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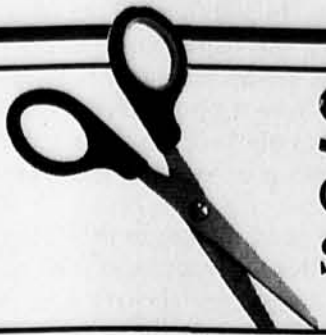
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## LU prof speaks at panel on design and evolution

By Joanne Tang  
NEWS EDITOR

"Flock of the Dodos," a documentary that investigates the controversy between evolution and intelligent design, is making rounds at film festivals and universities.

Its latest stop is the College of William and Mary, where it had a student and faculty audience and was followed by a panel discussion of several scientists.

Dr. David DeWitt, professor of biology at Liberty, was one of the panelists. He served as a voice of creationism and when the movie concluded, he pointed out several inconsistencies in the film.

"Everyone there treated me with respect," DeWitt said.

Dr. Randy Olson, a marine biologist who is now a filmmaker, made the film in a manner that shows many sides of the issue in entertaining animations and interviews and round-table discussions with many other scientists.

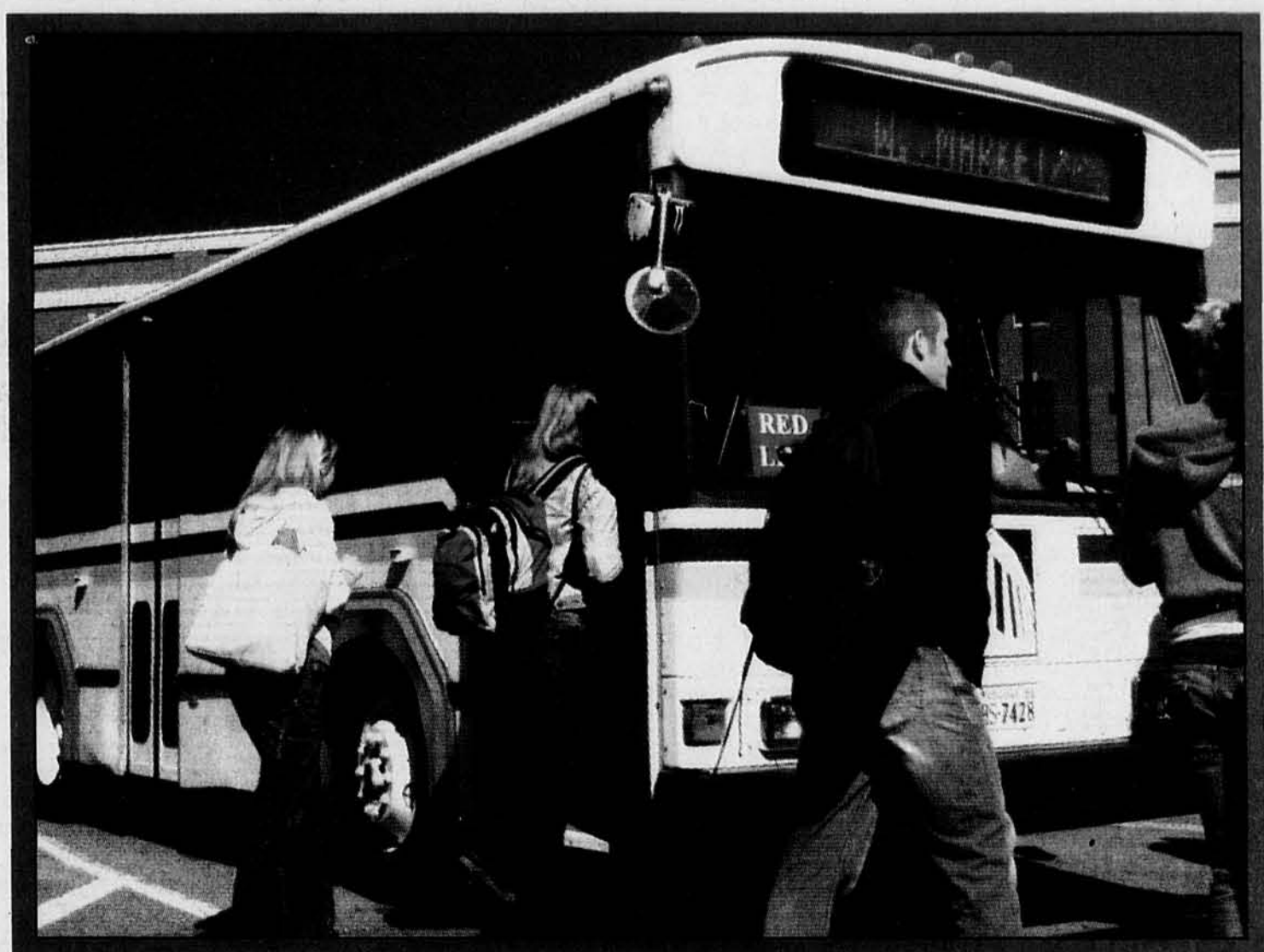
In the documentary, he interviews scientists of all backgrounds and tackles the debate of evolution and intelligent design. According to DeWitt, the film made many strides to be neutral in the matter.

"They (the filmmakers) were nicer to creationists than I've seen from other films," he said.

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GRAPHIC BY LESLIE PARAMYTHING



ALEX TOWERS

**NOW BOARDING, RED LINE** — More bus stops will be added soon, giving students more flexibility in where they want to wait for the bus.

## Buses haul 15,000 students in one week

By Joanne Tang  
NEWS EDITOR

There have been big developments happening within Liberty, not the least of which is the shuttle system. Implemented two weeks ago, the transit system has since transported 40,000 riders around campus, using several buses traveling on two lines.

One thing Director of Auxiliary Services S. Lee Beaumont and the Transportation Department, which is in charge of the transit system, make clear is that the system is still in its beginning stages and will continue to be improved. Several staff members recently met with the administrators of the "LU Official Petition LET US DRIVE TO NORTH!"

Facebook group to address student questions. The group was set up in response to the transit system and the new parking regulation that restricts resident students from parking on Campus North.

"I got the impression they were fully aware of the situation. They agreed with a lot of what we said and sympathized with us, which was very encouraging," said Marc Brown, the group founder.

Discussion between staff and the students has helped to bring to light some concerns students have about the shuttle system. Some students broached the subject of night classes and needing to walk from Campus North to their dorm at night.

Starting this week, buses will run until 10 p.m., helping the students who leave

class late at night get to their dorms more easily.

Many students recently have had problems with the waiting time at the bus stops and with being late for class. Beaumont said the desired wait time should be at most seven to eight minutes, and with more buses being bought and put on the roads, the time between buses will decrease even more.

"The consensus among administration was that (the need for a transit system) was urgent," said Tyler Falwell of the Transportation Department.

Head bus driver Mary Beth Blanchard manages the blue line and also aids in planning routes and managing buses.

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## Debate team hosts Congressional debates

By Jenni Thurman  
NEWS REPORTER

The national champion Liberty debate team played host on the evening of Monday, Oct. 23 to one of several 5th District Congressional debates planned before Election Day on Nov. 7.

Republican Rep. Virgil Goode, Democratic candidate Al Weed and Independent Green candidate Joseph Oddo focused primarily on congressional earmarks and government health care.

The hour-long debate in the Lloyd Auditorium was televised on ABC 13 in Lynchburg, Roanoke and Danville, and NBC 29 in Charlottesville.

Earmarks are governmental monetary grants that are designated for certain pre-specified projects.

Four panelists — including Glen Koch and Amanda Costa, both senior varsity debaters on the Liberty debate team — asked the candidates a variety of questions.

The candidates agreed on decreasing dependency on foreign oil, as well as changing the tactic on the war on terrorism in Iraq.

"I hope that the United States can reasonably and responsibly withdraw from Iraq in a way that is in the best interest of the United States," said Goode.

Weed, a military veteran of 42 years, said that the war is "a disaster in Iraq

today, and the Republican administration is entirely responsible for it."

"You can't fight a war on a tactic, on a word," said Oddo.

The debate revolved heavily around the high cost of Medicare, which Weed felt could be solved through increased fiscal responsibility.

"It would be less than most people are paying for Blue Cross Blue Shield," said Weed.

Goode was outspoken in his support for Medicare, saying there was no need for "a national socialized health care system in this country." He also challenged

Weed's proposed payroll tax, which would, he contended, raise taxes by "about 6 percent."

Oddo spent the majority of the debate promoting the Independent Green party's primary platform issue — a high-speed rail system that would cost an estimated \$100 billion.

"(The government is) loading millions of tax dollars on flatbed trucks and delivering them without a receipt in Iraq. There's plenty of money to pay for this system," he said.

The most heated part of the debate focused on Goode's use of earmarks to reserve money for improving the quality of living in Southside Virginia.

"Earmarks are not leadership. What we need is leadership in Congress to pass legislation that will change the economic future for Southside," said Weed.

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JESSICA WEBER

**IN GOODE COMPANY** — The debate was broadcast on many local television stations.

## Liberty's Fall Missions Conference a success

By Amy Field  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The possible dangers of serving as a missionary overseas can often hinder the decision of those who might otherwise go. Persecution. Imprisonment. Death. These are often daily risks in the lives of missionaries who are called to serve in dangerous areas around the world. Liberty's Fall Missions Conference was organized to provide a realistic picture of the life of a missionary on the field for students.

"The purpose of the Fall Missions Conference is to expose students to missions and also to challenge them to be involved with missions," said Adam Bowers, who is the director of communications for The Center for Global Ministries. By the end of the conference, a total of 241 students expressed an interest in missions.

The conference, which is organized by The Center for Global Ministries, was held from Oct. 23 to 25. It included a missions fair with representatives from many different missions organizations, who offered information to interested students. Missionaries were also asked to speak to classes and at dorm hall meetings during the days of the conference.

The event also included missionary speakers Dr. David Platt and Nik Ripkin, both of whom spoke at Convocation. "Nik Ripkin" is actually the pseudonym of a missions strategy associate who has done his missions work primarily in countries with restricted access. His name had to be changed for the convocation service in order to ensure his safety. The exact locations where he works could not be released for security reasons as well. Ripkin brought a message on Wednesday about faith and surviving when times are difficult.

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## SHOOTIN' FROM THE HIP



Jay Guthrie

You are probably expecting a Halloween column from me — nope, only complaints instead. My Halloween dream of becoming my boyhood hero, Ace Ventura Pet Detective, was shattered a few weeks ago when Liberty forced me to lop off my lengthy locks.

When I first caught word of the new shuttle service on campus, I was a little disappointed. Are students that lazy, I wondered? I mean, honestly. I don't want to sound like my old man when he walked to school uphill both ways in a September blizzard, but it must be said.

I'm no doctor, and I'm lacking all medical research when I say this, but I'm pretty sure that a short stroll a few times a day might actually benefit the human body. Besides, I need a good 5-10 minute walk every morning to rid the road rage that I accumulate en route to campus. The fact that Lynchburg drivers can't comprehend the enter/exit ramp system still blows my mind.

Given the sluggishness of this student body, it comes as no surprise to me that the shuttle system is a big hit on campus. I will credit it for cutting down on daily traffic. However, every time it passes me, the not-so-delightful cloud of diesel fumes knocks another year off of my life.

This Liberty laziness is nothing new. Dorm dwellers on the Circle and Campus East have driven to the dining hall and other campus locations for years. It takes more time to walk to your car, drive there, find a parking spot and walk to the door than it would take to cover the mere half-mile or so on foot. You guys don't know how good you actually have it. I attended one of the largest colleges in the country before coming here. Walking five miles a day was not uncommon, and that is the case at many universities. This lack of daily exercise that so many students display brings up my next point. It is one of the touchiest topics on campus, and I'm here to tackle it. Yes, I'm talking about parking.

I'm not going to make any friends when I say this, but that doesn't bother me. My weeks left here are numbered. Are you ready for this? Parking is *not* a problem on campus. There, I said it. However, finding a close parking spot is a problem, but name one college where it isn't.

As far as I see it, as long as every single parking spot on campus, including the pit, is not full during class, then parking isn't a

problem. Yes, some of those spots may be far, but there are still open spaces, and they are only a refreshing walk away from DeMoss Hall. Now I will say that some of the parking lots

are a problem, as well as the fault line road by the baseball field. I would have thought in the seven semesters that I have been here that someone would have fixed the giant landslide blocking off an entire lane of traffic right before a blind curve. As for the David's Place pit, either build something in it or swap out the craters for concrete. My car has taken enough of a beating from it.

Traffic is more of a problem than parking in my opinion. With only so many exits and hundreds of cars coming and going at the top of every hour, it would take a miracle to cure it. My remedy would be to cut down on stop signs and up the speed limit since traffic safety doesn't seem to be that big of a deal.

The idea of a parking garage seems to be the popular choice among many. However, me being the pessimist that I am, I disagree. Sure, it will add more spots, but when class lets out there will be hundreds of cars trying to get out of one or two tiny exits, which will only hurt the current situation even more. A parking garage also creates another dangerous hunting ground for creepy old guys named Chester and Angus, who drive large white vans with no windows.

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*"Are you ready for this?"*

*Parking is not a problem on campus."*

## Break out the ballots: November elections will decide the House

By Cory Palmer  
NEWS REPORTER

Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, many crucial congressional positions will be up for grabs. While students who live in the local area can easily make their way to a voting center, most LU students live farther away.

Many may assume that they cannot vote since they have to be here in Lynchburg on Election Day. However, there are methods for students to vote regardless of the place they call home.

"Students who live away from home should contact their local registrar for an absentee ballot," said Helms School of Government Professor Stephen Witham.

"It may even be possible to download an absentee ballot form from the Internet, depending on your area."

Some states offer online voting, and all states allow absentee votes by mail.

Virginia resident students should be aware that although they are still in the state, they cannot vote in person in Lynchburg. According to the Virginia State Board of Elections Web site, they must either vote in person at the precinct shown on their voter registration card or by mail-in absentee ballot.

In addition, commuter students who live in Lynchburg may have the option to claim their Lynchburg address as their permanent address. However, there are many conditions that must be met when doing this, and the deadline has passed to register for this year's election.

Students should bear in mind that, according to the Virginia State Board of Elections Web site, they cannot claim their Lynchburg address as permanent if they are claimed as dependents on their parents' income tax return.

In addition, scholarships, insurance coverage and other benefits can be affected if students change their legal addresses.

Also, students who move must remember

to keep their addresses updated with the state registrar.

The general election occurs every two years. This year, all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and 33 out of the 100 seats in the United States Senate are up for election. In addition, 36 out of 50 state gubernatorial seats and many local city and county offices are up for election. In the past, many voters have regarded this election as unimportant simply because it does not receive the same press coverage as presidential elections do.

"I don't see the need to vote in this (election)," said Brian Burkey, a senior at Liberty.

"It's not a presidential election, so it doesn't seem worth the trouble of getting a mail-in ballot and all that."

However, this opinion seems to be losing prominence this year. According to a report by PBS' "NewsHour," the number of people ages 18 to 25 who claim to have given a lot of thought to Congressional elections has risen from 27 percent in 2002 to 48 percent in 2006.

Witham wants to emphasize the importance of this election to students. He asserts that there are many important reasons for every student to vote in this year's elections. "Control of Congress is at stake," explained Witham. "The party that has a majority gains all committee chairmanships and controls the legislative process. This election may result in a change, giving liberals complete control of Congress."

According to Witham, a shift in party control of Congress could drastically alter the nation's entire political climate. "If the Democrats gain control of the House of Representatives, the Democrat in line to become chairman of the Judiciary Committee (Rep. John Conyers, D-MI) has said that he will introduce articles of impeachment against (President Bush)," Witham said.

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## Tomatoes, pepperoni and cheese: Pizza Hut coming to Hangar

By Devin Olson  
NEWS REPORTER

Hungry students can rejoice. On Nov. 1, the familiar aromas of Pizza Hut favorites will begin baking in the Hangar Food Court.

The new eatery will mark the first time a restaurant of international branding has operated on the Liberty campus, even though Chick-fil-a, which recently announced plans to expand into the international market, currently sells sandwiches at the Keyhole.

"I am ecstatic. I am extremely excited that Pizza Hut is coming to Liberty," freshman Laura Minnich said.

Students can begin lining up for free samples immediately after convocation tomorrow, with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 11:30. Dr. Jerry Falwell will be on hand to join Pizza Hut and LU Dining officials for the grand opening.

"We needed something new to accentuate the Hangar," said Chuck Faulkinberry, general manager of dining services. "Although this area

already had a pizza program, we wanted to do something that would have the name recognition and the quality that we always want to deliver. We made many aesthetic improvements to the building. Now we have the food to match!"

"I think it is going to be a good addition to the Hangar," freshman Erin Schroeder said. "It's going to be a good place for people to go hang out."

"If we were to get more restaurants on campus (like) Burger King, I would highly rejoice, and I would gladly give them my business," said sophomore Wesley Tate.

Faulkinberry hopes that Pizza Hut will not be the last national name brand finding its way to Liberty Mountain.

"It will set the stage for additional national brands in the future," he said.

Not all greet the new restaurant with celebration.

"I think Pizza Hut wasn't a very wise choice for an addition because it's very unhealthy and

a lot of the food here is already greasy and unhealthy," said freshman Courtney Paul.

"I think they should have made a healthier choice for a restaurant (instead of) Pizza Hut. Now, it's going to be the freshman 30 instead of the freshman 15."

Despite the health-related concerns, all indications point to Pizza Hut proving a popular hangout on campus — at least for students with meal points to spare.

"I'm excited," sophomore Dan Jones said, "but it's a tragedy that we're all almost out of points this late in the semester."

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JESSICA WEBER

BEHIND THE CURTAINS — Ticket-holders heard many sides on issues, such as the economy and the war in Iraq.

## DEBATE: Squaring off on issues

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Goode pointed out that he had secured four earmarks for the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, Va.

"I can tell you that if you don't get earmarks for institutions like that, they won't happen. You can criticize earmarks all you want to, but they are vital to revitalizing the economy of Southside Virginia," he said.

Each candidate expressed thanks to Liberty University for hosting the debate.

"It is a real honor to be here at Liberty University. The school is a tremendous asset to the state of Virginia," said Goode after the debate.

"I was extremely impressed by the quality of the questions asked by the panel. I have never debated in a forum with this type of quality," said Weed.

Liberty student panelists Costa and Koch were excited to participate in the debate alongside the candidates.

"It is an unusual occurrence for a college student to be a part of something like this," said Costa.

"I asked questions about policy issues that I was concerned with. I felt like the candidates answered the questions well," said Koch.

The debate was an overall success for the Liberty debate team and Director Brett O'Donnell, who established the format for the debate.

"There was no grandstanding — the debate wasn't nasty. All candidates were very distinguished on the issues," said O'Donnell.

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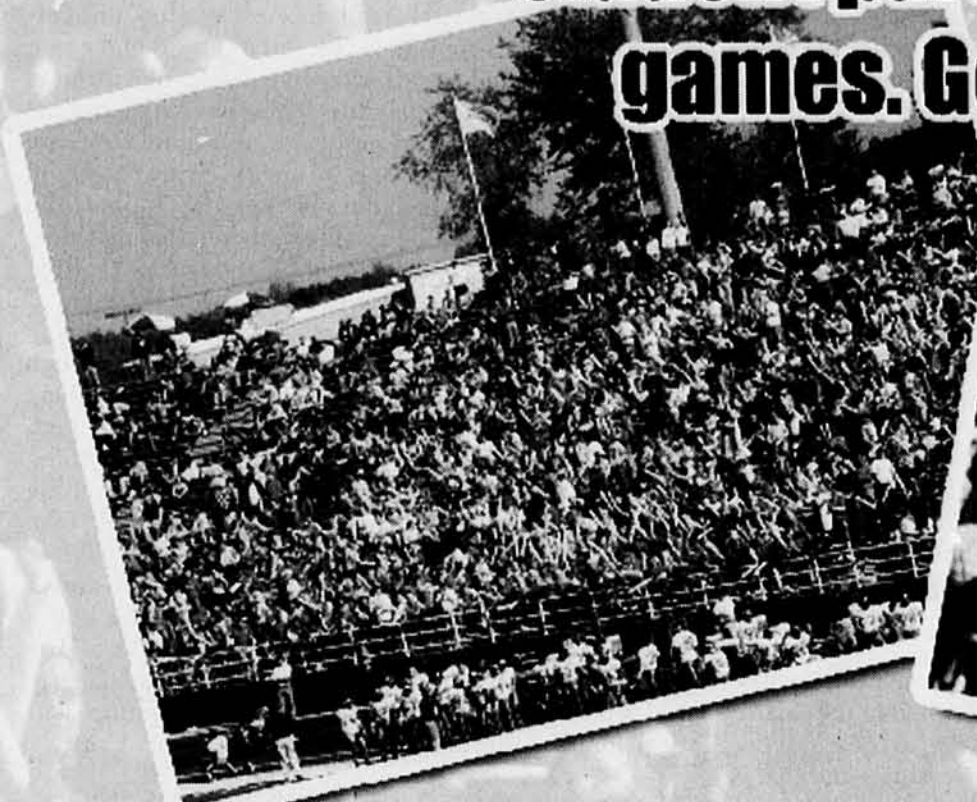
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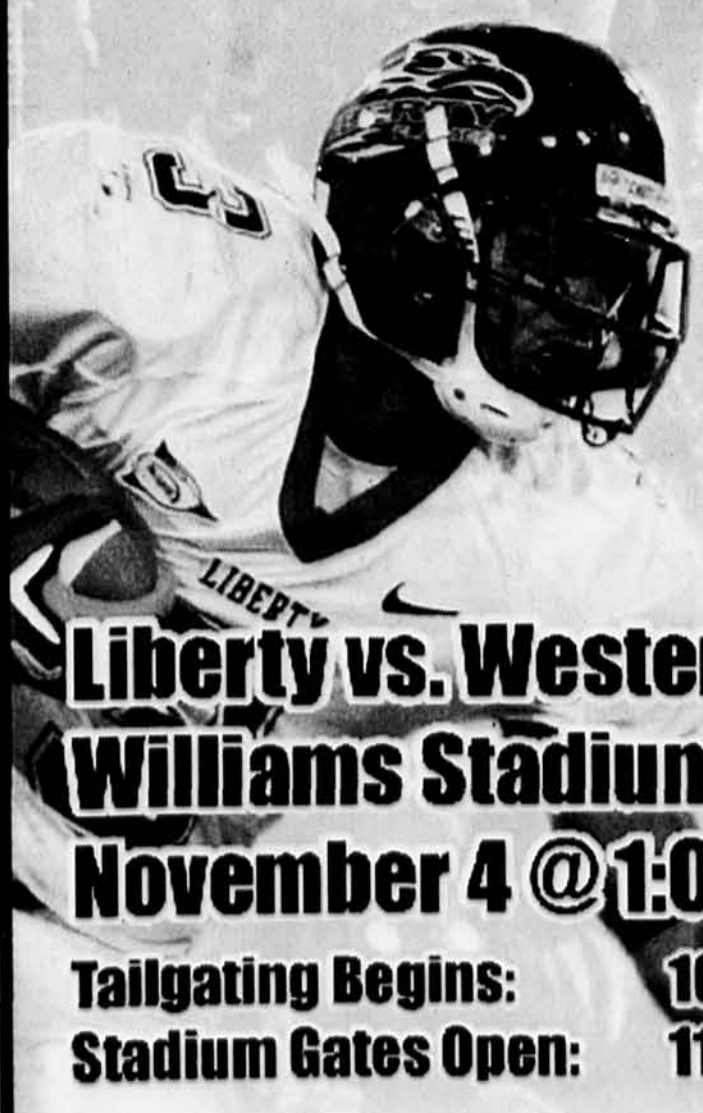
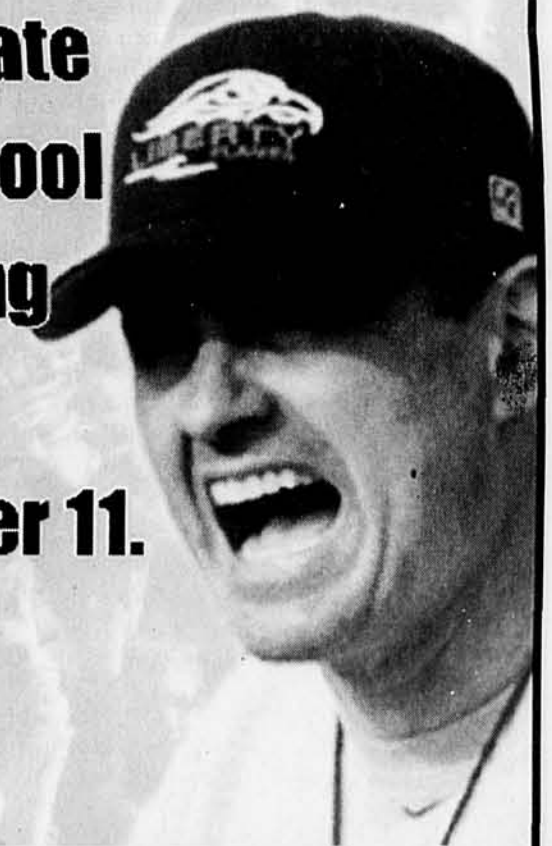
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# OPINION

"A text without a context is a pretext for a proof text."

— Dr. D. A. Carson of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

## Constructing Collages

### Why do Christians cut-and-paste Scripture?

One of my favorite stories in the New Testament is found in Acts 17:10-12: "Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men" (NKJV).



matthewhegarty

This section of Acts demonstrates a truth that, I believe, is a stark indictment of the American church. Look in the text at the cause of Gentile men and women believing the gospel – it was due to Paul's preaching, yes, but it was also due to the fact that the Berean citizens "searched the Scriptures daily" to make sure that what Paul was telling them was true. This is the principle – daily poring over God's Word to make sure that those who preach it to us are telling us what is true. Therein also is the indictment – a lack of honest, comparing-scripture-with-scripture biblical scholarship among God's people.

The most common way this travesty occurs is through a phenomenon known as "proof-texting." Proof-texting has been defined by many people, but all definitions of the practice have at their root the "cut-and-paste" method of Scripture that is most often used to justify a presupposed personal theological position. This technique of abusing Scripture is most often used to describe what happens when Jehovah's Witnesses twist Colossians 1:15 to deny the deity of Christ or when Mormons use Psalm 82:6 to support their outlandish theory that men can become gods or "like God." Cultural and historical contexts are disregarded, as is the immediate biblical context – the verses preceding and following the now-distorted text, in addition to separate but related biblical references – and the passage in question is stripped of its wealth of meaning and insight that could have otherwise been gleaned.

However, this disturbing phenomenon is also present in evangelical Christianity! The fact is, most evangelicals who do this, the "all-we-like-sheep" kind, do not realize the error they are making! To highlight the misuse of Scripture among good brothers and sisters, however well meaning and well-intended, let's look at a few verses that

often fall victim to the evangelical proof-text.

A classic example is from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." The tendency of too many people who read this verse is to vigorously apply scissors to the page in their individualistic thinking as they exclaim, "Ooo, that means God wants me to prosper! This is what it means for me!" I laugh when I see this occur. Look at the verses surrounding Jeremiah 29:11 – it is in the middle of a letter describing the future of the children of Israel, even though they are now in captivity (vv. 10-14). It is both bad theology and bad hermeneutics to immediately hijack a specific application – God must want to bless me – from a passage that, if read in proper context and perspective, clearly speaks to a general theological principle found all over Scripture – God will be faithful to His promises and covenant. It is a very dangerous thing to claim Jeremiah 29:11 as a "life verse" and thus elevate subjective private application above objective, contextual public meaning.

Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Many people attempt to claim this verse for their practice of "being still" before God in church worship – but that is simply not what the context implies! Look at the entire psalm as a whole – it exalts God as the refuge from the storms of life and calls men to behold the impending judgment of God upon the nations. For other passages that echo the wording of this verse, see Habakkuk 2:20, Zephaniah 1:7 and Zechariah 2:13. Therefore, the admonition to "be still and see that God is God" is essentially saying, "Be quiet and reflect on the awesome judgment that God will bring on those who do not fear Him." Again, we see a well-intentioned but extremely misguided use of God's Word.

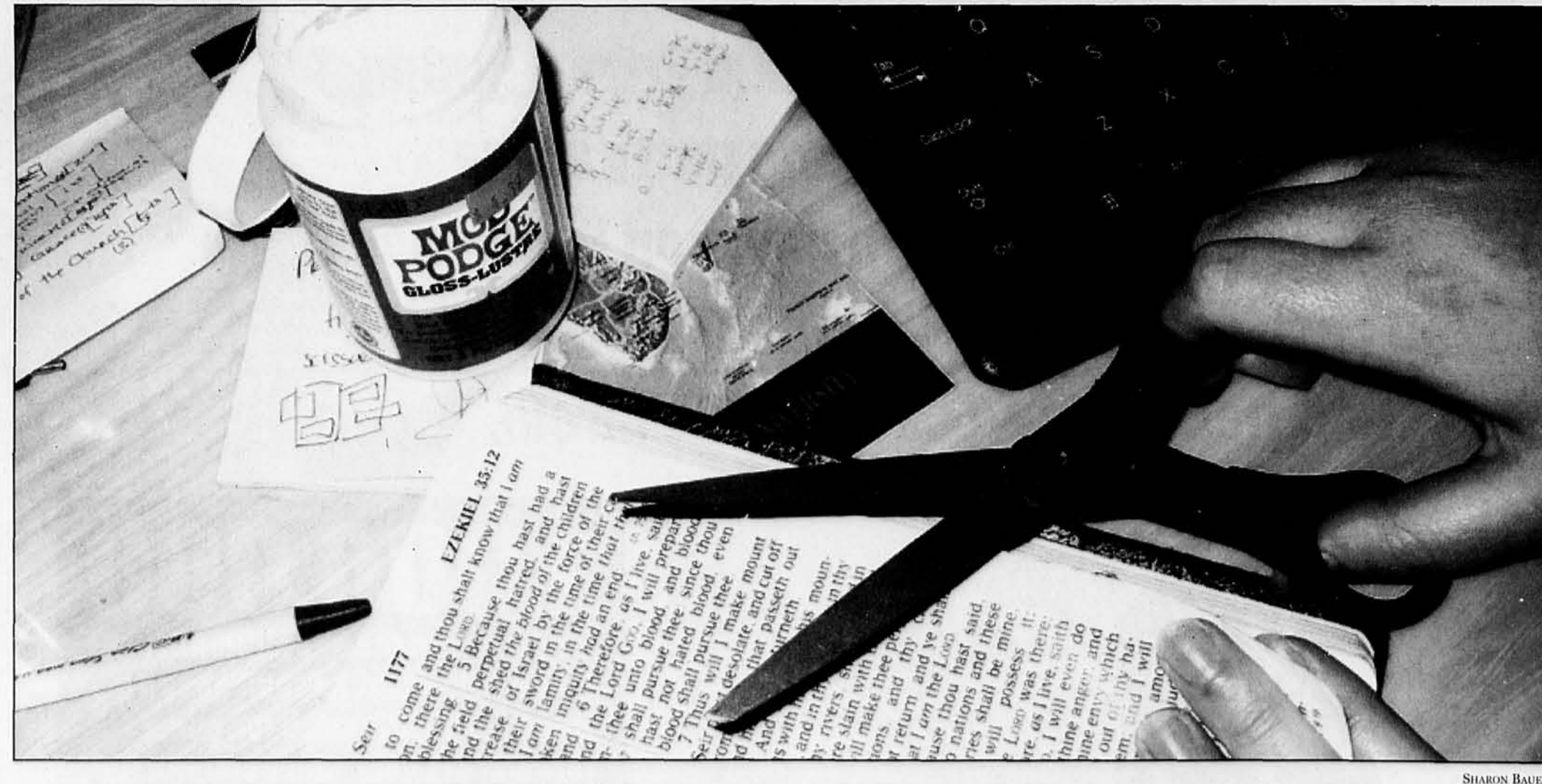
One more that really gets me upset is found in Matthew 18:19-20: "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on

earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." All the time, this short passage is ripped from its amazing context to support a "name-it-and-claim-it" false gospel. Is Christ really saying that, as long as there are at least two people present and praying, their requests will be answered as they wish, regardless of the situation? Categorically, the answer is no! Look at the context of the passage (vv. 15-17 and 21-35) and you will find that Jesus is speaking to a specific situation – that of church discipline! The "two or three who are gathered," it is quite clear, are the "two or three" who must confront the erring brother in verse 16. Thus, this verse does not serve to support the ridiculous concept of God as a heavenly vending machine. Rather, it promises divine direction and wisdom for the local church that tries to restore the wayward believer.

In the analysis of Scripture that we have gone through on this page, I may have angered some, convicted others and brought a general sense of questioning to the rest. Does this mean, then, that we should disbelieve everything that amazing men and women of God teach us about the God's more amazing Word? No. However, we should take everything that another person says about the only direct revelation of God from Himself to man with a hefty shaker of salt in one hand and a copy of that revelation in the other. We must arm ourselves with the context of any given passage and the biblical witness of principle, Liberty students – the testimony of the totality of Scripture will speak for itself through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We must never forget to use this proper method of taking Scripture as a cohesive whole in order to examine a particular doctrine. Else, we might end up like the immature believers that Peter warned the church about in 2 Peter 3:15-16: "(And) consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."

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SHARON BAUER

## SpeakUp: Which Bible verse do you think is most taken out of context?



"1 Peter 3:3-4. Most take this passage to the extreme and become very legalistic. It instructs women to have a quiet and gentle spirit before the Lord, not in personality."

—Stephanie Kozel, Soph. Harrisonburg, Va.



"Practically all Catholics are taught that the elements, when prayed over, become the body of Christ. This is not true – they are just a symbol of the Lord's supper."

—Stephanie Rafacz, Jr. Midlothian, Ill.



"1 Cor. 14:34 is often taken out of context. Rather, we should not limit God's work to certain people, races or genders. God can use whomever He wants as long as they are willing, committed and available."

—Molin Jeannot, Jr. Seffner, Fla.



"Jer.29:11 is taken out of context more often than not. Yes, God has a plan for us, but suffering and despair are obvious biblical principles, especially in the life of the Israelites and Jeremiah."

—Mark Krom, Soph. Greenville, S.C.



"Gal. 3:28. Egalitarians think that Paul meant men and women to have equal roles – rather, the verse says the Lord sees all the children of God on the same level."

—Ashley Kinney, Jr. Indianapolis, Ind.



"I believe that people misuse Phil.4:13 more than any other verse. It is clearly about being content in any situation. This aspect is dismissed by most when quoting this verse."

—Jarrod Stillings, Soph. Beverly, Ohio

# COMMENTARY

## Secular entertainment and Christian discernment

### Finding the positive elements of the Harry Potter series

As a Harry Potter fan, I am constantly asked the question – “How can you read those books when you are a Christian?” For once, I would like to set the record straight. Harry Potter is no more connected to the occult than the fairy godmother in Cinderella is a part of satanic rituals. On the contrary, the Harry Potter series upholds a sense of moral dignity that our modern day culture abhorrently lacks.



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explains that Harry survived because his mother threw herself in front of the curse that was intended for him. The excerpt from “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” reads, “Your mother died to save you. If there is one thing Voldemort cannot understand, it is love.”

In the same way that Harry’s mother died to save him, Christ also displayed the ultimate act of love and self-sacrifice when He died on the cross for our sins. One of God’s greatest commandments in the Bible is to love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV) tells Christians that love is greater than even faith and hope and is essential to living a spiritual life. In Colson’s words, the Harry Potter books “inspire the imagination within a Christian framework – and prepare the hearts of readers for the real-life story of Christ.”

The Harry Potter series stresses the importance of family relationships – a deteriorating component of our society. Although Harry does not have parents of his own, he is pseudo-adopted by another wizarding family called the Weasleys. This large family of nine cooks together, cleans together, eats family meals together and spends holidays together. The Weasleys are an ideal characterization of the model Christian family and an example that has potential to play a crucial role in bringing back the element of togetherness to American households.

*“Christian parents can take comfort knowing that the Harry Potter series is chock-full of biblical themes.”*

Parents should be encouraged by the fact that Harry Potter’s world is void of televisions, cell phones and Nintendo, activities that do not typically promote learning. It is no coincidence that, upon its publication, the Harry Potter series ignited a reading revolution among children and teenagers. As James F. Sennett stated in a “Christian Standard” article, “Harry, Hermione, and Ron have made G-rated cool among America’s children.”

At the end of the day, Christians must remember that the Harry Potter books are fiction, meaning that a confused child can wave a wand all day without magical results. Italian theologian Massimo Intovigne stated, “Magic is the main metaphor for life in fairy tales. If one should ban Harry Potter, one should also ban Peter Pan, Cinderella and Pinocchio.”

Rowling never intended for readers of the series to believe in an actual wizarding world. She merely explored the possibilities of what if – what if magic, rather than technology, had made the world go round? And for this Harry Potter fanatic, asking that question is half the fun.

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### Examining the beliefs behind John Mayer’s lyrics



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Music is an artistic way to express one’s point of view. For generations, musicians have been parading their beliefs for political propaganda or for their own personal crusade, such as Woodstock’s music festival in 1969. Continuing in that tradition, John Mayer recently released his latest record, entitled “Continuum.” While Mayer’s newest project isn’t blatantly political, the message he delivers on several of the tracks is not one I would endorse and gives light to this generation’s downfall.

“Waiting on the World to Change” is Mayer’s current single. This bluesy, Marvin Gaye-reminiscent number is wildly catchy; but to get the true meaning you must pay attention. The first verse begins by stating that the world is in chaos and that Mayer and his misunderstood friends have no power to do anything but question leadership. The chorus then chimes in about waiting on the world to change. Being able to do nothing except wait for the world to change is sheer laziness. The only way things change is if people become involved and do something about it. Governments change – by revolution. Fortunately, the United States is a nation where the leaders are elected, so the power to change the leadership lies in the decision of its citizens. Mayer’s crooning that there’s nothing to do but wait for something to happen is remiss.

*“Mayer is basically saying that fighting for what you believe in is pointless....”*

Mayer touches upon the same themes again in his record’s third track, “Belief.” In this track one verse says, “Belief is a beautiful armor, but makes for the heaviest sword. Like punching underwater, you can never hit who you’re trying for.” He goes on to sing about how you’re never going to win “if belief is what you’re fighting for.” That’s a very dismal and cynical way of looking at the world. Mayer is basically saying that fighting for what you believe in is pointless because you’re fighting for an unattainable goal. Such a sentiment seems slightly, well, wrong.

For centuries people have been going to war for what they believe in and many times succeeding. What Mayer is really getting at is the war. His particular political views aren’t clearly known through his music, but they can be discerned. Mayer isn’t happy with the U.S.’s current leadership or with the war in Iraq. Instead of offering solutions or even outright blaming someone, he tries to give the act of believing in something a negative light. The last stanza of “Belief” reads, “What puts a hundred thousand children in the sand? Belief can, belief can. What puts the folded flag inside his mother’s hand? Belief can. Belief can.” What’s next? Holding Christians responsible for terrorism caused by Islamic extremists? Musicians should have the right to speak freely. But when do they cross the line?

In recent history the Dixie Chicks bashed President Bush and were figuratively sent up the river for it. Green Day released their satirical American Idiot album shortly before the 2004 election. While Mayer’s latest effort isn’t blatantly politically charged, it is a clear, yet disturbing anthem to the current generation – don’t believe in anything, don’t change anything, it isn’t worth it, be apathetic. This message isn’t helping anyone. The bottom line is, if you don’t like the message, don’t support it. Be careful where your buck is being spent. Your money could be singing the wrong tune.

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# Wanted: Winterfest volunteers with passion for student life

By Jared Pierce  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Want a quick and cool way to do your Christian service? Winterfest, which has been held at Liberty for the last five years, provides not only the opportunity for students to hear great Christian bands and speakers but also offers the chance to make an impact on current and future students. More than 5,000 people have signed up for the three-day event, which will take place from Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

"Volunteers will get to be involved with something bigger than they are," said Michael Stewart, whose company pitched the idea for the event five years ago and still runs and promotes it to this day. "They not only help with preparing each day's events, but they have the chance to influence prospective Liberty students. It's so great to see volunteers who came to Liberty after attending Winterfest as high school students," said Stewart.

Stewart is not just some outsider who wanted Liberty's business. He is a Liberty alum who worked in Student Life for 12 years and was also the acting dean of Student Life for eight of those years.

His company promotes many of the big concerts on Liberty's campus, but most of his time is spent promoting Winterfest. "People ask me when I start working on next year's Winterfest — I tell them Jan. 2," he said.

Volunteers will be able to put their hours toward their Christian Service requirements for either the fall or the spring semester. Most of the volunteers will work in the Vines Center, but a few will be distributed to other parts of the campus. Their jobs will include selling tickets and T-shirts, as well as handling crowd control. Stewart noted that they need about 180 more volunteers for the event.

"We need all the help we can get," said Stewart. "We especially need a lot of guys who can help unload two semis packed with concert equipment (that) we need to get set up pretty quickly."

"I went to the first Winterfest when I was a senior in high school," said senior Amie Parra. "When I came to Liberty my freshman year, my friend and I decided to volunteer to help with the second one because we had a lot of fun at the first one. I had fun working that one, so I just kept doing it. And to be honest, getting to go to a concert for free didn't sound like a bad idea."

Students who have already performed their Christian Service can still volunteer. These students will not be required to work any set amount of time, but CSER students will be required to work all three days.

Stewart warned that it is by no means the easiest job. Parra had this advice to offer anyone who thinks they may want to volunteer — "Wear comfortable shoes and have lots of caffeine!"

Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Stewart at vol@libertywinterfest.com. There will also be two meetings for volunteers to ask questions and sign up. Both will meet in DeMoss Hall 1113 at 9 p.m. The first meeting takes place on Nov. 7 and the second on Dec. 5.

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THE HAPPY CAMPER — Jeremy Camp is one of the artists playing at Winterfest this year.

ALEX TOWERS

## BUS: More stops being added

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She has been a driver for Lynchburg city schools and said she sees a huge difference when she drives for Liberty.

"I love it," she said. "I always greet the kids and tell them to have a good day."

She said Liberty students were very well behaved and are genuinely appreciative.

Her route on the blue line starts with a pre-trip circuit at 6:30 a.m. Though the buses do not start transporting students until 7 a.m., the buses need to be checked and warmed up. When they are ready, they begin at Campus East and make their way to Campus North.

After passing the Vines Center, they return to make the trip once again. The other line, the red line, maintains a route from Main Campus to Campus North.

Also in the works to help students is a perimeter road, which should ease traffic. Several more tunnels are being planned — a vehicular tunnel to run under the railroad and down to Harvard Street and a pedestrian tunnel to end near Panera Bread. In addition, there are plans to expand the transit system to include off-campus stops.

With the weather getting colder and more inclement, there is "more urgency" to place more buses on the roads. The Transportation Department is planning to install bus shelters at bus stops to shield students from the elements while they wait.

The department has recently purchased more buses, and they will be placed on the roads as soon as they are checked for mechanical safety.

As for students who feel the parking restrictions are hindering their freedom, Beaumont said that they are trying to give students the best and to make it easier for them to get around campus. He said he had no doubt the students will adapt.

"Our students are very innovative," he said. He said the only method to get the traffic congestion resolved was to have mass transportation on the roads and, at the same time, reduce the amount of vehicles.

While there are still a few glitches, "We're only a few weeks away from students being able to go outside at 10:15 and see a bus on a specific timetable," Falwell said.

"We are committed to providing solutions to traffic," said Beaumont.

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## FMC: Students called to mission field

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He spoke repeatedly of the "tough days" he endured in his work and about his own doubts.

"(We were) desperately trying to keep people alive (in our area) by feeding 50,000 people a day," Ripkin said. "I remember asking God, 'Don't you have a clue what's going on in this place?'"

The issue of obedience and faith came into play for Ripkin when God called him to minister to a people he had never heard of in North Africa. After being told he was out of his mind by his peers, Ripkin still went to the area God laid on his heart. In that area it was "open season on any follower of the Lord," according to Ripkin, which was quite a change, he said, for a country boy from Kentucky.

He asked for each student to consider going as missionary to Africa, referencing a plea from tortured Christians in North Africa and asking it of the audience — "Are you the one? Have you come?"

Platt, the senior pastor at The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala., spoke Monday regarding how seriously Christians ought to take the call of the Great Commission.

"You can retreat from this mission or you can risk everything for the mission," Platt said. Comparing the actions of modern American Christians to those of the Israelites, he made the point that both groups of individuals missed out on God's blessings because they have — and had — problems totally committing their lives to God and His purpose. Platt ended by talking about the present state of Christian evangelism, emphasizing that at least one billion people have not yet even heard the name of Jesus Christ.

"I remind you that, if we retreat from this mission, it's not

that we'll lose our salvation," Platt said. "But based on the testimony of Numbers 13 and 14 and the stories that follow, I'm convinced that our God will leave us to wander in the wilderness until we die, if we retreat. I don't want to be a part of a generation that dies in our religion." Platt's "risk it all" challenge actually influenced the theme of the next missions conference, which will be held in the spring.

"The next conference will focus on the challenges of the mission field and persecution—why it's worth it to 'risk it all,'" said Bowers.

For those interested in more information about available mission trips, please go to [www.luglobal.com](http://www.luglobal.com).

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RISK IT ALL — Dr. David Platt encouraged students to consider missions.

KEVIN GRIDD

## FILM: "We have to engage the culture"

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Though the film looked to be neutral and there was less hostility toward creationists, DeWitt said, "Flock of Dodos" misrepresents the evidence regarding intelligent design." DeWitt said he planned to show the film to his CRST 390 class so his students can see and "identify the misleading elements."

"They (students) should not be afraid to engage in the debate," he said.

DeWitt said students have to be aware of their fight outside of the Christian environment. "Because it can be comfortable (in Christian schools), often students simply take creation for granted."

"Flock of the Dodos" also takes on the controversy at the Kansas Board of Education, which has debated the subject of teaching intelligent design in schools. A Nov. 2005 decision by the Board changed the standards of Kansas public schools so that they will now teach intelligent design along with evolution.

Dr. George Gilchrist, associate professor of biolo-

gy at William and Mary, said, "(Hopefully, this film) will make some of my students think about ways they can contribute to public understanding as well as building a professional reputation."

Gilchrist was also a panelist and said there was a lack of communication between "scientists and the Christian community." He said, "This is just one example of the larger problem in our society — advocates of opposing positions shout back and forth instead of sitting down and searching for common ground."

"We have to engage the culture," DeWitt said. "It is easy to say 'I believe in creation' at Liberty, but it's another thing to do it in a secular place."

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Matthew Baer reviews college football's ninth week and looks ahead to week 10.

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## Liberty Flames hockey runs record to 8-3

By Jake Petersen  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty University Flames hockey team came into this weekend's matchup with the Dukes of Duquesne University in hopes of erasing last week's back-to-back losses to Illinois from its memory.

In Friday night's contest, freshman Dave Semenyina, a native of Alberta, Canada, put the Flames up 1-0 early on in the first period. The Flames would never relinquish that lead. Semenyina, who leads the Flames in goals, assists and points, scored his fifth goal of the season and added another goal in the third period, making it six goals on the season.

Semenyina, who is one of 13 Canadians on the roster, said after the game, "I love hockey because it takes my mind off school and I enjoy playing the game. It's fun and I get to 'ship' it."

The "ship it" reference is an inside joke among the Flames' team, and it represents the intensity of how they play week to week.

The Flames really "shipped it" the rest of the night as well. Junior Kevin Dykstra single handedly slashed his way through the Duquesne defense all night en route to a hat trick. In the first period, Dykstra followed Semenyina's goal with one of his own, a nifty little move around a helpless Duquesne defender. He finished off the play by beating the goalie for his first goal of the year.

"(The goal) really gave our team confidence," said Dykstra. "We know that we can all put the puck in the net - it's

just a matter of someone stepping up and making a big play."

The Dukes were able to tack on one goal in the period, cutting the deficit to 2-1, and they would add another goal early on in the second period, knotting the score at 2-2. That was as close as they would get all night.

The Flames dominated the rest of the period, with goals being tacked on by sophomores Pete Masterson, Kevin Hendrix and one more from Dykstra.

At the start of the third period, Liberty held a comfortable 6-2 lead against the Dukes. A faulty lug nut in one of the doors located inside the rink led to a 15-minute delay in the action, but the delay was unable to affect the Flames' offense, which scorched the Duquesne defense for three more goals in the third period.

Semenyina added his second goal of the night while sophomore Josh Ahier joined the "score-fest" with his first goal of the year. Dykstra capped off his dominating performance with his third goal of the night as the Flames cruised to a 9-3 victory.

"Our team came out strong and played good, hard defense," said Head Coach Kirk Handy after the game. "We definitely dominated the physical aspect of the game, which is something that we wanted to do. As far as tomorrow night's game, we will look to do much of the same - dominate physically, play good defense, and put the puck in the net."

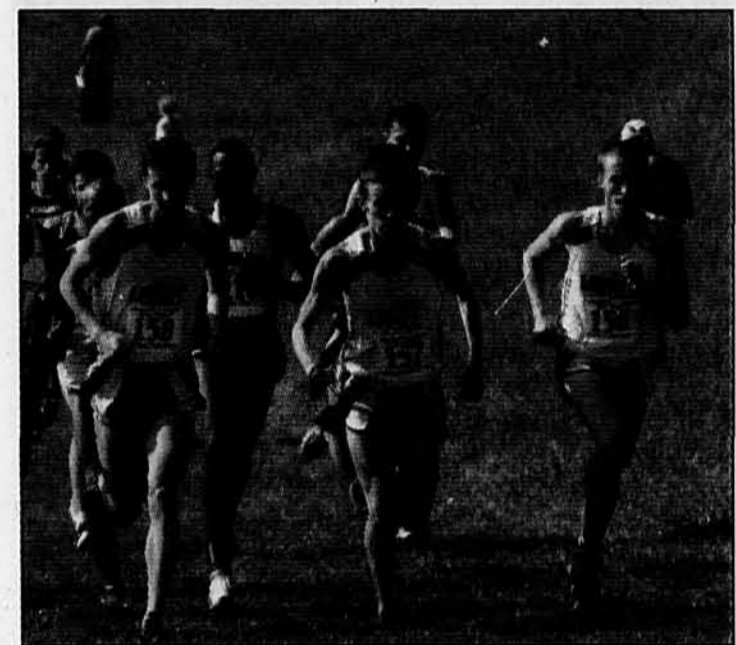
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COLT FREEMAN

LIKE A ROCK — Flames junior goaltender Dalton Stoltz was solid this past weekend against Duquesne University. Stoltz gave up three goals Saturday night, but the Flames still won 9-3. Liberty travels to face Saint Louis University this weekend.

## Cross Country dominates Big South — again



LES SCHOPFER

A TRIO OF CHAMPIONS — (L to R) Josh McDougal leads Jordan McDougal and Jarvis Jelen during Saturday's win at the Big South Conference Tournament.

By Dave Hunt  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

With a one-two punch, the Liberty men's and women's cross country teams each won a Big South Cross Country Championship on Saturday morning. The skies threatened rain the day before but only showed sprays of sun the morning of the race.

The Liberty men showed dominance in the 8-kilometer event, taking the first three positions. Josh McDougal once again won in convincing fashion, running in tandem with Liberty's two other star runners, Jarvis Jelen and Jordan McDougal.

The three ran together on purpose to urge each other on and use the race as a workout.

"It was great in the team aspect, and it felt easy like a tempo run," said Josh McDougal.

The three ran identical times of 24:46 with Coastal Carolina's Jamie McCarthy coming in 23 seconds later to claim fourth place.

"We broke away early, made a big gap and cruised it in," said Jelen. "The plan was to pack-run. It was a lot of fun to run together up front like that."

Sneaking into the top 10 was Liberty's Josh Edmonds. The

freshman runner placed ninth overall, making the Big South Conference Team.

Battling a possible hernia a week earlier, Drew Ponder dropped under the 26-minute mark with a 17th place finish with a time of 25:58. Ponder was feared to have a hernia after a series of strains but found out only days before the race that it was merely a muscle pull.

"I'm just overly excited that I don't have a hernia and glad that the team was able to pull together for a win," said Ponder. He was also named to the Big South All-Academic Team.

Also scoring for Liberty were Nate Edwards and Travis Campbell, who finished in 47th and 57th place, respectively. Edwards was timed in 27:52 and Campbell in 28:35.

A surprise — from the Flames' perspective, a good one — happened for the Liberty women's team on Saturday as they beat favored Coastal Carolina for a Big South Conference win.

The women were led by all-academic team runner Piper Newby, who continues to speed away after setting Liberty's 6-kilometer race record two weeks ago. Newby placed third overall in the race with a lightning fast 17:55 for the 5-kilometer race.

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## Flames fall short to Coastal

By Dave Thompson  
SPORTS REPORTER

Liberty football hoped to avenge last week's heart-breaking loss to Gardner-Webb against conference rival Coastal Carolina.

The Flames once again managed to jump out to an early lead but, just as they did last week, let it slip away late.

The momentum started out on Coastal Carolina's side with running back Mike Tolbert's 70-yard rushing touchdown on the second play of the game.

Liberty was in position to strike back, landing inside the Chanticleers' 5-yard line after 11 plays, but Brock Smith's pass attempt was picked off in the end zone by Quinton Teal and Coastal regained possession on its own 20.

Liberty's defense then

took over and forced Coastal to punt after only five plays. The Flames stormed back up the field and tied the game at 7-7 after an eight-play drive that took 4:22 off the clock.

Liberty looked to have a chance at more quick points after kicker Ben Beasley's punt was fumbled on Coastal's 31-yard line, but the Chanticleers recovered the fumble.

The teams resumed their tooth-and-nail battle, and neither scored again in the first half.

Liberty resumed its ball-control offense in the second half, crawling up the field on a 13-play, 44-yard drive that ate 6:55 off the game clock.

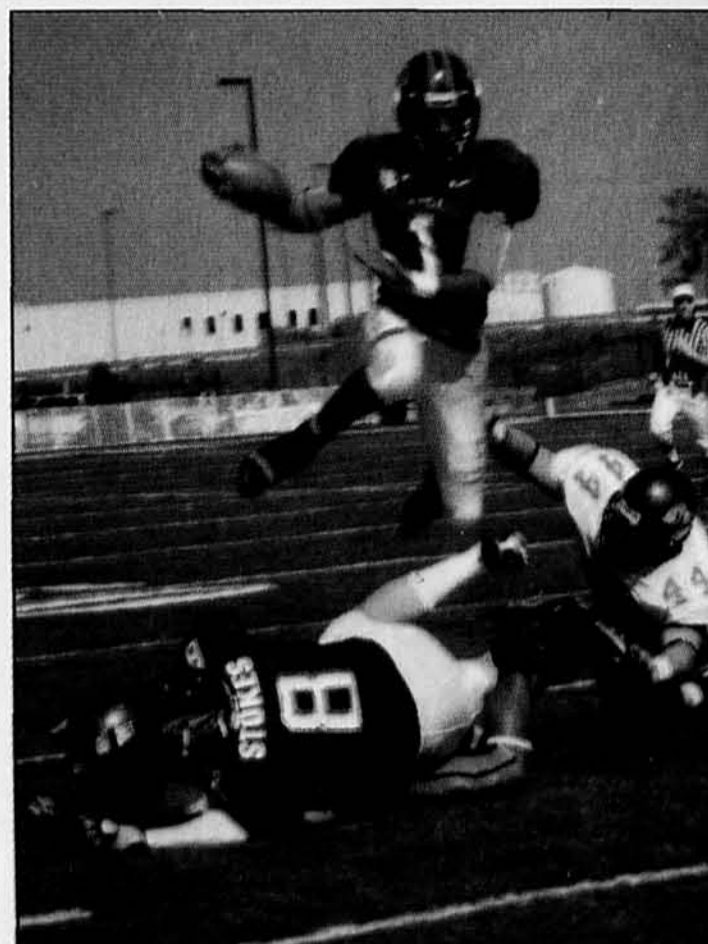
The Flames were unable to get past Coastal's 14-yard line, and Smith was sacked for a loss at the 21, forcing the Flames to settle for a field goal that put them on top 10-7.

Liberty's defense continued to look good on Coastal's next drive. After gaining a quick first down, Coastal quarterback Tyler Thigpen went to the air, but his pass was intercepted by Liberty's E.L. Estes, and the Flames took over from Coastal's 39.

Unfortunately, the offense sputtered after a four-minute drive that ended at the Chanticleers' 28-yard line. As a result, Liberty was forced to take another field goal.

Fortunately, the Flames did not suffer the same problems in the kicking game that they experienced last week. After the successful field goal, Liberty extended its lead to 13-7.

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ALEX TOWERS

CLEAR THE WAY — Junior Wynton Jackson (1) leaps over would-be tacklers during Liberty's 27-21 loss to Gardner-Webb. Jackson had four receptions for 68 yards against Coastal Carolina as the Flames' passing game continued to improve.

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# FOOTBALL: Flames hope to return to form against Western Carolina

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Until the fourth quarter, the Flames' offense dominated time of possession, nearly doubling that of the opponents' offense. Coastal quickly remedied the deficit with a lengthy drive of its own, gobbling up 78 yards in a 4:11 drive that ended the third quarter and began the fourth. The subsequent touchdown put Coastal on top 14-13.

Though not the nail in the coffin, the play shifted the momentum back to Coastal's side. Liberty's second Big South opponent of the year proceeded to score 21 points in the final quarter of the game. "The ability to score quickly was the difference," said Head Coach Danny Rocco.

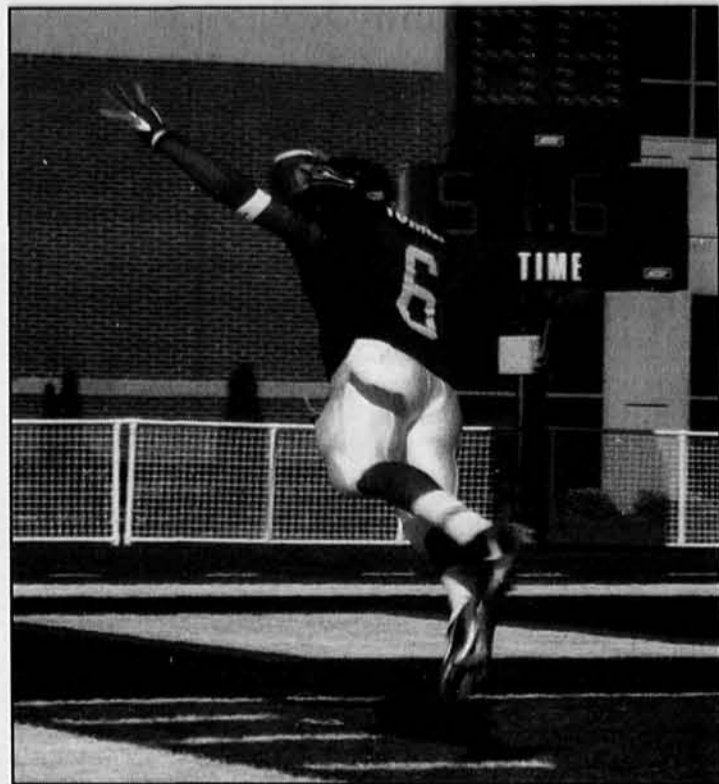
But the Flames would not roll over and play dead — not by a long shot. After a three-and-out possession and another scoring drive by the Chanticleers that put the game at 21-13, Liberty kick returner Dominic Bolden took Coastal's kickoff at Liberty's 7-yard-line and dashed all the way up the field for a 93-yard touchdown.

Then, in the first of what would be many yellow flags in the game's last quarter, Bolden was called for a personal foul for excessive celebration. Bolden, in an effort to avoid two Coastal tacklers, had proceeded to dive into the end zone.

"I never would have thought they would have thrown a flag on that play," said Rocco. "I really thought that he was off-balance, sprinting full speed."

The penalty moved Liberty back to Coastal's 18, and on the two-point conversion attempt, Smith's pass fell incomplete, leaving the score at 21-19.

The Chanticleers scored again on their next drive, widening their lead to nine



**FLY LIKE AN EAGLE** — Junior Brandon Turner leaps into the end zone during Liberty's loss to Gardner-Webb. The Flames were penalized for the same type of celebration during this weekend's loss at Coastal Carolina.

points. On the touchdown, Liberty's Estes was called for a personal foul and ejected from the game. On Coastal's PAT, two more Liberty players were called for personal fouls. However, Coastal was unable to take advantage of the penalties.

"We had way too many (penalties)," said Rocco.

The Flames were assisted on their next drive by two personal foul penalties called on the Chanticleers and quickly scored to keep within two points at 28-26. After the ensuing kickoff, Coastal looked to be in trouble on a fourth down situation. Thigpen, however, was able to put a pass through, giving the Chanticleers a first down. The first down was enough to run out the clock and seal the victory.

Despite Liberty's fourth straight loss — a heartbreaker

like the past two — some bright spots emerged. Brock Smith completed 11 of 17 passes for a 65 percent completion average on the game. The kicking game experienced few problems, going 2-2 on PAT's and 2-3 on field goals. Also, for the second straight game, Zach Terrell filled in admirably for injured running back Rashad Jennings, gaining 123 yards overall.

The Flames return home this weekend to face the Western Carolina Catamounts at 1 p.m. "I really felt that we would be able to go out there and put together a better season," said Rocco, "[...but] unity has to be the underlying force here...If we stay united, we'll win football games. If we don't, we won't."

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## baer's blathers

matthew baer

We should have seen it from the opening game of the week — this was going to be a great week of college football.

On Thursday, 10th-ranked Clemson got rolled over by unranked Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Granted, VT is a solid team, but I don't think anyone except for the Hokie faithful — a sparse faithful at that — expected the Tigers to fall as flat as they did. That set us up for a solid weekend in the college football world.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines will stay one-two as they both came out of the week unscathed, but the same could not be said for the Southern California Trojans. USC dropped a big one at Oregon State, losing by two to the Beavers. Since when have little "woodchucks" been able to down a bunch of ancient warriors? USC fell from three to nine with the loss.

Sitting at fourth in the AP Top 25, West Virginia University should be ecstatic they didn't play this week with all the close games that went on. With the bye, WVU leap-frogged the fallen Trojan horse and raided the enemy's camp for third in the polls.

Fifth-ranked Texas barely squeaked by Texas Tech. Listen to this, and I quote from ESPN.com, "Down 21 early, McCoy sparks Texas rally past Texas Tech." Since when has a fifth-ranked team needed to "rally" against an unranked team? Texas moved up to fourth in the polls.

Sixth-ranked Louisville, like WVU, had a bye this week, and moved up to fifth. This Cardinal team will be part of what I believe is the game of the week on Thursday.

Auburn (7) and Tennessee (8) both won and kept their BCS title hopes alive, but with each having a loss, it will be tough for a title. Auburn moved up a spot, and Tennessee stayed at eight in this week's poll.

Florida started the week ranked ninth and played a tough Georgia team, beating them by just one touchdown and bumping themselves up to no. 7, giving the SEC three top 10 teams for the third consecutive week.

As I have already mentioned, VT knocked off No. 10 Clemson. No. 11 Notre

Dame basically had a scrimmage this week, sinking the Midshipmen of Navy 38-14.

What I want to know is why Army, Navy, and Air Force each have a football team, but the Marines don't. I can see it now — the USMC Devil Dogs.

Maybe it is for the simple fact that they would play too dirty, and teams would leave the game with 20 guys on the shelf for the rest of the year. OOH-RAH!

But I digress. No. 12 California had the week off, consequently jumping to 10th, but 13th ranked Arkansas didn't. The Razorbacks cut through Louisiana-Monroe, routing them 44-10. No. 14 LSU and 15 Boise State had the week off, with Boise State playing tomorrow against Western Athletic Conference cellar-dweller Fresno State.

Rutgers, ranked 15th, played Connecticut Sunday night, using its defense to take out the Huskies 24-13.

Seventeenth-ranked Wisconsin was bruised and beaten leaving Illinois but was not beaten on the scoreboard. The Badgers escaped the Fighting Illini with a six-point victory.

Eighteenth-ranked Boston College — coming off of a huge win at Florida State (where the Seminoles had only lost three conference games since 1991) — met poor Buffalo and showed them who was boss, stomping them 41-0.

No. 23 Missouri looked to hurdle the 19-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, but OU snuffed them out and defeated the Tigers 26-10.

Nebraska, sitting at No. 20, got stomped by Oklahoma State and dropped out of the polls.

No. 21 Georgia Tech took on Miami of Florida and defeated them by a touchdown, jumping up a spot to 20th.

Twenty-second ranked Texas A&M struggled at Baylor but came out relatively unscathed with a 10-point victory, also jumping a spot to 21st.

No. 24 Wake Forest — yes, the same WFU that our Flames played — beat North Carolina 24-17 to move up two spots to No. 22, and Oregon rounds out the Top 25 with a 55-12 victory over Portland State, moving to 24th.

Virginia Tech made the

polls at 23rd after two weeks of looking from the outside in, and Washington State is 25th, being ranked for the first time since 2003.

Although next week doesn't involve many good games, there are a few.

No. 3 WVU travels to fifth-ranked Louisville on Thursday in the game of the week. The winner of this game most likely takes the Big-East crown in addition to a solid bowl game. It's a strong, strong match up, but I look for WVU to take a close one on the feet of its quarterback Pat White.

On Saturday, Oklahoma State goes to fourth-ranked Texas in what could be a tough matchup for Texas. It doesn't look that tough on paper, but Oklahoma State is coming off a strong showing against then-ranked Nebraska. OSU could put a hurting on Texas' BCS hopes.

LSU, sitting at No. 13, plays at No. 8 Tennessee in an SEC showdown. LSU has two losses, and if they knock off Tennessee, they could make a serious run at No. 6 Auburn for the SEC crown.

UCLA could put a damper on Cal's Pac-10 crown hopes with a strong showing. UCLA is coming off of three straight losses and needs to play strong against conference opponent Cal.

In the Big Ten, there's a solid game on tap with solid-but-unranked Penn State traveling to No. 17 Wisconsin. This could be a great game with the defenses playing a huge role.

Finally, another in-conference match up, between Oklahoma and Texas A&M, will be a solid Big-12 matchup this week as well.

The season to this point has been solid, and I think I've seen more one or more one-loss teams in the Top 25 this year than any year I can remember.

Look for the season to get stronger with the end of the season in-conference match ups starting this week.

There will be a shuffle in the top five come BCS time with all of these rival games coming up, but I look for Michigan to be number one come season's end.

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# CROSS COUNTRY: Men and women both victorious

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Newby was only bested by Coastal Carolina's Julia Vielleher and Diana Jephichir, who completed the race in 17:30 and 17:53, respectively.

Following Newby through the muddy cross country trails on Saturday was a pack of four Liberty women, all of whom placed in the top 10.

Carol Jefferson found the finish line first, coming in fifth overall. Sarah Roberts followed her in sixth, Rebekah Ricksecker in seventh and Ashley Osborne in eighth. It was these fleet-footed women who propelled Liberty to victory with a strong punch.

Also scoring for Liberty was seventh runner Jo Welch in 21st place with a time of exactly 19 minutes.

Other Liberty runners

were Reyna Quiroz (23rd), Leah Ramey (42nd), Rebekah Wahlquist (46th) and Melia Johnson (56th).

Although the Liberty women were not expected to win, they surpassed powerhouses Coastal Carolina and High Point University.

Even before the race, Head Coach Brant Tolsma stated, "Coastal will be our toughest competition, and right now it appears that they have the advantage."

Liberty continues to assert its dominance in the Big South Conference with the men's second win in a row and the women breaking Coastal Carolina's five-year hold on the competition.

Two weeks from Saturday, Liberty competes in its most important race yet in Louisville, Ky., at the Southeast Regional Championships. There, Liberty will attempt to win its first

national championship in its rich running history.

"Today was a confidence booster towards nationals. We want to be there and be fresh," said McDougal.

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## Top 3 Runners

### Liberty Men:

Josh McDougal - First Place (24:46.42).  
Jarvis Jelen - Second Place (24:46.70).  
Jordan McDougal - Third Place (24:46.96).

### Liberty Women:

Piper Newby - Third Place (17:55).  
Carol Jefferson - Sixth Place (18:14).  
Sarah Roberts - Seventh Place (18:20).

# HOCKEY: Flames toast Duquesne at home

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Saturday night's game started out a little slow, but the Flames were finally able to light up the scoreboard when Dykstra took matters into his own hands.

After his initial shot on goal was blocked by Duquesne's goaltender, Dykstra snagged his own rebound and sent it into the net, putting the Flames up 1-0.

Semenyna was next to score, adding two more goals in the period, sending Liberty into the locker room sitting pretty with a 3-0 lead.

Despite allowing two goals, the second period turned out to be an offensive out-break for the Flames.

Less than a minute into the period, sophomore John Langabeer increased the lead to 4-2 and Semenyna followed with his third goal of the night, a coast-to-coast wrist shot past the goalie to make it 5-2.

Ahier, Masterson and Ziegler also scored goals for the Flames in the second period, putting Liberty ahead 8-2 at period's end.

Ahier was able to tack on another goal in the third period, and despite giving up a late goal, the Flames were able to easily dismantle

the 18th-ranked team in the nation by a score of 9-3.

"Overall, I would obviously give us an 'A' based upon the two wins," said Handy. "Tonight, our consistency was there for the most part - we just need to work on it being there for all 60 minutes."

Liberty is currently ranked 15th in the nation in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division-I polls. Handy feels this year's team has a legitimate shot at duplicating last year's deep run into the ACHA playoffs, mainly coming from the special bond that he sees every day in practice between his players.

"The bond that this team has is extremely special," he said. "A lot of the older guys make the team come together and really nurture the younger guys by looking out for them and teaching them everything they need to know."

Liberty (8-3) will hit the road this weekend, looking to continue on its quest for a title this Friday against Saint Louis University.

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# Volleyball wins two conference matches

By Adam Trent  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames volleyball team went 2-1 at home this past week, falling to Charlotte but defeating Big South rivals UNC-Asheville and Birmingham-Southern.

On Tuesday night, the Lady Flames took a break from conference action to face Atlantic 10 power Charlotte.

The 49ers had little trouble in game one, winning 30-22.

Looking to stay undefeated at home, Liberty grabbed

quick leads in games two and three but fell 30-25 and 30-24 for this season's first home loss.

Senior middle blocker Autum Black and sophomore outside hitter Alysson Sanders both had 11 kills to lead the offense. Freshman setter Kallie Corbin had 39 assists to go along with 14 digs.

On Friday night, Liberty hosted conference rival UNC-Asheville to kick off the weekend.

Game one was a roller coaster ride, as the lead was traded four times until the

Bulldogs came out on top 30-28. Game two was virtually the same, except the 30-28 result favored the Lady Flames.

Like the previous two games, game three was tight until the end when Liberty pulled away to win 30-24. Game four was equally heart pounding.

The Flames went up 29-27 with Sanders was serving for the match. She hit a serve that sat on the top of the net for what seemed like an eternity. The ball finally fell to the floor past a diving UNC-Asheville player, giving the Lady Flames the match.

"I saw it going low, but she hit it hard enough that it went over," said Head Coach Shane Pinder. "The rule on 'let serves' just changed a couple years ago, and I don't particularly like that rule, but when it works in our favor I love it."

"I think to claw your way back and get aced on the last point, it is pretty devastating," said UNC-Asheville Head Coach Julie Torbett.

"We are in second place in this conference and have only lost to the number one team (Winthrop). It is a tough pill to swallow but a good lesson learned, and that is (that) you have to play every single ball till the end."

"We have a huge rivalry against them. It is indescribable how good it feels to beat them," said senior middle blocker Rachel Denton.

Liberty had great contributions from a lot of different players, as Black and Denton each had 10 kills while Sanders and Kendall Nichols recorded 15 and 12 kills respectively. Setters Corbin and junior Mary Alice Pike added nine kills each.

On Saturday afternoon, the Birmingham-Southern Panthers came to the Vines Center for the last time, looking for their first ever win in Lynchburg.

The Panthers, who are dropping down to Division-III after this season, left without that win. Liberty is now 6-0 all time against them in the Vines Center.

The Lady Flames managed to jump ahead early by winning the first two games behind a strong performance by Corbin, who opened game two with three straight service aces.

However, the tables turned on the Lady Flames after intermission. They lost the next two games as Birmingham-Southern managed to work its way back into the match.

"It was an emotional game that went up and down, and

we let down our guard," said junior defensive specialist Lara Bartolomeo.

In the fifth game, Liberty jumped out early. The Panthers tried to rally but were just too far down as the Lady Flames won the game and the hard-earned overall match.

"You just have to tell them to work a little bit harder. Liberty is playing great volleyball right now," said Birmingham-Southern Head Coach Tonya Charland. "Once it hits the fifth game, it is anybody's match, and a mistake here and a mistake there that will get you down.... (It was) great play on Liberty's part that (got) them ahead."

"We just came in and figured we would start with a clean slate," said Panthers freshman middle blocker Morgan Anderson. "We were just going to start over and win the next three games like a brand new match. We did not come out in the fifth game as fired up as we should have been."

"Beating Asheville was a big win for us emotionally and I was afraid coming in here not having enough emotion to get through this match," said Pinder. "Birmingham is playing very well. They took Winthrop to

five (games) a week ago and were up 12-6 so it was not like they were playing without confidence. Our kids showed tremendous resolve and won the game that they needed to win."

For the match, Bartolomeo was the defensive anchor with 23 digs. Corbin had her second triple-double with 45 assists, 14 digs and 10 kills. Pike also added 10 kills and nine digs.

The Lady Flames remain undefeated at home in conference matches. "We have very few home games, and it is very important to us to protect our home court because it is tough to win on the road," said Denton.

That streak will be tested when the Winthrop Lady Eagles, who have won 47 consecutive conference matches, fly into the Vines Center on Friday night at 7 p.m.

"We just have to play our game and not worry about what they do. We just have to play our game and control our side," said Bartolomeo.

That match will be followed by another conference match against High Point on Saturday at 5 p.m.

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CALEB ATKINS

IN THE ZONE — A Liberty volleyball player spikes the ball against the Birmingham-Southern Panthers. The Lady Flames won the match 3-2.

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# Rojas in contention for BSC all-time tackles lead

By Dave Thompson  
SPORTS REPORTER

The year 2002 did not look like a special year for Liberty Flames Football – in fact, it looked downright unexceptional.

The team finished a disappointing 2-9 following consecutive 3-8 seasons.

For Liberty football fans, it was just another gloomy year. For recent West Allegheny High School graduate Manny

Rojas, it was a year of difficulty and change.

Rojas, who played linebacker for his high school football team, lived in the small town of Imperial, Pa. which, according to the 2000 census, boasts a mere 3,500 people.

“There were a lot of things in my life that had happened prior to my coming to Liberty,” said Rojas. “My grandmother had just passed away... and a lot of schools had passed me by

because I wasn't tall enough, or they didn't think I was big enough.”

Their loss was Liberty's gain. Rojas elected to attend Liberty, bringing his 6-foot, 200-pound frame along with him.

He played his first season at Liberty as a redshirt freshman in 2003 and finished second on the team in tackles with 81.

He finished the 2004 season second on the team again and sixth overall in

the Big South Conference with 83 tackles.

As a junior, Rojas had a stellar 102 tackles, finishing first on the team and fifth in the conference.

“He's probably been the one guy who epitomizes the things that we've talked about around here the most,” said Head Coach Danny Rocco. “He's a positive presence on the field, in the locker room (and) on campus.”

Rojas is also in contention to break the Big South career tackle record.

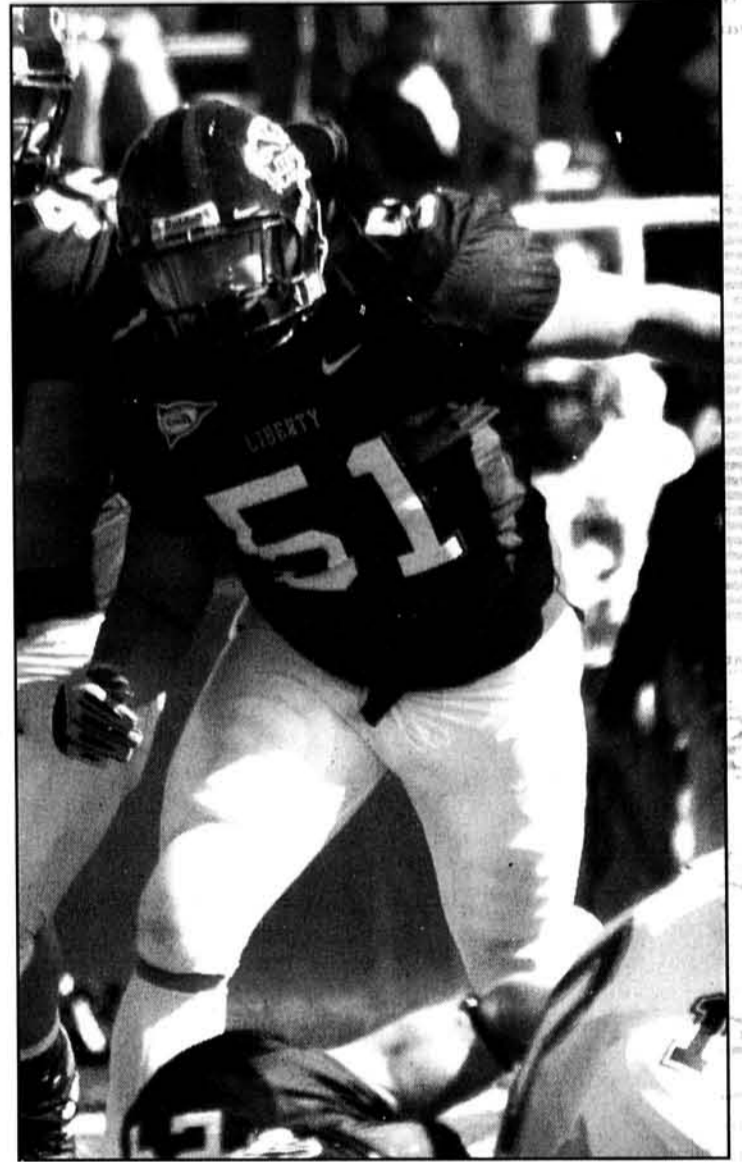
He entered the 2006 season with 271 tackles, 37 short of the Big South Conference record of 308, which was held jointly by two former Virginia Military Institute players.

In the first seven games of this season, Rojas eclipsed the record with 42 tackles.

However, Rojas is chasing current record holder Jamar Leath of Coastal Carolina, who at present has 335 career tackles.

That puts Rojas, who after this weekend has 318 tackles – 17 behind Leath.

“I'm not really too worried about it. We run two different defenses, so one's designed to make more tackles than the other one. But I'm really not worried about it – all I want to do is win,” said Rojas.



JESSICA WEBER

**BEAST OF THE EAST** — Rojas commands the defense against Gardner-Webb on Oct. 21. Though the defense gave up 27 points, Rojas managed six tackles.



JESSICA WEBER

**WITHIN HIS GRASP** — A fifth-year senior linebacker and captain of the Flames' defense, Manny Rojas (51) has been showing his strength in his Liberty career. Rojas is on the verge of breaking the Big South Conference all-time tackle record.



COLT FREEMAN

**RUNNING DOWN A DREAM** — Rojas chases a St. Paul player during Liberty's 27-0 route of the Bengals on Sept. 31. It was perhaps one of the defense's finest performances and one of two shutouts by the defense this season. Rojas had three tackles during the game.

“He's having an outstanding season. We're really proud of what he's been able to do this year,” said Rocco.

“We just get out there, line up and try to stuff it down some people's throats and be more physical with it than we ever have. I'm glad to see that that's the approach that Coach Rocco took,” said Rojas.

Rojas plays with an intensity and leadership on the field that his teammates, as well as his coaches, hold in high esteem.

“I've had some good players and some good leaders, but I'd have to put Manny at the top of that list. (He) is very confident. He's very intelligent. He communicates extremely well, and he knows our defense,” said Defensive Coordinator Tom Clark. “He handles himself with authority – he's the quarterback of the defense.”

Liberty quarterback Brock Smith tries to take cues concerning leadership from Rojas. “I love Manny. He's always barking out orders. He knows what he's

doing – it gives me a picture of what I should do for the offense, being the quarterback,” Smith said. “I wouldn't want to be on the opposite side.”

Fellow linebacker Stevie Ray Lloyd said, “He takes control. He knows the defense really well. It's good being out there, playing beside him.”

Unfortunately for the Flames, this is their defensive leader's last season.

Rojas, a communications studies major with a concentration in advertising and public relations, will graduate this May.

He looked fondly on his time at Liberty. “It's been great here,” he said. “I wouldn't change it for another place in the world.”

“(Losing Rojas) is going to hurt us,” said Rocco. “I think what will be lacking is his leadership. (He) is a very focused football player, he takes a lot of pride in what he does and he's really learned to maximize his abilities as a player and as a leader.”

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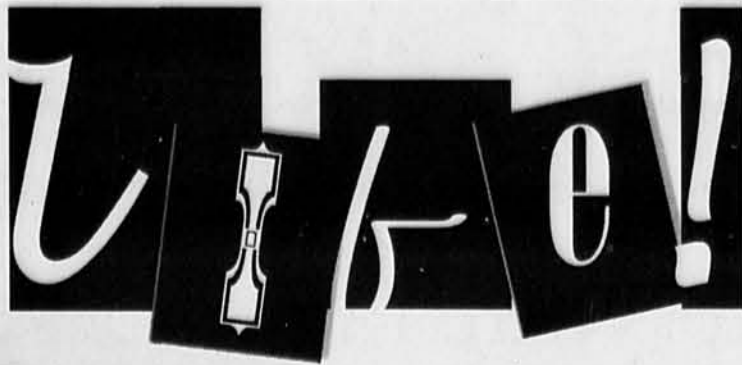
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**HARD WORK**—A lot of time, money and volunteers go into producing Scaremare.

## Scaremare: Behind all the screams

By Joshua Kozerow

LIFE! REPORTER

Several decades ago, a man was electrocuted in an old house by the train tracks behind what is now the Lynchburg City Stadium. As relayed by Dr. Stephen Vandegriff, a youth ministries professor, that old house is now the location for Lynchburg's horror house — Scaremare — during the Halloween season. Scaremare, which celebrated its 34th year as Lynchburg's original and ultimate house of horrors, opened Oct. 12 for every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night until the end of the month.

According to statistics compiled each year, Scaremare has entertained and frightened hundreds of thousands of people since 1972. Vandegriff who was in charge of Scaremare, said that the haunted house is presented as a "house of death," as its dramatizations of violence and death have caused people to consider the question, "What happens when I die?"

The outreach's ultimate purpose is to reach unsaved people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Vandegriff said, "The crowds continue to come and the kids continue to get saved." Vandegriff also stated that there is an average 10 percent conversion rate out of the estimated 18,000-20,000 people who attend each year.

Scaremare underwent some changes and improvements for this year's event. The outside portion of the house has had many different themes throughout the years, from cannibals to war scenes and airplane crashes. This year's outside theme was based on the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," an obvious reference to the current motion picture of the same name. There was a new cabin addition to scare those walking through the wooded portion of the tour. Inside, the upstairs portion of the house had been redone including some new attractions. Several new rooms that guests experienced were the door, picture and pirate rooms.

A lot of work and money goes into each year's production of Scaremare. Prior to the opening of the production, volunteers worked nonstop for over a month on the construction and landscaping of the ghoulish environment. An average of \$70,000 is spent on Scaremare each year. Senior Drew Shick said, "We spend a lot of money on construction. I can't imagine the amount of money that they spend on nail tarps every year."

Vandegriff said, "Our number one expense is security. Our second highest is taxes." The security is needed to prevent potential problems such as people cutting in line and the possession of weapons on the property. The tax cost includes Lynchburg's amusement tax. The City of Lynchburg charges events that are meant for entertainment, regardless of their non-profit status.

Jeremiah Austia, another student volunteer, said, "There's a lot of money that goes into fire codes and safety. Everything has to be approved by the fire marshal."

Scaremare is definitely a highlight for Lynchburg during the month of October. Vandegriff noted that it has been a success both as an entertainment venue and as a ministry. For more information, go to [www.scaremare.com](http://www.scaremare.com).

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## Spreading the gospel, one shriek at a time

By Jennifer Schmidt

LIFE! REPORTER

This past weekend marked the conclusion of the 34th season of Scaremare, the "house of death" that is organized by Liberty's Center for Youth Ministry. The purpose of the house, however, was not merely for entertainment value or to just give viewers a short thrill and send them on their way. Rather, the overarching motivation behind the project was to remind people of the transient nature of life and that salvation is found in Christ alone.

For some, the wait in line was half the fun of the Scaremare experience, as it sometimes took up to four hours to reach the ticket booth. Since 1,500 to 3,500 people went through the house on any given night, the wait was generally anticipated. While people fellowshipped together in the cold weather, they were kept occupied by avoiding the "ghosts" that haunted the lines or by buying various concessions.

The tour began in a maze with walls that allowed no space for one to turn around and no lights to guide the way. People in front of and behind a visitor soon became his or her best friends. Navigation through the house was done by way of following those ahead and by being pressed forward by those behind. The maze broke out into a wooded area where seemingly possessed individuals, dead bodies and chain-

saw-wielding woodsmen accosted visitors. Erratic loud noises occurred and frequent screams pierced the air.

Freshman Kelsie Kirchner said, "The woods were a great part of Scaremare, and the random people were crazy."

Entrance to the house was gained through a large, downward-sloping tunnel that eventually leveled out where visitors walked inside. From the moment one stooped down to enter the tunnel, there was no more light until the end was reached. The maze theme continued as floor-to-ceiling walls pressed the guests tightly on both sides. Sporadically, walls disappeared and tourists found themselves in a room full of dead bodies or screaming people.

Each room had a specific theme, the notable ones were the inside of a psychiatric ward and a room from a house where the family members were trying to kill each other. At various times, the "wall" would grab someone or scream. This use of darkness was perhaps the best element of the tour, because it allowed for people to be easily surprised.

After her second time through the tour, freshman Connie Reginaldi said, "I was so freaked out the whole time I was going through the house."

The walk-through concluded with a short stroll from the house to the preaching tents. On the path leading to the tents, there was a cross with a

man hanging from it, and immediately before the tents there was an empty cross. In the tents, Liberty students presented the gospel to groups of 15-20 people.

Junior Luke Watkins, who worked as a coordinator for the preaching tents, said, "It is always encouraging to see the results and you know that all of this work is not in vain."

As of this past weekend, several thousand more were exposed to the gospel, and over 1,200 people made first-time commitments to Christ.

"Even if someone is already a Christian, the experience is worth it and the preaching (is) a good reminder. It is a great way to have some good, clean fun," said Sharon Forbes, a sophomore who experienced Scaremare for the first time this past weekend.

This year's Scaremare was called "DaScaremi Code," which, according to Watkins, was a simplistic play-on-words from "The DaVinci Code" craze that hit the U.S. earlier this year. Watkins knew of no direct connection between the name for Scaremare this year and the actual scenes that were included in the house.

Regardless, the tour was full of haunted pleasures and unexpected thrills that all contributed to a great experience.

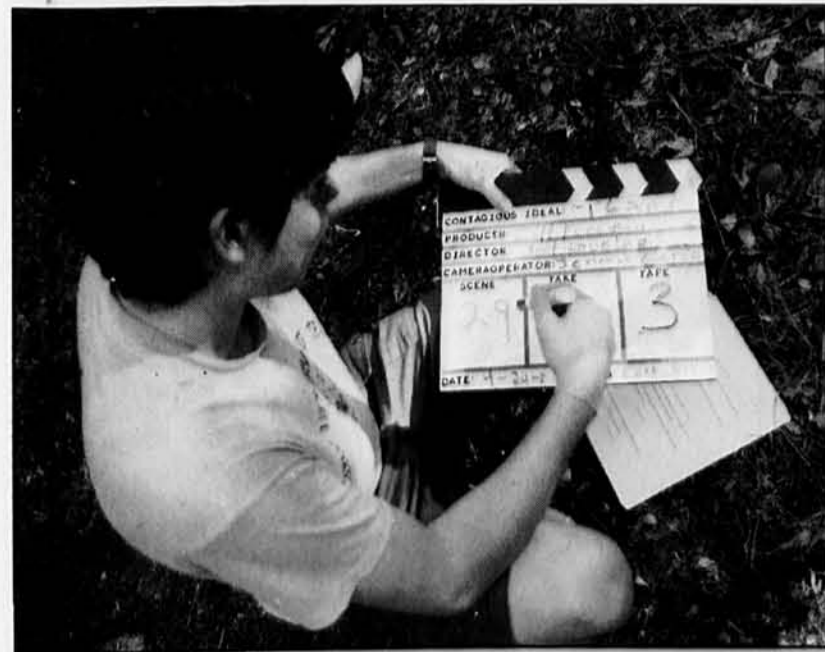
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**SCARED?** — Having just finished its 34th season, Scaremare is the oldest haunted house in Lynchburg. Oct. 28 was the last chance to get frightened until next year's performances.

## Carmike 8 to show movie produced by Liberty students



COLT FREEMAN

**DIRECTOR** — Joel Guelzo not only directed "From Above" but also wrote the script.

By Mandi Corbett

LIFE! REPORTER

How much are we actually willing to sacrifice for success? There seems to be quite a distinction between students who are simply pursuing degrees and those who are pursuing their dreams. Students Joel Guelzo and Colt Freeman forked out money from their own pockets and sacrificed a year of their lives outside of school to produce their first theatrical release, "From Above."

In October of 2005, Guelzo began piecing together his script for the film. Freeman said, "I was actually quite amazed at what he had come up with. He took his vision, put it on paper and showed me how it would look in my mind's eye."

The storyline follows a children's books author, who is writing a story about experiences a family he knew went through — a family in which the father abandoned his wife and daughter, leaving them to fend for themselves. The daughter's faith is restored when she finds letters from God falling out of a tree.

Audience members will watch as the characters learn to cope with painful trials and will see how these experiences change and shape the dynamics of a mother-daughter relationship.

"We chose a cast that acts for the love of acting and not for the consequential glory," Freeman said.

Strategically choosing cast members who are passionate about acting turned out to be a very beneficial move in the overall quality of the film. The emotions experienced by characters in the story could not have been accurately portrayed by just anyone. "That's the biggest thing about a movie — you want to make the audience feel," Freeman said.

Cast members Jon Kafoure, Katrina Hatcher and Joy Marshall are also involved with the Liberty Theatre Arts Department.

Freeman and Guelzo are now finishing post-production with the musical soundtrack for the film. Student Ashley Myers spent hours in the studio, recording violin for it. "I had to listen to the piano part and create a violin part by ear to go along with it," she said.

Myers was challenged to create accompanying music to the original music created by worship major Sarah Easter and Mauresa Guelzo who is Joel Guelzo's sister-in-law. "We had to record quite a few times to get the music how Colt wanted it," she said, laughing. Myers aspires to create soundtracks for movies as a profession and was delighted to be a part of the "From Above" soundtrack.

"The movie is about the closeness and warmth of family," said Myers. "I hope that people experience the emotion we are trying to convey through the film and realize that family is something they should never take for granted."

Guelzo expressed his hopes for "From Above" in his web documentary. "It's like one of those rare, valuable, little books that not very many people know about, but the few people (who) do know about it really treasure it. I hope this movie becomes something like that," he said.

Tickets are \$3 and are being sold in the Champion office Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The showing will be at 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 4 at the Carmike 8. To watch the movie trailer, visit [www.thegirlandhermother.com](http://www.thegirlandhermother.com). For further information, e-mail Freeman at [producer@coltfreeman.com](mailto:producer@coltfreeman.com) or Guelzo at [joel@joelguelzo.com](mailto:joel@joelguelzo.com).

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# Fall fashion trends at Liberty

## 10 ways to heat up your fashion sense as the weather cools down

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### 1. Give 'em the Boot

At Liberty, boots are replacing the parade of flip-flops as the weather cools down. From printed rain galoshes to suede lace-ups, boots are the latest trend in shoes. Stiletto or flat, wedge or cuffed heels, they are all made for walking, and at Liberty that's just what they do.

### 2. A Shoe-In

Boots are not the only footwear aground. You can step into suede or fur-lined, get strap-happy or high heeled, but slip-ons are the latest way to slide into fall style.

### 3. To Pop or Not to Pop

The collar war rages on from Facebook

groups for and against, to more serious discussions over Café a la Cart coffee — no one can be sure as to who will win. Wear it up or down, however the mood strikes. You can rock it either way.

### 4. Belted

Thin is out. Whether it is studded, riveted, sequined or suede, the bigger the better. With a pair of jeans or a cute little skirt — ahem, touching some part of the knee please — get fit to be tied. Try pairing two together for an extra bit of flair.

### 5. Layers of Style

Don't pack away those summery tank tops just yet; pair them under a sweater or bolero. Mix and match colors for variety. You can sport two layers or three — there is always safety in numbers.



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### 6. The Return of the Leggings

No one can for sure say why, but the printed leggings you said a teary goodbye to in elementary school are back in full force. Pair them with a skirt and a pair of flats and, oh child of the 80s, you just might find yourself humming a Tears for Fears tune.

### 7. Revenge of the Knits

Both warm and stylish, scarves are a fashion must-have this fall. Striped, beaded, knitted or crocheted — go ahead and tie one on!

### 8. It's All in Black and White

You don't have to pack away the white after Labor Day this year. Pair it with black and you've got the season's hottest colors — err, negatives.

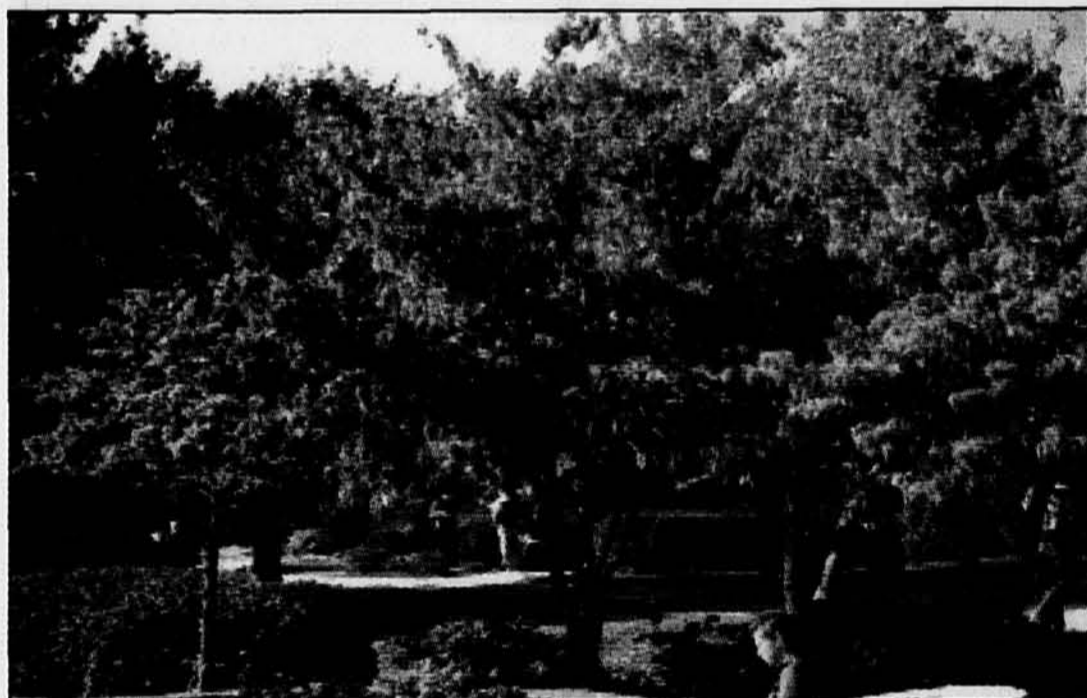
### 9. Fade to Blue

Thank goodness we can now wear them without fearing reps. Faithful to the end, denim never goes out of style. The trends for this year will have you singing the blues. Faded or dark, boot cut and button fly, take your favorite old friend for a walk around campus — but no holes, please!

### 10. All Bloused Up and Everywhere to Go

Blouses are back — pair them with a jean jacket, a suede pea coat or a teeny tiny bolero. So button one up and show your style.

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**FALL** — While the leaves are changing color, the dressing habits of students change in response to the climate.



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