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# The Liberty Champion

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1999

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**▶ GOT IT!** Men's basketball trampled VASDA-USA 95-57, Monday night. Read the highlights of the game on page 12.



**▶ BAD BOYS, WHAT YOU GONNA DO?:** LUPD receive new cars. Read about the upgrade to Liberty's security system on page 3.



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**▶ TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 58  
Low: 32

**▶ WEDNESDAY**  
Cloudy  
High: 62  
Low: 35

**▶ THURSDAY**  
Clear  
High: 64  
Low: 37

**▶ FRIDAY**  
Clear  
High: 67  
Low: 39

**▶ SATURDAY**  
Clear  
High: 69  
Low: 41

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**▶ WINTER PLAY AUDITIONS:** Tryouts for Steel Magnolias will take place in the Fine Arts center, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

**▶ THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE:** Donate your non-perishable goods to needy families. The FACS department provided boxes in front of SH 132, DH 109 and AS 122.

**▶ IN-CONCERT:** Bishop N.B. Wilder and Praise of Faith Chapel present The Unity Ensemble Debut, "Oh Love," at Dunbar Middle School, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. \$7 for students.

**▶ THIRD DAY:** Live in the Schillings Center, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with a student ID.

**▶ COFFEE-HOUSE AUDITIONS:** Test your skills and tryout for the Christmas Coffee House at DP, Nov. 28, from 2-6 p.m.

# Business office pursues change

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The Student Accounts office has renewed its "skip check-in" initiative for the spring 2000 semester. If students can complete their payment worksheets by Dec. 16, they can avoid lines at the start of classes, according to the plan.

"If you do skip check-in, you can get in the night before ... resettle into your room and hit classes on Jan. 19," said Doug Lowe, director of Student Accounts.

Lowe said the university mailed letters and worksheets to parents early this week. Students can also pick up worksheets and get more information in the Student Accounts office. Last year, more than 3,500 students took advantage of the program, according to university officials.

The letter said students who meet the deadline will be mailed a confirmation package over Christmas break. Those who do not participate in the program will be required to return by Jan. 17 for a complete financial check-in. Class registration will also be available on Jan. 17 and 18. Those who do not check in by Jan. 17 will be assessed a \$40 late fee.

The "express check-in" initiative, where students make advanced financial arrangements and return early to validate meal plans is for new and transfer students only. Campus students utilizing "skip check-in" will have their meal plans

activated for lunch, Jan. 17, Lowe said.

The Student Accounts office, formerly known as the Business Office, is also considering some organizational changes for the spring 2000 semester and beyond.

According to Lowe, his office and the Financial Aid office are considering changing their to being open only three days per week.

"It (financial aid) is taking so much time answering questions from students about why their loans are late ... that the loans are not getting processed," Lowe said.

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**-Doug Lowe, director of Student Accounts**

# Cathy knows chicken

Chick-fil-A CEO talks about his career in restaurant

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

After Truett Cathy, Chick-fil-A founder and CEO, threw out hundreds of "Eat mor chikin" cows to a swarming student mob, when he spoke in convo Nov. 12, he proved he was no ordinary 78-year-old.

Cathy is not afraid of strangers. After he gave an interview to the Champion, he walked over to a table of random people — three children and their mother.

"What does a cow say?" he asked.

"Moo," the three children said. "No, Mama, do you know what the cow says?" Cathy asked.

"Moo. No? Moo doesn't work?" the mom asked in surprise.

Suddenly Cathy pulled three stuffed "Eat mor Chikin" cows from behind his back.

"Eat more chicken," the seated quartet read on the poster board swinging from the cows' necks.

"I can't hear you," Cathy taunted.

"Eat mor Chikin!" they yelled.

Cathy may be a senior citizen but this doesn't stop him from sparking up friendships with nearly every child he passes, while still maintaining the third-ranked chicken fast-food restaurant in the nation.

At home, he teaches a weekly Sunday school class of 13-year-old boys at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ga. He also fathers 110 foster children at 11 foster homes. He oversees his own camp for boys and one for girls. He serves as



**FREE CHICKEN** — Truett Cathy, Chick-fil-A CEO, hands out free chicken coupons to the delight of Liberty's chicken sandwich fans.

trustee of Mercer University, Clayton State College Foundation and the Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S. He is also a member of the Rotary Club. Not to mention that he runs 890 Chick-fil-A outlets in America and South Africa.

"Mr. Cathy knows people, scripture and chicken," said avid fan and author Marabel Morgan.

His most popular accomplishment, at least at Liberty University, is his "Eat mor chikin" cow.

During Super Bowl XXXIII's advertisements, the popular cow broadcast a mock performance of late-night talk show host David Letterman's Top Ten List.

Though the cow shortened it

down to three, the list caught top reasons to eat chicken: "It is taste," "It is good for you," and "It is not us!"

Next up for the cows is a stunt as Santa Claus, a retro hippie look and a modeling shoot for their own "cow-landers."

Cathy loves to make people happy.

"A lot of the joys you get are worth more than dollars and cents," he said.

With national awards varying from "Caring" to "Big Heart" to "Shining Light," Cathy captured the respect of the business world in a different way

MICHELLE WARNER

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# Presidential candidate speaks at area college

By Hannah Ladwig, copy editor

Presidential candidates are hitting the campaign trail earlier than ever before. Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain visited Hampden-Sydney College, an all-male college in Farmville, last Tuesday.

Reporters swarmed the door of his van when McCain reached the college, but he nimbly stepped out the other side. When he stood up to speak, the audience gave him a standing ovation.

McCain praised the college for being "a bastion of young Republicans" and said his great-great-great grandfather had been a member of the board of trustees when the college was founded in 1776.

His stop at Hampden-Sydney was one step in the gathering of Virginia voters for the Virginia primary, scheduled for Feb. 29, 2000.

Recent polls show him to be virtually tied with front-runner George Bush in New Hampshire, where the first Republican primary will be held.

This is a jump from last summer: since then he has climbed 22 percentage points and Bush has dropped eight.

"Running for president is fun," McCain said during his speech.

"I've been spending a lot of time in New Hampshire, strangely enough, but I've been having fun."

During his speech, McCain carefully avoided attacking his opponents directly but focused on his experience in a national governing body (the Senate), his experiences in foreign policy and his war time experiences, which the other Republican candidates lack, he said.

McCain spoke briefly about his 22-year Navy career, including the time he spent as a fighter pilot during Vietnam. He was shot down during a bombing run over Hanoi and spent five years in a Vietnam prison camp.

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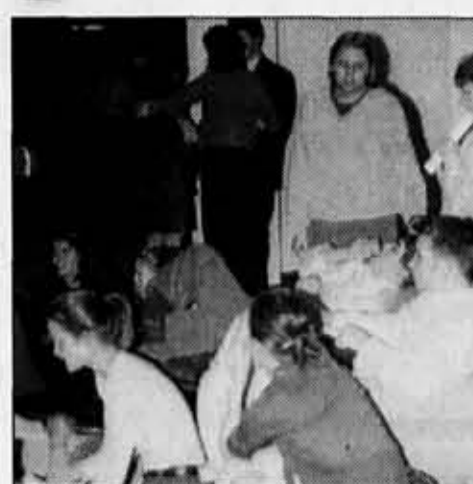
# LU hosts largest debate tournament of season

By Rick Clark, reporter

Once again Liberty hosted the largest debate tournament of the season, as 25 different schools flocked the Liberty campus last weekend. Teams from Harvard, Duke, Cornell, Wake Forest and the Naval Academy debated in all of the available classrooms LU possesses.

"It was one of the best tournaments on the East Coast with a breadth of teams from all over," Allen Loudon, professor and director of debate from Wake Forest, said.

As Liberty hosted the tournament the teams were dispersed all over the campus to the many classrooms in DeMoss, Teacher Education, Religion Hall and the



**RESEARCHING THE ARGUMENT** — Debate teams from across the East Coast pour over information in preparation for their turn.

Science Hall. The district tournament proved to have unique results as Michigan State won the tournament in the varsity division for the first time at LU.

"Winning the tournament was exhilarating," Michigan State freshman Tim Stucka said. Stucka and sophomore John Oden won the tournament on a 3-0 decision over Wake Forest.

Catholic University won the junior varsity division, defeating the University of Pittsburgh.

Not only did the LU debate team run the tournament smoothly, but also hosted a banquet in which LU Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell pleased the crowd with his conservative answers as the students asked probing questions about his beliefs.

"The banquet makes us feel welcome ... the debaters look forward to it," Phil Warkin, former director of forensics at the U.S. Naval Academy, said.

The tournament finally came to an end at around 10 p.m. Sunday as the U.S. Naval Academy defeated Boston College in the final round.

The LU debate team returned from West Point two weekends ago with the sword traveling trophy, which West Point lends out each year to the winning varsity team. For the first time in the sword's 32 years, Liberty debate attained the honor of carrying the trophy.

This year, LU halted the tradition of former winning teams like Cornell, Harvard, Dartmouth, Boston College and the U.S. Naval Academy.

# LU restructures technology leadership, Zaffke to head

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

The leadership of information services at Liberty has undergone some changes in the past two weeks. Maurice Zaffke has taken over Dr. Paul Seibert's position and is now the Executive Director of Information Services.

Seibert, former chief information officer, left LU on Nov. 5 to pursue a career as an information officer with an industrial company in his home state of Maryland.

Seibert began working at LU last January and while he was here, he oversaw programming

services and network services.

Zaffke's promotion to Seibert's position has created new responsibilities for the former director of academic information resources.

"One of the responsibilities that is new and visible, is the implementation of the administrative information system," Zaffke said.

Zaffke said that he is giving a lot of attention to the administrative information system so students will receive timely and accurate bills and transcripts.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Dave Young said this change in organizational

structure will raise the university to a higher level of excellence.

"I have tremendous confidence in Maurice Zaffke and the team we are forming under his leadership," Young said. "Our students will very quickly see improved services especially in information services."

Also, Zaffke is now the director of the new Liberty University Information Services.

Dr. John Borek, university president, implemented LUIS on Nov. 1. The new department is a unification of the A. Pierre Guillerm Library, the ITRC, the digital

CAFE, the programming services unit and the networking/telecommunications units.

Dr. Dave Barnett, former associate director of academic information resources, was promoted to associate director of information services and is the dean of library services.

"Dr. Barnett was promoted to fill in some of the holes I left as director of academic services. He has primary responsibility for the



ZAFFKE

whole academic interface for information services," Zaffke said.

Carl Merat was promoted to associate dean of the library to fill Barnett's position.

Aaron Mathes is now the department head and

coordinator of the ITRC, which replaces another position vacated by Zaffke.

According to Barnett, Zaffke's promotion to this position was a

wise decision.

"Maurice has been here for 12 years, and in the course of 12 years he's established himself as somebody who is service oriented. He's able to understand the needs of the academic users," Barnett said.

Barnett said that because of Zaffke's leadership, the status of the computing labs and the ability for classes to be held there without disturbances has stabilized.

"He's developed a reputation as somebody who is willing to work hard at understanding a problem, directing resources to the solution and resolving it," Barnett said.

## Students donate time and plasma to science

By Suzanne McDuffie, news editor

You've seen the ads: "Acne study: Males only, age 18-35 with moderate to severe acne. Call to schedule an appt. to see if you qualify. Study pays \$400."

Whether they're for acne, toe fungus or plasma, scientific classifieds constantly call for student volunteers in their research and medicinal purposes. True, the results of these experiments and plasma donation benefit society, but sometimes students endure uncomfortable side effects.

Tim Matheny, facilities manager for Lynchburg Plasma said patients will pass out occasionally. Though it is not an everyday occurrence, Matheny said donors will experience a "psychogenic reaction because they are frightened; they're not familiar with the process," he said. "The high level of anxiety constricts blood vessels and restricts the blood flow."

He said when the nurse begins to draw blood, the patient's blood pressure will drop and the donor will pass out.

Usually, a little juice and a nurse's relaxed demeanor will calm the patient down.

Approximately 180 students pass through the clinic every week, Matheny said.

Phil King, a senior who donated plasma for weeks, said the weakness following plasma donations, "is all in your head."

King said he had no qualms donating blood. He especially enjoyed the \$20 payment following his first donation, the \$30 for his second donation, continued compensation for every succeeding session and a \$5 bonus for every friend he invited to Lynchburg Plasma.

King said one of his dorm mates brought 20 friends and made \$100 bonus cash in one hour. But, eventually King quit donating.

"I figured I couldn't be lab rat all my life," he said.

Josh Florian, a junior who volunteered for a research foundation, as well as donated plasma, said the work was fairly easy.

He was paid \$40 to try on Gillette aftershave for awhile.

However, he said he no longer wants to work

for the foundation or donate plasma.

He said the foundation and Lynchburg plasma target college students.

"They know we're starving for money," he said. "It's pretty enticing."

Matheny said the plasma helps make medicine for Hemophiliacs and aids in open-heart surgery. It also creates vaccines for small pox, hepatitis and tetanus.

He said students are given a physical examination prior to their first visit. In addition, the plasma is tested for viral infection before going to pharmaceutical companies.

The plasma demand is increasing, so FDA allows two donations per week. Matheny said it takes eight weeks to recover from donating blood, whereas, it only takes 24 hours for plasma loss recovery. Because of the quick turnover rate, the U.S. provides plasma not only in the Western Hemisphere but also to the entire world.

Because of the financial benefit to students and the perks for society, Matheny said often volunteers return again and again.

## Senate passes two

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The student senate passed two bills in its Thursday session aimed at helping students study.

The Senior Dorm Curfew Extension Act (SRF 99009) offers an 11:30 p.m. curfew Thursdays.

Bill author Sen. David Davis

said the current 10 p.m. rule hinders those residents because many have a FOCUS meeting only once per month.

Current Liberty Way curfew policy is 10 p.m.—because regular dorm students must attend this mandatory meeting.

However, Davis said many senior dorm residents need to take advantage of Thursday library hours that extend to 11:30 p.m.

"This would be a help to seniors who have a humongous work load," said Sen. Scott MacIntosh, a senior. The bill passed 104-2.

A second measure, the After Hours Study Hall Act (SRF 99008), would allocate Science Hall 135 as a coed study room between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Author Sen. Melanie Boone said students loiter in Science Hall after curfew because ITRC is the only place they can study.

Many students have group projects and presentations, and need a place to meet after the library closes at 11:30 p.m., Boone said.

According to the bill, the room would only be accessible through the ITRC. Students would still sign out before curfew and receive a pass from ITRC staff.

The bill passed unanimously with two abstaining.

Chris Stewart, SGA president will now consider the bills. If he approves, they will move for administrative consideration.



## Performers read literary works

By Stephanie James, reporter

Students displayed their reading and writing talents at the seventh semi-annual Evening of Performance in Literature last Tuesday. They read poems, narratives, and other literary pieces, some original and others by known authors.

All students and faculty were invited to listen to the 15 participants read. English Professor Dr. David Partie read two of his original poems "Raking Leaves on Veterans Day," and "Snow Time."

Freshman Jennifer Glenn read her original poem "Angel." She based the poem on a girl going through changes who seeks some-

one to comfort her. "It was about someone seeking hope and finding God," said Glenn.

Glenn said she enjoyed the readings and she said she saw a lot of talent. She said she thinks the skill of writing should be emphasized at Liberty to reach the unsaved.

"You could hear the applause, and you had a feeling that people were enjoying it," said English professor Dr. Yaw Adu-Gyamfi.

Partie said one of the goals of the English department is for readers to select works from past writers like Charles Dickens, Emily Dickinson, and Washington Irving. Another goal is to have more authors represented at the readings.

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# Cathy: running a Christian business in a secular economy

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than most would expect because Cathy puts God first. He closes the doors of Chick-fil-A every Sunday. Amazingly, he still breaks records of other food-court restaurants by about 30 percent, said Scott Hudgens, food court operator. The odds lean towards Cathy losing to his competitors since he loses one business day each week. But, Cathy feels like God blesses his faithfulness to respect the Lord's day of rest. "You can never outgive God," he said. Beyond giving God every Sunday, he has also donated \$14 million in college scholarships. He also sponsors the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament held in Atlanta each spring, which has raised over a million dollars for his Win-Shape foster homes. Plus Cathy sponsors the Peach Bowl, and its proceeds also go towards his foster homes. Despite the fact that Cathy gives in excess, he still enjoys success. "I have enjoyed the extras in life, but I don't have a yacht. I don't have an airplane. ... I could have focused my material things towards myself," Cathy said. "But I have a lot of joys that other people don't have. They live in much nicer homes

than I have — I've lived in the same home for 45 years." Even crew workers experience Cathy's Christian spirit. Paul Thompson, an employee at the Lynchburg Chick-fil-A stand-alone unit, said he appreciates working for Cathy's Christian company. "It is definitely different than working for a secular company. Their goal is geared towards people — not money," he said. Cathy said he hopes to change the lives of his employees. "We have the joy of trying to establish in them some good work habits and attitudes that are going to be highly beneficial to them throughout their lives," he said. "Our corporate purpose is to glorify God by being a faithful steward in all entrusted to our care." In addition Cathy said he tries to satisfy his customers to the best of his ability. He invented the fried chicken sandwich, but he avoids changing his menu — he tries to keep it small. "I kind of feel like it's the divine business, where you have the opportunity of serving people, meeting their physical needs, sometimes emotional needs and even spiritual needs," he said. Both the customer and the operators of Chick-fil-A are very satisfied with Cathy's work. Company sales have increased 18.84 percent over 1997.



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while fewer than four percent of Chick-fil-A operators leave the company each year. Success did not come easy to Cathy. He had to overcome a speech impediment, the trauma of a verbally abusive father and a myriad of health problems. But Cathy said, "It's easier to succeed than to fail." He's a firm believer in the American dream. He stressed that students can accomplish any goal they focus on. "It's important to do your best, you'll never realize what you're capable of doing until you do your very best and eat mor chikin," he said.

# McCain: in search of the presidency

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McCain spoke briefly about his 22-year Navy career, including the time he spent as a fighter pilot during Vietnam. He was shot down during a bombing run over Hanoi and spent five years in a Vietnam prison camp. "It doesn't take any talent to be shot down," he said. "I intercepted a surface-to-air missile with my own aircraft." In an indirect attack on the Bush money-making machine, Arizona Senator also touched on the subject of campaign reform. "Opponents of campaign reform may argue that money is freedom of speech, but what that means is that the big contributors — the people who give six or seven figures — are sitting in the front row with megaphones and everyone else is in the back whispering." He used a recent poll as an example, which said only nine percent of young people trust the government. "You know what, they've got it right," he said. He said he was a member of the Committee for Indian Affairs, where he noticed the mismanagement of the money allotted to Native Americans. "I can take you to an Indian reservation where the building has been condemned and the toilets don't work," he said.

# SGA to host Thanksgiving dinner

TRBC and Liberty students team up to help provide Christmas treats; David's Place renovations make national trade magazine

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

The Student Government Association and Spiritual Life are sponsoring the "Thanksgiving Faculty Feast," Monday, Nov. 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite faculty member to dinner that evening. If faculty come with a student, they eat free. Spouses cost \$5; children 12-and-under are \$2.50. No family will pay more than \$10. Commuter students can also attend the dinner for \$5 — a discount from the regular price — with student ID. Faculty can also attend free with commuter students.



Students can donate in boxes located on each hall. Pickup will take place Dec. 2. The residence hall donating the most toys and cash will receive a refreshment party. For more information, contact Residence Life at ext. 2518.

The recent renovations to David's Place were featured in a recent edition of The Bulletin, the journal of the Association of College Unions International.

The six-page spread on renovations also highlighted the University of California-San Diego, Butler University, Southwest Missouri State University, Gannon University and Pomona College.

"ACUI is made up of over 900 colleges and universities and another 900 professional members. We are truly honored that they chose Liberty for this feature," said Mike Stewart, dean of Student Life.

The renovated center re-opened on Sept. 12, 1998. The \$250,000 project was funded by the DeMoss family.

This is the second major trade publication that has featured Liberty's Student Life.



# LUPD gets new cars

By Stephanie James, reporter

Thanks to the Fairfax City, Va. Police Department, LUPD received five additional cars Oct. 20. Neil Askew, board of trustees and a former sergeant for the Houston City Police Department, donated the cars.

"We appreciate his (Askew) love for the ministry," said LUPD Chief Donald Sloan. Sloan said the department appreciates Askew's help.

LUPD received two '95 Ford Crown Victorias and three Chevrolet Caprices. The Crown Vics each have about 60,000 miles, and the Chevys have more than 20,000 miles. LUPD will also receive a blue Chevy Caprice as a security car next week.

The cars were first taken to a shop to replace different parts

such as the transmission, engine and tires.

Chief Donald Sloan said that the cars are the current cars used by most local police departments. He said updated equipment is needed to run a department efficiently.

The Fairfax City Police also donated a '94 Chevy last year.

Sloan said the Flips Graph-X design company will replace the decals and names on the new cars this week.

According to Sloan, Marcus Lipp, department chief of Fairfax City Police Department, has also played a great role in helping them obtain new cars. Sloan said Fairfax Police is a well-served organization that handles its fleet well. He said their service helps prolong the lives of their cars at Liberty University.

"I am very happy," Sloan said



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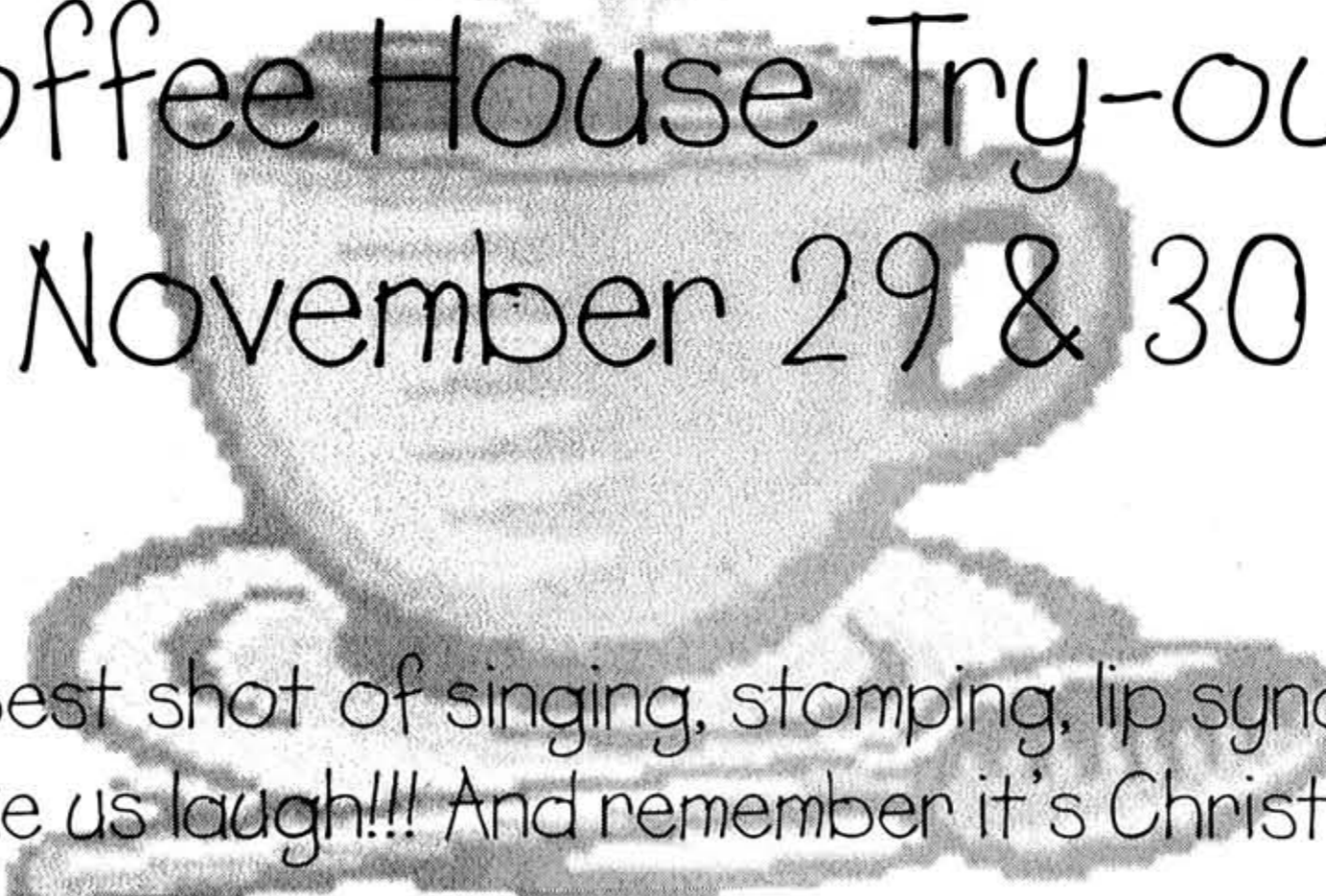
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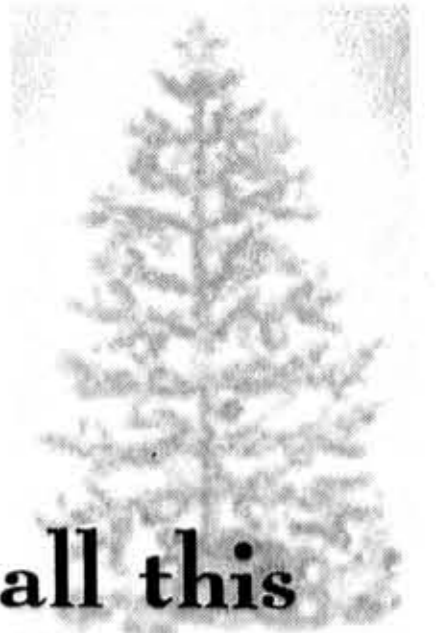


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# Life!

## picks of the week

### 11/20. The James String Quartet.

The James String Quartet performs at 8 p.m. at Presser Hall, Randolph Macon Woman's College. They will be performing the works of Haydn, Mozart and Brahms. Tickets are \$15 at the door. 384-3811.

### 11/22. Chamber Brass concert.

The Chamber Brass, under the direction of Professor Stephen Kerr, will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Road Baptist Church's Pate Chapel. ext. 2318.

### 12/4. "The Nutcracker."

Lynchburg Fine Arts Center presents "The Nutcracker" at 8 p.m. Tickets \$7-\$12. 846-3804

### 12/4. Main Street Christmas Parade.

The Bedford Christmas Parade will take place downtown at 2 p.m. Over 100 entries will participate and meet Santa at the Lynchburg Farmer's Market after the parade. 540-586-2148.

# Gift Guide '99

## Christmas shopping just got a little bit easier

By Kristi Kauffman, Michelle Kennedy and Tara Williams

Every year, along with the ever-increasingly cold weather comes the anticipation of Christmas and the annual holiday tradition of shopping for gifts. But what can you buy with only a little time and a lot less money?

Well, put your worries aside — your life is about to become a bit less complicated. The following is a list of gift ideas for even the most finicky recipient, all within a sensible college student's budget (most are under \$50, with a special section on gifts \$15 and under).

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### Gifts for your significant other

For those who wish to give their significant other a more traditional gift from the mall, many choices exist at bargain holiday prices.

Bath & Body Works and American Eagle are two fun places to go shopping for men and women, located right down the street at the River Ridge Mall (These shops are also found at many malls all over the country).

Bath & Body Works is a shop overflowing with wonderfully scented products in creative, festive containers at reasonable prices.

"All of our loose toiletries in our marketplace line (includes lotions, shower gels, candles and jelly jars) are buy three get one free," manager Jen Thacker said. "The great thing is all the men's fragrances are included in that."

She added that the store is also running a special promotion on gift certificates.

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"With any \$30 gift certificate that you get, you also get a little snowman box so you don't have to worry about wrapping it," Thacker said.

A wide range of gift sets, including various travel kits and baskets, are priced from \$11.50 to \$75, not to mention gift certificates are available for purchase in any amount. Gift wrapping is free.

Just across the way — with a snowy window scene straight from the ski slopes — is American Eagle. The store specializes in casual, yet trendy, men's and women's clothing, just right for a boy or girl friend.

Located in the middle of the store is a table of innovative and amusing gift ideas. These items, great for stocking stuffers, include candles, leather photo albums, candle holders, jewelry boxes, embroidered journals and picture frames. Most under \$20.

American Eagle also has a vast array of affordable basic wardrobe pieces.

"Long-sleeved T-shirts are huge, we can't keep them in the store," sales associate Richard Stone said. These shirts, priced at \$19.50, display graphics varying from snowboards to vintage prints.

A bestseller for men is the convertible cargo pant, which features zip-off legs that convert the pants to shorts, available in two colors for \$49.

A featured item this year for women is the American Eagle Hippie Sweater. With flared-sleeves and snowflake embroidery, the sweater is available in five colors. It sells for \$48.

If all else fails, purchase a gift card, which can be issued in any amount.

But what do you do if that special someone already has it all? You can't buy them the sun or the moon, but you can buy them a star.

Liberty graduate Natasha Plummer said her favorite gift from her fiancé was a star that he bought for her.

"I have a map and the coordinates and it's named after me," Plummer said.

One can have a registered and copyrighted star named for \$48 through the International Star Registry.

You receive a booklet on astronomy, a sky chart with the star circled and a certificate listing the telescopic coordinates, date of registration in addition to the chosen name. This gift is special because it lasts forever and although it lacks tangibility, it is an unique way of showing someone how much he or she means to you.

For more information, call 1-800-282-3333 or visit their website at [www.starregistry.com](http://www.starregistry.com).

For those with lean wallets, creativity counts!

Buy a cookbook for your boy or girl friend and cook a meal for him or her as a surprise. Or, purchase a picture frame and piece together a personalized collage for a gift.

If you live far away from your significant other (or if you have to be apart for Christmas break) buy him or her a calling card as a stocking stuffer.

Okay, what if you're completely broke? Still not a problem! Compile your own music on a personal CD or tape. In addition, you can make a coupon book and include coupons for a free movie, free dinner, offers for ironing, or doing laundry (if you dare).

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### Gifts for the family

In addition to shopping for significant others, students must also find gifts for family.

George Morris, assistant manager at Belk department store, gave suggestions for students seeking gifts for their parents.

"One of the hot items that we are experiencing this Christmas is an organizer tote bag," said Morris. The price for the bag starts at \$19.99.

He added for a more personalized gift, students could purchase frames or collectible items on display.



MATT HEMBO

'TIS THE SEASON — Juniors Jon Schubert and Allison Marston celebrate the holiday season.

Popular gifts for mothers, wives, sisters or girlfriends can be found in the cosmetic section of department stores.

"Many men look for items where they don't have to deal with sizes, so fragrances are very popular," said Morris. Belk's fragrance gift sets for women start at \$50.

Shopping for men tends to be more challenging, Morris added. He recommended purchasing clothing from designer lines, such as Ralph Lauren. Women can select from a variety of ties, shirts and active wear.

Millennium items are unique gifts to buy this Christmas season. According to Morris, Belk has everything from a stuffed millennium bear to a Waterford crystal millennium ball, a replica of the ball set to drop in Times Square on New Years Eve.

And for those students with younger siblings, nieces or nephews, selecting the right gift can be tough.

Billy Akers, sales manager at Toys R Us, suggests buying anything associated with Pokemon.

"Pokemon items are big this year," said Akers. Toys R Us sells Pokemon cards for children to collect and trade. The cards are priced from \$3.29 to \$9.99.

Senior Sara Dellipoli, who is also a teacher's assistant at the YMCA Pre-School, suggests purchasing interactive gifts for children.

"Buy things that are both educational and fun," she said.

Dellipoli recommended puzzles, books and science experiment kits for affordable, yet instructional, gifts.

### Gifts under \$15

Students can find many stores that have a wide variety of gifts for a person who doesn't want to spend any more than \$15.

One such place is Value City, which is a fairly new, low-priced department store located in the River Ridge Mall.

Some items include: "Starter" merchandise — such as football and hockey jerseys — picture frames, candles, small appliances and toys like Matchbox cars and Barbie merchandise.

Junior Greg Turner knows where to go when it comes to buying gifts for the holidays. He said his favorite places to shop for gifts are stores like Dollar General and thrift shops like the DAV and Good Will.

"You can find great ceramic knick-knacks, clothing and even food," Turner said.

A low-priced option for groups of friends is "Secret Santa." Each draws a name from a hat and gives small gifts to that person anonymously throughout the Christmas season.

Later, each person reveals their identity at a group gathering. This saves money because the gifts can cost less than \$5.

Whether for boy or girl friends, friends or family members, there is quite a bit a student can buy with very little money and a little bit of looking. Just remember — it's not the gift, but the thought that counts.



MATT HEMBO

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS — With a little creativity, it's easy to find gifts for the entire family.

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## The happiest place on earth

Because this is the last issue of the Champion before Thanksgiving Break, I had thought I'd do the happy-schmappy run-down of all the things I'm thankful for, as I'm sure all good feature editors do for the last issue of their newspaper before Thanksgiving.

However, after staring at the little black keys in front of me for about 20 minutes and checking my e-mail every three in the hope of a little inspiration (or maybe just a little procrastination) I decided that would be too predictable.

And instead of presenting to you my psychoanalytic theory of cross-

race relations between the British and the Native Americans, I thought I would share reveal to you the secret of happiness, wealth and beauty.

No, just kidding.

Really, in honor of the Holiday of Thanks, I'm going to share my thoughts on the happiest place on earth, which happens to lie right in our backyard. Literally.

The happiest place on earth (despite Walt Disney's pleas to the contrary) is a place of crisp Ivory aisles lined by tottering steeples of every office supply, beauty product, clothing component and

grocery item known to man. It's a place ruled by a grinning little yellow face who governs the bewitching law of "falling prices." It's a place where lines of people continually snake, even when you run in to get a snack at 2 a.m.

It's (in case you haven't guessed) Wal-Mart.

The land of 35 cent soda, cheap chicken (a reigning office favorite — Wednesdays after 10 p.m. Try it sometime.) and hordes of value-hunters in straggling lines, clutching their low-priced bounty.

My opinion of Wal-Mart, however, happens to be a bit biased, because a large chunk of my fiscal worth happens to be invested in the Lynchburg Wally

World.

(They say you're not a true college student until you've made multiple Wal-Mart runs in a single day. Well, I'm here to tell you, not only is it possible, it's habitual.)

But it's not just college students. Every time I set foot in the store, it's continuously jammed by families and working people who have yet to set foot inside an institution of higher learning.

That's why Wal-Mart has become the reigning symbol of Americana. Some Americans hate baseball, others are allergic to apple pie, but everyone goes to Wal-Mart.

I even know a Middle Eastern student who was so impressed by Wal-Mart's munificence that he took a video of the place to send home to his family. (Although the Wal-Mart people didn't seem to appreciate it — they took his film!)

However, as weird as it may seem,

they had never seen anything like the abundance packaged in those plastic turquoise bags.

But in America, Wal-Mart seems downright normal, even trite.

We take for granted low prices and wide selection, running in and out at any time of the day for a bag of Oreos, a new eraser or a bottle of shampoo. It couldn't be easier if the place had a drive-thru.

But Middle Easterners don't have the advantage of profusive consumerism that we enjoy all year long. They don't know what it's like to walk into the overwhelming array of choice as we do every week (or in some cases, every day).

So we're hurdling headlong toward the holidays and at least 295 Wal-Mart runs over the next two months.

I know what I'm thankful for, do you?

(If not, I'm headed to Wal-Mart. Wanna come?)



# It's about 'Time'

Third Day to perform new album in concert Nov. 18

By Corrie Duis, reporter

Mark Lee, co-guitarist for Christian Southern rock band Third Day seems very optimistic about the group's newest album "Time".

"Time" promises to be the biggest and best fall tour ever. It's very up front about our faith, but it's not all surfy."

With three Dove awards, a Grammy nomination, Third Day offers a high-energy performance.

The Marietta, Ga.-based band will perform in the Schilling Center Thursday, Nov. 18 along with five o'clock people and Selah. The concert will feature songs from their new album, "Time."

"We try to schedule concerts around new CD releases and the students and outside public seem to really like them," said Jeff Boyer, Director of Student Life.

According to a press release from Essential Records, "Time" was "crafted in a musical framework to undergird the urgent passion of its lyrics." The band refined its signature Southern rock style by recording the album live in the studio.

"On 'Time' we finally found and captured our sound," said bass player Tai Anderson.

The result was blended elements of rock, blues, country, rockabilly and gospel sounds.

The live effect, which the band achieved by placing the amplifiers in a

circle in the studio and recording all of the instruments simultaneously, resulted in a tremendous recording.

"One of our chief selling points is the quality of this record itself," said Nina Williams, Essential Records director of marketing.

She said the band's primary audience will be toward youth; however, plans are in motion to introduce Third Day to the college market as well as expanding into the adult contemporary market.

The album was a hit, debuting at No. 63 in Billboard's Top 200 Albums Chart.

Lead vocalist Mac Powell spoke on the significance of the time theme.

"Time" in the sense that, as Christians, we hope the return of Christ is soon," he said. "But also 'time' in the sense that it's time to be bold about our faith, to start living out the Christian walk, to be who we say we are."

Literally, Third Day has a tendency to dwell on matters of faith and relationship with God.

According to the band's biography, it is this tendency that has created an ever-present, underlying sense of worship that audiences are quick to pick up on.

"Some of our songs we never thought of in a worship context until we began performing them live and saw people raising their hands and worshipping," said drummer David Carr.

This lean toward worshipping is evi-

dent in at least two of the album's 10 tracks.

The signature opening cut, "I've Always Loved You" falls "unapologetically" into the worship category, as does "Your Love, Oh Lord," which is based on Psalm 36.

"Lyrically, it's a praise song straight from the Psalms," said Powell. "But musically it's very different. It uses loops, two drum sets and unusual guitar tones to create a rhythmic, ethereal ... world-beat feel."

Some of the more energizing songs include "Took My Place" and "Never Bow Down." These tracks offer subtle reminders of other Third Day recording styles, as they are more aggressive, forward-leaning tracks.

With the "Time" tour already underway, the band will perform in 40 cities altogether.

Students seem excited about the concert and the group.

"I went to the last show and everybody was jumping around, so I'm really psyched about the next one," said junior Matt Perot.

However, Third Day hopes that its message hits harder than the mosh pit.



COURTESY OF ESSENTIAL RECORDS

**SET TO JAM** — Third Day will perform in the Schilling Center with five o'clock people and Selah on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free to LU students with their student ID.

"One of our goals as a band has always been to challenge Christians to dig deeper and to know what they believe and why they believe it," said Lee. "That's still something we're about."

The tour is sponsored by World Vision, the world's largest international Christian humanitarian organiza-

tion serving the world's poor, and Dotsafe Internet access, a service that filters the Internet for inappropriate content.

The Third Day concert is free to LU students with their student ID. For more information, contact Student Life at ext. 2131.

## 'Opera Gala' takes audience around the world and back again

By Scott Romanoski, reporter

Liberty University's Fine Arts Department will present an "Opera Gala," where performers will sing portions of 11 operas Nov. 18-20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Lloyd Auditorium.

The production, under the direction of assistant professor of voice Patricia Campbell, will feature arias from such popular shows as "The Magic Flute," "Hansel and Gretel," "Madame Butterfly" and "Carmen."

"It's not going to be combined to make one cohesive story," explained performer Cynthia Finocchiaro. She said performers would introduce each piece before performing, although she thought the audience would recognize many of the songs.

Campbell said she chose to do a collection of opera works in place of one complete opera because the Fine Arts Department has done complete operas for the past several years.

"It familiarizes the students and the audience with a wide variety of operas," said Campbell.

She explained that many unfamiliar with opera find it unapproach-

able and full of "big wobbly voices" that have no connection to daily life, but they only think this because they don't take the time to understand it.

Those participating in this "great art" find it enjoyable and a learning experience.

"I think opera is the most difficult music to sing. It is good training and experience for anyone who wants to sing," said performer Allen Means.

Means will sing portions of "Don Giovanni" and "The Magic Flute" in Italian and English, respectively.

But the singing of foreign language does not pose problems for cast members. It poses the least problem for Kostja Penner.

"I speak other languages, so I have no problems with Italian," the European student said.

Finocchiaro said that Power Point subtitles will interpret the foreign words for the audience during each song.

Since the program contains several operas, the performers will give brief synopses of the works, which include:

- "The Magic Flute," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, takes place in Egypt. It tells the love story of

Poppagena, a bird catcher for the queen, and Pappagena, a bird lady.

- "Don Giovanni," set in 17th century Seville, tells a more moralistic story. The main character, Don Juan, a nobleman, leads a very wicked life. He ultimately ends up in eternal torment because he will not

repent of his evil ways.

- "Carmen," set in 1820 Seville, Spain, tells the story of an unchaste gypsy girl who dies at the hands of her lover.

- "Hansel and Gretel" retells the familiar childhood story of a mistreated but cheerful brother and sister and their trials.

- "Madame Butterfly" takes place in early 20th century Nagasaki, Japan. An American Naval officer marries a local girl and has a child. Three years later, the officer returns with his American wife to claim the child, leading the Japanese girl to take her own life.

Other works presented will include "The Merry Widow" and "The Tales of Hoffman."

Campbell hopes students will attend the performances and find them entertaining and inspiring.

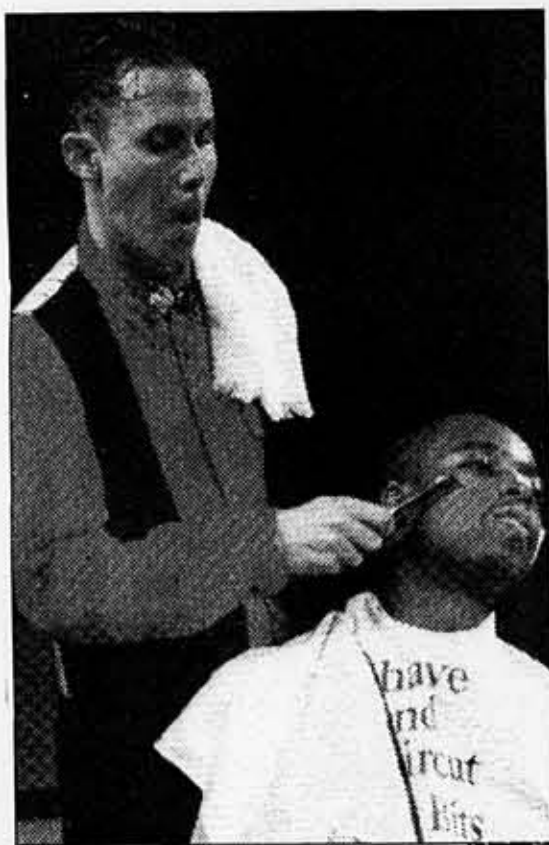
"They might find that opera provides something that can touch them in a way that's unique like any great art," she said.

Tickets for the Opera Gala performance cost \$5 and are available at the Liberty Box Office or by calling the box office at 582-2085.

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—Patricia Campbell, Assistant Professor of Voice

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**FIGARO, FIGARO, FIGARO0000** — Garrett Graham, playing Figaro gave Mark Wright a shave during the 1998 production of "Barber of Seville."

## Student athletes use ministry projects to illustrate Christ both on and off the field

By Robert Reid, reporter

Not only are Liberty University athletes sold out to winning every game, they are sold out to winning souls to Christ.

From missions trips to community service projects, many teams minister off the court as well as on.

According to junior center Kenneth Anaebonam, the men's basketball team is given an inspirational pamphlet along with a verse to memorize. The team brings students to the Hancock Building to talk to them and encourage them to make the decision to stay in school.

"The coach picks out groups of five players and teaches them how to disciple, with intentions of having them disciple one day," said Anaebonam.

"We usually travel to schools and talk to kids about going to college. Then, as the season progresses, we'll pick up on programs," added junior forward Nathan Day.

The baseball team has similar activities, including mission's projects and witnessing programs.

Members of the team escort visiting students around campus, and then give them the opportunity to accept Christ.

The baseball team also makes tracts for opposing teams.

"The team usually prays with the (opposing) team and passes out tracts to each individual player for them to refer to later," said senior pitcher Brian Harrel.

The men's soccer team travels to different elementary schools to play and minister to youth and their families.

"The team hosts a youth program, to train younger kids in soccer several times a year, after which they gather together," said sophomore defender Ben Strawbridge.

Coach Bill Bell also leads a prison ministry where he travels to England and ministers to the inmates.

The Liberty University Track Team hosts an Awanas club every Sunday night. Awanas is a Christian club designed to help young Christians by providing them with activities and scripture verses to memorize.

"It's very productive in the number of souls won to Christ," said decathlete Josh Jones.

The women's basketball team has similar activities.

"The team provides clinics for the youth during the summer and in the middle of the year," said Angie Witt, camp director and assistant coach.

During the clinics, videos, food and drills are provided, and followed by a time of ministry led by the coach. The team also ministers at the Godparent home to witness to the young women.

The team also took a summer mission trip to Spain. While there, they conducted basketball clinics and used the opportunity to share the gospel with those in attendance.

However, the golf sport ministry is unlike any other, according to senior golfer Todd Henrichouser.

"We simply pick up inner-city youth; we sing songs to them and provide them with a memory verse," said Henrichouser.

The team also prays with opposing teams after the game, if they are willing to do so.

The football team provides a mentoring program for youth at Lynchburg's Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Every Wednesday evening, several players go to the church to participate in the worship services and other activities. Through this, the players have an opportunity to tell the youth about their Savior.

Because the players are big brother figures, the youth tend to listen more than they normally would to other



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

**GIVING THANKS** — Cheerleaders and basketball players gather after a game to pray.

adults.

According to senior tackle Darryl Cherry, "mentoring is volunteer work for us. Only the athletes who choose to participate, participate."

Finally, the women's volleyball team participates in extra curricular Christian Service with volleyball camps, providing youth with a chance to come to know Christ as Lord.

The team also aids drill demonstrations in high schools, where the team members give individual testimonies.

According to Athena Sherwood, a senior right side hitter, "Two girls put together tracts each week, to hand out at the end of each game."

Whether passing out tracts or ministering to inner-city young people, LU athletes carry the cause of Christ beyond the boundary line.

As junior linebacker Jerome Wicker said the most rewarding part of athletes' ministries is helping to fulfill God's plan in the lives of the young people with whom they work.

# Opinion

“To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.”

—George Washington”

## The Liberty Champion

### Remember Berlin's wall

As historical changes go, it was only yesterday that President Ronald Reagan stood at the site of one of the most atrocious symbols of worldwide Communism. “Mr. Gorbachev,” he exhorted, “tear down this wall.”

Ten years ago this past week, it happened. The wall stained with the blood of people willing to die for freedom is today just shattered masonry. Keepsake hunters have small pieces of the wall stashed away as reminders.

It's important for Americans, especially our forgetful generation, to look back on the changes, unthinkable 20 years ago, that are now taken for granted. Ever since our grandfathers fought the Second World War, U.S. troops have stuck to the task of defending us in a Cold War, against an enemy sworn to destroy us.

In these heady days of balanced budgets, unprecedented economic growth and a spiraling stock market, we tend to forget all the sacrifices that have kept us free from our own Berlin Wall. Let's not make that mistake. As we close in on Thanksgiving, let's thank those who helped ensure we'd celebrate in freedom.

### How about some truth in school prayer fight?

The recent decision by several local school boards to allow a “moment of silence” before the school day and hold prayer before board meetings has raised legal questions.

The ACLU has, predictably, threatened to sue if localities allow prayer during school. On the other side of the coin, the school boards face pressure from parents and citizens who approve of school prayer. According to most polls, support for school prayer is overwhelming, ranging as high as 75 to 85 percent.

There are many issues of controversy surrounding this topic. Many worry that a prayer would necessarily be sectarian, making children who do not subscribe to the majority religion in a locality feel uncomfortable. Even some Christian parents question what would happen if the prayer were Jewish or Muslim.

Some would argue that prayer has no place in schools; that the school's job is to teach the three R's. Most of these points are perhaps arguable.

What is not arguable is the fact that such a high level of federal control over localities is frightening. The First Amendment, far from mandating “separation of church and state,” actually reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or abridging the free exercise thereof.”

Two points here. First, isn't forbidding public prayer “abridging free exercise?” Secondly, what logical leap equates local school boards with Congress? The Supreme Court has become dictatorial when it decrees that because of the personal opinions of its nine justices, laws written to the national government are equally binding on localities.

It's about time that these decisions were made at the appropriate level: by the local boards, parents and students, as our Founding Fathers intended. It's time for some intellectual honesty in the school prayer debate.

### Quotes of the week:

“He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.”

—Proverbs 13:20

“Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.”

—Erica Jong

**Correction:** The School of Education recently began offering courses at the doctoral level, not the doctrinal level. Also, Liberty will not require licensure at the undergraduate level. The information was incorrect in last week's issue.

## Looking at the last three years

It's difficult to know where to begin a column, especially one that will be both my first and my last. I've been writing for the Champion for more than two years now and thought that it was about time for me to make at least one attempt before I leave for good.

Unfortunately, I have only this one column, a mere 600 words, to tackle any pressing controversies, personal pet peeves and the rest of the world's ills.

Since I know that I could never do these arguments justice, I decided to just be honest. I'm coming clean. I have decided to use my 600 words to do what I do best ... say the things that some would like to say, but never do.

Over the last three and a half years at Liberty I think I've heard as many complaints as the next student. Undoubtedly, a few complaints have validity and merit, but a majority are just whiney words from cranky college kids.

Yes, I pay good money to come here and will continue to pay good money for another five or 10 years, and I expect to get what I pay for. But let's face it, nobody made me come here and

nobody's making me stay. So yes, I'm admitting it ... I do like Liberty.

I haven't heard of a college yet that's perfect; and if I found one I don't think they'd let me attend anyway, because I'd just ruin it. So when I graduate in December I WILL miss my alma mater and all the friends I've made along the way.



chrissyremberg

Now I know there are some who are saying that complaints about Marriott are certainly more than justified. I must admit that at one time I might have agreed, but since moving off campus I've acquired a new appreciation for our dining hall.

Whatever the faults, at least I'm not the one who has to cook the food.

Since I'm being honest, I might as well say that I'm single and I like it. I'm not making any feminist remarks here, and I'm not faulting those who are not single. I would just like to negate the myth that there is some monumental misery in life that attaches itself to the single young person.

I would also like to stand as living proof that there are young women at Liberty University who will graduate without getting married or becoming

engaged and who still have a positive outlook on life.

I know it's hard to believe, but there really is something to be said for friendship. I have met some of the craziest young women here and some of my best memories are of times spent with them. Sorry guys, but sometimes you just can't beat “girls' night out!”

So I've been honest about my time spent here at Liberty. Thanks for taking a minute to listen to me ramble. I appreciate it.

It's also hard to end a column that is both my first and my last. I suppose it's about as hard as finding an appropriate end to a college education or those final words to close friends. I guess the only fitting way to end is to admit that I'll miss it.

I believe I have lived in denial for the past three years, claiming that I hated every minute spent in the Champion. But I guess it's not true. I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn and grow, but most of all I have appreciated the friendships I have formed. Despite the relentless hours and numerous criticisms, we have persevered and accomplished something that I must admit I'm proud of.

Chrissy Remsberg has served on the Champion staff as copy editor and assistant editor

## Advice from a graduating senior

With a mere 30 days left, I find my head spinning with questions and musings as I stand in the doorway of The Adult World.

Where did the time go? What have I learned here? What legacy will I leave behind? With those last two questions, I thought I'd leave the student body with some friendly advice, summing up much of what I've learned about living away from home, on a college campus. Enjoy!

#### Practical things:

- The more socks and underwear you have, the less laundry you'll have to do.
- Whenever you need something for your room, buy the smaller version.
- Buy a coffee pot.
- On two pieces of paper, write down emergency phone numbers and any medical conditions you have. Carry the first copy, with your ID, medical insurance card, organ donor card (if you have one) and an unused phone card in your wallet. Post the second copy in your dorm room, along with matching information on your roommates.
- Keep your room clean. It's part of being a good steward of what God's given you. Plus, you'll save stress in the long run, since you won't have to look for lost items, or worry (too much) about room checks.

#### Living with others:

- Conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the title “Christian,” or don't call yourself one.
- Be considerate and polite to your roommates, even when they don't complain. Few people are honest and bold enough to admit to your face that something you do annoys them.
- On the flip side, if someone habitually does something that annoys you, tell them as gently as possible, as soon as

possible. Otherwise, you have no right to complain.

• When someone wrongs you, forgive. Someone once said, “resentment is like taking poison and hoping the other guy dies.”

• Be polite. Don't talk when other people are talking — even during hall meetings. Say “please” and “thank you.” Don't burp in public, even if all your friends think it's hilarious.

• Don't prank-call people. It's annoying.

• When driving around the circle — or anywhere — don't assume everyone else wants to hear your music. We don't.

• Control your tongue. Plato pointed out, “Wise men speak because they have something to say. Fools, because they have to say something.”

• When you gossip, you may damage an enemy's reputation, but you also damage yours.

• If you become indignant when someone criticizes you, make sure it's not because you're too proud to admit they're right.

#### For the girls:

- Don't tell the world you're fat. If you are, exercise.
- Don't tell the world you're ugly. How can you dare, when God created you in His image, formed you to His exact specifications for His purposes, and died on a cross for you?
- Dress modestly. Don't complain that all guys are jerks preoccupied with sex, when you invite them to be so with your clothing. Or lack thereof.

- If you suspect a guy likes you in a romantic way, but you don't like him back, the most caring thing you can do is tell him, gently yet firmly, ASAP.
- If your boyfriend ever pressures you to get physical, dump him and look for a guy with character.
- You aren't ready for a boyfriend until you're satisfied with God alone.



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#### Advice I hope I nor anyone else will ever use:

• A rape victim's first instinct is to wash herself. When she does, she drastically reduces her chances of proving who the rapist is. Instead, she should go immediately to a hospital.

• If an attacker ever tries to force you into his car, resist him as much as possible. A car gives a criminal privacy and mobility — increasing his chances to do whatever he likes to you and to get away with it.

• If a criminal does succeed in forcing you into his trunk, try to kick out his tail lights from inside. If you manage to knock them completely out, you can stick your hand or foot through the hole. If you can only damage the wiring, a policeman may pull him over to issue a warning.

#### If I could give only one piece of advice:

• Never, never put anything before God.

So, there you have it. I pray that God will bless you and keep you, that you learn as much as I have, and more, here on Liberty Mountain.

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# Commentary

## Wise as serpents: Package the message carefully

People often say, "It's not what you say but how you say it," and "People don't care about how much you know, until they know how much are care." However, many become apathetic to these basic concepts of human communication and forget to apply them to jobs, businesses and ministry endeavors.

While obtaining a Christian college education at Liberty, it's easy to get trapped in the "Liberty Bubble" and forget about the average American working hard to make ends meet. Oftentimes Christians and conservative politicians forget how to relate to Middle America.

However, when Christians and conservatives remember to tailor their message to meet the needs of the average American, the results are astonishing. For example, on Election Day this year Republicans took over the state House of Delegates and Senate. For the first time in history, Virginia has a government dominated by Republicans.

Conservative columnist Cal Thomas interviewed Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore to discuss the Republicans' Election Day success. He asked Gilmore what Congress and other GOP leaders could learn from the historic victory. Thomas wrote, "Gilmore thinks Republicans need to do a better job of explaining the benefits of their policies in the lives of individuals."

Gilmore went on to say "we don't just tell people they'd be better off paying lower taxes, we tell them they could buy their children better clothes, better books, hire a tutor, take better care of their mother or live in a nicer house."

Rather than using deep philosophical political jargon to convey their message, the Republicans demon-

strated to Virginians in simple language how tax cuts and education would benefit them and their families.

All credentials, awards and Nobel-peace prize-deserving research may be meaningless if the message is not properly communicated.

Bill Clinton is the epitome of a successful communicator. He was formerly an obscure governor from Arkansas who defeated President George Bush, the former vice-president under Reagan and foreign policy expert and war hero, in the 1992 presidential election.

Clearly Bush was more qualified for the position. He was even praised by the media and public for the Desert Storm victory in Iraq. Yet he lost to Bill Clinton.

Why? Because Clinton could relate to the American people. He used stories, examples and explained how his policies would benefit each individual American.

Yes, Bill Clinton's presidential legacy will be a scar in American history, but we can learn from his strengths.

Christians can utilize effective communication skills to convey their message. In his book "The Success Journey," John Maxwell talks about the importance of sharing one's dreams with others. He recommends painting a verbal picture of one's aspirations and dreams so people can relate.

Whether one plans to run for president of the United States, become a professional businessperson or become a pastor, it's crucial to take time to find out what is important to people. Christians must learn to tell others about the gospel, as well as business ideas or political philosophies, using language and analogies they can relate to.



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## Christian buzzwords may confuse instead of inspire

You hear jargon everywhere — especially from the pulpit and other sources of Christian media.

Somehow, Christianity has developed its own lingo. Those inside and outside the Christian community make use of "Christian words" every day, but how many people actually know what these words mean?

Some of these words heard around campus almost daily include "fundamental," "evangelical," "Bible-believing," "conservative," "liberal," "charismatic," "Pentecostal" and "praise and worship."

I have some ideas what these words refer to in other contexts, but when applied to Christianity, the definition doesn't seem clear.

Apparently, others have shared this confusion as well. Even Webster's Dictionary sheds very little light on these terms. It mostly applies very general definitions to them.

My next source was the "Associated Press Stylebook and Label Manual." (For those unfamiliar with this book, it tells a journalist the correct way to write for a newspaper).

This book actually answered some questions.

It listed "evangelical" as a category of doctrinally "conservative" Christians who emphasize a need for a commitment to Christ and missionary work. It also said that evangelicals are found in many denominations and stress absolutes.

That helps a little.

The word "fundamentalist" came a little farther down the page. It said that fundamentalists believe in a literal interpretation of scripture and separation from other Christians. The book urges journalists not to use this word.

Next came "liberal." Instead of finding a definition, I found a warning not to use the term when discussing religion. The substitutes it suggested include "more flexible" and "broad-view."

The book left out a religious definition for "conservative." It did imply, though, that conservatives offer a more literal interpretation for the Bible than others.

The next paragraph offered another warning, this time about the term "Bible-believing."

The book said not to use this term because all Christians believe the Bible, they just interpret it differently.

On the next page, the AP manual discussed "charismatic" as a movement within "mainline" (another buzz word) denominations emphasizing "expressiveness and spontaneity in worship."

It distinguishes "Pentecostal" as groups separated from "mainline" denominations who emphasize the Holy Spirit and the same things charismatics emphasize.

That answered some questions, but begged even more.

The AP manual did not list "praise and worship." My best guess is that it is synonymous with that hour on Sunday morning called "morning worship," not just the singing of contemporary music.

These labels seem to cause more problems and confusion than anything else. It seems too that different people have different definitions for them.

For me, I fall into a few different categories, some more than others and some not at all. I think I'll continue to call myself by the simple name "Christian."

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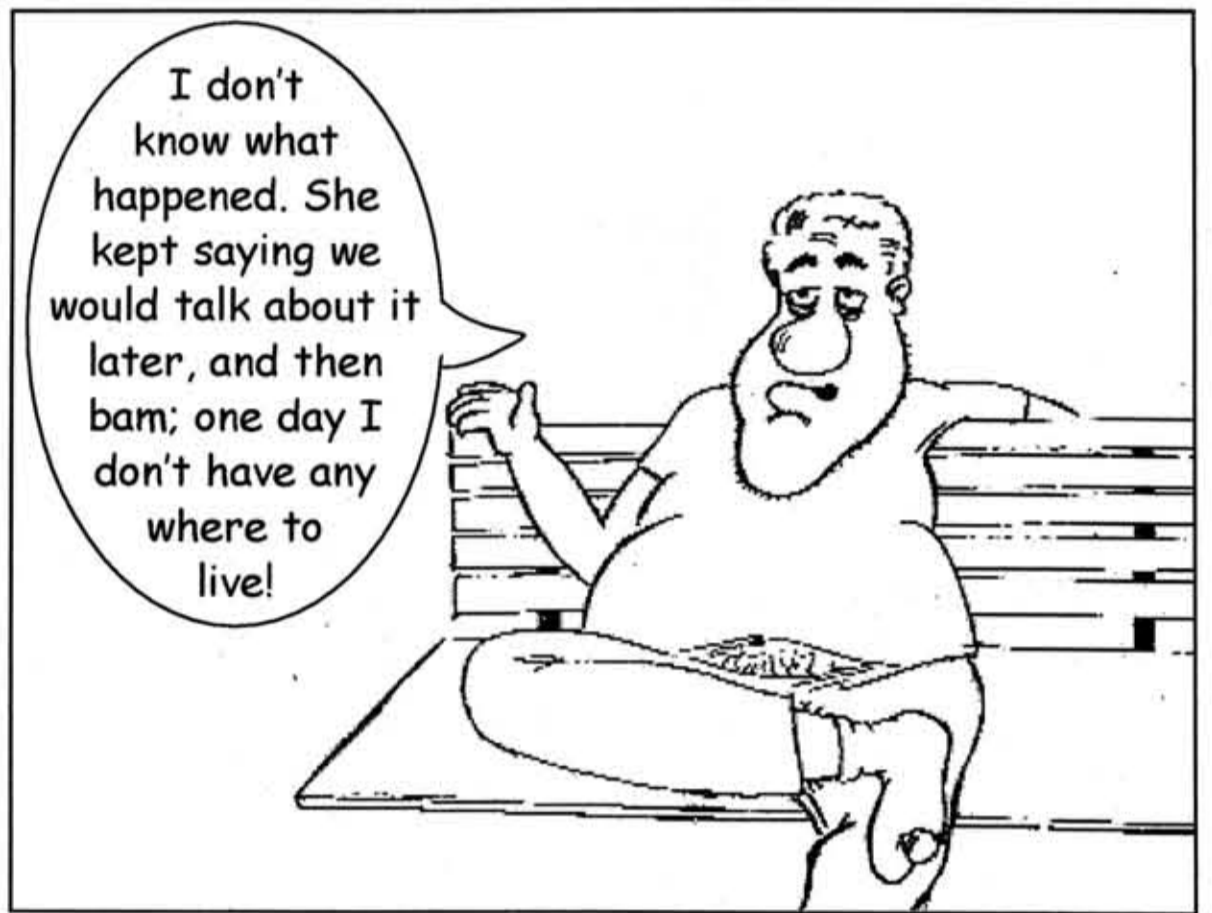
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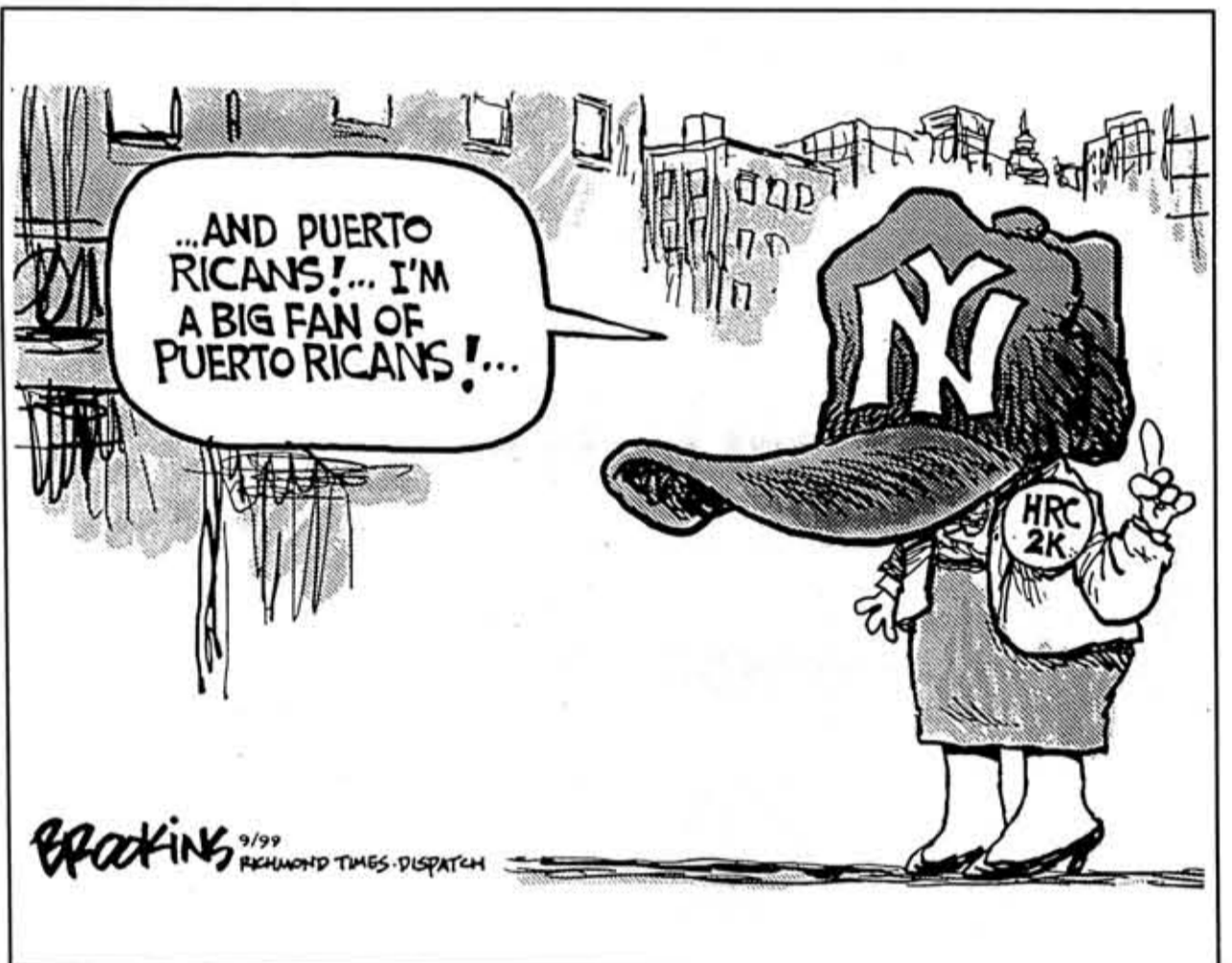
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## Self-indulgence? Or perhaps just old-fashioned selfishness?

Proverbs 23:20-21 states "Do not be with heavy drinkers of wine, or with gluttonous eaters of meat; for the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty."

This past week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, released a startling study. The study reports that the number of Americans considered obese — defined as being more than 30 percent over their ideal body weight — soared from about one in eight in 1991 to nearly one in five last year.

What does this mean for the Liberty University community?

According to the study, young adults and college educated people show the highest increase in obesity. Obesity and drunkenness are equally as detrimental to the temple of the Holy Spirit. While drunkenness is unacceptable in Christian circles, obesity is accepted and even at times encouraged as many Christian social events center around meals.

With the overwhelming increase in American obesity amongst college kids, there needs to be accountability within the Church and Liberty

university in order for students to stay healthy. This would include a personal reevaluation of the decisions students make when choosing their foods. The CDC said the factor most attached to this increase in obesity is lack of regular exercise.

Obesity contributes to about 300,000 deaths per year. Obesity increases the risk of certain illnesses, including heart disease, high cholesterol and blood pressure, diabetes, stroke and some cancers.

The LU community has not been silent on the health issue. To celebrate American Diabetes Month during November, Liberty's Health Dimensions Study Club, American Diabetes Association and Light Medical sponsored a Free Foot Screening for Diabetes Nov. 12, from 1-4 pm.

Christian students should consider these factors and choose to make their bodies a temple of the Holy Spirit. "For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." 1 Cor. 6:20.



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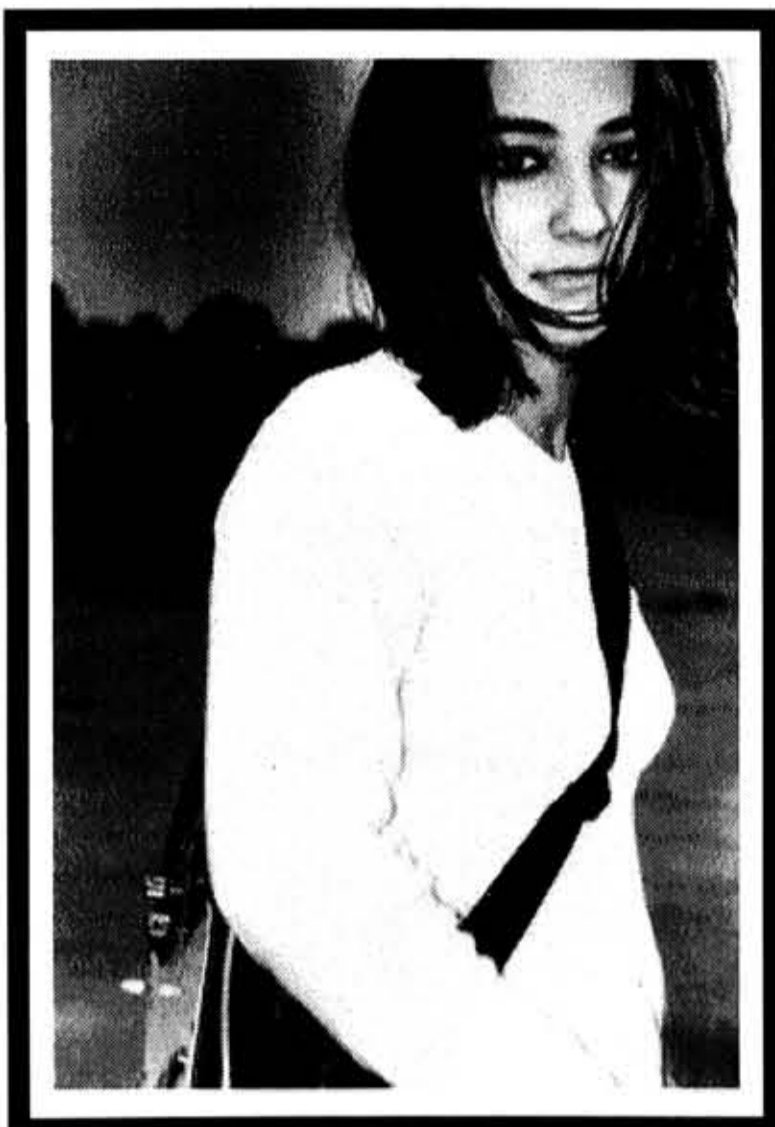
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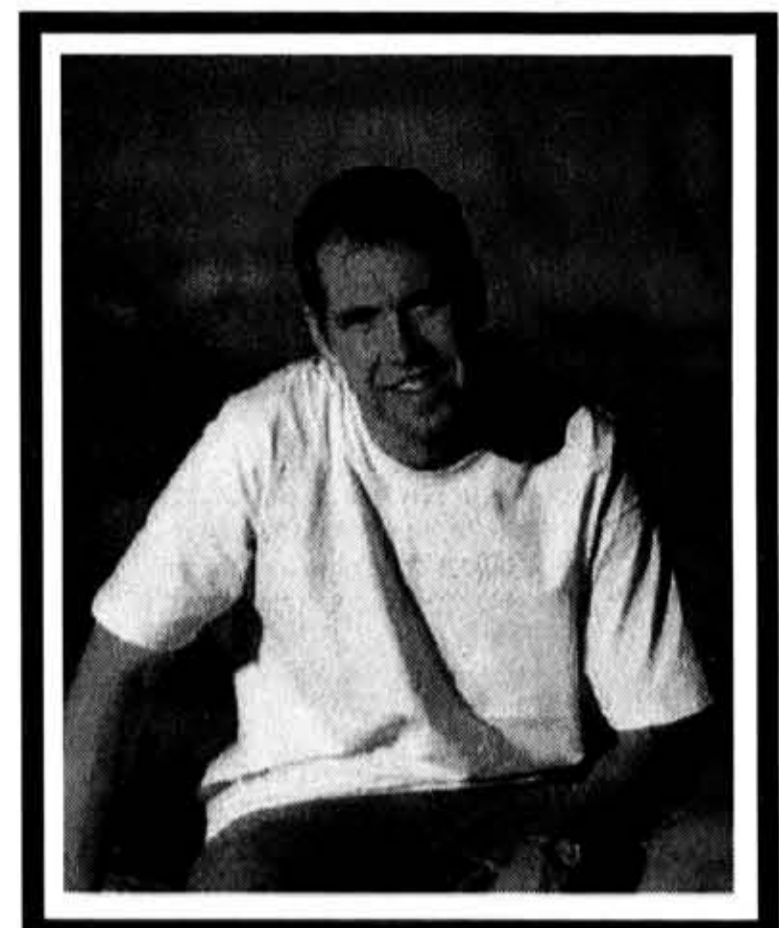
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# sportsupdate

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## Lewis outpoints Holyfield

Even Evander Holyfield didn't dispute it when all three judges voted for Lennox Lewis and made him the undisputed heavyweight champion after 12 rounds Saturday night at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

While Lewis earned all three titles, he was only presented with the Holyfield's belt to go with his WBC belt. In their first fight March 13 at Madison Square garden, many people thought the decision fell through the judges' hands. While many observers thought Lewis had won, officials decision was a draw.

Holyfield threatened to take the control of the fight in the seventh round but Lewis would not let him, using left jabs and right uppercuts.

## Falling out of Top five

Florida State and Virginia Tech used convincing victories Saturday to keep control of the top two spots in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, released Sunday morning.

The major shake up in the top 10 has Nebraska (9-1) moving up two spots to fourth after the destruction of then No. 5 Kansas State. Wisconsin improved four spots to No. 5 thanks to a 41-3 pounding of Iowa.

Three top 10 teams from last week suffered significant hits, with defending national champion Tennessee (7-2) dropping from third to seventh after a 28-24 loss to Arkansas. Kansas State fell to ninth. Penn State (9-2) continued its nosedive, falling from second to eighth to 13th in consecutive weeks. The Nittany Lions suffered their second straight loss on Saturday 31-27 to No. 10 Michigan. Miami (5-4) and Washington dropped out of the poll.

## Rutgers breaks 11-game losing streak at Syracuse

Rutgers ended the nation's fourth-longest active losing streak at 11 games with a stunning 24-21 overtime victory over four-touchdown favorite Syracuse on Saturday.

The improbable triumph helped Rutgers (1-9) avoid a second winless season in three years. It also marked the first time that Rutgers has beaten Syracuse (6-4) in 12 games since 1986, and this one may have cost the Orange-men a chance at a postseason bowl bid.

What made the win even more remarkable was that Lee McDonald, a senior who was a starter in 1997, was forced into the placekicking job when sophomore Steven Barone was suspended on Saturday for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

## Iowa downs defending champ UConn in opener

That's right. Iowa, a team not even given a chance to win its conference, knocked off the team favored to win it all. Iowa stunned top-ranked and defending national champion Connecticut 70-68 in the second game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The Hawkeyes looked like the veteran team, opening a 16-4 lead on the way to a 36-21 halftime advantage as the Huskies shot just 26 percent and had twice as many turnovers (14) as field goals. In the second half, Connecticut looked more like the team that returns three starters from last year's championship squad — and even took the lead.

## Ladies: Aussies denied

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equaled to an 18-4 run to finish the half.

The Lady Flames led the Aussie Nationals 45-25 after the initial 20 minutes of play.

The Sheila's made a valiant attempt to give LU a scare with a 7-0 run at the beginning of the second half. But the Lady Flames once again denied their opponent by flexing their defensive muscles and raising their lead back to 21 points half way through the second half. LU went on to cruise to an easy victory.

According to Coach Green, the win itself, as well as the way his team won, was a positive sign for the Lady Flames.

"We didn't really try anything different from the first game. Tonight we were able to execute the plays better and that led to the end result," said Green.

The Lady Flames now face the first game of their rugged nonconference schedule with a

game against No. 17 Virginia Tech in the first round of the Preseason National Invitation Tournament.

The Lady Flames will face an uphill battle against the physical style of the Hokies.

"They are an outstanding team and our biggest challenge will be to control the play of their post players. This game will be a great opportunity for us to start our season and to glorify God at the same time," said Green.

Senior guard Sarah Farley shared the views of her coach. "We are thankful for being in the NIT tournament and opening against a great team like Virginia Tech. No matter what the outcome we will hold our heads high and know that it will help us down the road," said Farley.

With a win against VT, the Lady Flames will then travel to Athens, Ga. to face Georgia, in a rematch from the NCAA tournament last season.



JOHN FISHER

AUSSIES GO UNDER — Senior guard Sharon Wilkerson (33) goes up for the rebound during Thursday night's game against the Australian Nationals.

## Hockey: Duke goes down

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Duke's goalie, Handy proved his position as team captain by making a clear shot on goal to seal the Flames lead 6-0. Duke refused to lay down and get burned by putting up one goal on the board before the end of the second period by Luke Wolin.

The third period started with the Flames leading 6-1. Almost two minutes into the period Handy scored again assisted by John Schubert and C. Lowes. Although C. Lowes put in six minutes in the penalty box for tripping and unsportsmanlike conduct, he scored one goal and assisted three.

Handy scored the eighth Liberty goal of the evening assisted

by Schubert. Handy racked up three goals in Saturday's game. With the clock reading 3:19 left in the game, Liberty iced the cake with its ninth goal made by Sy Holsinger who was assisted by J. Lowes and Dan Cross.

"The guys really rallied after last night's loss. It (the loss) re-evaluated a good physical game," said Coach Paul Bloomfield.

"Tonight was a real boost of confidence," Bloomfield said. "The ref's have said we are more deadly short-handed than we are on a full power play."

That was proven to be true on Saturday night.

The Flames play again Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Roanoke Civic Center against VCU at 11 p.m.

## Soccer hopes for a NCAA bid

By Tim Holland, reporter

The men's soccer team waited anxiously on Monday evening to find out if it had been selected for the NCAA Tournament. The Flames were denied an opportunity for an automatic bid last Sunday as they lost to Radford 0-0 (4-3) in a shootout in the final of the Big South Tournament. Though the tournament includes only 32 teams, Liberty still holds a realistic shot at making the field.

The men have made a rather strong case for themselves. By defeating nationally ranked Jacksonville (13th) 2-0, and Virginia Commonwealth (25th) 1-0, the Flames have given themselves a real sense of hope.

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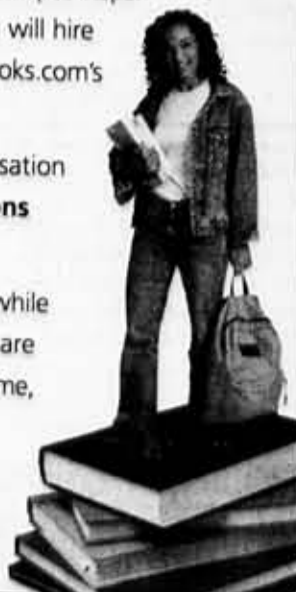
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# Volleyball: Wins

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well and did a great job hitting the ball when it was game point."

Senior Anthonia Akpama finished with 25 kills and 12 digs, and senior Kyrie Dorn chipped in with 13 kills, 13 digs and two block assists.

Sophomore Rachel Harnack had 12 kills, four digs, and four service aces. Sophomore Michelle Howland set it off with 39 assists and nine digs.

Friday night's match marked the next to last home game of the season for the Lady Flames. Before the match began, Coach Phillips and her staff honored seniors Anthonia Akpama, Kyrie Dorn, and Athena Sherwood for their great contribution to the volleyball program.

Also, Friday night was parent's night. Those parents in attendance received a hug, a kiss, and a rose from their daughters.

After the recognition, it was time to hit the court and hand Winthrop (19-13, 8-5) a loss.

The Lady Flames did just that.

Liberty seemed very anxious in game one. The first few serve returns were out of bounds kills, which gave the Lady Eagles the early 8-3 lead.

The Winthrop attack forced a Liberty timeout. Once returning to the floor, the Lady Flames seemed more determined.

Liberty was down by a score of 11-4 before cutting the Winthrop lead to 11-8. The tables were turned and when the Lady Eagles saw a run from the Lady Flames,

they took a timeout to get things together.

No matter what Winthrop threw its way, Liberty was determined not to give up. The Lady Flames made a come back and jumped ahead 13-11.

Liberty never looked back and won game one 15-12.

Game two started off slow, but did not affect the Lady Flames. Liberty came out strong with the 7-3 lead, forcing a Winthrop timeout.

Winthrop could never find a rhythm and gave up another game 15-4.

After returning to the court following halftime, the Lady Eagles jumped in front 4-1. Liberty was not the least bit shaken. The Lady Flames played hard and game back to tie the game at 6-6.

Both teams were capitalizing off of each other's mistakes. Winthrop seemed tired and took a timeout. Liberty won the game 15-10 to claim the match.

"One thing we really wanted to do is come out and play solid volleyball and we did that all throughout the night," Phillips said.

The Lady Flames were led by Akpama who finished with 19 kills and 10 digs, and sophomore Jessica Wilson had 10 kills, six digs and one block assist.

Harnack finished with eight kills, five digs and a .211 hitting percentage, and Howland led the team in assists with 38 and six digs. Sherwood had seven kills and five digs, while Dorn finished with seven kills and 11 digs.

# LU takes down VASDA

By Tim Holland, reporter

The men's basketball team lived up to its early season hype, as it opened with a 95-57 win against VASDA-USA last Monday night.

The Flames used a well-balanced scoring attack to defeat VASDA-USA, and had three players score in double-figures.

Nathan Day led all scorers with 16 points.

Coach Hankinson used a 10-man rotation, which worked very well.

"We don't have a second team, we have 10 first-teamers," Hankinson said.

Jamaal Bennett and Kenneth Anaebonam scored 14 points a piece for the Flames, who shot 45 percent as a team for the game.

Liberty's performance was a sharp contrast from what Flames fans had grown accustomed to seeing all of last year.

The men scored more than half of their points in the paint, and out-rebounded their opponents by a margin of 63-41.

The Flames didn't rely on the outside shot, but showed that they still had people who could shoot.

Though the improved offense is what stood out most, the team defense was tremendously improved as well.

"One trait this team has had from day one is that we have a team that takes great pride in being predators on defense," said Hankinson.

"All of the players have adopted that as part of their character."

The men finished the night with 16 steals.

However, starting power forward David Watson was forced to leave the game late in the first half due to an injury sustained on his wrist. Watson's immediate status with the team is uncertain.

Liberty played Monday at home against Crossfire.

Crossfire defeated conference foe UNC-Asheville by seven points, so Liberty may be able to gauge just how far it has come after it faces Crossfire.

The men open their regular season on Saturday Nov. 20, as they play host to NCAA Division III school Virginia-Wise.



UP, UP AND AWAY — Forward/Center Kenneth Anaebonam goes for a layup during Monday night's game against VASDA-USA. LU won 95-57.

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## Mad props

To the soccer teams I must give mad props, what an amazing year to be a Liberty Flames soccer player. The women and men's teams have both excelled over and above what was expected this season.

To the men's team, I say a simple congratulations. With only two losses all season I can only smile when soccer is brought up in small talk conversations made around campus. The men were coming off their third consecutive 10-plus win season, and this year's season makes it their fourth.

The guys placed second last season in the Big South tournament. They played strong this year beating the No. 8 seed in the Big South, Elon College, then killing No. 5 seed Winthrop. My heart sank for them as they ended their stay in Conway, S.C., where the tournament was this year, with a loss to No. 6 seed Radford.

You played an amazing season! Proof of their awesome play is the three Flames who made the All-Tournament team- Adam Gill, Dean Short and Jason Streets. They've worked so hard this year and have done so well, never struggling through a losing streak.

Sure, I think they deserved the trophy and as the 4-3 shoot-out ended, I couldn't help but boo Radford. Yet, I knew God was being glorified on the field.

The ladies caused just as much of a ruckus as the guys did while tearing up the field this season. The women's team went 10-9 in the regular season and 3-3 in the Big South Conference against such impressive teams as Virginia Tech, Marshall, Ball State, and Appalachian State.

I pass props on to the cross-country team as well. Stephen Githuka is now rated as one of the top cross-country competitors in the country. What a great honor. Not only Githuka, the whole team has proven to be "props"-worthy.

While I'm passing out the props I must throw some to the Liberty University student body. Even though our football team has struggled this season, attendance to games has been more than impressive.

I ripped on school spirit earlier in the semester, but I am proud to say my fellow students have pulled through.

Go Flames. In the monsoon that opened the season, students were packing out Williams Stadium in their ponchos, umbrellas and even using copies of The Champion in an attempt to stay dry. Surprisingly enough halftime rained around and the crowd stayed around.

As I sat in my dry press box, eating catered Fazoli's, I laughed at my friends, knowing that I would be right there along with them if I had not chosen to sell my soul to The Champion this semester.

Keep it up Liberty. Remember the football team has one game left, the basketball season is just beginning, and baseball season is just a hop, skip and a jump away.

## X-C ends season at District III meet

By Tarant Judge, reporter

In Greenville, S.C. on Furman University's Cross Country Course, the NCAA hosted the District III Championships last Saturday. Runners were bidding to qualify for the 1999 NCAA National Champion meet Nov. 22.

The Liberty men's team finished ninth out of 25 teams with a score of 263. The Flames placed 20th, 46th, 53rd, 61st, 83rd, 115th, and 129th.

The women's cross country team ended its 1999 season by placing 13th overall as team with a total of 360 points. The Lady Flames cruised through the 5,000 meter Furman

course, finishing in the slots of 39th, 58th, 67th, 75th, 110th, 119th, and 179th.

"Both of our teams had their best finish ever at this meet," said Coach Brant Tolson.

"Our women ran well as a team, in terms of our expectations. We were a little disappointed in the finish of our men, but we still had our best finish ever."

Big South 1999 Runner of the Year Stephen Githuka, a senior from Miharati, Kenya, placed 20th with a time of 30:57. He missed a bid for a return trip to this weekend's NCAA National Championship. Githuka finished fourth in the Div. III meet last year.

Bruce Kite, a junior from Kutztown, Pa, finished in 46th place with a time of 31:45. Brian Kipreno, a senior from Kapsabet, Kenya, finished 53rd with a time of 31:59.

John Khan, a senior from Clay, N.Y., finished 61st with a time of 32:09. Danny Orr, a senior from Hollis, N.H., placed 83rd with a time of 32:46. Josh Zealand, freshman, running in his first District III Championship, placed 115th with a time of 33:57. Rounding out the finishers was Mike Lunde, a sophomore from Morganville, N. J., who placed 129th with a time 34:37.

Big South 1999 Rookie of the Year Rebecca Parsons, a freshman from

Hopewell Junction, N.Y. finished in 39th place with a time of 18:29.

Senior All-Conference and All-Academic team runner Tammi Green, from Kelso, Wash. finished in 56th place in 18:53.

Senior All-Conference runner Tracy Hoare finished 67th with a time of 19:02. Heather Sagan, a sophomore from Warrenton, Va., finished with a time of 19:12 and placed 81st.

Senior Amy Teer, from Abbottsford, B.C., ends her career by placing 114th with a time of 19:45. Sophomore Chrystal Moyer from Allegan, Mich., rolled in as the final Lady Flame by placing 169th place with a time of 21:19.

## Lady Flames take two wins

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

The Liberty University Lady Flames volleyball team finished the regular season in its own territory. The home court seemed to be advantageous for the Lady Flames in two of the three games they played last week.

Saturday afternoon, Liberty (19-9 overall, 12-2 Big South) faced the Lady Bulldogs of UNC Asheville. The Lady Bulldogs had a great bark, but did not bite hard enough to defeat the Lady Flames.

In game one, Liberty took an early 7-3 lead. Following a timeout, the Lady Bulldogs gained four quick points off of mistakes by Liberty. An 11-4 lead was cut to 11-8.

Seeing the enthusiasm and determination by UNC Asheville, the Lady Flames took a timeout of their own. Liberty returned to the court with a more determined demeanor.

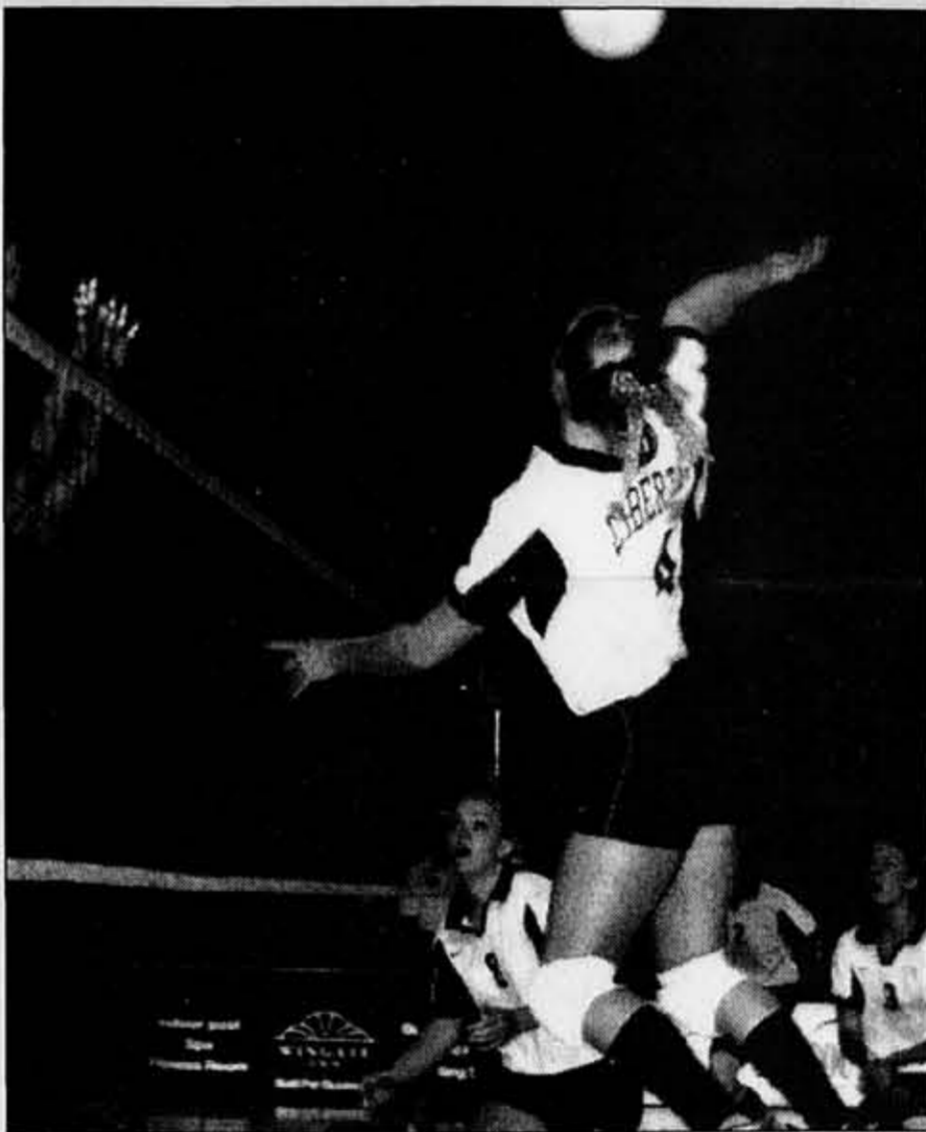
The Lady Flames spread the lead to 14-10, forcing yet another timeout by the Lady Bulldogs. Though Liberty could not score the game point right away, it still won by a score of 15-10.

"We started off kind of slow in game one, but we did a good job," Head Coach Chris Phillips said. "Hopefully we can keep it up for this coming weekend."

Game two ended in Liberty's favor. UNC Asheville allowed a 9-0 lead by Liberty before taking a timeout. The timeout seemed to work in the Lady Bulldogs favor as they made a run to prevent a shutout, and added six points to the board.

In game one, the Lady Flames were stuck on 14. However, they still defeated UNC Asheville 15-8 despite another run by the Lady Bulldogs.

UNC Asheville took the early 2-0 lead in game three, but was overpowered by a 9-0 run from Liberty. The Lady Bulldogs took a timeout, and put



IN FOR THE KILL — Middle hitter Kyrie Dorn (4) completes a play during a recent match in the Vines Center. The Lady Flames move on to the Big South tourn. Nov. 19.

three points on the scoreboard.

UNC Asheville called another timeout when the Lady Flames spread its lead to 11-3. The Lady Bulldogs returned to the court and played hard. UNC Asheville gave Liberty a run for its money by making a run and cutting the lead to 12-8.

The team had not given up and was still determined to win the match in

three games, Coach Phillips called a timeout. When the Lady Flames returned to the hardwood, they finished the game and the match by a score of 15-10.

"It felt good to go out and play well," Phillips said. "Asheville hung on really

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## Women bounce back

By Douglas Stewart, reporter

The Liberty women's basketball team bounced back from a tough loss in its exhibition opener to dominate the Australian national team 73-49 on Thursday night.

The Lady Flames used an aggressive defense and a fast-paced offense to keep the Australians out of sync and go on to put a first win under their belt.

"This team does not like to be embarrassed and we were embarrassed last week against the Slovakian team," said Coach Carey Green.

"We were able to learn a great deal about ourselves this week during practices."

"I am proud of the performance of the team tonight because of the fact that we came back tonight and controlled the pace all around," he said.

The Lady Flames were paced by Sharon Wilkerson and Sarah Farley, who finished with 16 and 14 points respectively.

Wilkerson scored half of her points from the free-throw line, where she went an impressive 8-8 for the game.

Sophomore transfer Laura Rollyson showed off her long range shooting ability by draining three triplets to finish with 11 points on the night.

Liberty jumped on the Aussies' early with a relentless defensive press that allowed the Flames to gain a quick 17-6 advantage only seven minutes into the game.

The Australians cut the Lady Flames lead to six points (27-21) at the 6:58 mark in the first half. However LU responded with a flurry of baskets that

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## Hockey club splits pair of weekend games

By Brooke Herrmann, assist. sports ed.

Blood, sweat, and excitement are the three words that describe Liberty Flames hockey best. The Flames raised their 3-1-0 record to 4-1-1 this weekend after a tough loss to Ft. Bragg on Friday night 8-6.

Saturday night's game at the Roanoke Civic Center against Duke University was a key win for the Flames.

Although the Flames (2-0-1 ACC) are a club team, they are a part of the ACC conference.

The Atlantic Coast Collegiate Hockey League consists of teams such as N.C. State, Virginia Tech, Appalachian State, U.Va., UNC, the University of Maryland and Duke. The top six teams in the League go to the play-offs.

"Staying out of the penalty box, and playing good dump and chase hockey was the key to tonight's game," said Coach Armand "Rasty" McGibbon.

In the first three minutes on the ice, Liberty scored its first goal with no hesitation.

Kirk Handy scored, assisted by Chris Lowes and Jeff Lowes. Duke was left stunned as the Flames scored again with 10:50 left in the first period. The Flames led 2-0 on Sy Holsinger's goal.

"We were playing four lines tonight versus Friday night's two lines," team captain Kirk Handy said. "The whole team was involved, and our power play operation went well."

Operating well were Liberty's shots on goal. With only 33 seconds left in the first period, the Flames put up No. 4 on the scoreboard, while the Blue Devils continued to hold their goose egg.

The second period was as exciting as the first with Liberty's Brad Olin scoring their fifth goal three minutes into the period.

Duke could only get upset as Liberty not only out scored, but also out shot the Blue Devils.

Headed down the ice, one-on-one with

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GET OUTTA THE WAY — The Liberty Flames destroyed the Duke Blue Devils in Saturday night's game, 9-1. Center Miles Gerlatt (21) races for the puck during Saturday's game.



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Liberty seniors  
Delawn  
Grandison  
and Carl  
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# STEP BY STEP

**Men's Coach Mel Hankinson hopes seniors Carl Williams and Delawn Grandison — and a bunch of new kids — can return the Flames to the top**



By Tim Holland, reporter

In most cases, a team coming off a four-win season would merely try to rebuild. However, the Liberty University men's basketball team has a completely different approach. With a recruiting class that has been ranked anywhere from 45th to as high as 25th nationally, the team is buzzing about its chances to capture the Big South title this season and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1994.

If this new found confidence exhibited by the players and coaches alike is to translate into victories, then it will have to start with Head Coach Mel Hankinson. In his second year as the Flames head coach, Hankinson has shown his dedication to the team with the countless hours he spent on this year's recruiting class. He only hopes that his efforts are able to pay dividends as soon as possible.

"We've gone from a team simply trying to survive to a team that's all of a sudden very competitive. The reality is that we have a shot at the NAAs. We've got the quickness, the size and an incredible group of kids. The future is now," said Hankinson.

If the Flames are to show dramatic improvement this year, then seniors Delawn Grandison and Carl Williams

will likely lead them. Grandison has been named to the Big South preseason all-conference first team. After spending his entire summer at Don Meyer's forward's camps, he will move to the small forward position this season.

"Last season was the first time in Delawn's life that he had to post people up," said Hankinson.

"We were so short, he had to play the four (power forward) position all season and he wasn't able to show what he could really do. This year, we've recruited some really good big men, so Delawn will be able to move outside and use his real strengths. I'd say he's the most improved player I've seen in 20 years of coaching."

Carl Williams, a transfer from West Virginia University, should also be an impact player for the Flames this year, and will play a pivotal role in the team's overall success. Two years ago, he was on the Mountaineers team that advanced to the "Sweet 16" in the NCAA Tournament. Hankinson has described him as "a complete player who leads with defense." He will start at the two-guard and will be asked to contribute on both ends of the floor.

After solid freshman performances, both Chris Caldwell and Jamaal Bennett will be asked to play important roles on this year's team. Both rely on their quick-

ness to get to the basket but also have reliable jump shots. Bennett finished last year with a phenomenal 35-point effort against UNC-Asheville. Caldwell was named to the 1999 Big South all-rookie team, and his first-year experience can only help.

Hankinson said "Jamaal is shooting the ball extremely well, and the biggest thing that's impressed me about Chris ... this year is he wants to be the best defensive player in the conference."

Also returning is junior forward Nathan Day. Day has

been a reliable contributor since his arrival at Liberty. He averaged eight points a game last year and has earned the reputation as a scrappy and physical player. He was second in the Big South last year in field goal percentage and ninth in the conference in free-throw percentage. His gritty play will be valuable for the Flames this season.

The Flames will also be looking for integral contributions from some of its newcomers. Quite possibly the

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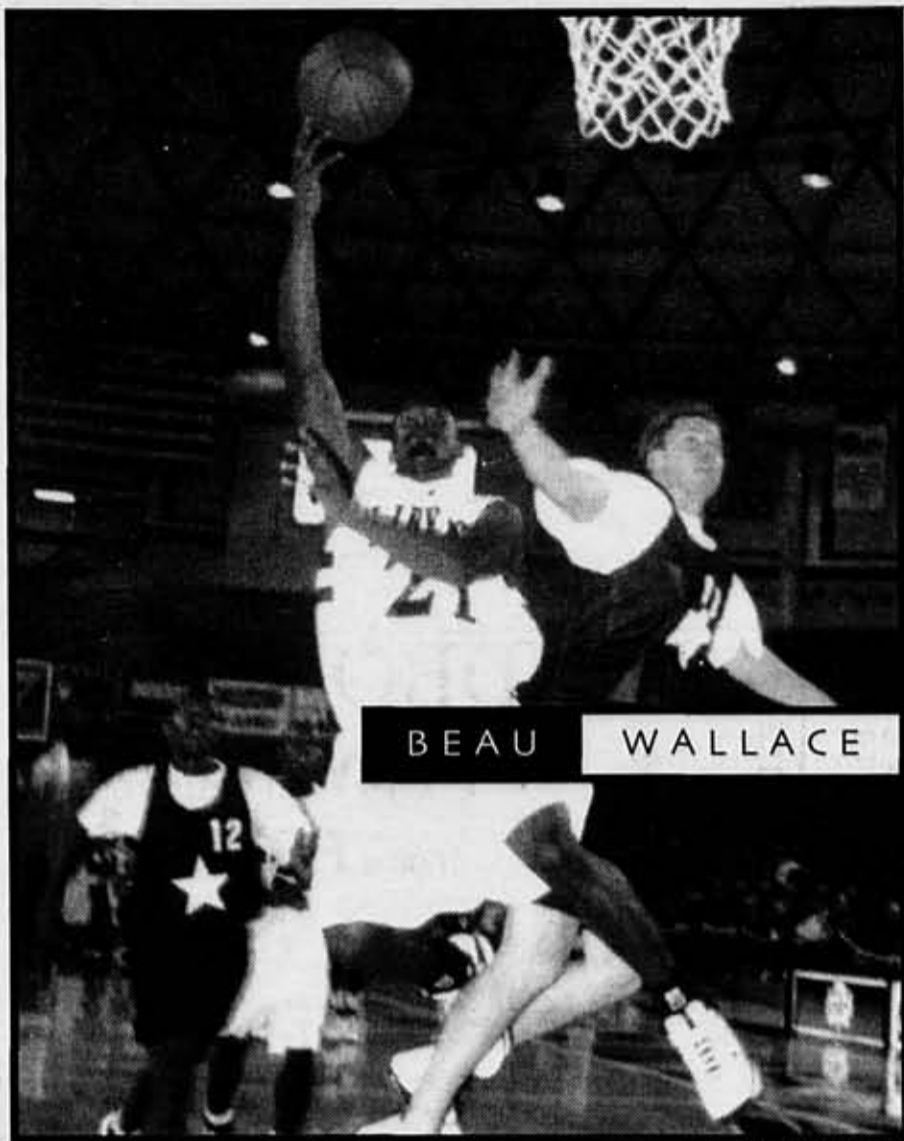
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most notable of these is Kenneth Anaebonam. His size (6 feet, 9 inches, 225 pounds.) will be a welcome addition to this year's team. Anaebonam originally signed with Liberty in 1997, but decided to attend junior college instead. His rebounding ability will be a valuable asset to the Flames this season, since rebounding was a noticeable weakness last season.

Other newcomers looking who might play key roles include David Watson and Louvon Sneed. Watson is a junior transfer from Spartanburg Methodist Junior College. Hankinson calls Watson "the best juco (junior college) post defensive player I saw in the country last year ...and the best rebounder we have too."

Sneed played at St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, N.J. A perennial national powerhouse, St. Anthony's is coached by Bob Hurley (father of Bobby and Danny Hurley). Louvon's low-post presence will be important for the Flames beyond his freshman year.

Freshmen Phillip Ward and Rob Attaway will add depth at the small forward position. Ward was selected first-team all-state last year in Texas, averaging 20 points, 10 rebounds, 3 blocks and 3 assists per game. Attaway averaged 12.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.5 steals per game his senior year for Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

Beau Wallace, a junior transfer from

Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, will challenge for the starting point guard spot. He adds quickness and solid defense to this year's squad. Maurice Watkins is a junior transfer from Florida Community College in Jacksonville. Watkins earned second team all-conference honors while at FCC, and was named his team's most valuable player while averaging 15.6 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 4.3 assists per game.

Rounding out this year's team are Eric Johnson, Mark Manley, Maurice Montague and Dave Sterret. Johnson is a sophomore transfer from the University of Tennessee-Martin. He played his high school ball at Atlantic Shores Christian, where he helped guide the team to the state championship game.

Manley returns from last year's team where he saw limited action. The sophomore is an excellent leaper, and won this year's "Midnight Madness" slam dunk competition.

Montague is a freshman from El Paso, Texas. In high school, he garnered honorable mention all-state recognition twice. Sterret is a freshman from Oak Hill Academy in southwest Virginia. He helped lead his team to a 31-0 record and the high school national championship.

This year's home schedule is highlighted with games against James Madison, Albany, and Towson. The away schedule includes games against Richmond, Virginia Tech, N.C. State, Navy, Yale, and Boston University.

The first home game is Nov. 20 against Virginia-Wisc.

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12/4		Albany	7:30 pm
12/7		@ Richmond	7:30 pm
12/11		@ Virginia Tech	2:00 pm
12/13		East Stroudsburg	7:30 pm
12/17		@ North Carolina State	7:30 pm
12/29		Covenant	2:00 pm
1/5		@ Navy	7:30 pm
1/8		@ Yale	3:00 pm
1/11		@ Boston University	7:30 pm
1/13		Elon	8:30 pm
1/15		UNC Asheville	7:30 pm
1/17		Winthrop	7:30 pm
1/22		@ Coastal Carolina	7:30 pm
1/24		@ Charleston Southern	8:00 pm
1/29		@ Radford	Noon
2/1		High Point	7:30 pm
2/5		@ Winthrop	4:00 pm
2/9		@ UNC Asheville	7:30 pm
2/12		Coastal Carolina	7:30 pm
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# Furnace Fanatics

Student section hopes to heat up Vines for opponents

By Leneta Lawing, reporter

If you think the Cameron crazies of Duke are loud and crazy, you have not seen anything yet. Wait until you step into the Vines Center and catch a glimpse of the Furnace Fanatics. This year when you enter the Vines Center, organizers hope you will be stepping into a red sea.

"We (the coaches) were thinking over the summer how we could get more student involvement where the students feel like they're a necessary ingredient," Ty Nichols, assistant men's basketball coach, said.

They began brainstorming for a name for a special group of students and came up with the Furnace Fanatics. They talked



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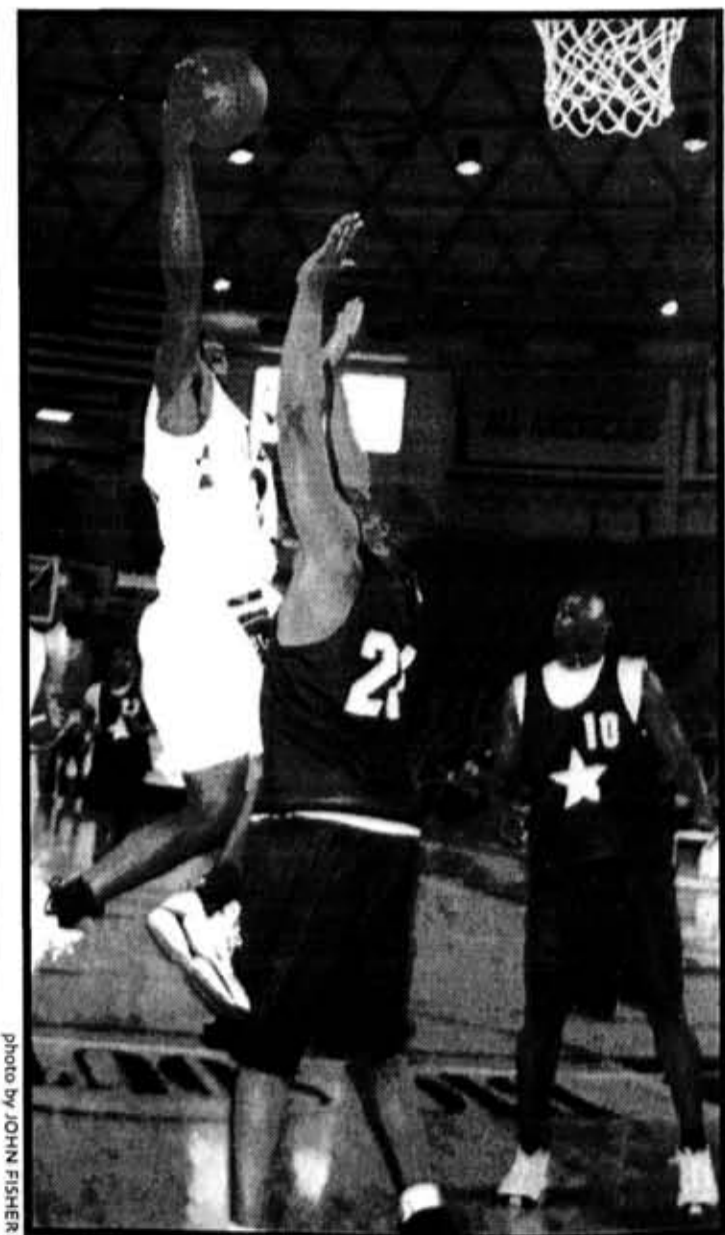


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Men's Basketball Roster				
#	Name	Pos.	Year	Height
2	Phillip Ward	F	Fr.	6-7
3	Chris Caldwell	G	So.	6-1
5	Carl Williams	G/F	Sr.	6-1
10	Jamaal Bennett	G	So.	6-1
11	Maurice Watkins	G	Jr.	6-2
21	Beau Wallace	G	Jr.	6-2
23	Delawn Grandison	G/F	Sr.	6-5
24	Rob Attaway	F	Fr.	6-5
25	Mark Manley	F	So.	6-6
32	Maurice Montague	G/F	Fr.	6-5
33	Nathan Day	F	Jr.	6-7
35	Louvon Sneed	F	Fr.	6-7
42	David Watson	F/C	Jr.	6-9
50	Kenneth Anaebonam	F/C	Jr.	6-9
52	Dave Sterrett	F/C	Fr.	6-8
55	Eric Johnson	G	So.	5-10

Women's Basketball Roster				
#	Name	Pos.	Year	Height
4	Laura Rollyson	G	So.	5-6
10	Kimmie Reeves	G	Jr.	5-7
11	Rachel Young	F	So.	5-8
12	Becky Blesch	F	So.	5-10
14	Sarah Farley	G	Sr.	5-6
21	Miranda Kettery	C	So.	6-2
22	Britton Bennett	F	Fr.	5-11
24	Elena Kisseleva	F	Sr.	6-1
30	Michelle Frickie	F/C	Fr.	6-2
32	Zandrique Cason	F	Fr.	6-0
33	Sharon Wilkerson	G	Sr.	5-6
44	Dawn Woodruff	F	So.	6-0
45	Meribeth Feenstra	C	Fr.	6-7
54	Irene Sloof	F	Jr.	5-10

with SGA president Chris Stewart and began to implement the idea and recruit participants.

"We contacted Duke University and got information on how they started the Cameron crazies," Stewart said. "It's a student oriented group that goes through their student life and it grows each year."

The goal of the Furnace Fanatics is not only to be the team's pep squad, but also to increase attendance. Attendance for the men's basketball games decreased last season, since the team won only four games. However, this season's recruiting class plans to turn things around.

"Crowd support will make the team feel good about itself," Furnace Fanatics spokesperson Robert Hodges said. "They'll know that whether they win or lose, there are dedicated fans."

Stewart says it is amazing to see a team that knows students are behind them. He said the 3,000 students at Midnight Madness only show what the season will be like.

"The team loves (the idea)," Nichols said. "They are so excited about the students here at Liberty. The student body has taken the players under their wing."

Nichols says he has heard only positive responses from faculty and students all over campus. He said many are excited about the recruiting class and its athletic ability.

"We want to put the Cameron crazies to shame," Nichols said. "(The students) will be

very important to us winning games."

With almost three-fourths of the Vines Center filled with red shirts, that can happen. Organizers want "The Furnace" to be known as one of the rowdiest places in Big South Conference play. They want opponents to dread playing at Liberty because the student support is so great and the noise level is so high.

"We will be doing chants and standing the entire game," Hodges said. "We want everyone in a red shirt."

So, if you are one of those people who like to sit and watch the game, then do not sit in sections 111 to 122 because your view will be obstructed by a sea of red.

The Furnace Fanatics has been created for the students to have fun, but certain guidelines must be followed.

According to Stewart, the NCAA has a list of rules that the students and fans must follow. Mickey Gurdy, sports promotions director, looked over the guidelines and met with the Furnace Fanatics to go over those guidelines. The students are not allowed:

- on the floor at anytime
- to have any type of noise maker
- to use any type of profanity
- to yell at the referees or coaches personally

"A creed of conduct will have to be signed by the students who want to be a part of the Furnace Fanatics," Hodges said.

Nichols made it clear that as soon as this affects the school's testimony, the team no longer wants to be a part of it.

"I think that in everything that we do we must keep in mind that witnessing is our number one priority," Nichols said. "There's nothing wrong with having a lot of fun, but as soon as it affects your witness for Christ, then we have a problem."

The Furnace Fanatics will also receive scouting reports so that they will know what to expect from the opponents.

"They will know each players name, where they're from, if they're overweight, anything," Stewart said.

If all goes well this season, the Furnace Fanatics will continue and hope to become stronger. Currently there are 15 charter members, known as the "Founding Fathers of the Furnace Fanatics."

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Women's Season Schedule  
(Home Games in Bold)

PRE-SEASON NIT			
11/15		Virginia Tech - Blacksburg, Va	TBA
11/17		Quarterfinals - TBA	TBA
11/21		Semifinals - New York City	TBA
11/22		Championship - New York City	TBA
11/23		<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
11/29		<b>Campbell</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
WACHOVIA'S WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL			
12/4		Richmond - Richmond, Va	4:00 pm
12/5		UNC - Richmond, Va	7:00 pm
12/5		Notre Dame - Richmond, Va	9:00 pm
12/7		<b>Boise State</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
12/9		<b>East Tennessee State</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
12/11		<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
SUN SPLASH SHOOTOUT			
12/20		UNLV - Bahamas	9:00 pm
12/21		Duke - Bahamas	7:00 pm
12/21		Cal St. Sacramento - Bahamas	9:00 pm
12/30		<b>Wake Forest</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
1/2		@ West Virginia	2:00 pm
1/4		<b>Virginia Commonwealth</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
1/13		<b>Elon</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
1/15		@ UNC Asheville	7:00 pm
1/20		@ Winthrop	7:00 pm
1/22		@ Coastal Carolina	5:00 pm
1/24		@ Charleston Southern	6:00 pm
1/29		@ Radford	6:00 pm
2/3		<b>High Point</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
2/5		<b>Charleston Southern</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
2/7		<b>Coastal Carolina</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
2/12		<b>UNC Asheville</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
2/17		<b>Winthrop</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
2/21		@ High Point	7:00 pm
2/23		@ Elon	5:45 pm
2/26		<b>Radford</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
3/2-4		<b>BIG SOUTH TOURNAMENT</b>	TBA



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# FOUR TIME

## Can "the Big Three" lead the Lady Flames to their fourth straight NCAA Tournament?

By Douglas Stewart, reporter

Throughout the past three seasons, the Liberty University Lady Flames have had no trouble in the winning department.

The combination of a strong team chemistry, as well as an uncanny continuity throughout both the players and the coaching staff have been the driving force behind their success.

That continuity was abruptly discontinued last spring when three-time Big South Coach of the Year Rick Reeves left Lynchburg to become the new women's basketball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi. Although things looked grim for awhile, LU soon hired Carey Green, the top assistant at Clemson University.

Green has since stepped in and has quickly developed a strong relationship with the team and is vocal about the one specific thing that they all have in common.

"There is a common bond that I share with the players and even the students at Liberty, and that is the love for Jesus Christ," said Green.

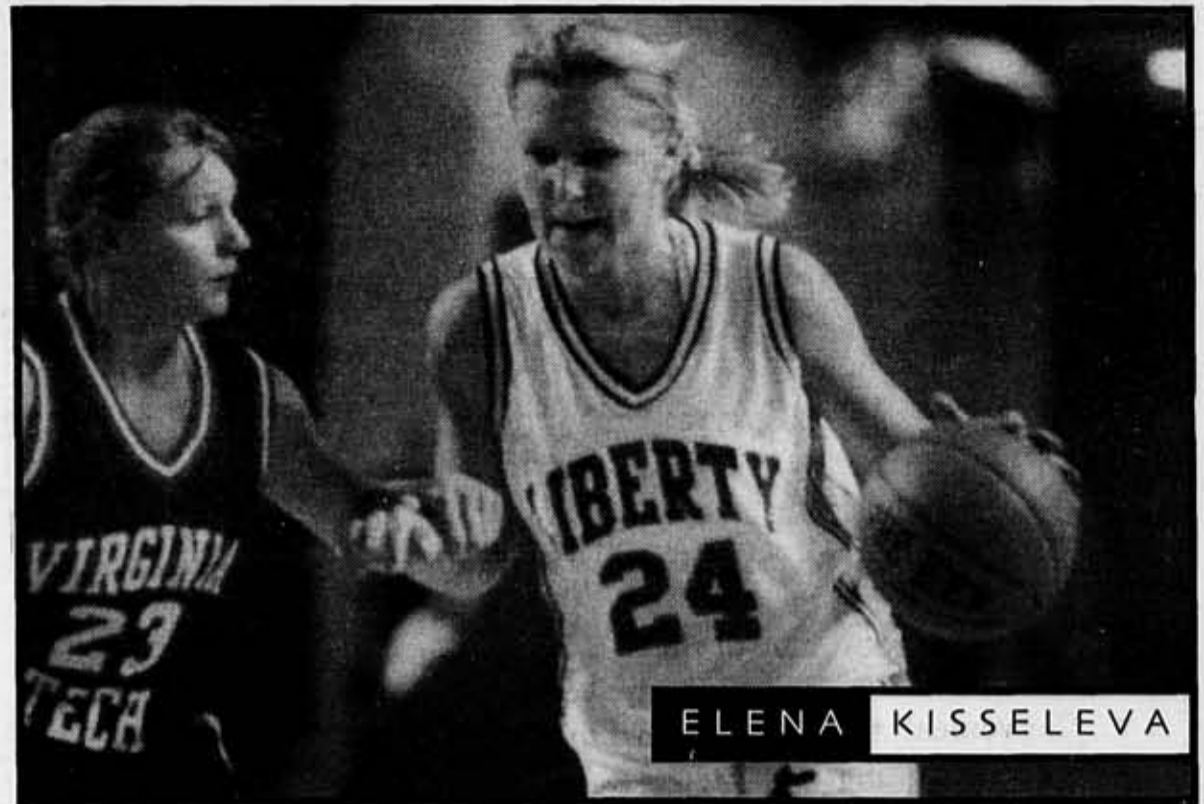
According to Green, the opportunity to coach at a school like Liberty is something that he

is very thankful for. "It is a rare occasion that you have an opportunity to coach at a unique university like Liberty University," said Green. "God has led me in this direction and has given me the intelligence to follow his leading. I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of a program that has already been given a strong foundation by Coach Rick Reeves."

With eight of 11 letterwinners returning from last year's 21-8 team, it is evident that Green and the Lady Flames will continue to successfully build on to the already strong women's basketball foundation at LU. The only players not

returning from last year's roster are Jennifer Spurlock, Krystal Reeves and Nina Willemse.

However, with the installment of a new system, everyone on the team seems to be starting anew. "In the beginning it was almost like having 14 freshman out there, but we are coming along," said senior guard Sarah Farley.



ELENA KISSELEVA

photo by MATT HJEMBO

Green plans to take advantage of his quick backcourt by encouraging his offense to play a fast-break oriented style.

"Our offense will run over and over. We will have to play a lot of people. Our goal is to keep the intensity up for 40 minutes," said Green.

Senior guard Sharon Wilkerson said the changes have been difficult but they will be helpful to the team later on in the season.

"The coaching changes and the changes in our plays have been one of the hardest things that I have ever had to do, but things have turned out great so far and this team will be better by getting through all of the challenges," said Wilkerson.

"The Big Three," as they have been known, are back and pre-

pared to lead the team in their senior season.

Elena Kisseleva, two-time Big South Player of the Year and two-time Big South Tournament Most Valuable Player, is back for her final year of eligibility. She led the team in scoring and rebounding

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— averaging 18.8 points and 7.3 boards per contest — last season. Kisseleva is currently the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,786 points and needs 235 points to become the Big South Conference's all-time leading scorer.

Wilkerson, a three-time first team all conference performer, averaged 15.8 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.7 assists and a team leading 2.9 steals per contest last season.

Farley, Wilkerson's counterpart and twin sister, will lead the Lady Flames at point guard again this year. Farley, known for her constant hustle and determination, led the team with team high 4.4 assists and 2.6 steals a contest.

Although the team will rely heavily on Kisseleva, Wilkerson, and Farley, others will need to step up to create a team balance.

According to Wilkerson the ladder will not be a problem. "We have a lot of people that will be able to step in and make the plays that they need to make. That's what could be different from this team than the others, we have people that can hurt you all around," said Wilkerson. One of those players is Irene

Sloof. Last year's fourth-leading scorer, Sloof will return for her third season after averaging 5.0 points and 2.7 rebounds.

Rachel Young, a Big South "All-Rookie" team selection, returns after having knee surgery during the off season. Young finished last season with a sizzling 41.2 percent (26/68) from behind the three-point line, ranking her among the leaders in the conference in that category.

Miranda Kettery, Kimmie Reeves and Dawn Woodruff are also returning and expected to be definite impacts on the squad.

Becky Blesch and Laura Rollyson both transferred to Liberty and sat out last year due to NCAA restrictions. Blesch transferred from the University of Alabama, and will challenge for a starting position at small forward. Rollyson, a transfer from Marshall University, will add depth at the point and shooting guard positions.

Other newcomers to the 1999-2000 roster include freshman Britton Bennett (Harrison, Ark.), Zandrique Cason (Tempe, Ariz.), Meribeth Feenstra (Grand Rapids, Mich.), and Michelle Frickie (Maple Grove, Minn).

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