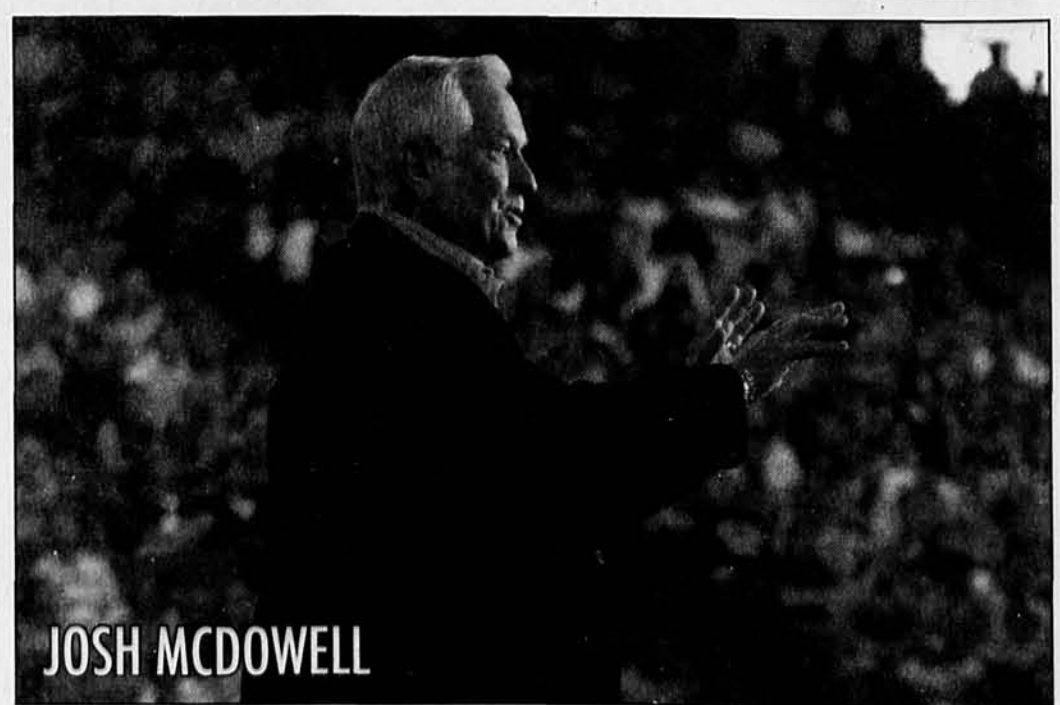
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## Recent speakers at Liberty

**Josh McDowell**, who specializes in apologetics, spoke about the importance of family and relationships in convocation last Wednesday.

**Tom Elliff** will be speaking in convocation Wednesday, Oct. 24. Elliff is the past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Ed Hindson** will be speaking in convocation Friday, Oct. 26. Hindson is a professor at Liberty University and author of several books.

**Ed Dobson** will be speaking at Thomas Road Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 28. Dobson is an advisory editor for *Christianity Today* and consulting editor for *Leadership* magazine.

# New salon on campus is a cut above the rest



**BEAUTY SCHOOL** — Students no longer have to leave campus to get a haircut. The new salon also offers waxing, perms, updos, coloring, foils and other services.



**LICENSE TO CUT** — Arte' Dei Capelli opened Oct. 12 with nine licensed stylists on staff. The business hopes to add an esthetician in the future.

By Alyson Bruner  
NEWS REPORTER

The Arte' Dei Capelli is one of the newest additions to on-campus businesses. The beauty salon, which opened on Campus North of Liberty University on Oct. 12, has become quite the pit stop.

Lynchburg resident Marilyn Brooks said, "This is my second time here already. I love my hairstylist, and the salon is in a great location."

Arte' Dei Capelli, which means, "the art of hair" in Italian, offers haircuts, waxing, perms, updos, coloring, foils and other services.

A salon on campus has always been a necessity, according to Bonnie Cooksey, a licensed hairstylist.

Cooksey said, "I always had in mind that we were in need of a salon on campus, and through prayer and dreams, it has now come true."

The dream of the salon began with the contract signing last April, which kicked off the construction in June leading up to the grand opening just over a week ago.

The Arte' Dei Capelli Salon is not an unfamiliar name around Central Virginia. The name is a branch off the Arte' Dei Capelli Salon located in Wyndhurst. The owner of Arte' Dei Capelli, Kelly Mann, says she was able to accomplish the opening of her second Arte' Dei Capelli Salon at Liberty through faith in God.

Mann said, "I never put any job advertisements in the paper. God sent everyone who works here to me."

Workers of the salon at Liberty include two receptionists and nine stylists.

Although the newly opened salon is not nearly finished with its growth, it certainly is on its way.

Kathy Tyree, Manager of Arte' Dei Capelli, said, "The salon will be hiring more licensed hairstylists and will continue to grow with staff."

Workers of the salon have a true heart and passion for hair as well as Liberty. Licensed hairstylist Donna Weaver, along with her family, has been involved with Liberty University for several years.

Weaver said, "I took six years off and the

Lord called me back to work with my family, and I am loving work at Arte' Dei Capelli."

Some are even willing to travel further to follow their stylist working at Arte' Dei Capelli.

Karen Dunn, an Evington resident, said, "I have come to the new salon because I had to follow my hairstylist, Desiré, who is now working here."

Mann has always had a passion for Liberty, growing up in Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Mann said, "I grew up with Thomas Road Baptist Church my entire life and always wanted Jerry Falwell to be the first to get a haircut."

Jerry Falwell, Jr., along with his son Trey, a freshman at Liberty, and his seven-year-old daughter were among the first Falwell family members to get their hair cut at Arte' Dei Capelli at Liberty.

Tyree cut the Falwells' hair and said, "The family was super-nice, and Jerry was wonderful and laid back."

Falwell said, "The salon was very nice, and it was extremely convenient to walk over from my office to get a haircut."

Students wanting to get services done at the salon receive a bonus not only in convenience but also in price. Liberty students can enjoy a 10 percent student discount. Prices start for a women's haircut and shampoo at \$25 while men's start at \$17. The salon not only wants Liberty faculty, staff and students to come but also invites the entire community to try out the salon.

Tyree said, "We want to grow and outreach to everyone in the community."

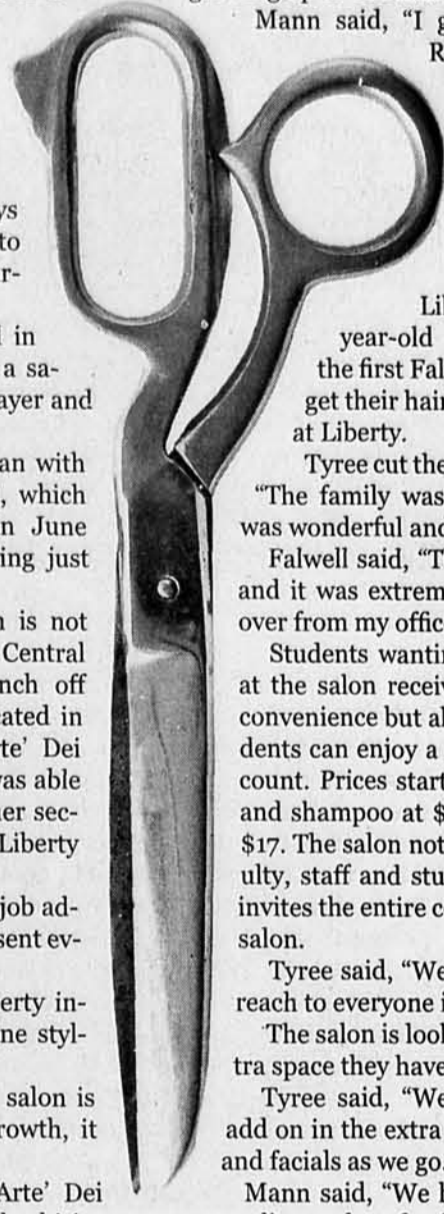
The salon is looking to grow into the extra space they have available to them.

Tyree said, "We hope in the future to add on in the extra room further in waxing and facials as we go."

Mann said, "We hope to add with hiring more licensed professional stylists and getting further involved with makeup and hiring an esthetician."

The hours of the Arte' Dei Capelli Salon can be found on the splash page or by calling (434) 592-4367.

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## Kenyan student takes to the skies

By Daniel Allen  
NEWS REPORTER

The Liberty Aviation program offers an exciting experience to students who have a passion for flying airplanes. In the spring of 2006, the first African female student was accepted into the program. Her name is Maureen Mutisya.

Mutisya is from Nairobi, Kenya, and is currently a sophomore at Liberty majoring in aviation. Her passion is to fly a commercial airliner as her career continues. She also has an interest in business management and hopes to earn a minor in that area before graduating in 2010.

According to Mutisya, she never would have heard of Liberty if it had not been for student recruiters in the city of Nairobi.

"My father was at the right place at the right time," Mutisya said.



DANIEL ALLEN  
MAUREEN MUTISYA

Mutisya said that her father found out about Liberty for her through a seminar that was taking place as he drove to work one day.

"My father found out that Liberty had an aviation program, and he recommended it to me. I applied, and my life has been dramatically changed ever since that day," she said.

Mutisya first took interest in flying airplanes when she was 13 years old. She graduated high school in the winter of 2003. Soon after she began taking aviation courses at Cooper Motors Corporation Aviation College in Nairobi, she heard about Liberty's aviation program. She commented that her grandfather instilled in her a vision to achieve her ultimate goal of flying airplanes.

Unlike most Liberty students, Mutisya left Kenya in January of 2006 and has not traveled home since.

"Flying is so expensive for me to go back home. It can cost anywhere from \$1,300 to \$2,500 dollars to go home on the airlines," Mutisya said.

She also commented about how excited she is to be going home this December to see her family after being apart for so long. While at Liberty, Mutisya said that Debby McCarty, her boss in the financial aid office at Liberty, was like a second mother to her.

Although most aviation students receive their private pilot's license only in this country, Mutisya received her first private license in Kenya before receiving her second license in Virginia.

"The rules apply differently in Kenya than they do in this country," Mutisya said, adding that a student must have a license in America before operating an airplane.

Mutisya also commented that the teachers in the aviation program supported her "100 percent." Dave Young and other flight instructors had been instrumental in making her the best pilot she could ever be.

"They saw my passion for aviation and guided me through the discouraging days."

In deciding what college to attend, Mutisya insisted that Liberty University was the place she felt called to be.

"Before I came to college, I needed a change from my ordinary, live-at-home-with-mom-and-dad, lifestyle. I relied on God to guide me to an institution that would help me grow spiritually, and Liberty was just the right place."

Stressing the importance of future women pilots in today's society, Mutisya said that few women are in the aviation industry, and that they should pursue their dreams if they have a passion for flying. After Mutisya graduates from Liberty, her future plans are clear.

"My goal is to be a commercial airline pilot for Kenya or Emirates Airways, where I can also tell others about the Lord."

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ALL SMILES — Doug Oldham, a gospel singer who has recorded over 65 albums, was unaware that Liberty would be dedicating the recital hall in his honor.

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## Recital hall named in honor of Doug Oldham

By Othón Zermeno  
NEWS REPORTER

A significant, anonymous contribution granted to the Liberty University Department of Music and Humanities brought about the renovation of its Performing Arts Recital Hall as well as an establishment of a scholarship fund for students in the Bachelor of Music program.

With an all-faculty concert that took place last Monday night, the newly restored recital hall was officially dedicated and renamed in honor of Doug Oldham.

Oldham is a renowned gospel singer who has recorded more than 65 albums and performed for various U.S. presidents, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He has also performed before Queen Elizabeth II.

Although he was the special guest of the evening, Oldham was surprised at being honored that night. The newly renovated recital hall was packed, mostly by music students who seemed eager to see their professors perform.

Dr. John W. Hugo, chairman of the Music and Humanities department, gave the official announcement as he delivered a brief speech recognizing Old-

ham's achievements and revealing the hall's new name.

"I am pleased to tell you that Performing Arts Recital Hall will now be known as 'Oldham Recital Hall,'" said Hugo.

After his words, the audience stood and applauded Oldham for more than 30 seconds. Dr. Hugo then mentioned that the exterior sign bearing Oldham's name had been unveiled. Finally, he presented two honoring plaques that will be placed on the outside doorposts.

Hugo, himself a voice teacher, made special mention of Oldham's singing technique.

"He makes singing — something that is very, very hard to do — look very, very easy. I often say that every time I hear Doug sing, I get a voice lesson. Anyone who can sing professionally for 50 years knows how to use his voice as God intended," said Hugo.

The renovations made to the recital hall consist of new sound and recording equipment, a screen, a new platform, a restored seating area, parquet flooring, a new lightning system and new paint.

Future renovations are on their way, including a formal stage entryway on the courtyard side, an acoustical study, alterations to the hall and a quieter air conditioning system.

As for the scholarship, Hugo said it is a matching fund

PLEASANT SURPRISE — Oldham and his wife, holding the dedication plaques, pose in the newly renovated Oldham Recital Hall.



ALEX TOWERS

program in which the donor will match any amount up to \$25,000.

Once the dedication was completed, the event concluded with a showcase of talent from the music faculty.

Music education major Erin Garner said, "I'm truly im-

pressed with the Liberty faculty, and I'm really glad I am a music student here."

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## AVIATION: Team impresses at regionals with win

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In the simulated comprehensive aircraft navigation (SCAN) competition, Bullock won first place and team co-captain Lindsey Norcutt came in fourth.

For ground trainers, Josh Stadtlander came in second followed up by Carter in third and Lazzi in fourth.

"The team members performed as a team should. Everyone contributed to the overall success of the competition whether or not they placed in an event. We will now begin preparation for the National Competition," said head coach Kurt Reesman.

Students also competed in the navigation event, where Bullock and Norcutt came in first, Lockhart and Allison Violette took third, Lazzi and Boyd brought home fifth and Stadtlander and Carter took eighth.

Bullock also took second in the power-off-precision landing as Carter finished fifth and Lazzi ended in seventh place. In the short field landing event, Lockhart took third place while McClure took fifth, Dan Capocchia came in sixth and Bullock finished tenth.

"We did well last year, but part of what I'm doing is trying to build a team for next year," said Reesman.

The competition allows Liberty an opportunity for ministry. Liberty has gone to Nationals three times and has competed against top schools like Embry Riddle.

"So many students still don't understand Liberty, so I want them to get to know the quality of our school," said Rogers.

Competition also allows for the students on the team to get extra flight hours and great experiences they can

take with them after graduation.

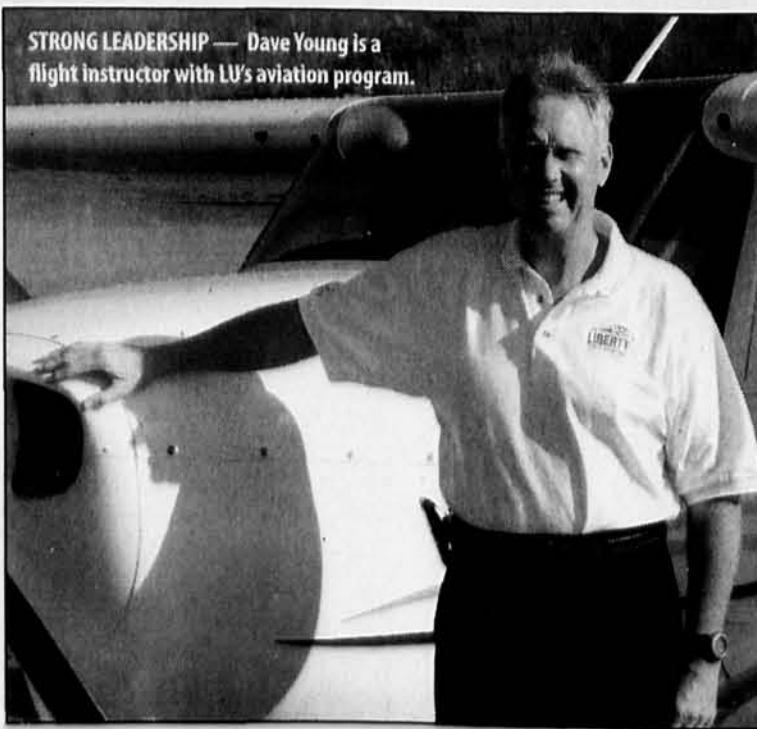
"I was on it last year. Last year, it was...all of my friends. The aviation department is such a close knit family since it's so little," said Norcutt.

The students will now raise money to help pay for the National Competition that will be held in May 2008 by Middle Tennessee State University. They must raise money for any practicing that they do in the planes since they must rent the planes.

"We will be doing fund raisers to help pay for the training and the costs of the trip. We will also intensify our preparation for the events and select the members who will travel to, and compete in, the National Competition," said Reesman.

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STRONG LEADERSHIP — Dave Young is a flight instructor with LU's aviation program.



DANIEL ALLEN

## Local companies vie for attention of college students



By Jennifer Schmidt  
Asst. News Editor

The Tolsma Indoor Track resembled a state science fair this past Monday, Oct. 15, as over 67 local companies, schools and businesses put their best feet forward at the second Future Focus Expo held at Liberty. College students were given an opportunity to meet with representatives during the afternoon while high school students and parents visited from 5-9 p.m.

Elaborate displays, one complete with television cameras, were everywhere and most representatives were ready for students with bright smiles and bowls of candy.

"It's impressive and very nice. The people were helpful, too," said senior Stephanie Ernest.

Centra Health brought in perhaps the largest display with a human body simulation machine commonly used by nursing students to practice treating medical emergencies.

"The machine lets students take blood pressure, treat a heart attack, and they can do CPR as well," said Tenille Berry of Centra Health.

"This year's expo is more exploration. We brought mobile units to make it hands-on and to show what nursing is like."

Berry said many high school and college students do not realize the career opportunities offered by companies like Centra Health.

"We need a lot more than nurses," said Berry as she explained the company's need for special education teachers and counselors in the schools they run for emotionally challenged students.

The expo exists so that information like Berry's can reach students before they decide on where to go to college and what to study.

"We want students to start thinking what steps they can take now to prepare," said Berry.

The expo has two main purposes: to inform students of career

opportunities in this area and to encourage students to remain in this area after finishing college.

There was something for every interest, as Liberty students easily discovered.

"I'm an elementary education major and stopped by to see the table for Liberty Christian Academy," said Ernest.

Reggie Olivier, a junior majoring in pastoral leadership, came after hearing the announcement in convocation only a few hours before.

"I'm looking for a job outside of college. There's a lot of different things here, and it's interesting," said Olivier.

The expo had six main categories: information technology; health science; architecture and construction; science, technology, engineering and math; public safety and security; and advanced manufacturing.

"This is the biggest event we do all year and it stems out of the need of the business community. We need skilled workers and

want to grow our own in Lynchburg," said Executive Director of the Technology Council Jonathan Whitt.

In only its second year of existence, the expo was expanded to include high school students, and advertising and planning emphasized this demographic rather than the college crowd, which was the focus of last year's expo.

Whitt works with Virginia's Region 2000, a company that represents the businesses and companies housed in the collective 2,000 square feet of Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell and Bedford counties.

Liberty was chosen as the venue for the expo primarily because of its central location.

"The pricing is good, and it's a lot easier to come back" to the same location, said Whitt.

"We have an incredible work partnership," said Ernest Carter, Liberty's director of event management. "The Lord has equipped the right people to make this event a big success."

"Liberty is all about community outreach. It's a win-win for the community and the university and what better way to keep students here and plugged in for the future," said Carter.

The growth of the expo is clearly illustrated in the numbers. Roughly 800 people attended the first expo, according to Whitt, but over 2,500 visitors were expected for this expo. Only 47 companies came last year while over 60 exhibitors were featured this year.

"This took about four months of two to three of us working full-time," said Whitt, who needed 40 volunteers to help organize and run this event while last year only 10 volunteers were needed.

Students can find more information regarding career opportunities by visiting CASAS on the second floor of DeMoss or going to the CASAS main page at [www.liberty.edu/casas](http://www.liberty.edu/casas).

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## LAW SCHOOL

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For those unfamiliar with the bar, it is a two- to three-day exam in which students are tested on both multi-state law and also state specific law. In their final semester, law students takes a full course that consists solely of bar preparation. After graduating in May, a student studies for two full months before taking the state-specific bar exam. If the individuals pass, they receive the title of Esquire.

Although the law school is only three years old, graduates are already working at the highest levels of government. Five graduates are clerking for state and federal judges while others work throughout Washington, D.C. A clerk is responsible for helping a judge in researching and writing opinions for the court. Students also work in small and large firms in business and for public interest law firms such as Liberty Counsel.

"Dr. Falwell's vision is always driving this school, and that vision is always being perpetuated," said Staver.

That vision of excellence was a key factor in planning a curriculum that would be different from other law schools while at the same time incorporating traditional courses. Liberty is set apart from other schools by the lawyering skills component of the school that provides practical training for the students.

Staver gave the example that instead of just teaching a student about property laws, they are given the opportunity to write contracts and other legal documents relating to property laws. Staver said that the skills component of the school is "unparalleled and unreplicated" by other schools around the country.

"We want to raise the focus of our students to the highest level of achievement."

Future plans for the school include expanding the student body and placing graduates in strategic places of employment.

Staver, though, has even bigger plans that he is confident will one day be realized. "There's no question we will have someone at the Supreme Court," he said.

Although that day may be far off, the School of Law has established a solid foundation from which to reach toward that goal.

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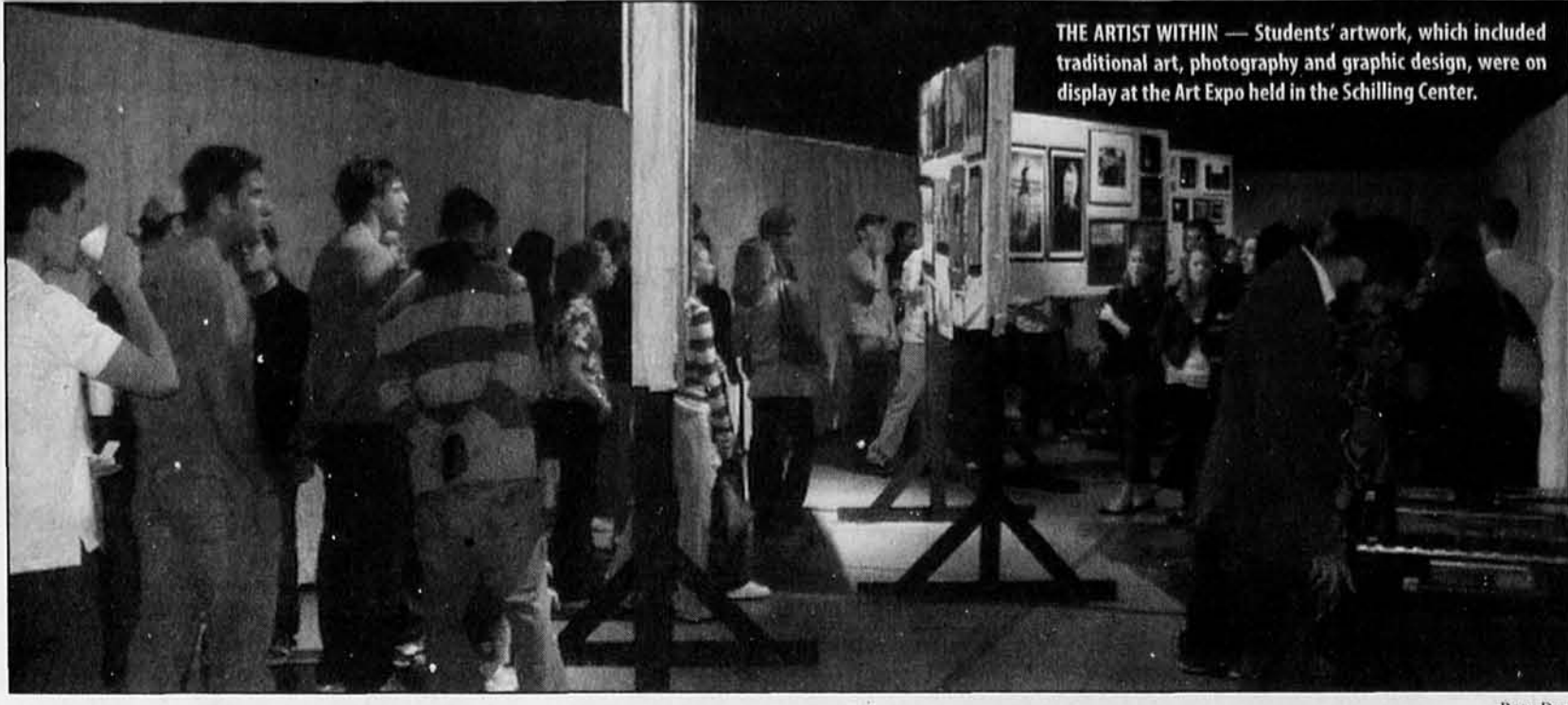
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ROCK DELP

## Art expo showcases work of over 40 students

By Jennifer Schmidt  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Original artwork — painted, photographed and otherwise created by Liberty students — was the fare of the evening as Student Activities hosted an Art Expo Friday night in the Schilling Center.

Doors officially opened at 8 p.m., leading about 300 visitors to a cordoned area housing refreshments and tables with chairs. With relaxed background music setting the tone, guests passed through to a smaller area, where they discovered canvas walls holding nearly 70 dynamic pieces of art. Winners of the evening were nominated by the votes of guests. Over 200 votes were cast.

Traditional art, comprised mainly of paintings, drawings and mixed media, occupied the front and back sides of the first few

walls. Winners in this category included Katie Rutter, who won first place for her traditional artwork entitled "Light" and Laura Feagan, who won second for "Seas."

Color photography and some black and white pieces hung near the other end of the corridor. Winners in this category included Dan Martin, who won best in show for his photo entry entitled "Alaska" and Kimberly Merrin, who won second place for "Savannah Sound."

In addition to the traditional and photographed art, a third category featured digital art, defined by Student Activities as "graphic design, digital illustrations or anything done on a computer." Amy Almazar's digital entry, "The Star Maker," received first place. Glauco Lima received second place for his entry, "Hearth."

"It's a more personal setting

and more structured," said junior Jared Holland, describing the atmosphere.

Senior Chad Hasson said that the event was "very well advertised" and it was largely that push that originally piqued his interest.

"This was a great chance to see the creativity of some of Liberty's students," Hasson said, noting his appreciation for the event.

Over 40 students submitted original pieces to the competition, and Student Activities workers distributed voting ballots to guests as they weaved in and out of the pressing crowd. Viewers were instructed to write down their top two choices for the best overall pieces of art. Several students commented that it was difficult to narrow down selection to only two works.

"I liked 'Lesson guitar chords: resurrection style,'" said senior Isaac Hatton. "It's really detailed

and something different," said Hatton, noting the black and white drawing of a nail-pierced hand playing a guitar.

Subjects of pieces focused from the eclectic to the mundane, and ranged from realistic to obscure, but guests had unique reasons to appreciate all of the diversity.

"I liked the photo with the shoes because I like Converse," said freshman Wu Xueying.

Holland, on the other hand, noted that he appreciated the expo for intangible reasons.

"It's interesting to see people's perspectives and to see the colors and emotions that they use. You get to see what people think, but you can still have your own opinion and interpretation of the work," said Holland.

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## DEWITT: Facts interpretation determine worldview

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He gave several examples, such as a recent Lynchburg News & Advance article detailing the discovery of a new dinosaur, a pygmy exhibit at a Lynchburg College conference

that is a missing link for evolutionary theory and the issue of stem cell research. Again, it is how data such as fossils are interpreted that makes the difference in



DR. DAVID DEWITT

worldviews, according to DeWitt.

"We all have the same facts," he said. "I push evolutionists to see that they're using assumptions too."

DeWitt also mentioned the difference between empirical science and historical science. Empirical science involves a testable hypothesis, while historical science must interpret unrepeatable events like the beginning of life, he said.

He made the analogy of a crime scene investigation and how, in order to figure out best what happened, the investigators must make assumptions because they do not know everything that happened. DeWitt acknowledged that, unlike a crime scene, there is no eyewitness testimony about the beginning of the world.

DeWitt claims in his book that evolutionists blur the distinction between empirical and historical science.

In the final chapter of "Origins," entitled "Evangelism in Athens," DeWitt discusses the Apostle Paul's method for witnessing to the pagan city of Athens in Acts 17. According to DeWitt, there is a logical way to witness: to respectfully acknowledge a people's accepted philosophy and then to segue into discussion of creation and Christ.

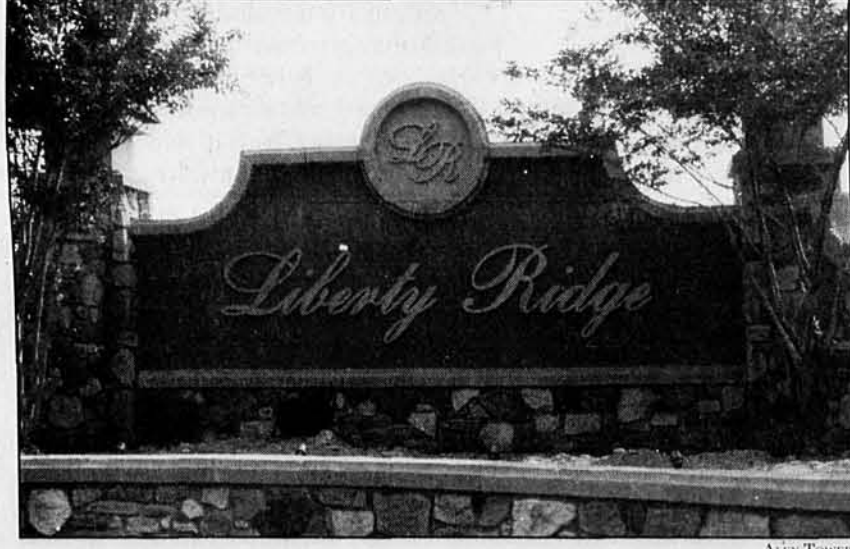
DeWitt said witnessing is like a one-two punch. It takes a double whammy of intellectual savvy and practical love to win someone to Christ. Neither winning all the arguments nor merely loving an unbeliever is enough, he said.

According to DeWitt, many reject Christ because they see the Bible as a myth, which hearkens to the battle over assumptions apart from observed fact.

"Unraveling the Origins Controversy" joins the other Liberty faculty-authored books available in the Liberty University bookstore. DeWitt said he will be available Saturday, Oct. 27, in the bookstore from 10 a.m. to noon to sign copies of the book.

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## LIBERTY RIDGE: Housing for married, graduate students



ALEX TOWERS

**HOME SWEET HOME** — The housing project called Liberty Ridge has many benefits, including its beautiful view, proximity to campus and contemporary and affordable style.

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"We're making a lot of people happy," said Beaumont.

The 140-acre property sat without care of maintenance for four years because the original developer declared bankruptcy in May 2004, according to the News & Advance.

Beaumont said people were living in houses

with huge development problems before Liberty took over. There was no operational sewer system, so residents were pumping sewage out of a manhole and running costs up to \$500 per visit. Liberty took care of the problem, paying the pump and haul bill when they bought the development.

Since Liberty has started working on Liberty Ridge four months ago, a sewer system has been installed, yards have been landscaped, roads have been improved and the gazebo was removed from the cul-de-sac to the LU monogram.

The county has been supportive of Liberty's improvements to Liberty Ridge.

Liberty Ridge includes four apartments, five carriage homes, seven townhouses, five single-family homes and seven model homes. The

model homes have been completely remodeled to serve as permanent housing. All houses include an electric fireplace, and residents can access Internet and DIRECTV or cable.

Two of the model homes will be designated for missions housing, which Thomas Road Baptist Church will control.

In addition to the missions housing, Beaumont says the goal is to have married and graduate Liberty students move into Liberty Ridge.

"We want to keep it LU," Beaumont said. Beaumont believes the housing will fill up quickly. One student, Timmy Hall, just bought a house and plans on getting married soon.

Elizabeth Simms is the realtor that handles Liberty Ridge. There are 26 units total, and prices start from \$500 to \$1400 a month. The one-bedroom apartments start at \$500, and the single-family homes start at \$1200 a month.

Simms said they are focused on getting married and graduate Liberty students into Liberty Ridge. As of right now, about half of the units are leased, but there are plenty more available.

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## WinterFest is heating things up for New Year's

By Kari Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

This New Year's holiday, make plans to be right here on campus. WinterFest (WF), a three-day music festival and winter retreat, will provide students with music, entertainment and ministry.

The event, in its sixth year, had nearly 7,000 in attendance last year, with guests coming from 25 states and Canada.

Michael Stewart, who used to be the Dean of Student Life at Liberty until 2000, is now part of Creative Activities Programs and Services, the company responsible for organizing, promoting and producing WF.

"I took the idea of WinterFest to Dr. Falwell in 2002. He and Dr. Godwin were big supporters and driving forces to make WinterFest a reality from the beginning," said Stewart.

Artists scheduled to perform at this year's WinterFest include Jeremy Camp, Kutless, Stellar Kart, Hawk Nelson, DecembeRadio, Ayiesha Woods, Disciple, The Send, Downhere, Charels Billingsley and KJ-52.

Speakers include Dr. Ergun Caner, Clayton King, David Nasser and the Rev. Eric Timm.

Performers include Tim Byrne, a top pro freestyle flatland skateboarder; the Spencers, of Theatre Illusions; and comedian Taylor Mason. Visit the WinterFest Web site, [www.libertywinterfest.com](http://www.libertywinterfest.com), for a detailed schedule of the event.

In addition to entertainment, attendees will have access to the LaHaye Student Center and the LaHaye Ice Center. There will be an all-night New Year's Eve "Ice Party" with ice skating, games and more for \$10. Door prizes, which include 30-gigabyte iPods, WinterFest guitars, digital cameras, shirts, lanyards and water bottles will also be given away.

"People are off school and work and figure it's a great way to start off the new year," said senior Ryan Peake, a student volunteer at the event last year.

WinterFest is one of the many Community Service opportunities offered to Liberty students.

"The best part of WinterFest is definitely all the interaction with new people. You get to meet other volunteers, various church groups and even a number of the speakers and artists," Peake said.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's WinterFest. Jobs include ushers, ticket takers, merchandise sellers, set up and tear down crew, greeters and more. All dorm students will be able to stay in their rooms at no charge and WinterFest will provide meals.

A required meeting for students interested in volunteering will be held Nov. 7 and 8 at 9 p.m. The meeting place has not yet been announced. Those counting WinterFest as CSER credit for Fall 2007 or Spring 2008 can sign up at the meeting.

"You learn how much really goes into the logistics of setting up and running a big

event. It also gives you a new appreciation for all the often un-recognized hard work of the Technical Productions crew, without whom events like WinterFest would not be possible," Peake said.

According to Stewart, about a quarter of the LU student volunteers attended WinterFest when they were in high school. They decided to attend Liberty and have since had the opportunity of working WinterFest. "I assume that will be the case this year, too," Stewart said.

WinterFest is a significant recruiting event for Liberty. Various sessions will be offered throughout the event, including one entitled "Life @ Liberty." In this session, high school students can find out everything they need to know about the university. A \$12,000 scholarship will be awarded to a '07, '08 or '09 high school graduate who applies to Liberty during WinterFest.

"Each of the four sessions has a featured speaker and two to three bands or artists as well as a worship section and some type of extreme sports demo or other performance," Stewart said.

Event tickets are general admission, and the price is based on the number of days attending and the date of purchase. For more information, visit the WinterFest Web site, or call (800) 662-5848. Students interested in volunteering should send an e-mail to [vol@libertywinterfest.com](mailto:vol@libertywinterfest.com).

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR'S** — WinterFest is a three-day music festival held Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 1. The event features bands, speakers and other entertainment.



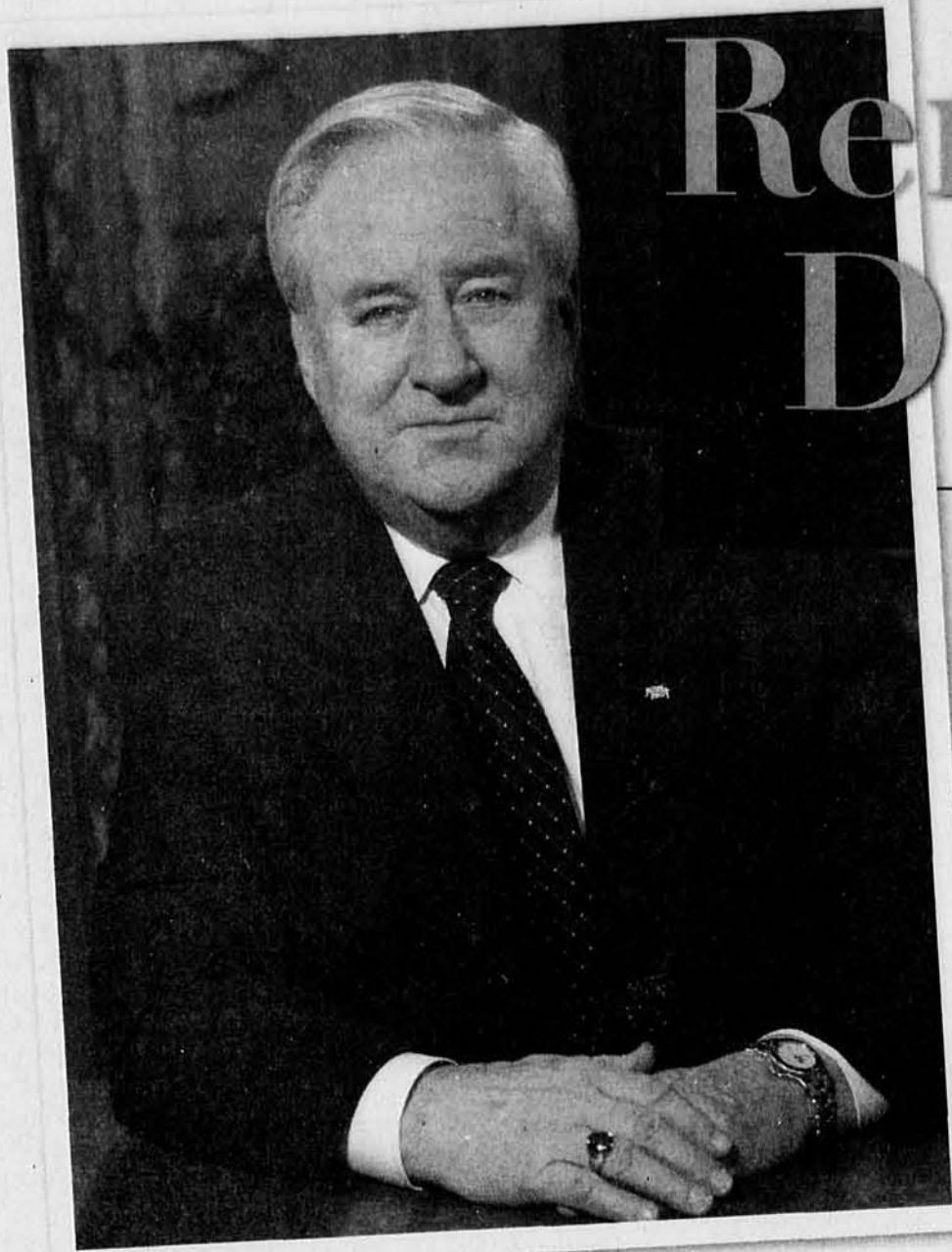
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# opinion

"Our days are numbered. One of the primary goals in our lives should be to prepare for our last day. The legacy we leave is not just in our possessions, but in the quality of our lives."

— Billy Graham

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## Remembering Dr. Falwell

Dr. Falwell had big, hairy, audacious goals for this earth, but they were always rooted in something much bigger than himself, Lynchburg or the oval office of this United States of America. Dr. Falwell lived for Heaven, and he loved his savior. From that came great inspiration, drive and a desire to see great things done for God.

— JEN SLOTHOWER

## Continuing Dr. Falwell's Vision

By Jen Slothower  
COPY EDITOR

Sometimes, it feels like forever since I heard the news that Dr. Falwell had passed away, but after times like past Friday's convocation, I realize that only a few short months ago, he was still alive on this earth and very alive in this campus.

As the copy editor of the Champion, I read every article that is submitted for the week's paper. Many times this fall I have crossed out mentions of Dr. Falwell and phrases he always said because they were not relevant to the story. For some reason, though, we all just wanted to keep remembering him when it came to Liberty and its future. Although he is gone, his vision remains.

When I first decided to come to Liberty, people would always ask me what I thought of Dr. Falwell. What I told them was that I had no opinion, because up to that point, I really knew nothing about this man. My first months at Liberty gave me a small picture of who he was, but it was not until the days after he died until I finally formed my real opinion of Dr. Falwell.

From a young age, I have wanted to be a journalist, and my high school life was filled with hours of writing — for enjoyment, for school, for the future. Before I had ever met Dr. Falwell, his idea of big, hairy, audacious goals was in my life in the form of a dreamer's tale. These past few months, however, I found my dreams caught up in a swirl of schoolwork

and responsibility to the point where I wonder whether I am making decisions just to decide and whether my future is heading in its specific direction just because I do not really know what I want to do.

Friday brought me back to a piece of myself that I had lost somewhere along the roads of Lynchburg. Some people tell me it is because I am a Yankee below the Mason-Dixon line, some say it is because I miss my mother, but now I know that the reason we often lose sight of our vision is because we fail to focus on it and remember why we are here.

When I saw Dr. Falwell reading the song by Don Wyrzten that he wanted to be played at his funeral, I realized why Dr. Falwell had been such a great man. Those two minutes were the only time I ever saw him choked up when he was speaking. He was talking about Heaven.

Dr. Falwell had big, hairy, audacious goals for this earth, but they were always rooted in something much bigger than himself, Lynchburg or the oval office of this United States of America. Dr. Falwell lived for Heaven, and he loved his savior. From that came great inspiration, drive and a desire to see great things done for God.

We often do not know what we have had until we lose it, and it is definitely much easier to see the right way to go in hindsight.

What I have been reminded of, though, is that we are called to be faithful in the present as we will not always have the luxury of looking behind. That means we must constantly

renew our vision as we remember what we are living for. When I think of Heaven, I smile, but I do not want to get there after a mediocre life.

Heaven keeps me pushing myself, so that after life's mountains and valleys, straight roads and crooked paths, I will find my job completed, well done and fitting for my efforts.

Johnnie Moore said that after Dr. Falwell died, he felt a great sense of duty pass on to him. Although Dr. Falwell's goals are not mine to implement, I, too, feel a sense of duty, but I feel it to my Savior. God gives us great visions for life, and to whom much is given, much is required.

The reminder of Dr. Falwell's life was an inspiration to me to keep pushing. God looks to do great things in all of our lives. We are only required to be faithful to him to see it completed.

In the days after Dr. Falwell's death, I witnessed the media coverage of his death and the backlash of those who had been offended by Dr. Falwell and his bold statements. I was appalled at the tiny sliver of Dr. Falwell that was presented to the world in those days. No mention was given to the 10,000 students grieving or his university's campus, and no word was heard from the thousands more who had graduated during his lifetime.

Instead, the focus lingered on Dr. Falwell's involvement in politics and his many controversial statements.

When people asked me what I thought of

Dr. Falwell in the days before I came here, no doubt they were alluding to his celebrity nature among politics and Christianity. For me, however, Dr. Falwell is a different person. He is the man who gave me the opportunity to go to a distinctly Christian school yet get my education — to live out my dreams while openly loving my Savior.

I could have gone to any school in nation, and my bags were almost packed for a secular powerhouse. Instead, I found a place where I would find Christian principles in leadership and the same beliefs and devotion to excellence among my peers.

Soon enough I will find myself at my first job interview, and it is likely that I will again have to answer questions both about what I think of Dr. Falwell and why I graduated from Liberty University. I now know that I will answer in confidence. Dr. Falwell was a great man, and Liberty was the only place where I could find that real education as well as a true focus on God.

If Dr. Falwell taught me anything, it was that we must always push forward 100 percent with our beliefs no matter what others say, especially about what we believe. I am not afraid to face the world and their opinion of my God, my school or my former chancellor.

When God is for us, who can stand against us?

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## A bittersweet hello to an amazing year

By Amanda Sullivan  
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On Aug. 22, 2007, Jerry Falwell Jr. claimed the stage as Liberty University's new chancellor, succeeding his father, Dr. Jerry Falwell.

The Liberty University student body stood in admiration, respect and love for their new chancellor, bidding him a bittersweet hello as he took the stage in the year's first convocation.

While Liberty University had suffered the loss of a great leader, Falwell Jr. reminded us that Dr. Falwell had impressed his vision upon generations of Liberty students.

The university was commissioned to "train up champions for Christ," and he said that vision would continue.

His son also reminded students of Dr. Falwell's faithfulness in the darkest of times: "There were times when we owed millions of dollars within a couple days time and we didn't have it, but dad's faith never failed."

Spending a lifetime watching his father's faith in action gave Falwell Jr. a unique perspective on what it would take to be the chancellor of this rapidly growing university. But that was only part of what prepared him for this position.

Since 1987, Falwell Jr. has privately practiced law. Additionally, he served closely with Dr. Falwell in

managing all aspects of the university since 1988. Finally, in 2003, Jerry Falwell Jr. was named vice chancellor by the Board of Trustees.

Falwell Jr. began his career as chancellor on the right foot as he picked up where his father left off, saying, "We are built on vision and will remain visionaries," giving hints of the plans to come.

Like his father, Falwell Jr.'s "vision is ever-expanding." He recounted the progress Liberty has made in the past year: the addition of five new dorms on Campus East, the LU monogram with over 30 miles of biking and hiking trails on the mountain and the restoration of the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall.

Indeed, Jerry Falwell Jr. promised students that Liberty University is ready to embark on "what is sure to be the greatest year for God's glory."

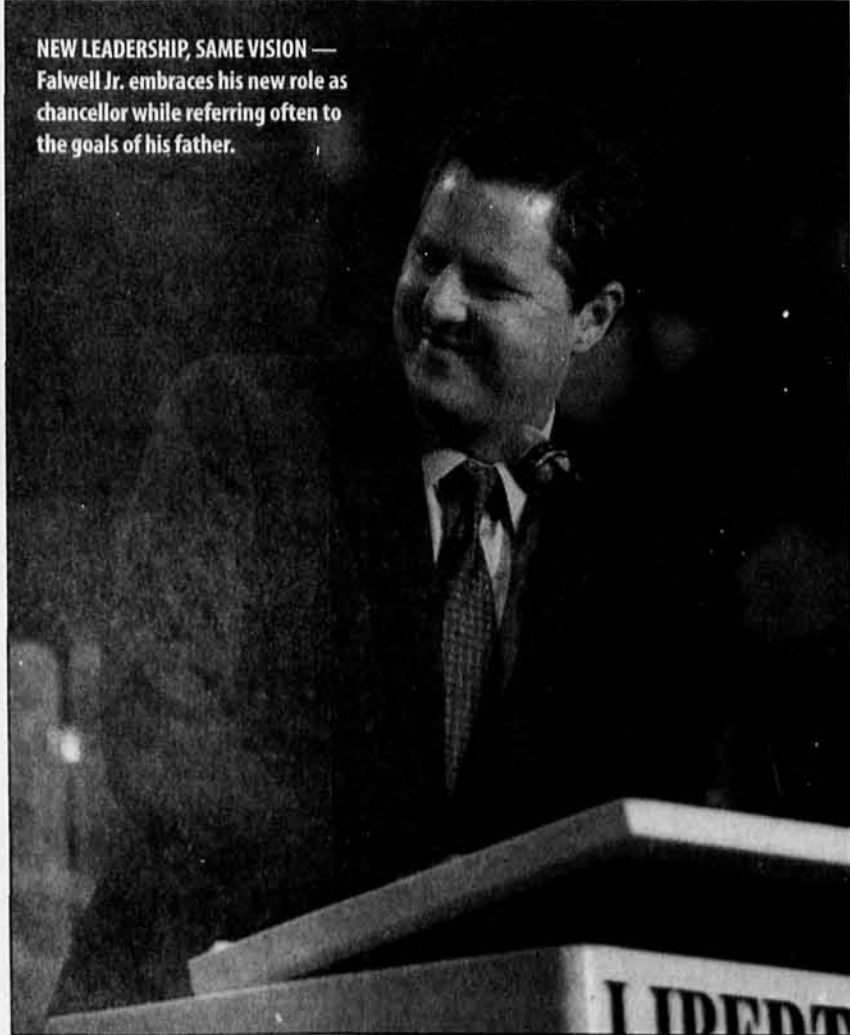
Jerry Falwell Jr. cannot fill our founder's shoes, nor does he intend to, as he stated in convocation.

Falwell Jr. insists, "God's plan is over for Dad, but his plan for Liberty University is not. It is important to remember our founder and friend, and my dad."

No, Falwell Jr. will never take his father's place in the hearts of Liberty students and faculty, but really, he has no need. Jerry Falwell Jr., Liberty University's new chancellor, has found a unique place in the hearts of Liberty students, right next to his beloved father.

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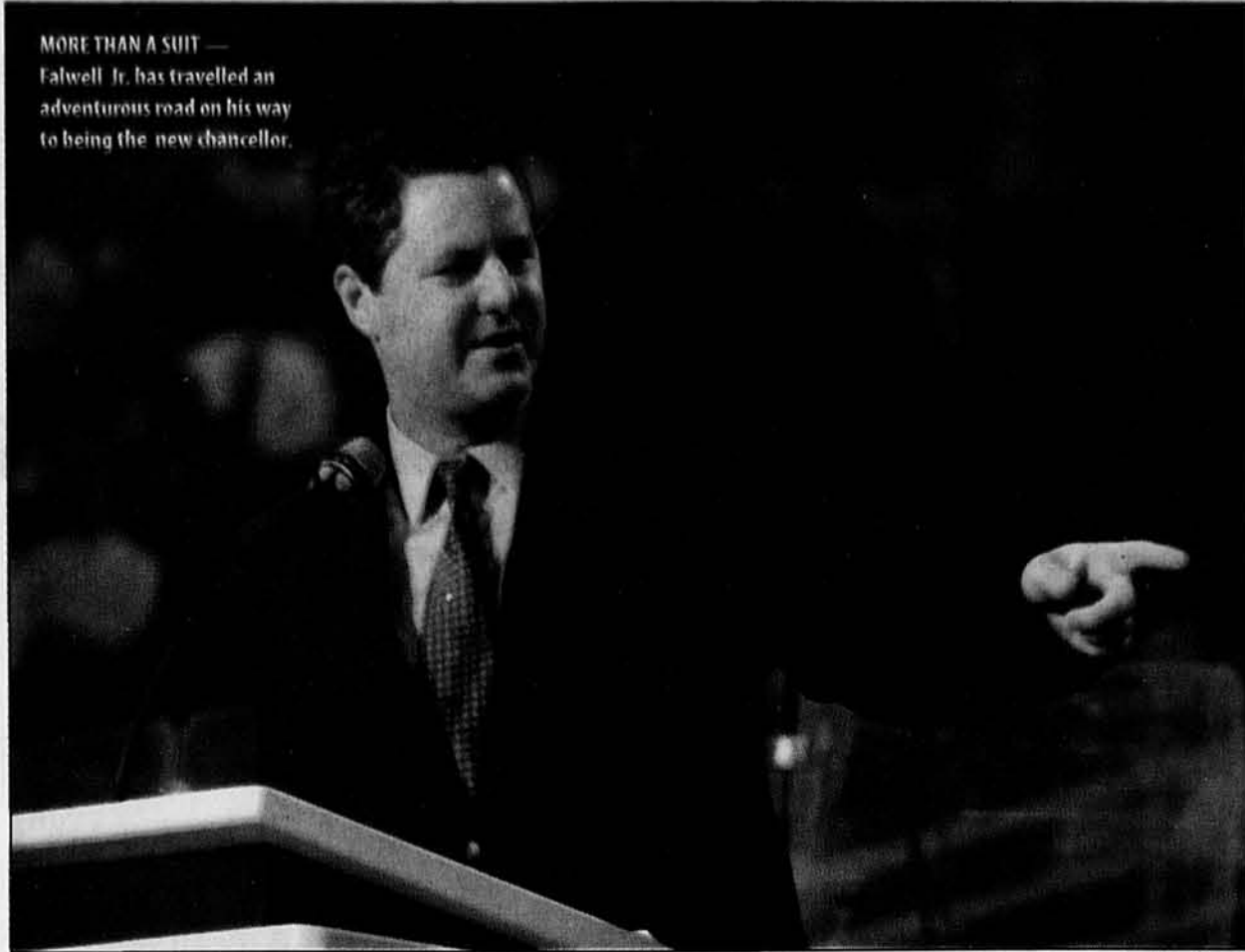
NEW LEADERSHIP, SAME VISION — Falwell Jr. embraces his new role as chancellor while referring often to the goals of his father.



ALEX TOWERS



# Liberty's chancellor finds time to enjoy life



**MORE THAN A SUIT** — Falwell Jr. has travelled an adventurous road on his way to being the new chancellor.

ALEX TOWERS

By Jenni Thurman  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Liberty University has had only two chancellors in its 36-year history. Dr. Jerry Falwell lead the university in a highly public manner, casting a long shadow across Liberty Mountain as he drove with a passion while building the university.

The university's second chancellor and fourth president, Jerry Falwell Jr., has always been a "behind the scenes" man at Liberty University. He worked as in-house counsel since 1988 and was Vice Chancellor since 2003 until this year, when he was thrust into the spotlight.

Although Falwell Jr. said in the opening convocation of the semester that he had "avoided public speaking like the plague for the last 20 years," he has since made many public addresses to the Liberty family and has received a positive response.

However, students want to know more about the new chancellor, such as the fact that Falwell Jr. was once a student himself — a mischievous student.

When asked if there was validity to the rumor that he was a prankster while at Liberty, he responded, "We had a good time."

When encouraged to provide de-

tails, Falwell Jr. did not hesitate.

"One year we had a roommate who never showed up, so we gave him all the cleaning chores. He was getting written up every day," Falwell Jr. said with a laugh. "The Resident Director (Ed Gomes — who is now the LU Football Chaplain) was in on it, so we couldn't really get in trouble because we told him what we were doing."

"The poor kid was in so much trouble. He never answered calls to the Dean's office because he wasn't there. The RAs were even having prayer meetings for him."

Falwell Jr. has an endless reserve of similar stories, such as the time he and his friends released chickens into the cafeteria while wearing hooded masks. He also fondly recalled late night trips to Hardee's to get biscuits.

"I don't know when we slept," Falwell Jr. said. "There's something about when you're that age you don't need sleep."

Falwell Jr. has a quick wit and never misses an opportunity to laugh or pull a prank. However, despite his antics at Liberty, he did

take time to study a bit. He did well enough as a Religion major (Bachelor of Arts in Christian Thought) to graduate in 1984 with nearly a 4.0 GPA.

Falwell Jr. was accepted at the Columbia University School of Law, but he chose to attend the Univer-

sity of Virginia School of Law.

The summer before his second year at law school was when he started dating his wife, Becki, although he met her long before that.

"I met Becki when she was 13 and I was 18, so I had to wait until it was legal to date her," Falwell Jr. said, laughing.

When the two finally started dating, Falwell Jr. remembered taking her on dates to the Waffle House

and the restaurant at Howard Johnson's.

"There weren't many places here to go on a date," Falwell Jr. said. "She didn't seem to mind it, so I figured she was 'low maintenance.'"

Although Becki acknowledges she is a woman of simple tastes, she also admits the Waffle House eventually lost its charm.

Other dates for Falwell Jr. and Becki included riding jet skis at Camp Hydaway and horseback riding on Liberty Mountain. One winter after a heavy snowstorm, they rode horses from Camp Hydaway all the way down Wards Road to the late Dr. Falwell's home.

"There weren't any cars out, so it didn't matter about traffic," Falwell Jr. said.

"There was a ton of snow on the ground, and the horses were sliding down the mountain," Becki recalled. "By the time we got back, my toes were just about frost bitten."

Falwell Jr. is adamant about developing recreational activities on Liberty Mountain because he and Becki enjoyed the mountain immensely when they were dating.

"I would love to see Liberty students be able to enjoy the mountain the same way we did. That's what I'm working towards," Falwell Jr. said.

The two were married in the Prayer Chapel on campus in 1987, after Falwell Jr. graduated from law school. He actually found out that he passed the bar exam after returning from their honeymoon.

For the last 20 years, they have lived on a farm in Bedford County with their children: Trey, who is now a freshman at Liberty, Wesley, 14, and Caroline, 7.

Becki loves their property because she grew up on a farm in North Carolina.

"She's the one who taught me all about horses and how to operate a tractor, a bulldozer and a backhoe," Falwell Jr. said.

True to their love of outdoor activities, Falwell Jr. built a lake on the property soon after purchasing the land, so that his family could ride jet skis.

The family has two donkeys and five horses, including Fred, one of the horses Falwell Jr. and Becki rode during their adventure in the

snow many years ago.

"I wanted my kids to grow up with horses, four-wheelers and outdoor activities," Falwell Jr. said. "I just believe that's a healthy way for kids to grow up."

After 20 years of marriage, Falwell Jr. and Becki still spend most of their time together, even though he now has more responsibilities at Liberty. Becki regularly attends luncheons and other public engagements with Falwell Jr. since he has become the chancellor.

"I feel like it's my job to assist and support him as much as possible. I'm very proud to do it, 100 percent," Becki said.

Falwell Jr. agrees that his wife plays a very active role in his work.

"She gives me a lot of good suggestions and advice, and then I act like it was my idea," Falwell Jr. said, laughing. "She's my secret weapon. She's the best thing I've got going for me."

Although Falwell Jr.'s role at Liberty has changed drastically, his mischievous personality has not. When asked if she still considered her husband a big practical joker, Becki immediately answered, "Yes."

"He gets me every April Fool's Day. Every year, I fall for something," Becki said.

Many years ago Falwell Jr. and Becki visited Natural Bridge with his family and ate dinner at the hotel restaurant's buffet. Falwell Jr. scooped what he thought was mashed potatoes onto his plate.

"He took a bite of it and found out what it was," Becki said. "So he took a spoonful of it and said, 'Becki, try this, you're gonna love it!'"

Much to her dismay, it was horseradish sauce.

"My eyes started burning and watering, and Jerry's parents were sitting right across the table, so I just ran to the bathroom and prayed I could throw up. It was the nastiest thing I've ever tasted in my life."

Becki enjoys her husband's practical jokes, but when asked what she really wanted students to know about Falwell Jr., she answered that he genuinely cares about other people.

"He's helped out so many people in need, often by doing legal work without charging them any money."

"He's got a big heart."

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“When asked if there was validity to the rumor that he was a prankster while at Liberty, he responded, ‘We had a good time.’”



FINE'S GALLERY

## COMING SOON IN FRONT OF DEMOSS

The fountain, standing at 19 feet, will be made of two different colors of marble. A cast-bronze eagle will sit on top of the tallest column. The water will cascade down the columns into a pool 17 inches wide and 22 inches deep. The "Liberty University" lettering will be done in brass.

In addition, there will be a Liberty University transit station off University Boulevard in front of DeMoss. The station is designed to prevent traffic backup.

Construction of the fountain and new bus stop has an expected completion date of April 2008.

## Champion wins best overall newspaper

By Kari Mitchell  
NEWS EDITOR

The Liberty Champion won "Best Overall Newspaper" in the Excellence in Journalism competition. The awards ceremony was held during the seventh annual Baptist Press Collegiate Journalism Conference in Nashville, Oct. 11-13.

Members of the Liberty Champion staff traveled to Nashville to attend the conference.

"Most people view journalism as a secularly dominated field. It was encouraging to meet successful Christian journalists whose faith has guided them throughout their careers," said Eric Brown, the current Champion sports editor.

Awards were given in 32 categories. Alex Towers, photo editor of the Champion, received second place for a black and white feature photo of Mike Huckabee from Superconference and third place for a color news photo of Virginia Tech.

"Being at the conference was a great experience. It was a great time for net-

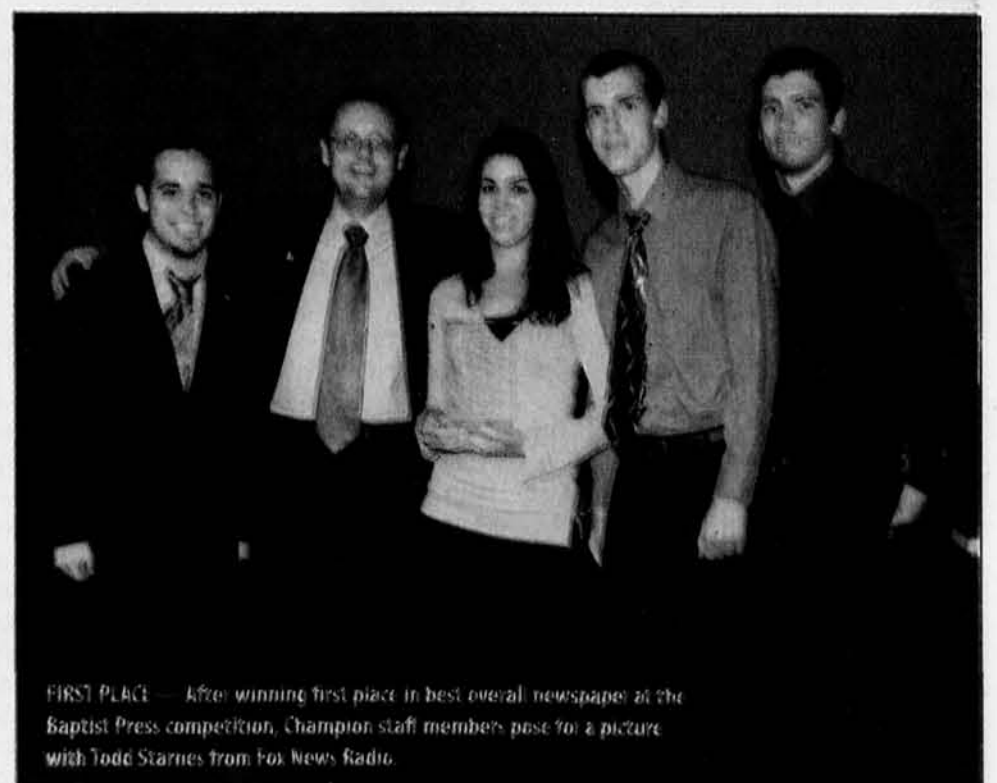
working. It was also a great honor to bring home awards voted on by professionals in the field of photojournalism," Towers said.

In addition, Jessica Weber, last year's assistant photo editor, received third place in the "Cartoon/Art/Infographic" category for "Deflated field of dreams," a cartoon exposing the negative effect that steroid and drug abuse by professional athletes has on their young fans.

Other schools competing against Liberty in Division II included University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, which won second in the best overall competition, and Baylor University, which placed third.

All second- and third-place winners were recognized at each general session. The overall school winners and the first place winners were recognized at the closing ceremony. The keynote speaker of each session presented the awards.

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FIRST PLACE — After winning first place in best overall newspaper at the Baptist Press competition, Champion staff members pose for a picture with Todd Starnes from Fox News Radio.

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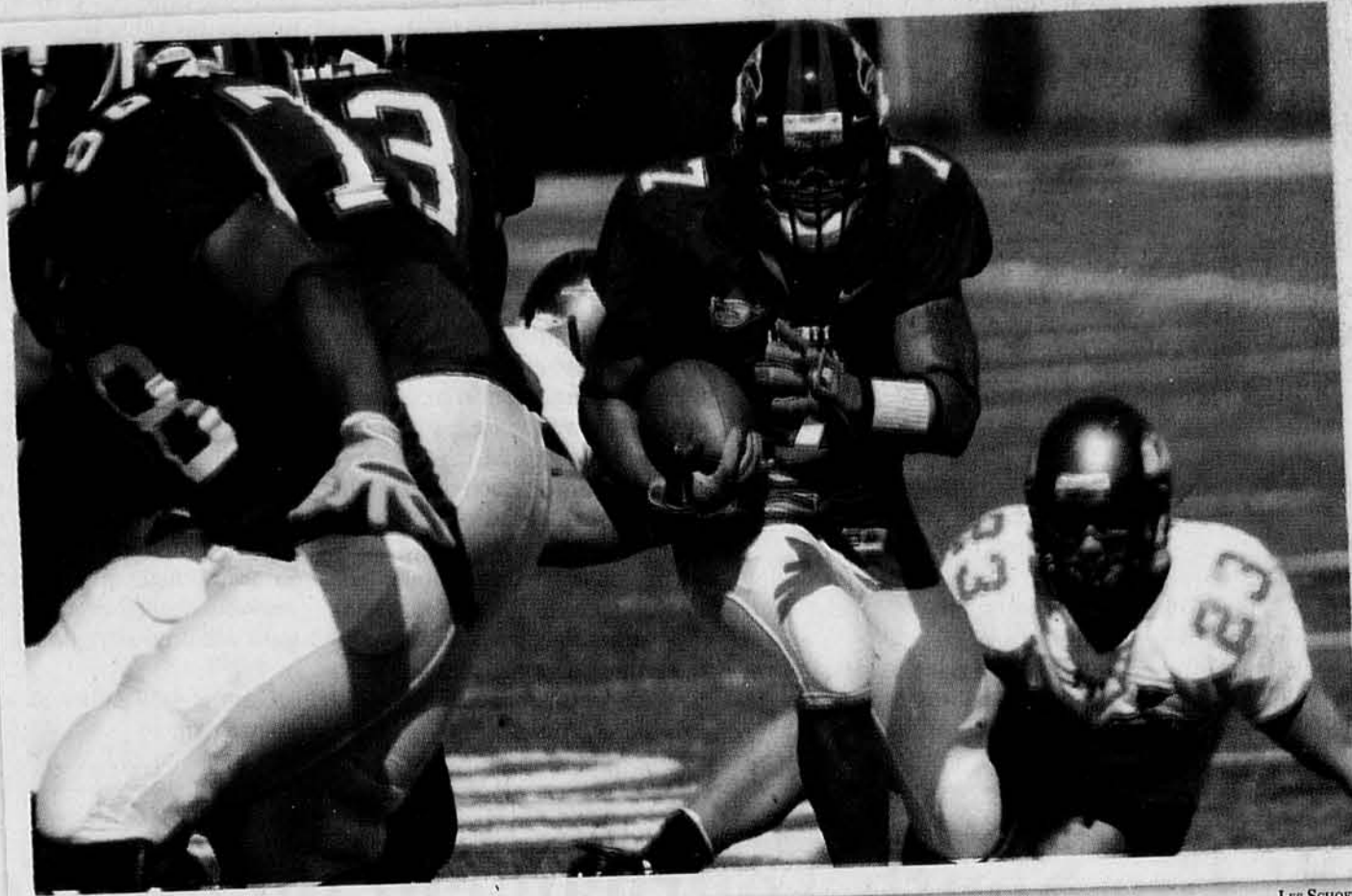
## HOMECOMING PREVIEW

**B5** Assistant Sports Editor Jake Petersen takes a look at this weekend's Homecoming football game against Presbyterian College.

## Quiet Giant

University of Virginia transfer Vince Redd lets his game do the talking.

**B4**



LES SCHOFFER

**UP THE GUT** — Liberty junior running back Zach Terrell scored two touchdowns and racked up 73 yards on 11 carries in Saturday afternoon's 50-10 thrashing of Charleston Southern. The two touchdowns give Terrell seven on the season and marks the 12th consecutive game in which the junior has scored a rushing touchdown. Liberty will play Presbyterian this Saturday at 1 p.m. in its annual Homecoming festivities.

## Lady Flames winning streak reaches seven

By Anjani Salonen  
SPORTS REPORTER

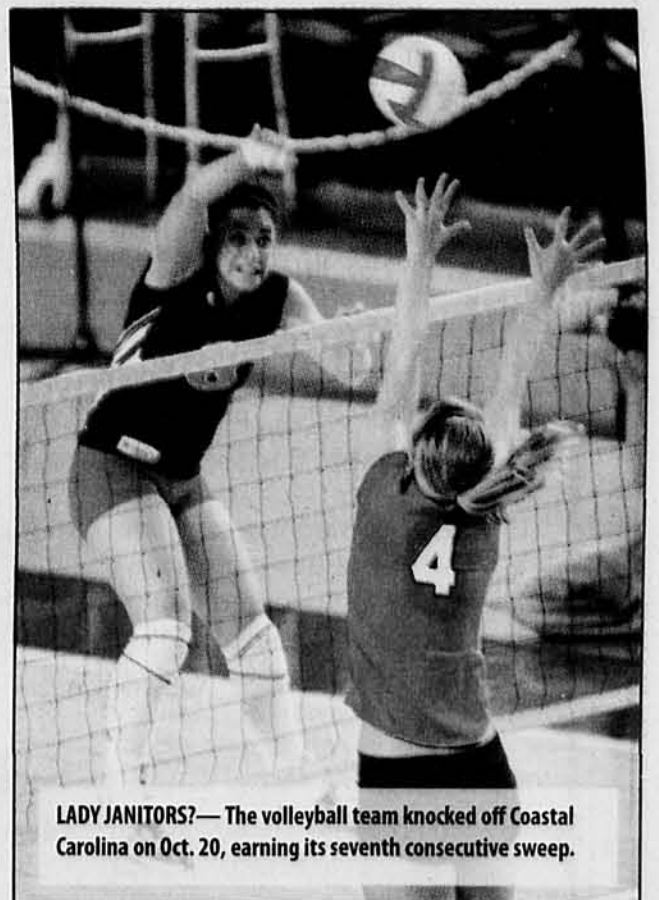
The Lady Flames volleyball team had a very successful week, sweeping all three of their opponents, East Tennessee State, Charleston Southern and Coastal Carolina. Impressively, all three wins were on the road and marked the Lady Flames seventh straight game with a shutout.

The week started off with a victory over East Tennessee State 3-0 (30-24, 30-27, 30-24). The meeting between the two teams ended the Buccaneers 13-match home winning streak. The first game went fairly quick, with Liberty never trailing. Sophomore Chelaine McCarty, who had eight kills and three blocks, and junior Ashley Webber, who had a 1.000 hitting average with five kills, helped make the difference in play.

East Tennessee State led for most of the second game. The Flames did not get the go-ahead point until the score was 20-19. The score remained close for a couple of plays before Liberty was able to score six of the last eight points to lead the match 2-0.

The Lady Flames continued to roll in the third game, jumping to a 9-2 lead against the Buccaneers. The underclassmen helped the team win the last game, with four kills each by freshmen Karyl Bacon and Nicki Scripko. Webber finished the match with a .818 percentage, and McCarty had 13 kills.

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B4



**LADY JANITORS?** — The volleyball team knocked off Coastal Carolina on Oct. 20, earning its seventh consecutive sweep.

KENIN GEIRD

**W** LIBERTY FOOTBALL VS. CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 50-10

## Flames dominate in Big South Conference opener

By Thomas Lourdeau  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Flames (4-3) opened their Big South Conference play against Charleston Southern (3-4) on Saturday, earning a dominant 50-10 victory on the road.

The game featured five takeaways by the Flames defense and an offense that put up double-digit points in each of the four quarters (10, 10, 13 and 17 respectively) and did not turn the ball over once.

Junior quarterback Brock Smith completed 50 percent of his passes (11-22) with one touchdown and 195 yards. The Flames offense also mustered 283 yards on the ground, averaging 6.3 yards per carry.

Junior tailback Rashad Jennings led the ground assault with 131 yards and

two touchdowns while junior Zach Terrell chipped in by rushing for 72 yards and two scores of his own.

Charleston Southern (CSU) struck first on their second play from scrimmage just two minutes into the game as quarterback Eli Byrd hit Dee Brown on a slant pass. After maneuvering his way past the Liberty secondary, Brown found his way to the end zone for the score.

Liberty answered immediately on their next drive, engineering an 11-play, 59-yard drive resulting in a 20-yard field goal from Nick Greenbaum.

On CSU's next possession, Pat Cavalry picked off a Byrd pass and returned it to the Charleston Southern 29-yard line. Four plays later, Terrell rushed 16 yards for the touchdown, giving Liberty a 10-7 lead.

Charleston Southern soon answered with a field goal of its own, tying the

score, and it looked as though the teams were locked into an even battle. However, Liberty steadily pulled away with 40 unanswered points.

Liberty put together an eight-play drive, resulting in a Jennings touchdown. On CSU's next possession, the defense again disrupted a threatening offense when senior outside linebacker Vince Redd picked off Byrd at the Liberty 36-yard line and brought the ball back into Charleston Southern territory.

Liberty managed yet another lengthy drive before Greenbaum's field goal attempt was blocked. After the defense forced a three-and-out, Greenbaum responded with a 33-yard field goal with 34 seconds left to put the Flames ahead 20-10 going into halftime.

Please see FOOTBALL, B5

## Lady Flames beat Southern Virginia and Francis Marion

By Jessica Carniol  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames women's soccer team's record improved noticeably as they claimed two victories this past week.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Flames handily defeated the Southern Virginia Lady Knights by a score of 9-0.

Liberty picked up the first goal of the game at the 8:30 mark when junior Amy Oberlin scored off of a pass from senior Suzanne Edwards in the center of the goal box. The goal began a Liberty scoring spree in which seven different Liberty players were able to find the net.

Freshman Brittany Bench fired a shot into the goal at 12:18 after taking control of an attempted clear from the Knights. Just over a minute later, Oberlin scored her second goal of the game after gaining control of a loose ball. At the 28:04 mark, junior Mallory Neff scored her first goal of the season when senior Tanya Payne dropped her the ball at the midfield.

Liberty earned another goal before the half when freshman Alyssa Andersen crossed the ball over to her freshman teammate Maria Owen, who was able to connect with the goal.

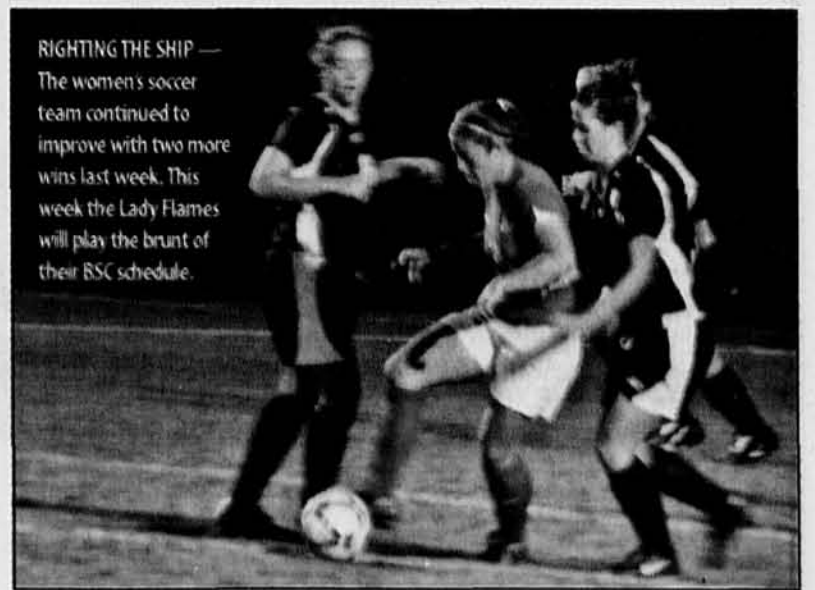
The Lady Flames were ahead 5-0 at the half and did not let up. In the

first 15 minutes of the second half, senior Kendall Bartholomew was able to score three goals. Bartholomew's first goal came off of a penalty kick at the 46th minute and, just four minutes later, Bartholomew struck again with her second goal. Her final goal of the game was assisted by freshmen Caitlyn Riley in the 55th minute and put the Lady Flames ahead for good 9-0.

Junior Carly Miller scored her first collegiate goal during the second half at the 49th minute and freshman goalie Lauren Kamphuis earned her first collegiate shutout in the victory.

Please see WOMEN'S SOCCER, B2

**RIGHTING THE SHIP** — The women's soccer team continued to improve with two more wins last week. This week the Lady Flames will play the brunt of their BSC schedule.



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### Week Full of Wins for Liberty Sports

**20** Volleyball vs. Coastal Carolina | W 3-0

**20** Football vs. Charleston Southern | W 50-10

**19** Volleyball vs. Charleston Southern | W 3-0

**18** Women's Soccer vs. Francis Marion | W 1-0

**18** Men's Soccer vs. UNC Asheville | W 2-0

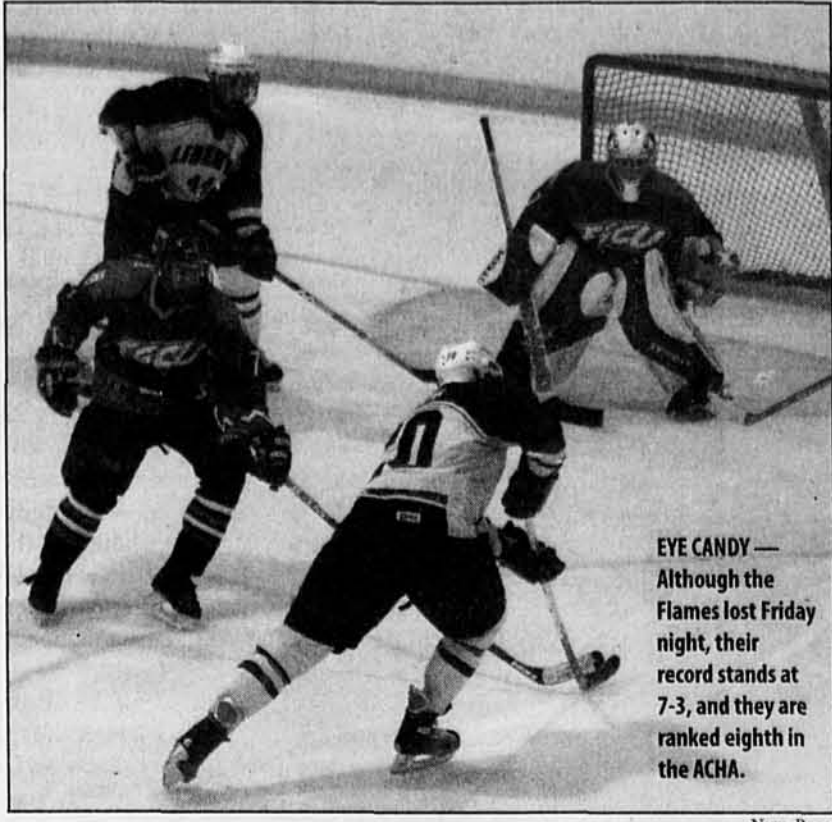
**16** Women's Soccer vs. Southern Virginia | W 9-0

### This Week's Games at LU

**26** Men's Soccer vs. Presbyterian | 7 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. High Point | 7 p.m.

**27** Football vs. Presbyterian | 1 p.m.  
Women's Soccer vs. Coastal Carolina | 6 p.m.

# Flames hockey splits weekend with Div. II FGCU



**EYE CANDY** — Although the Flames lost Friday night, their record stands at 7-3, and they are ranked eighth in the ACHA.

NICK POOLE

**By Will Luper**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Flames men's hockey team split a two-game series with the Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) this past weekend, dropping an overtime decision on Friday before dominating the ice on Saturday. Liberty scored a total of 11 goals in the two games.

Friday night started off with a level of competition that the Flames were not expecting from a Division

II team. The Eagles came out of the locker room with determination, and the Flames were knocked back on their heels.

As head coach Kirk Handy put it, "I think they just outworked us. I don't feel we played a strong game, and they battled hard."

Senior Dalton Stoltz was between the pipes and kept the Flames alive through the first period, turning away 13 shots. Nine minutes into the second period, though, the Eagles drew first blood as sophomore

Scott Beech sat in the penalty box.

The Flames would answer before the period ended, however, as junior Kevin Hendrix and freshman Kyle Dodgson would combine to score a goal while their team was down two men, an event rarely seen in hockey.

Dodgson picked off a pass on FGCU's power play, and it was off to the races. Hendrix followed behind, forming a two-on-one, and buried the pass as Eagles goalie Andrew Kobrin dove across the crease. The lead was short-lived lead, however, as the Eagles scored two goals in the third period to take a 3-2 lead. With nine minutes left to go in the third, the Flames were able to answer as freshman Jonathan Chung scored on the power play.

This is how the Flames made it to overtime, a rare sight at the LaHaye Ice Center. After killing off a slashing penalty by captain Zac Bauman, the team found themselves down again as Bauman was called for tripping. The Eagles capitalized, and the Flames went home empty-handed, suffering a 4-3 overtime loss.

"No one in the room likes losing," said Bauman. "We've just got to forget about tonight and come back strong tomorrow."

When asked about his strong performance, Stoltz kept the effort team-focused.

"It's embarrassing to lose. We are definitely the better team, and tonight we beat ourselves," he said.

Handy elaborated, "We had opportunities to win the hockey game, and (capitalizing) is just one of those things that we have to do."

The penalties continued to rack up on Saturday evening, when just 30 seconds into the game, senior Jimmy Stewart was called for tripping, giving FGCU the first power play. Senior Mike Binnie turned them away on any chance they had, though, as he made several early saves.

Nine minutes into the game, Liberty got on the board as freshman Kyle Dodgson scored on a third-ditch effort, plugging a second rebound under Kobrin's pads. Less than a minute later, senior Kevin Dykstra did almost the same thing, scoring off a rebound and giving Liberty a 2-0 lead.

The second period allowed the Flames to score four more goals, as freshman Eric Reynolds, junior Pete Masterton, senior Aaron Mackenzie and junior John Langabeer each put one in the net, cueing a goalie change from FGCU. Mackenzie and Langabeer's goals came just 22 seconds apart at the end of the period.

As the third period began, the goal fest continued with Masterton's second of the night and a goal by freshman Stephen Moller just 29 seconds into the period, giving the Flames four goals in a span of 54 seconds of game time. Mackenzie added his second of the night as well, slamming a shot from the

point that snuck over the pads of FGCU goalie Nick Fernandez.

The final score of Saturday's game was 9-0.

"Yesterday we wanted to be heroes. Tonight we just wanted to get the job done," said Associate Head Coach Jeff Boettger. "We had a passion. The guys didn't play down to their level."

When asked whether he was tested during the game, Binnie said, "When it was closer, yes. But we got the bounces and we did what we had to do."

Handy agreed. "I think our mentality was different. We played a full 60 minutes of hockey tonight."

Bauman explained it further. "We had a little talk before the game and got the guys all on the same page. It all stems from hard work, and nobody quit."

Masterton did not play Friday but scored two goals when placed on a line with Chung and sophomore Ryan Hoefler.

"It was tough watching your team lose," he said. "I knew tonight that we'd come back and have a good game." When asked how he scored his two goals, Masterton laughed and said, "I'm just closing my eyes when I shoot."

The Flames return to action this Saturday night for a one-game weekend against Stony Brook. The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m.

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# WOMEN'S SOCCER: Big South Tournament on horizon

Continued from B1

On Thursday, the Lady Flames played a tighter match against the Francis Marion Lady Patriots. Throughout the first half, each team fired shots.

Oberlin, Payne and senior

Rachel Hetrick each took shots on goal in the final 15 minutes of the half, resulting in five saves for the half by Lady Patriot goalkeeper Jacque Sutphin. Liberty outshot the Lady Patriots 9-5 for the half.

Liberty's offense did not

let up the second half. At the 49:00 mark, sophomore Heather Bowling came close to scoring on a header that was deflected off the crossbar.

At 55:13 Liberty scored their first goal when sophomore Christina McDonald passed the ball to junior Mal-lory Neff in the center of the box. Neff was able to drill the ball into the goal to make the score 1-0.

The Lady Flames would

hold on to the 1-0 lead and improve their record to 4-8 overall on the season.

Freshman Ashley Nyholt was able to save two penalty shot attempts from Francis Marion in the second half and prevented the Lady Patriots from being able to score the rest of the game, finishing with five saves.

Regarding the victories, women's head soccer coach James Price said, "We just got a little bit better at doing

the things that we want to do with the tactics we have tried to implement over the season."

On Saturday, the Lady Flames played conference rival High Point University. The game remained scoreless and went into overtime. The Lady Flames had taken 12 shot attempts throughout the game, and High Point recorded eight.

Just two and a half minutes into overtime, High Point forward Jen Evans scored off of a corner kick from Karolina Straby, giving the Panthers a 1-0 victory.

"We were disappointed. We played pretty well to-

night. Everybody knows that we played pretty well, these things happen in soccer. We did not play poorly; we just got beat by an unfortunate goal. We have to make sure we get back on the winning trail on Tuesday," Price said.

Radford will travel to the Liberty soccer field for a conference game against the Lady Flames Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Liberty will host Coastal Carolina on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in another Big South Conference matchup.

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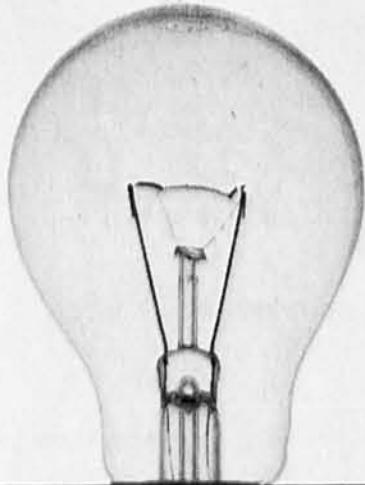


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# Tennis teams head to regionals after successful season

By Adam Trent  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Liberty Flames men's and women's tennis teams have recently completed one of the best fall seasons in program history before heading into their regional tournaments this week.

The women's team, which boasted the 17th-ranked recruiting class among mid-majors, has done exceptionally well. The men have also improved dramatically.

The men's team began its fall season by competing at the University of Mary Washington Kickoff Classic on Sept. 7-8. Last year, they only won six matches at this event. This year, they tripled that total by winning 18 matches.

The next weekend, the women's team then hosted the first ever Liberty Fall Classic and the players went 19-5 against competition from Longwood, James Madison and Lynchburg College. Head Coach Chris Johnson commented about how his teams performed so well at their first two tournaments.

"Last year when I arrived it was clear that we needed a strong foundation before we could start the building process. With some strong

returning players and a very motivated and talented incoming class of players, I feel we have a great start on that foundation," he said.

Sept. 21-23 saw the men competing at the Hampton Roads Collegiate Invitational, hosted by Old Dominion University (ODU). Some of the big results from this tournament were wins by seniors Jarda Trojan and Sebastian Pena over players from ranked teams like Old Dominion and Drexel University in the A-Flight.

While the men were at ODU, the Lady Flames competed at the Residence Inn Wolfpack Invitational hosted by North Carolina State.

Although several players had to fight injuries, Liberty's team continued to show its strength. Junior Ekaterina Kuznetsova and freshman Jordan Jenkins each claimed third place in their Flight A draws.

The next weekend, the men competed for the first time in the Virginia State Collegiate Open hosted by the University of Virginia. This tournament featured some of the strongest competition from highly ranked schools like UVa., Virginia

Commonwealth University and the College of William and Mary.

Some of the more notable results from this tournament was a 6-3, 6-3 revenge win by sophomore Juan Reyes over Richmond's Matt Farina. At the Mary Washington tournament, Farina had defeated Reyes. Sophomore Louis Steyn posted a

have a better understanding of what it takes to win at this level," said Johnson.

On Oct. 7-9, the Lady Flames went up against some tough competition of their own at the Virginia Tech Hokie Invite. The tournament featured players from ranked teams like Virginia Tech, Davidson, Marshall, Ohio State and Eastern Michigan. It also featured players from Big South rivals Winthrop and Radford.

Highlighting the event was sophomore Fabiana Gouveia and freshman Hannah Fick capturing the Flight C doubles title. In singles, Gouveia was the runner-up in Flight E and was one of five Lady Flames to place in the top six of each flight.

Fick and freshman Stephanie Brown each recorded wins over players from Virginia Tech to place third and fifth in their respective flights. Jenkins placed sixth in Flight A after defeating senior Kelsey Linville, the top player for Davidson, and Marshall's Jessica Keener.

"Fall tournaments help deter-

mine regional and national rankings. More importantly, they allow the team to try different strategies and different doubles pairings to be more prepared for the spring season," said Johnson.

The most important fall tournament is the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Indoor Regional. This year, UVa. hosted the men's and ODU hosted the women's. Sophomore Louis Steyn won his first round qualifying match against University of South Carolina Upstate's Sebastian Gonzales 6-2, 6-1.

Freshman Jordan Jenkins became the first Lady Flame to ever advance beyond the first round at the regional tournament, defeating UVa.'s Lara Alexander 6-4, 7-5. Jenkins later fell to the tournament's overall number-one seed.

"This spring should be drastically different from the last. If fall results are the measuring stick, and they usually are, we are anxiously awaiting the start of the spring season. Coaches do not like to make too many predictions, but this spring could be one to remember for Liberty tennis," said Johnson.

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— HEAD COACH CHRIS JOHNSON

3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over William and Mary's Varun Pandit and eventually advanced to the consolation finals of his draw. Freshman Leandro Schujmann also had two wins at this tournament.

"Last year we had a very young men's team with five of eight freshmen players. This year we have one freshman, and I think all the players

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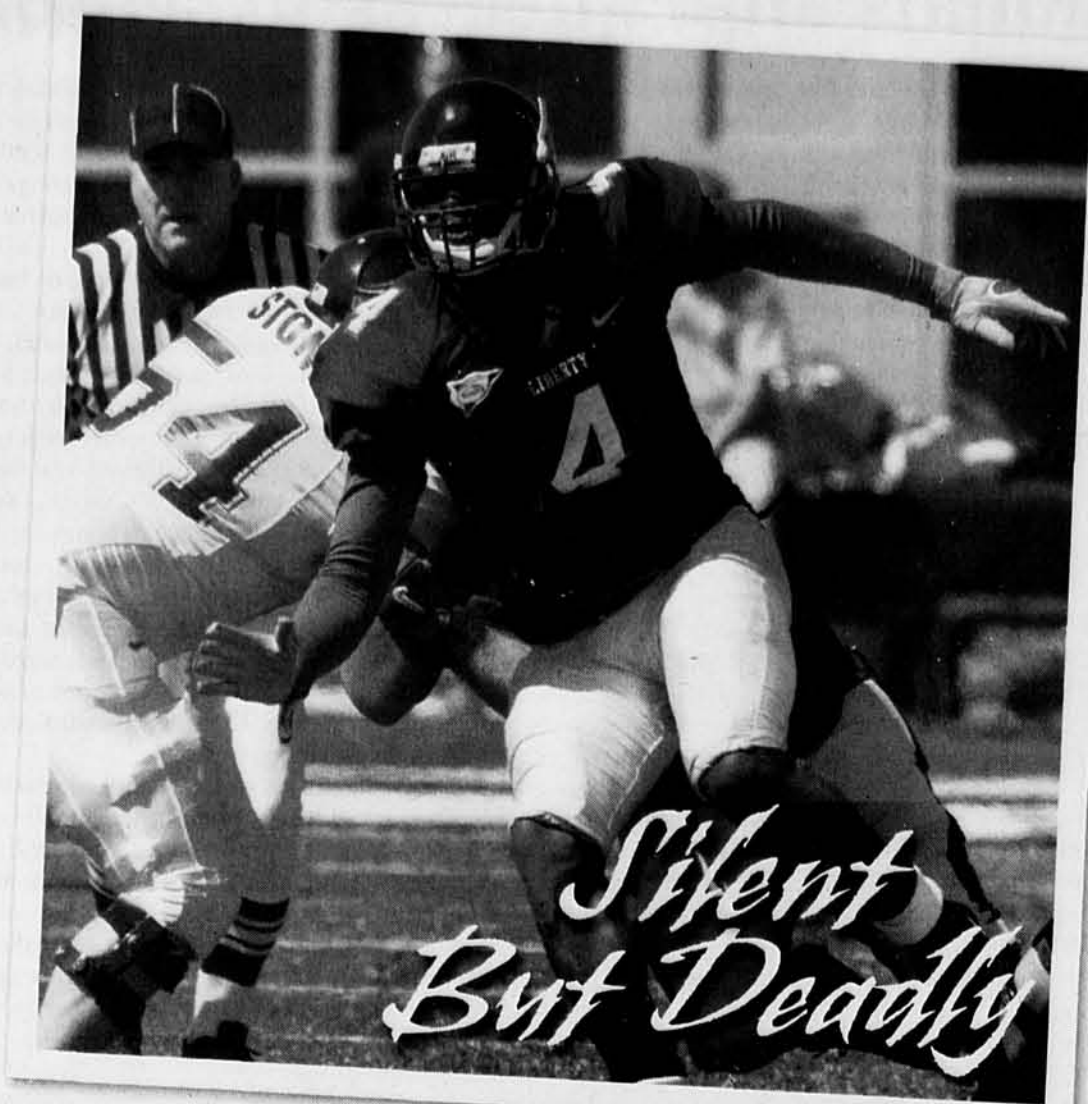
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**LARGER THAN LIFE**— Redd continues to wreak havoc on the football field, tallying three sacks and 38 tackles in his seven starts this season. The 6-foot-6-inch, 265 pound linebacker/defensive end has also recorded an interception and forced a fumble in this his first season at Liberty after transferring from UVA.

“He’s a multi-faceted player who allows us to scheme against offenses. When you have a guy at his size who can move around like he does, he causes offensive coordinators problems.”

— Linebacker Coach Rob Wimberley

## Flames outside linebacker Vince Redd leads by example

By Thomas Lourdeau  
SPORTS REPORTER

Some individuals on a football team always seem to radiate natural leadership. Whether it is their ability to rile up their team before the game or deliver that important halftime speech, they always seem to know exactly what to say.

In the case of senior outside linebacker Vince Redd, it is not about knowing what to say but more importantly knowing what to do. With a reputation among his teammates for being soft spoken, Redd prefers to do his talking on the field.

“Vince Redd is a quiet leader,” said linebacker coach Robert Wimberly. “He loves to communicate and make sure everybody understands what’s going on on the field.”

“He does lead by example,” said head

coach Danny Rocco. “For all the things that he’s done here, his work ethic has really impressed me.”

Redd and Rocco first developed their relationship when they were both at the University of Virginia.

“I was his position coach for two years,” said Rocco, who originally recruited Redd out of Tennessee. “I was tracking Vince’s circumstances (at Virginia) as I came down here.”

Redd transferred to Liberty prior to the 2006 season after being dismissed by Al Groh in spring practice. Redd made it clear that his decision to come to Liberty was a no-brainer.

“Basically Coach Rocco had a spot open for me, and everything worked out,” he said.

“(Vince) got to meet the coaches and players, and I think he felt very comfortable with the program and the university,” said Rocco.

While Redd may not be the loudest player on the field, he certainly has no trouble mak-

ing sure his presence is felt. The 6-foot-6, 265 pound linebacker runs with an incredible speed and quickness that allows the Flames defense to confuse opposing offenses.

“I fit in perfectly to the system because it allows me to play defensive end and outside linebacker in certain situations,” said Redd.

“He’s a multi-faceted player who allows us to scheme against offenses,” Wimberly said. “When you have a guy at his size who can move around like he does, he causes offensive coordinators problems.”

Statistically, Redd ranks fifth on the team in total tackles (38) and is tied for first in sacks (three), but perhaps more important to the team is the leadership he provides to some of the younger players.

“I speak up about anything the coach has to say,” said Redd. “I’ve been in the defense for so long that I do have some input on what to do or what to look for.”

“He’s a great motivator,” Wimberly said. “It’s not that he’s loud and demonstrative; you just see how he does everything you ask on game day. He makes so many plays for our younger guys to see that they admire him.”

Despite his impact on and off the field, Redd says he is never fully satisfied with his performance.

“I never see that I’ve done great. I can always improve on something. My goal is to make every play. Obviously you can’t do that, so I’m never satisfied,” he said.

After some initial setbacks in his college football career, Redd has rebounded to become one of the most dominant players on the Flames’ defense. Second opportunities do not always come, but Redd has taken full advantage of his.

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## VOLLEYBALL: Creeping up on first place Winthrop

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On Friday night, Liberty held the same fate in a 3-0 sweep against Charleston Southern (30-14, 30-20, 30-28). An 18-5 run with the help of Bacon’s serving and two kills capped off an easy first-game win for the Lady Flames.

The second game proved to be a bit more competitive in the early stages. It was not until the score was tied at 19 before junior Jessica Nelson scored six straight points. This helped push the Flames back into action, and they did not stop until they won the second game.

Nelson described the push, saying, “We stayed confident in each other and stayed together the whole match. Through their runs and the hostile environment, we kept up our composure and played with intensity.”

Charleston Southern tried its best not to be

swept in its home contest in the third game as the match saw 14 ties. A 10-3 and 10-4 run gave the Lady Flames the edge that the home team could not match. Twenty-seven digs proved to be the difference-maker as Liberty finished off the Lady Buccaneers.

“I wasn’t worried about winning in three. That was not our main objective tonight,” Head Coach Shane Pinder said after the victory. “It was icing on the cake to do so, however. I was more concerned with how we were playing on our side, in continuing our run of strong play. We controlled the first two games, but they put pressure on us, served tough and got us out of our system during game three.”

“We regained our composure in a tough environment and closed out the match with a pair of big plays. It was really great for our young players to come in and get such an impressive win.”

The Lady Flames final victory came against the Lady Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina on Saturday afternoon in South Carolina (31-29, 30-24, 30-23). This match was much closer than the final score showed.

The home team jumped out to 17-13 lead, forcing Pinder to call a timeout. The Liberty answered with a 6-2 run, giving them their first lead of the day. They scored five out of the last seven points and won the extended game one. Liberty finished with 28 digs.

The second game was much like the first. Junior Alysson Sanders helped the Lady Flames take the lead at 23-22. She served for four points as Liberty went on a game-ending 8-1 run.

During the third game it was the Lady Chanticleers turn for a run. Coastal Carolina’s 5-1 push after the score was notched at nine forced Liberty to respond if they wanted to get back in the game. They did just that

with an 11-2 run and the help of blockers McCarty and Webber.

The home team answered with another five-point run but the Lady Flames went over top of them with their explosive offensive and dominating defense for their seventh straight shutout victory.

The three wins improve the Lady Flames record to 17-7 overall, and 7-1 in the conference, just a half game behind first place Winthrop with three straight home games next on their schedule.

“We’re going to get a very focused effort from every team we face at this point. I’m proud of our kids. No matter what situation they’re being put in, they’re answering,” Pinder said.

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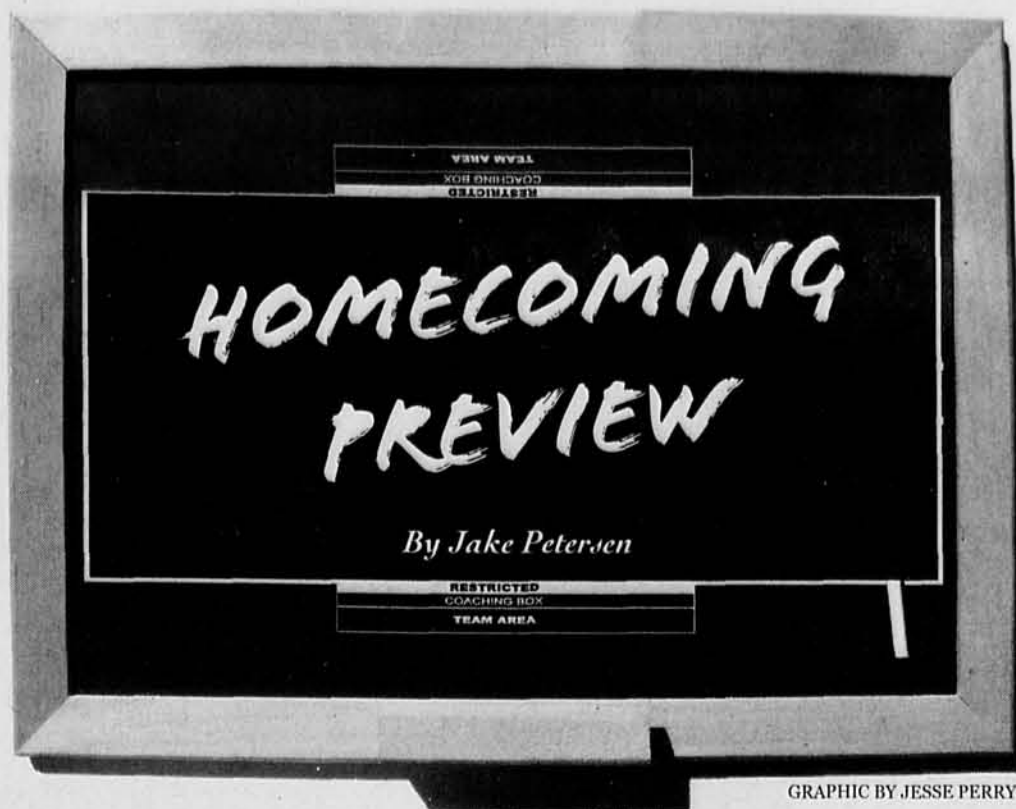
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# Flames gear up for Homecoming game against Presbyterian



GRAPHIC BY JESSE PERRY

Homecoming — the time of the year when former students and athletes alike return to the glory days of college for just one week-end a year. But what would Homecoming be without a football game? After last weekend's 50-10 shellacking of Charleston Southern, the Flames will now prepare for this Saturday's contest at Williams Stadium. Their opponent? The Presbyterian College Blue Hose.

Many, including Head Coach Danny Rocco, do not know much about the Presbyterian football team. The team name alone is

a mystery in and of itself. What exactly does Blue Hose mean? After tediously searching Presbyterian's athletic Web site and, after attempts to Google and AskJeeves failed, I found that the name attempts to mimic those teams like the Red Sox and White Sox of Boston and Chicago. Originally dubbed the Blue Stockings, the nickname eventually was abbreviated to the name Blue Hose.

Despite its lackluster name, Presbyterian has been making quite a name for itself in the college football realm. With that, I decided to

focus on the football team itself and highlight what exactly they have done so far in their first season as a Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) participant.

Although the Blue Hose are not an official Big South Conference member — they will be next year — they have had the chance to show their skills against a couple of current Big South teams. On Oct. 13, Presbyterian defeated the Keydets of Virginia Military Institute on the road by a convincing score of 45-21, gaining 553 yards of total offense (280 rushing, 273 passing).

This past Saturday, the Blue Hose erased a 24-point deficit in a come-from-behind victory at Coastal Carolina. The win increased their winning streak to four games, which they carry into Saturday afternoon's showdown with the Flames.

"I've yet to really have a chance to see them on film," Rocco said. "Last year they had a very solid football team playing in the SAC Conference of Division II, which is a very strong conference. I've followed their scores for the last few games and I know they're more of a 'pass first' operation. They are going to be a very formidable opponent; we're going to have our hands full, so we've got to be ready to go."

When Rocco does have a chance to watch Presbyterian game film, he will certainly notice why the Blue Hose currently rank first among all FCS teams in passing yards with 354 yards per game. In addition, the Blue Hose are averaging 486 yards in total offense (third in nation) and 39 points per game (ninth in nation).

In order to win, the defense will need to put constant pressure on quarterback Tim Webb

and contain wide receiver Terrance Butler, who ranks sixth in the nation in total receiving yards with 762.

Junior linebacker Nick Hursky, who is second on the Flames squad with 49 tackles, explained his feelings about what he looks forward to most for Saturday's game.

"Definitely the crowd. It's usually the biggest crowd of the year, and we are really excited. Also, it gives you a chance to see all the old kids you played with and everyone's families. Basically, I'm expecting another really good game," Hursky said.

Rocco echoed his player's comments on the role the fans play on the game.

"The fans play an unbelievable role. I think the fans are really what make the game special. We've been touched and excited with everything we've seen on campus in terms of fan support and everything Jeff Barber and his staff have done."

On paper, the matchup between the Flames and the Blue Hose looks like a good one. While both teams boast a potent offensive attack, defense is the name of the game for the Flames.

Someone once said, "offense sells tickets, defense wins games," and that will make the difference.

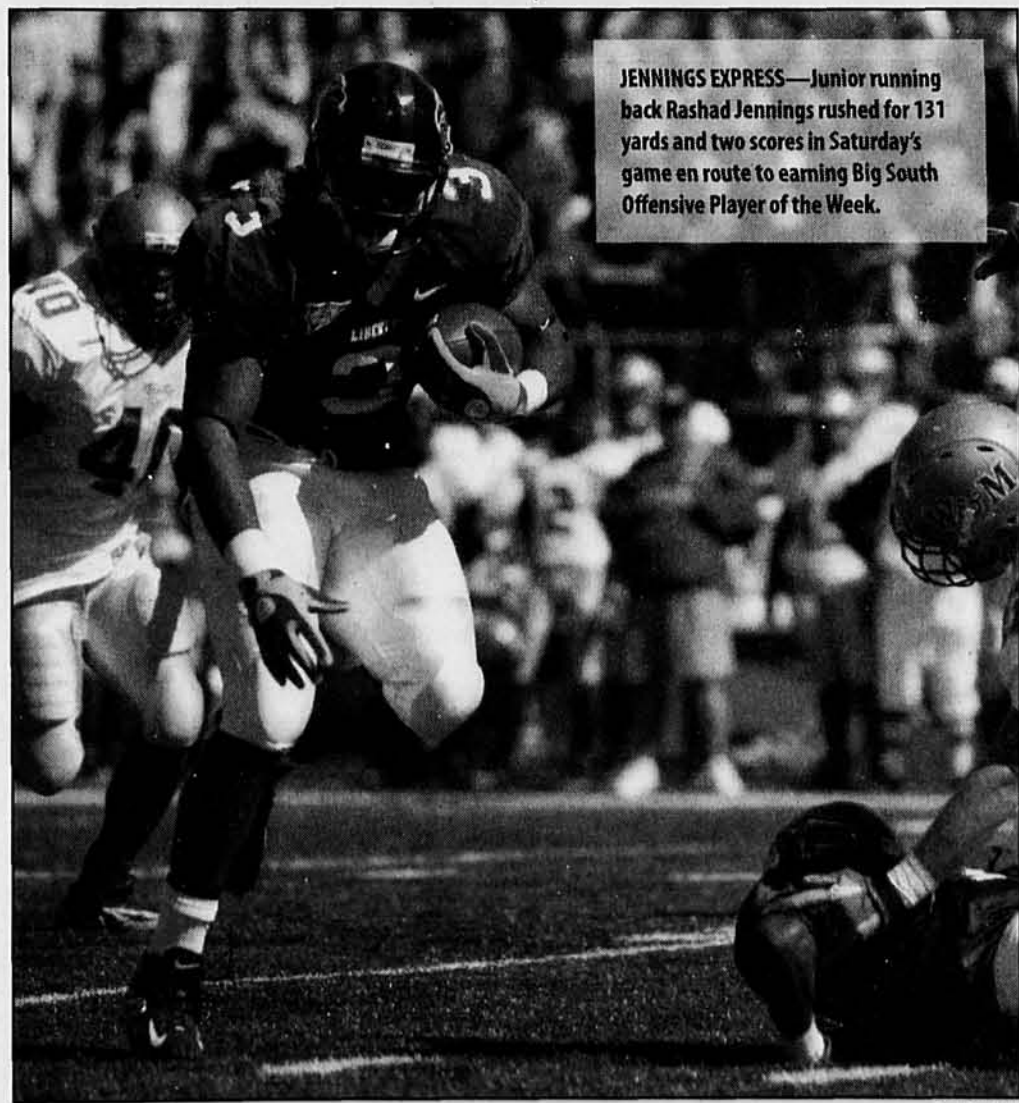
With Saturday's game shaping up to be an instant classic between one current and one future Big South opponent, Rocco and company will look to avenge last season's 14-13 heartbreaking Homecoming loss to William and Mary by "hosing" Presbyterian.

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- Jake Petersen, Assistant Sports Editor, Liberty Champion

## FOOTBALL: Jennings and Terrell lead Flames to 50-10 win



**JENNINGS EXPRESS**—Junior running back Rashad Jennings rushed for 131 yards and two scores in Saturday's game en route to earning Big South Offensive Player of the Week.

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The defense picked up where they left off in the second half, not allowing Charleston Southern to establish any rhythm on offense. Of the Buccaneers seven second half possessions, six resulted in a punt or turnover, the only exception being the final drive that ended as time expired.

Jennings scored his second touchdown of the night with 9:08 remaining in the third quarter as all of Liberty's 57 yards on the drive came on the ground with rushes by Terrell, Jennings and Smith. However, the special teams suffered another blow as Greenbaum's extra point attempt was blocked.

With Liberty leading 26-10, the offenses exchanged punts for much of the quarter before Charleston Southern wide receiver Markus Murry fumbled the ball on a reverse inside the CSU 20-yard line. Sophomore defensive lineman Trey Jacobs recovered the ball, giving the Liberty offense its best starting field position of the day.

Three plays later, Terrell rushed five yards up the middle for the score, putting the Flames ahead 33-10.

CSU responded by marching down the field on 12 plays, setting up third and goal at the Liberty five-yard line.

Junior quarterback Sidney Bryant hurled a pass to the end zone that was picked off by sophomore defensive back Chuck Duffy, who knelt for the touchback.

"The last thing I told to Chuckie coming out of the locker room was that he had a great week of practice," Rocco said, according to the News & Advance. "I'm really a believer in that if you practice well, you're usually going to play pretty well."

With the ball placed at their own 20 yard line, the Flames quickly moved downfield 80 yards in six plays, the last of which was a 19-yard completion by Smith to senior tight end Chris Luck.

"For a couple of seconds there, I couldn't see the ball at all," said Luck, according to the News & Advance. "I looked up and saw it, then it faded away. Then I saw the ball at the very end and caught it."

Liberty tacked on another field goal by Greenbaum, his third of the day, as well as a Terry Williams touchdown to put the Flames ahead by 40.

The Flames had 481 yards of total offense while allowing 319 and holding the Buccaneers to just 2.3 yards per carry. Sophomore defensive back Tim Torrence led the way defensively with seven tackles.

With the win, Liberty moves into a sole possession of first place in the Big South. The Flames return home this Saturday to face future Big South foe Presbyterian at 1 p.m. as part of the university's Homecoming festivities.

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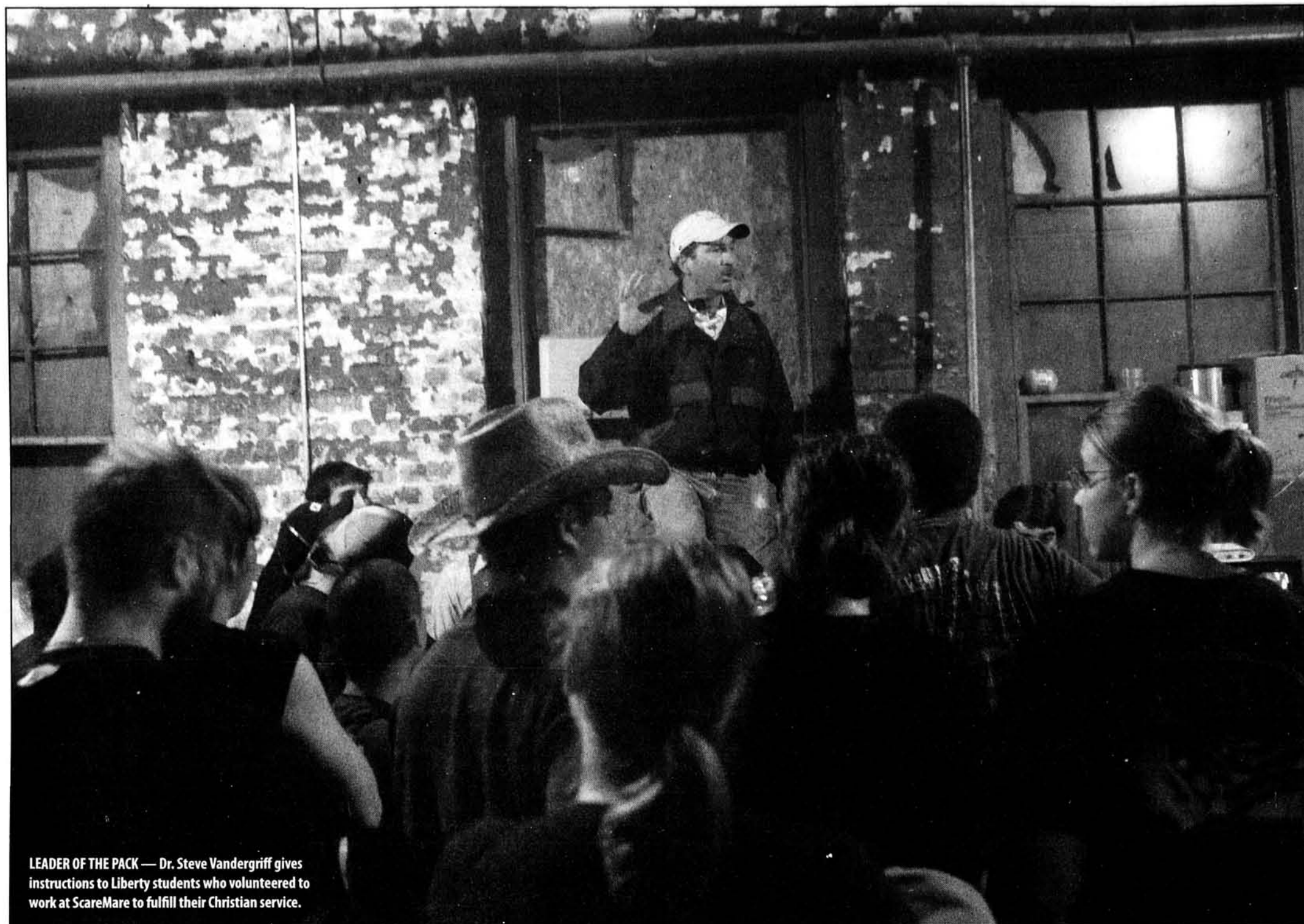
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**LEADER OF THE PACK** — Dr. Steve Vandergriff gives instructions to Liberty students who volunteered to work at ScareMare to fulfill their Christian service.

NICK POOLE

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT SCAREMARE: The House of Death brings message of salvation

By Christi Corbin  
NEWS REPORTER

"ScareMare: The House of Death" is an event that draws in close to 300 volunteers and 20,000 people a year.

Dr. Steve Vandergriff of Center for Youth Ministries coordinates ScareMare and makes sure the event goes on, no matter what. Vandergriff said that planning starts the day after Scaremare is over.

"ScareMare is like running a business or a farm — there is always something to do," said Vandergriff.

From August to November, planning kicks into full gear. One of the most difficult parts of putting the event on is all of the construction that is involved. Vandergriff said there are so many details that go into making the event work that volunteers are usually exhausted on opening day.

One of the difficult parts of the process is coming up with scenes for the house.

Ideas are usually suggestions from stu-

dents about what scenes should be done. Vandergriff described the scenes as random acts of death. There have been scenes that have been repeated over the years simply because it is so hard to come up with new ones.

The inside of the house must conform to the fire and building codes and have signs that issue warnings to people attending the event. Eight to 10 people have gone to the emergency room from having panic attacks. Vandergriff said signs are posted so these circumstances can be avoided.

Another obstacle that faces the workers of ScareMare is the weather. Last year there was more rain than usual, which affected the attendance rate. The monsoon rains forced ScareMare to be shut down.

"We still had 1,000 people one night when it downpoured, so the volunteers stuck it out," said Vandergriff.

ScareMare could not be possible without the dedicated student volunteers who run the show, said Vandergriff. Volunteers come from many majors at Liberty University. Most stu-

dents volunteer at ScareMare to knock out their 20 hours of Christian service, he said.

Vandergriff said Liberty students do enjoy participating in ScareMare, but the long nights can be tiring. After 30 minutes of scaring people, it can get repetitive, he said.

That is when he reminds them there is a bigger picture at hand.

The bigger picture is ScareMare's purpose of getting others to think about eternal life. This is clarified at the end of the event, when people are led to preaching tents where Liberty students present the Gospel.

This year is senior Cale Duncan's first time preaching at ScareMare.

"It was really neat to preach the Gospel to people of different backgrounds who would not usually show up at church," said Duncan.

Last year in the preaching tents, 4,300 people made professions of faith. The ultimate goal of ScareMare is to see people's lives changed, and for more than 35 years that is what the event has done.

Vandergriff shared some of his most memorable experiences while running ScareMare. He officiated a wedding at the site of ScareMare a few years ago. Although that might seem creepy to some, the House of Death was perfect for the couple's wedding ceremony, he said.

"The couple met at ScareMare, and they wanted to get married there," said Vandergriff.

He said there have been two proposals on the property as well.

Former Youth Ministry Coordinator Gordon Luff created the House of Death in 1973. Luff was described by Vandergriff as a "plain, old, hard worker."

Vandergriff said it was because of Luff's hard work ethic that the House of Death made it this far.

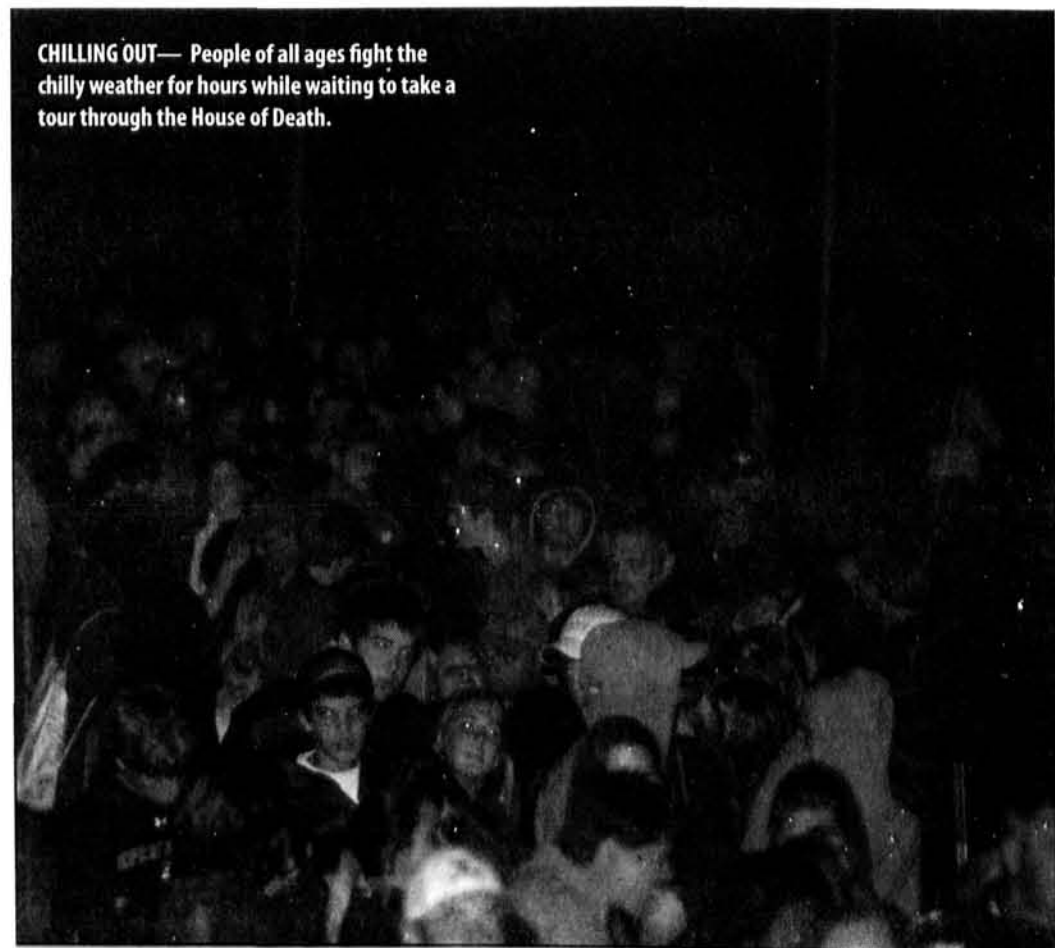
ScareMare is open Oct. 25-27 beginning at dusk and ending at 11 p.m.

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**SEEING DOUBLE?** — Local residents and students are in for a scary surprise when they pass through the strobe-light room. The room's lighting effects does a number on the eyes and may have you seeing things.

NICK POOLE



**CHILLING OUT** — People of all ages fight the chilly weather for hours while waiting to take a tour through the House of Death.

NICK POOLE

## Halloween Happenings: Lynchburg community gets festive

By Kate Fletcher  
LIFE REPORTER

There are many different activities going on in the community during this year's Halloween season. This past weekend, many churches had fall harvests and festivals for church families and members of the community to celebrate fall. On Halloween, most students plan on participating in their normal Wednesday activities, which include attending church.

Brett Merritt said, "I'll probably be going to my friend's costume party."

Other students said they would be working or doing homework, while others plan to seek out what the local area has to offer.

Lynchburg College has a trick-or-treat event for the children in the community. The student body wanted to have a safe alternative for the kids in the surrounding community. Families are invited to be on campus from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 to trick-or-treat around the campus dorms and surrounding houses.

Sweet Briar College did not want to be left out, either. They are having a 45-minute-long tour of the scary places on campus. The tour costs \$5 and is going to be done every day from 5 to 6 p.m., Oct. 26 - 30.

In the community, there are a number of fall-related activities. Thomas Road Baptist Church is hosting a free carnival for kids on Oct. 31. The carnival will serve as an alternative to the traditional Halloween outings and will start at 6 p.m.

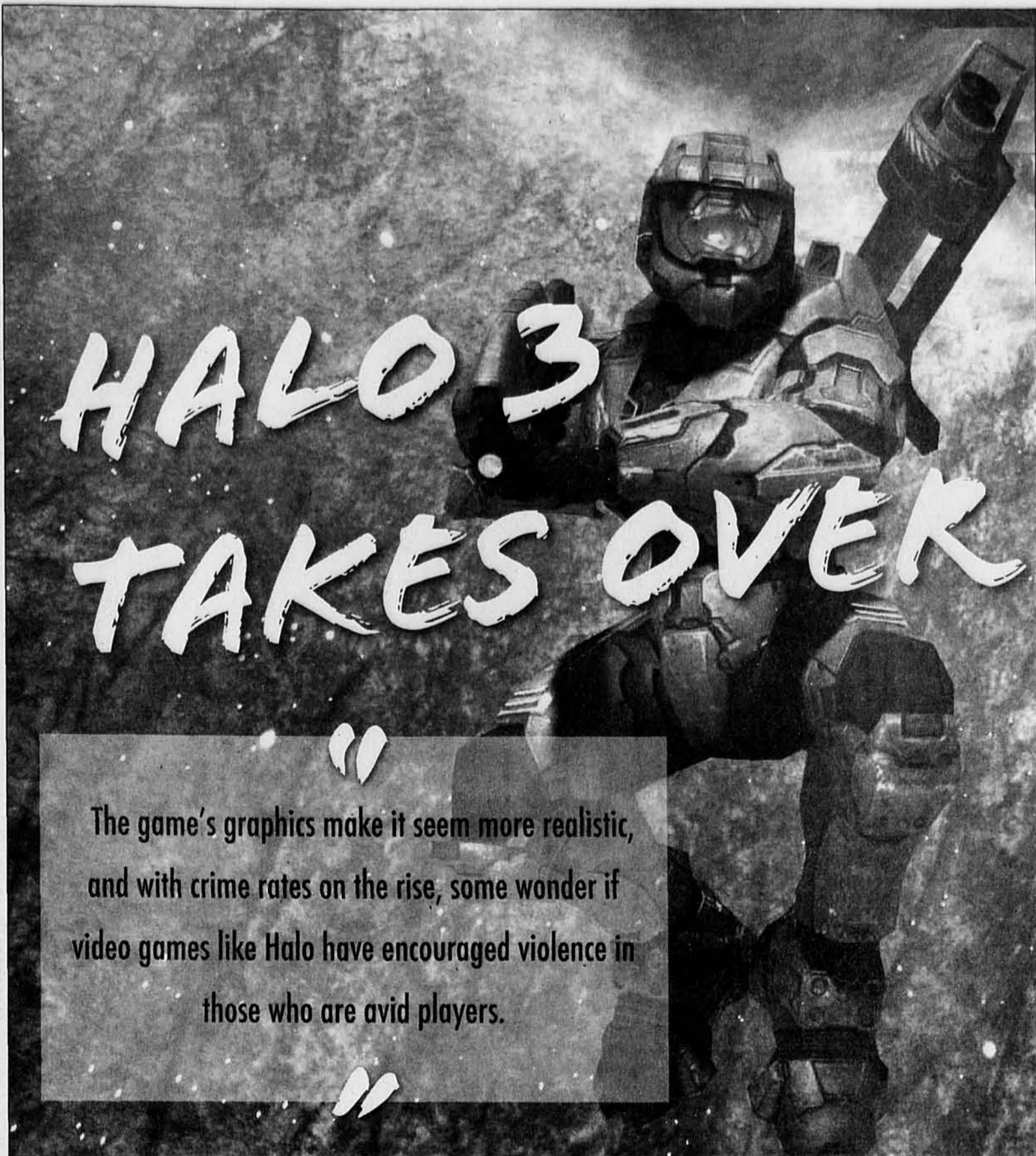
West Lynchburg Baptist Church is also having a free harvest party. The party goes from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be carnival games, clowns, free candy, an inflatable bouncer and other exciting things to do.

This coming weekend, Camp Kum-Bayah's third annual Pumpkin Carving Festival is being held. It will include a Creepy Critters Nature Program, high ropes course, hot dogs, s'mores and more. On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. they will be celebrating the fun of fall with \$5 donations suggested.

The Forest Knights of Columbus will host their eighth annual Haunted House. There will be scary scenes in a haunted wood for about a quarter of a mile. It costs \$4 per person and all proceeds go to help the mentally challenged of Southwest Virginia. Last year, the spooky path raised \$3,500 with 800 visitors.

If students wish to celebrate the fall, there are plenty of opportunities. It is also a great season for LU students to get out into the community and help with events going on for the children of Lynchburg.

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"The game's graphics make it seem more realistic, and with crime rates on the rise, some wonder if video games like Halo have encouraged violence in those who are avid players."

## Video game uses Internet to unite fans

By Christie Messer  
LIFE REPORTER

The video game Halo has become a national phenomenon, with people from all over the country competing in tournaments to see who can remain the last one standing.

Hundreds of students gathered for a Halo Tournament hosted by Student Life on Saturday, Oct. 20. The passionate gamers of Liberty University brought their fan clubs to cheer them on in pursuit of being the last person remaining in the competition.

Each player sat in front of a television that was connected to three other televisions so that the Halo enthusiasts were able to play against each other. Behind each player stood a group of onlookers who were advising and cheering

on their player of choice. All in all, the tournament was intense and taken seriously by many.

While some cannot get enough of the video game, others are asking, what is so enticing and addicting about it anyway?

According to graduate student Aaron Grijalva, the competition is what draws him to the game.

"It is the competition, man against man, and you don't want to lose," Grijalva said. "It is a pride issue."

The game's graphics make it seem more realistic, and with crime rates on the rise, some wonder if video games like Halo have encouraged violence in those who are avid players.

"I don't think it necessarily damages society," said David Giammaresi, who is familiar with the game. "I don't think it makes

people go out and kill other people. It is deeper than that."

After three years of production, Halo 3 was released on Sept. 25, according to the New York Times.

The much anticipated installation of the game series "...completes the saga of Master Chief, an interstellar commando, and his battle to save humanity from hostile aliens," according to the New York Times.

Freshman Michael Messer reiterates the whole idea of the game.

"It is a killing game — you try to kill as many people as you can (without) you, yourself being killed," said Messer.

According to the New York Times, the average age of game players is approximately 30 years old.

"Many gamers use the Internet to play with and against other people. Like the television and film industries, game makers have come under criticism for including violent scenes in games," according to an article by the New York Times.

"I don't think it causes violence, but it really just depends on how serious you take it," comments Messer.

According to Microsoft.com, the first Halo edition was released on Nov. 15, 2001, and it triggered a phenomenon in the gaming world. Halo 2 followed three years later on Nov. 9, 2004.

Whatever the mystery of the game, it serves as entertainment for millions around the world.

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## lifeline

BY NATASHA KORMANIK

Every year when ScareMare's House of Death opens its doors to people of all ages for some scary excitement, something happens. Minds start ticking and thoughts of life after death start working their way into participants' brains, causing many people to get saved.

The many scenes at ScareMare include people chasing others with chainsaws as well as other creative themes. Although I did not see it this year, the scene that usually stands out to me the most is the car crash scene.

Perhaps it affects me so because a car crash is more likely to occur than having someone run you down with a chainsaw.

According to UnitedJustice.com, car accidents account for more than 94 percent of all transportation fa-

talities, and in 2004 alone, almost 42 thousand people were killed in highway accidents nationwide, according to Accident-Help-USA.org.

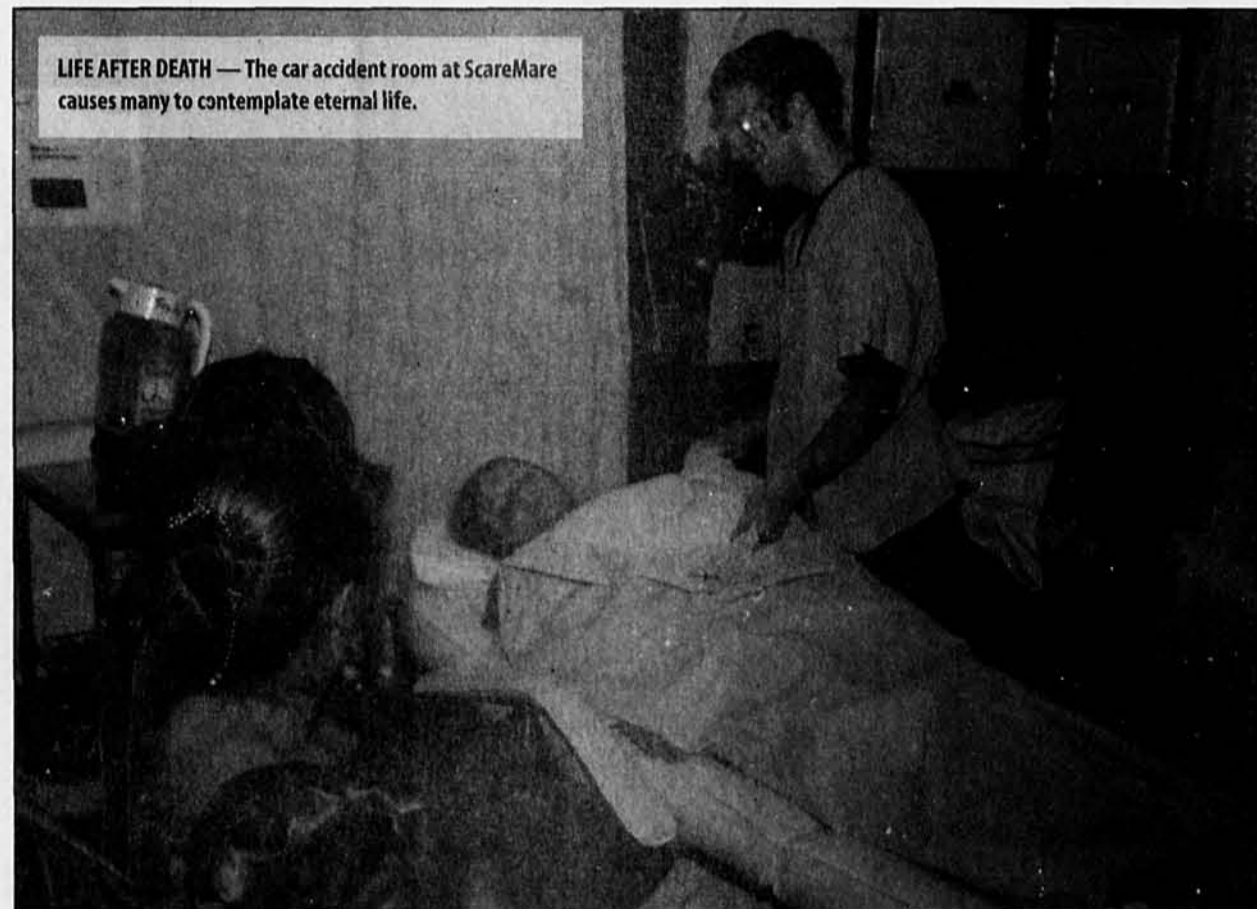
Experiencing such a horrific event will definitely get one thinking about eternal life.

My older sister's coworker had such an experience recently that really left him shaken.

He was driving on the highway, heading home from work late one night, when a torrential down-pour started. As he was just cruising along, his car suddenly hydroplaned, causing him to spin out of control and crash into the guardrail. Still trying to comprehend what had just happened, he got out of his car to take a look at the damage.

He then heard a loud noise and turned just in time to see a tractor trailer headed his way. He immediately jumped over the guardrail and ran down the ravine separating the two highways.

The screeching of wheels and crushing of metal could be heard as his vehicle was destroyed. He then turned in time to see the tractor



LIFE AFTER DEATH — The car accident room at ScareMare causes many to contemplate eternal life.

NICK POOLE

trailer careen into another vehicle, instantly killing the other car's driver.

Shaken up as to what he just witnessed and knowing that only by a miracle he survived, he then called my sister to tell her what had happened.

It is moments like these that can really propel a person into seeking the meaning of eternal life and the

purpose of one's life on earth. When these moments come, I believe it is a Christian's duty to be ready to answer the swarm of questions that tend to follow.

As Jon Foreman, Switchfoot's lead singer, said in this past week's story for the Champion, "Life is short, life is a bullet, and it ends so fast. While it lasts, I want to be living for what's most important."

Although ScareMare is a creative way to get people thinking about God and eternal life, it cannot compare to the real life experiences that are a constant reminder of our small fragility in this world that is so desperate for God.

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BEWARE — Students enjoy a night of terror and fun as masked figures walk about seeking those best to scare.

Nick Poole

# ScareMare: Discover your worst nightmare

By Miranda Canady  
LIFE REPORTER

With fall festivities in full bloom, Liberty University's annual ScareMare began its three-weekend run on Oct. 11. The production, now in its 36th year, combines the seasonal fear of a haunted house with the timeless gospel message.

The idea for ScareMare sprung from a group of youth staff seeking an outreach for teenagers in the Lynchburg area. The idea was based primarily on a mix of Disney's Haunted Mansion and Youth for Christ's Scream in the Dark. The result was ScareMare, an evangelistic outreach ministry.

Steve Vandegriff, director of ScareMare, said, "The purpose of

ScareMare is to present a message of life and hope after going through a house of death. While our overall purpose is outreach, we also want people to have a 'frightful' experience as well."

Upon entering, participants of ScareMare are taken through a woody area filled with spooky creatures lurking in every dark shadow. Participants are then hurried through a dark tunnel leading to a large haunted house.

The haunted house is full of themed rooms and pitch-black winding hallways, never failing to provide screams of fright. These scenes of death and horror are shown in order to get people to ask the question, "What happens after I die?"

One room in particular is a room filled with many doors. Here, participants are encouraged to seek their own way through the room, frantically hurrying to find the only door that will lead them out. Later, after exiting the house, participants are taken to a tent where the Gospel is presented. The room with the many doors is referenced as an analogy that Christ is the only way to heaven.

Just in the first weekend alone, the ministry saw about 435 salvations. The ScareMare Web site, www.scaremare.com, lists a total of 4,300 professed spiritual decisions last year.

The participants who make decisions to turn to Christ are then personally disciplined and directed to a

church in their hometown. Lynchburg residents are sent to members of Thomas Road Baptist Church for further guidance.

The project includes a cast of 200 Liberty students who volunteer their time in shifts in order to make ScareMare a success.

Freshman Bethany Sgandurra said, "I think ScareMare was a lot of fun, and I thought it was a really interesting and different way of getting the Gospel across to the unsaved."

Visitors beware, however — ScareMare is not for the faint at heart.

In the curvy line before entering the production were warnings signs that read, "upon entering ScareMare you will encounter: steep steps, narrow hallways, strobe lights, loud

sudden noises and clowns. If you can't handle this...go home."

Freshman Racquel Robertson said, "ScareMare was definitely scary. The chainsaws were probably the scariest to me."

ScareMare is open Oct. 25-27 beginning at dusk and ending at 11 p.m.

The cost is \$8 per person. There is a group discount of \$6 per person on groups of 10 or more. Also, on Thursday night students can get in at the mere cost of \$3 per person by showing their college ID.

For more information, go to www.scaremare.com.

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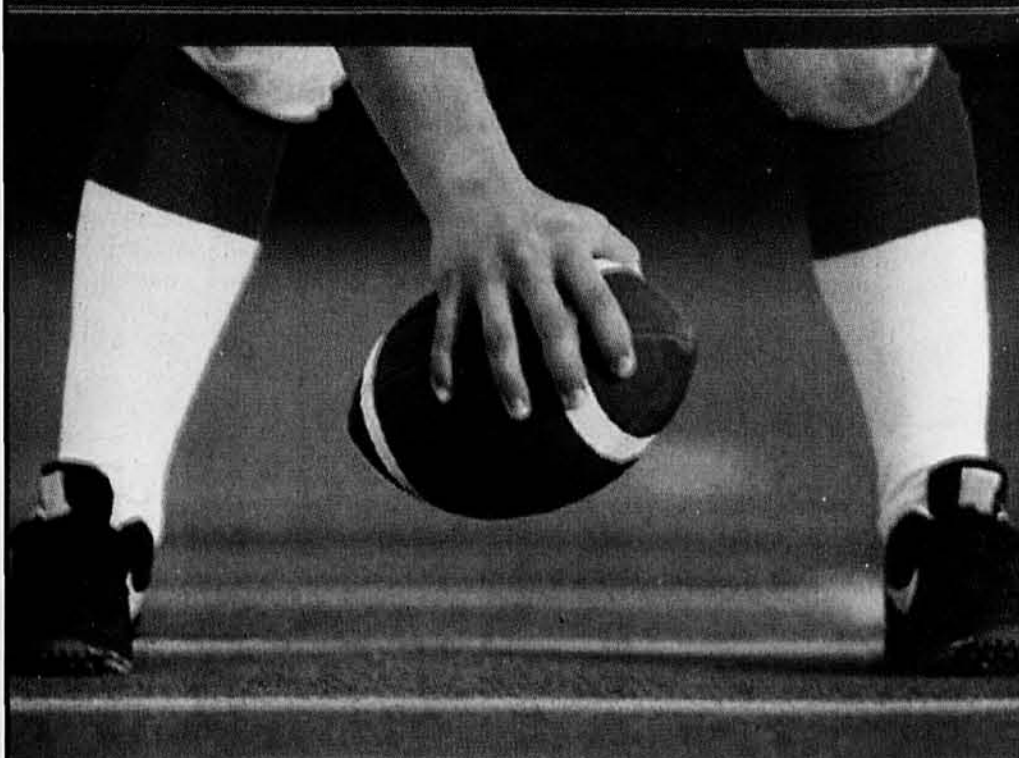
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# Homecoming 2007



## Fan the Flames October 27th

### Events:

Second Annual Homecoming Breakfast	9 am	North Campus
Parade	11 am	University Blvd
Tailgating	11 am	University Blvd
Liberty vs. Presbyterian	1 pm	Williams Stadium
Women's Soccer vs Coastal	6 pm	Matthes Field
Volleyball vs Winthrop	7 pm	Vines Center
Hockey vs Stony Brook	7:30 pm	LaHaye Ice Center
Theatre Production- Crazy For You	8 pm	Fine Arts Building