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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2000

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► **THURSDAY**
Rain.
High 66. Low 51.



► **FRIDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 64. Low 39.



► **SATURDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 57. Low 36.



► **SUNDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 57. Low 37.



► **MONDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 58. Low 33.

ABOUT

► **CD RELEASE:** Spanky's presents Xavier Slade and Korla on Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. There will be a \$3 admission fee. Xavier Slade will be releasing their CD, "Mutual Bruising."

► **ICE HOCKEY:** If you're interested in forming a ladies ice hockey team, call Sarah at ext. 3191 or Karli at ext. 4002.

► **BLOODMOBILE:** Circle K is sponsoring a bloodmobile in the Vines Center Nov. 14-15 1-6 p.m. Participants need to bring some form of ID and eat before donating. There will be free pizza from Dominos.

► **BIBLE STUDY:** Sisters in the Lord, a ladies bible study, holds meetings every other Thursday. The next meeting is Nov. 16 6:30-8 p.m. in Religion Hall 114-116. They will be studying the lives and times of women of the Bible.

Liberty hosts debate tournament

By Angela Nelson, news editor

Hundreds of Rubbermaid tubs, hand trucks, expandable folders and debaters from 30 different schools on the east coast invaded the academic buildings of LU last weekend for the 14th annual Liberty Debate Tournament.

Altogether, 110 two-person policy debate teams were entered into the varsity, JV and novice divisions of the tournament.

Six ninety-minute preliminary rounds were held on Friday and Saturday of the tournament. The top teams of each division went on to debate in five sets of elimination rounds on Sunday, which started at 8 a.m. and ended roughly around 10 p.m.

"We have received numerous positive comments about the tournament," Dr. Brett O'Donnell, LU's debate director said. "The fact that it is growing every year and that it is the largest ADA tournament this year is evident with how the

tournament is run."

Because of a recent back surgery, O'Donnell was unable to do much of the preliminary work for the tournament.

Coaches Mike and Heather Hall ended up doing most of the technical arrangements and tabulation for the tournament, along with the help of members of the LU debate team.

The tournament was slightly unusual, in that, one school almost managed to go home with all three first place trophies.

Catholic University won the varsity division, won first and second in the JV division, and lost in the final novice round against a team from Mary Washington College—placing them second in novice.

According to O'Donnell, the Catholic program, being only three years old, has pushed through the ranks of the American Debate Association and also become decent competition on the national debate circuit in a very short amount of time.

In fact, last year, Catholic ended Liberty's five-year streak by taking first place in the ADA rankings.

Sophomores Matt Dunn and Michael Pourmorski from Catholic won the varsity division of the tournament, defeating John Carol University in the final round.

"The tournament rocked—I'm glad we won," Dunn said, adding in jest that it was only because Liberty teams were not debating in the tournament.

In debate, it is customary for the hosting team to not debate in their own tournament—unless needed in the preliminary rounds to even out an odd number of teams.

One highlight of Liberty's tournament is the annual banquet on Saturday night. During the banquet, debaters, coaches and judges from participating schools have the opportunity to ask Dr. Jerry Falwell any

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DEBATE — The U. S. Military Academy debates Clarion University during a novice round at the tournament LU hosted Nov. 3-5.

Bush, Gore too close to call

After announcing the Texas Governor the winner, vote totals in Florida, the deciding state, came within 1,000 votes, requiring a recount.

By Bill Murray, editor in chief

Both campaigns had reason to be confident. Both campaigns had reason to worry.

It was by all accounts a very peculiar election cycle. Would it be close? Would it be a landslide? Would one candidate win the popular vote and the other achieve actual victory with the electoral vote? Would turnout be high or would America stay home?

Through all the pundits, through all the spinning and through all the predictions, these questions remained unanswered as Election Day 2000 became a two-day event, with many key races not being decided until early Wednesday morning.

Still, the most watched race—the one between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush—remains undecided as of Wednesday morning.

Throughout Tuesday evening, Bush and Gore changed leads in the battle to be the first to claim 270 electoral votes—the amount needed for a victory.

Early in the evening, Gore found himself doing better than expected in several key states. At about 8 p.m., every major television network called Gore the winner in Florida, putting the vice president well on his way to victory.

At the same time, Bush was speaking with his "ears to the ground" in Florida who reported to him that all was not lost in Florida.



DON'T COUNT ME OUT — Texas Governor George W. Bush, pictured with wife Laura Bush, tells reporters they were hasty in giving Gore a win in Florida. The press then classified the Sunshine State as a toss-up and a recount is ongoing.

Bush then took that message to the airwaves—scolding the networks for giving Florida to Gore. An added frustration to the Bush campaign was that with the networks calling such a huge defeat for Bush on the east coast so early in the evening, morale and Get-Out-The-Vote efforts were depressed on the west coast.

Nearly a half-hour later, every network pulled Florida's 25 electoral votes out of Gore's column and reclaimed the state as "too close to call."

The results from the other

states then began pouring in, and Bush was doing well. Picking up several key states such as Ohio and Missouri, the Texas governor also added Tennessee and Arkansas—home states of the Clinton-Gore administration—to his tally.

As the night drew to a close, all eyes were on four states—Oregon, Iowa, Wisconsin and Florida. After several hours of waiting, Gore was declared the winner

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Library buys 11,000 eBooks

By Melinda Fleming, reporter

Checking out and reading your favorite book is now just a point and click away in the A. Pierre Guillermin Library. The library recently purchased nearly 11,000 electronic book titles from netLibrary.com. The titles purchased by the library include topics such as philosophy, psychology, religion, science and many more.

"eBooks (electronic books) are simply digital versions of books that have been published in a paper format. In some cases, eBooks are only available in an electronic format, but most of the eBooks that are currently available are also available in paper," David Barnett, dean of library services said.

According to Barnett, LU joined forces with a group of other academic libraries in Virginia. By working with other libraries, Liberty was able to have more buying power and purchase the titles at a reduced price.

Barnett said the \$5,000 project gives the staff and students at LU an electronic advantage.

"As the digital information age continues to change our world, we believe that these types of electronic resources will become more and more prevalent. We wanted to go ahead and give this a trial run to see if it would benefit our academic

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Career Fair offers job opportunities to students

By Angela Nelson and Mattie Gordon

Clad in a fancy black suit with a designer tie to go with his mauve shirt, senior Roy Simmons was on a mission. After graduation, he is on his way to graduate school, but before that, he wanted to talk to prospective employers and find out what exactly it is that they are looking for. His solution—the LU Career Fair.

Simmons hopes to work in some type of financial aspect of a corporation, and at the fair, he wanted to make contacts and network with employers.

Simmons was not the only one interested in a future career—many LU juniors and seniors visited the fall



READ IN HERE — This is the cutline. All of the students in the photograph should be clearly identified

semester's Career Fair in order to talk with companies who were recruiting students for jobs and internships.

Students were encouraged to bring copies of their resume, dress professionally, be prepared to be interviewed and to interview the different companies.

The Career Fair was held Nov. 1 in the Vines Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Approximately 28 businesses and organizations set up booths and displays in order to attract prospective students to their tables. The fair allowed employers from the local, state and national levels to show students what their companies have to offer.

"The purpose of the Career Fair is to bring employers here to give opportuni-

ties to the students to find a full-time or part-time job or information about internships," Lacie Dickens, the office manager for the LU Career Center said. "It is also an opportunity for students, undecided in a major, to talk with people in companies and find direction in life."

Among the participants, the accounting firm of Cherry, Berkaert & Holland, CPAs had a booth set up.

Senior Manager Hurman Murray said that the firm had been coming to the LU Career Fair for several years looking for entry level accounting majors.

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Fair: Students make contacts at annual fair

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"It gives us exposure to potential graduates that would be interested in working with us," Murray said, adding that the firm currently had four students from Liberty working for them, and that the students had been adequately prepared for the job.

Danna McCann, an employment specialist for the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, was at the Career Fair for the first time.

McCann had contacted LU about coming to the fair because of a contact she had through her husband.

"I thought maybe it was time to find some nursing students from LU," McCann said.

According to Internship Coordinator Rachel Sergant, the Career Fair is not necessarily only for finding jobs, but it is also a time for students to be exposed to different types of jobs.

The fair allowed students to see what direction or major they would like to pursue or show them what types of job their major has to offer. The Career Fair gave students the opportunity to find internships



JOHN FISHER

UNCLE SAM AT LU— The United States Army was just one of the many organizations that stopped by the Vines Center to recruit LU's students.

and make contacts with employers.

"Even though I have a generally good idea of where I'm headed in life post-graduation from LU, it was interesting to see all the diverse organizations that were waiting to speak with current LU students in hopes of hiring them. Wintergreen Ski Resort was definitely the best—you just can't beat a good piece of

chocolate," senior Brooke Herrmann said.

Students who missed this semester's Career Fair can visit the Career Center in DeMoss Hall to find information about future jobs or look for information on their Web site at www.liberty.edu/resources/career.

Debate: Falwell debates visiting debaters at LU debate tournament

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question they want during a special question and answer session.

"Dr. O'Donnell told me 14 years ago that there was a great deal of interest among coaches and debaters on my views of religion, politics, etc.," Dr. Falwell said. "The kids are very sharp — It's almost like a press conference."

"Debaters, because of their intellect and skills, tend to be liberal socially. I have an opportunity as a pastor to share Christ in subtle and not-so-subtle ways. It's a fun time from controversy, disagreement and bantering," Falwell said.

The questions at this year's banquet revolved around subjects such as birth control, capital punishment, dinosaurs, abortion and women's roles. However, the question which sparked the largest gasp from the crowd was the first one.

One debater used Genesis 1:1 as provision to use plants for whatever means desired, such as marijuana, alcohol or other drugs.

Dr. Falwell responded to the question by asking if that was the only verse the debater knew and

asked him to quote another Bible verse that he knew before he would answer the question.

Before the debater could get to another verse, Dr. Falwell told him not to worry about it and proceeded to give an answer.

The final question of the night came from a U.S. Naval Academy debater who asked Dr. Falwell about the situation in the Middle East.

Dr. Falwell said that that was the hardest question of the night to answer and that he did not think there would ever be absolute peace between the Israelis and the Arabs until Jesus returns. In the meantime, Dr. Falwell feels that it is still important to do all that is possible to maintain peace between the two groups.

After Dr. Falwell left, O'Donnell presented individual speaker awards for the tournament and announced which teams would advance to the elimination rounds the following day.

Twenty-four hours later, the tournament finally neared its end as the crowd was reduced to three judges and two schools debating in the final

round in a DeMoss Hall classroom.

Once the first and second place awards were handed to the teams, the schools left and the remaining faction of Liberty debaters checked all the rooms to clean up the trash from the tournament, aiming to leave the building cleaner than they had found it for Monday's classes.



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LU takes registration online for Spring 2001 semester

By Lee Ann Livesay, reporter

Liberty entered the ranks of major colleges this semester, allowing students to register for classes online.

This semester, honor students, resident assistants, athletes, debaters, students with special needs and seniors were a few of the groups allowed to register for the spring semester online. Registrar Cheryl Sprouse is very

excited about this. She said that all students will be able to register online for the Fall 2001 semester.

Junior Noelle Fiacco, who was one of the first to register as a lab assistant in the computer lab, said, "Liberty is finally catching up with many other schools concerning registration. It still can be improved some, but it sure beats standing in line."

So far, online registration is going well according to Sprouse. She has heard very few negative comments concerning the new system and feels that most students think that it is a good development for Liberty.

Sprouse feels that most students enjoy it, because online registration virtually eliminates lines.

Freshman honors student, Emily Woody said, "I thought that it was easy to follow and I didn't have to stand in any lines, which was nice."

Another freshman honor student, Ethan Jensen said, "Registering online was very simple and convenient. It definitely is

superior to waiting in line."

Students have reported two problems with the system, both of which have been fixed, according to Sprouse.

One was the matter of certain classes needing the professor's signature, a problem that can be resolved only by getting the professor's signature and taking it to the registrar's office.

The other problem reported has been with classes requiring prerequisites. The computer would not allow students to sign up for classes when they had not completed the prerequisites for the course, even if they were being taken concurrently. This has been resolved.

The only remotely negative comment that Sprouse has heard about registration is that "it's too easy." Nothing tells you that you are finished with registering. Students cannot fathom that they can possibly register that easily, Sprouse shared.

The last group to register is the seniors. Sprouse advised students to make sure they have their user name and password for ASIST, their personal data form and to make sure everything is paid. One important thing for students is to make sure they meet with their advisors before registering for classes.

Sprouse explained that the reason for gaps between groups was to give the registrar's office a chance to correct problems that the first groups experienced so that the next group would not

have similar problems. This helps them better prepare for the registration of the rest of the students.

"It's exciting to see the registration process go online. Students can now register from their rooms and not have to wait in long lines," Sprouse said.

Senior Tara Johnson, a work-study in the registrar's office, said, "I think this is a positive addition to Liberty and I think the students will really enjoy that we can register on the computer and not have to stand in long lines."

To see if you are eligible to register online, a check-in process has been created to tell you if your account is in order.

Sprouse noted that it is extremely important for seniors registering this week, especially commuters, to check the information on their personal data forms that they pick up from their advisors. This allows the registrar's office to make sure they have the correct local and home addresses. Without the correct address, it is harder to send grades to the right address, and it is costly to the school.

Sprouse notes that it also can be costly to the students because if the school does not have the right address, it can hold up scholarships, financial aid, and grade reports.

Junior Da'Nelle McKrey, a member of the track team, said, "It's good because you can register at any time within specific dates. It's incredibly easy once you get started. Like all new programs, it can be made better, but I like it."

Online registration continues through Nov. 9 for seniors. Traditional registration for underclassmen starts Nov. 13 and lasts until Dec. 1.

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Scaremare frightens crowd of 20,010

By Johanna Price, reporter

Got fear? Apparently many did, as people came in the thousands, to take on the frightful challenge of the 28th annual Scaremare.

Three weekends of chills and thrills began Oct. 12 and ended Oct. 28, after bringing in 21,010 people from Virginia and several other states.

In order to get the event up and running, over 200 LU students volunteered many long hours to make Scaremare a success.

Whether they were covered in fake blood, make-up, or on the prayer and encouragement team, these students contributed to over 2,400 decisions being made by the customers they entertained. Over 1,400 of the 2,400 were new salvation decisions.

The last Saturday of Scaremare was huge, with over 3,550 people going through the house...the students were incredible. We were single-staffed that night, which meant

the kids were in character from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Many walked out without a voice after that night, but they were just such a testimony, and they did it all for free. They were totally amazing," Tony Philpott, who oversees Scaremare each year, said.

Freshman Rusty Small, who volunteered at the event, said, "Well, I must admit, it was fun to scare people. People got crazy and ran all over each other. I got to sneak up on some of my friends and scare them without them knowing who it was."

Rusty also added with a laugh that "you get punched a lot!"

Freshman Elaine Lesever saw a different side of the operation. She was part of the prayer and encouragement team, who brought food and words of praise to the team working in costume.

Lesever felt it was "really rewarding, knowing people made decisions because of what they saw and heard. God was really evident

in each night of work."

Reactions and opinions were strong about each person's "favorite" part of the house. Sophomore Heather Huff, who worked the event and went through the house said, "The checkerboard room was the best room — definitely."

Philpott spoke of the many little things that went into making Scaremare such a huge success. Some small but significant blessings were the lack of rain, the practice football field lent by Lynchburg Christian Academy for parking, and the safety that surrounded all the visitors.

Philpott has received many emails and letters from the event. "I got a message from a guy who told me he got saved from reading the book of John that was handed out in the tents. He came to know the Lord after the fact...There are many stories that I've heard already. The eternal effects of Scaremare are too

numerous to count."

Scaremare is all about the frightening, the suspense, and the unexpected. Philpott helped ease the pain of the unexpected for next year's event by elaborating on some of the expected.

Among some of the planned changes in the house for next year include a remodeling of the "drug room," and a possible return of the original red staircase entrance. Insects might be added, but the car wreck scene might be removed.

The route will also be different next year. "We try to respond to our feedback, what we hear from the customers and the student workers. We get a lot of input from the students each year."

Philpott goes through a month of evaluation every year to make Scaremare an event that suits the customers. "Safety is key; it's the number one priority. You have to have the safety aspect covered before all else."

Library:

Purchases

11,000 eBooks

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In order to "check out" a book from netLibrary, you must first set up an account with the Web site.

"From the (Liberty) library's site, go to netLibrary and follow the instructions for setting up your account. You then log in, after which you are able to search through the available titles to see if there is something that interests you," Barnett said.

The nearly 11,000 titles Liberty purchased are available free of charge to students. When checking out a book, netLibrary loans it to the reader for a two-hour period.

"If you want to read more, you can always go back and check it out again," Barnett said.

For more information on the eBooks, link to the library from Liberty's Web site, at www.liberty.edu.

Election 2000: Full of surprises

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in both Iowa and Wisconsin, giving him an electoral college lead. However, Gore still fell short of the 270 needed electoral votes, making Florida the deciding state.

The soap opera then came to what many figured was a close as Florida was declared a win for Bush—giving him a 271 electoral vote total and subsequently the presidency. Celebrations erupted at Bush headquarters in Austin, Texas and many tears were shed at Gore's base in Nashville, Tenn.

Gore even went so far as to call Bush, congratulate him on his apparent win and conceded the presidency to his Republican opponent. News of this spread quickly and Bush was declared president-elect by the major television networks. So was the story at 2 a.m.

However, while on his way to delivering his concession speech, Gore received a phone call from an aide telling him that the election in Florida—while going Bush's way—was not yet over. Gore then called Bush again, telling him that he wanted a recount in Florida. Aides to Bush say he told the vice president to "Do what you have to do," and then hung up the phone.

With that, spokesmen for each of the campaigns came out to the crowds that had gathered in Austin and Nashville with the news of the impending recount.

"Without being certain of the results in Florida, we simply cannot be certain of the results of this national election," Gore campaign Chairman William Daley told wildly cheering Gore supporters in Nashville, Tenn. "This race is simply too close to call, and until the results—the recount is concluded and the results in Florida become official—our campaign continues."

The Bush campaign was cautiously confident as it reported the news to its supporters. "We hope and believe we have elected the next president of the United States," Bush campaign Chairman Donald Evans said. "They're still counting. They're still counting. And I'm confident, when it's all said and

done, we will prevail."

So now the campaigns wait as the political lives of these two men hang in the balance in Florida. The recount could take anywhere from one to 10 days.

The presidential election of 2000 will go down in the history books as the most expensive thus far, the most unpredictable in recent memory, and as the election that proved to the American public that every vote does in fact count.

Still, not every election in America failed to produce clear winners.

In New York, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has become the first presidential spouse to be elected to national office as her bid for a New York Senate seat proved successful. Mrs. Clinton beat her opponent, New York Congressman Rick Lazio, 55 percent to his 43 percent.

With President Clinton and daughter Chelsea by her side, Senator-elect Clinton told her crowd of supporters, "Sixty-two counties, 16 months, three debates, two opponents and six black pantsuits later, here we are!" Clinton was referring in part to the fact that she began her senate campaign running against New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, before Lazio became the nominee.

Across the river in New Jersey, one of the most expensive senate races in U.S. history ended with Democratic nominee John Corzine being elected to fill the seat vacated by retiring Democrat Senator Frank Lautenberg.

During the course of the campaign, Corzine spent more than \$60 million of his own money to defeat New Jersey Congressman Bob Franks, who spent only \$9 million. Corzine has never held public office and will likely prove a powerful force among the extreme liberal wing of the senate democrats.

Despite Clinton and Corzine wins, the Republicans have retained control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Should Bush be declared the winner of the presidential race, it will be the first time the GOP has controlled the executive and legislative branches concurrently since 1954.



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Your complaint about parking is one that I hear from students all the time. As a resident of the circle, I too feel this pain. If you happen to have a life and are off campus past 9 p.m., go ahead and plan on parking in the pit. The pit should be reserved for freshman and people whose cars are being held together by duct tape. When you park in the pit you can always count on some joker who will write "wash me" in the dust on your car. To the guy who does that I have this to say: that is not funny, has never been funny and never will be funny. I hope you get some kind of disease from the dust and your finger swells eight times its normal size.

Now onto LUPD. Everyone probably wants me to poke fun of them. I am not going to do that. I have nothing but respect for someone who risks their life day in and day out so that our students cars will be parked in the correct spots. Every time I see one writing a ticket, I have to fight the urge to start singing the theme from C.O.P.S. Of all the things LUPD does, a personal favorite of mine is when they put the orange device on people's tires, not allowing them to drive. This is known as a boot where I am from. I think there is nothing funnier than seeing the guy, who illegally parks in the handicap spot in front of Marriott every day, come out and see the boot on his car. They always think they can cut it off. They try and go MacGyver style and make a device using a plastic spoon and a necktie to cut it off.

The answer to your question is simple, take responsibility for your actions. If you know you are going to get ticketed, don't park there. We may tease them, but LUPD is just doing its job. The vast majority of them don't want to see you go broke. If nothing else, I have heard that the bus runs on campus quite frequently.

-Price

Dear Price,
My girlfriend has no sense of humor, and it drives me nuts. What should I do?
Sincerely,
Laughless

Dear Laughless,
Your situation seems bad but not impossible to help. A good sense of humor is what most women say they look for in a man. If this was true, I would be on a date instead of typing this right now. As a man that attempts to bring a little humor to people's lives, (sometimes unsuccessfully), there is nothing that irks me more than someone with no sense of humor. The religion majors are filled with these people. I can say this because I am one. Religion majors often look as if their chest would explode if a chuckle dared escape. This doesn't mean all of them are this way. A lot of my good friends who are religion majors are hilarious guys. It just seems to me that our major is the one that takes ourselves too seriously. Some of us put on our three-piece suit, slick back our hair to achieve the perfect preacher hair and grab our Super Giant Print Bible and head off to class. With all the messed up stuff in our world, we have to be able to laugh. A person who can't laugh at things is going to end up too stressed to deal with life, much like I would be if Hong Kong Buffet ever closed.

Your problem may be that you're just not funny. Some people do not find anything I have to say remotely humorous. They are entitled to their opinion. They just don't have to yell "Hey Price, your column stinks" when I see them in DeMoss. I have feelings too. If after a while she still doesn't laugh at anything you say, you may be in trouble. She either has no sense of humor, or you're just terribly unfunny. -Price

Chris Price is an advice columnist for the Liberty Champion. To submit questions, students should type out their question, name and phone number and drop it off in the Letter to the Editor box next to the Champion office in DeMoss 110. The Champion reserves the right to accept, reject or edit any questions.

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The Liberty Champion

Election 2000: mixed bag of wins and defeats

Election Day for 2000 has proven to be one for the record books. With over \$4 billion spent on races from president of the United States to local school board elections, this year's races were unlike any other.

The election of Hillary Clinton in New York, John Corzine in New Jersey, and Al Gore's great showing are not exactly the election results many Christians were hoping for. Still, with the presidential race still up in the air, all is not lost.

Should George W. Bush be elected president, Republicans will control the House of Representatives, the Senate and the White House—a dream for any political party. And even if Bush were to fail to capture the vote in Florida, thus making him president, the fact that the Republicans were able to stay in power in Congress bodes well for conservatives.

Hopefully our new representation in D.C. will learn to work together so that real change and improvement will be brought to America.

Quotes of the Week

“May the God of peace sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who made the promises.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23-4

Have Americans lost their minds?

As I write this column, it is unclear whether or not Texas Governor George W. Bush will become the next president of the United States. I am, of course, still in a state of unceasing prayer as I'm trying to get my brain to concentrate on something other than this election.

But before I accomplish that task, allow me to convey my thoughts on the debacle I witnessed Tuesday night as I watched the ballot returns come in.

Florida has become the story of this campaign. No one would have thought a few months back that this election would come down to just one state, just a few hundred votes. This election was supposed to be a blow-out, or at least a convincing win on the part of Gov. Bush. And maybe it could have been, if the media hadn't predicted a Gore win in Florida so prematurely.

When ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC and FOX News all went to the airwaves predicting a Gore win, Bush's troops were demoralized. The result? Many of those working in California, where the polls were still open, and where the election could have been much closer, went home. This is what happens when the media predicts wins they have no business predicting. The same scenario occurred in

1992 when George Bush-the-elder was running against President Clinton and the media predicting a Clinton win in Florida. The next day that prediction was proven false, as Bush in fact won the



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Sunshine State. A similar story played out in the Florida senate race of 1994, when Republican Connie Mack was told by the media that he lost only to find out the next day he in fact had won.

This nation's senate races further proved, sadly in my opinion, that unqualified, inexperienced morons can actually fair well in a

state-wide race.

Take my home state of New Jersey for instance. Instead of electing a moderate, experienced congressman who has served the state well for the past few years, we elected John Corzine. This man has never, ever held public office. He is a socialist through and through and he, if given his way, would bankrupt the nation his first day in office.

Corzine, who spent \$60 million of his own money on the senate race, will make Ted Kennedy look like a conservative Republican, and we elected him. Looks like the "armpit of America" just got little stinkier.

Across the river from New Jersey,

Hillary Clinton has dropped her title of First Lady in favor of "Senator-elect Clinton."

Here we have a woman who is, again, in my opinion, a criminal. She is slicker than her husband, possessing not only the ability to control, manipulate, and connive everyone with the misfortune of coming in her path, but also the ability to make people feel sorry for her as she trounces them.

Get ready for an interesting six years with Hillary in the senate.

Hillary and Al Gore's buddy, the wonderfully fair and balanced, conservative leaning, NRA-loving Rosie O'Donnell must be feeling quite jubilant these days. She can, more than most of us, say that she did everything possible to get her candidates elected.

Rosie even went so far as to air an unedited four-minute speech on her nationally-syndicated talk show starring Barbara Streisand. In the video, Babs practically tells all of the soccer moms in Rosie's audience that if they don't want to be beaten, enslaved and possibly killed by those horrible Republicans, they better vote for Gore.

This country is in trouble when a woman like Hillary and a man like Al Gore can even come close to being elected to office.

We all need to be praying that Florida will fall into Bush's corner. If it doesn't, this country will be on its way to the worst four years in our history.

SPEAKUP! What's the most unique place to hang out in Lynchburg?



"I head over to Sweet Briar College for a picnic lunch and an excursion through the woods."

—Naomi Gillette, Soph. Unity, Me.

"Hmm...how about exploring downtown with Brandon & Wig. That's at least interesting."

—Alexis Rice, Soph. Hickory, N.C.



"The lawn in front of the Wingate hotel because at night you can see all of Lynchburg lit up."

—Christine Child, Jr. Stafford, Va.



"Going spelunking at a cave in Blacksburg because I can get covered from head to toe in mud."

—Karl Klous, Jr. Lynchburg, Va.



"Coming from Miami. Bullbucking in Boonsboro is definitely unique. That and cow tipping—what's up with that!"

—Patty Arguello, Soph. Miami, Fla.

Photos by John Fisher

Pay teachers more; they're worth it

When I was in the early elementary grades, I hated school. I always tried to play sick so I wouldn't have to go. All that changed my fifth grade year when I was put in Mrs. Moose's class. This gentle lady, about 50, instilled in me a love for learning that I took with me through middle and high school and on into college.

Teachers like Mrs. Moose are hard to come by these days. Students who have respect for teachers are hard to come by also. Teachers seem to use most of their efforts on discipline, not teaching. Teachers even have to be careful about discipline now.

If a teacher tells a student that he is doing something wrong it is viewed as hurting the students self-esteem. They can't spank students because spanking is not allowed in most schools anymore.

A teacher can be arrested for assault for just laying a hand on a student. So when every other measure of discipline has been exhausted on a student that still refuses to listen, they just send him home. They can't do anything else.

Some teachers even have to fear for their lives today in these battlefields that some people call schools. One wrong word to a kid in school and a teacher has to deal with death threats and ends up having to look over his shoulder while walking to his car to go home.

A lot of people wonder why there is a shortage of teachers around the country. One, it is because students and parents give teachers very little respect. Teaching a child used to be a collective effort between the teacher and the parents.

Now parents who work 12 hours a day send their children off to this state funded "day care" called school and expect teachers to raise their children for them.

The parents don't teach their children to respect teachers. Most of the time this happens because the parents don't respect the teachers themselves.

When a child gets in trouble at school, the parents look for a reason to blame the teacher for disciplining their child! The lack of support that teachers have from the parents is very discouraging.

A second reason for the shortage of teachers is the obvious. They don't get paid enough. Yeah, I know, teachers should teach because of the love for the students and all that other public service announcement drama, but they've got to make a living. A teacher with a four-year degree most of the time makes less than a factory worker without a high school diploma.

There is just not enough money in teaching to attract people to teach. We spend our money to build these "super prisons," for our poor, underprivileged criminals. The government spends money to buy televisions, computers and weight benches for the prisons but they can't

give our teachers a raise. What does that say about our government when we put more of our money toward the welfare of prisoners, who gave up their rights when they went to prison, than we do toward the well being of our educators. I just doesn't make sense.

While teacher pay is low, so is the budget for our schools. This is a huge turn-off for teachers. I

would much rather go to a prison and work in the air condition of that environment than I would go to Appomattox Elementary School, where my wife teaches fifth grade, and suffer the heat of summer without it.

This school is 75 years old and is barely fit to be inhabited by people at all, much less the students who are the future of the world and the teachers who prepare them.



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If some things in and about our schools don't change pretty soon, we are going to lose many valuable people who would otherwise be teachers to other fields.

The teachers like Mrs. Moose are getting more and more rare. If we as a society don't encourage

the government to spend more money on schools and teacher pay the students will end up paying the price in the future.

Matthew Trick is a writer for the Champion's Commentary section and is serving as a guest writer for this week's Opinion page.

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picks of the week

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The operetta "Die Fledermaus" is Nov. 10, 11 & 16-18 in the Lloyd Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. (804) 582-2085.

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Jaci Velasquez and Plus One will be in concert at the LU Vines Center Nov. 16. Student tickets are \$5. Call (804) 582-2131 or (804) 582-INFO.

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A Christmas show with hand-crafted gifts will be at the Community Market & City Armory. Nov. 25 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (804) 847-1499.

Internship benefits shine brighter than the summer sun

By Laura Kanzler, reporter

Spending summer on the beach with absolutely nothing to do but sleep can get boring after a while, so this next summer why not move from the sand to a future brighter than the summer sun? One of the best means to getting a much dreamed of job is through an internship.

Internships come in all shapes and sizes, for all types of businesses. An internship generally lasts from one to three months and is usually for juniors and seniors in college.

"Internships are great networking tools, they look great on resumes and will lead to a job," Sharon Minard, intern director at the Career Center, said. Minard also said that 20 percent of all internships lead to full-time jobs.

Not only does an internship help students make contacts and find jobs, a student that gets an internship through the Career Center usually receives three credits. For certain majors, such as pastoral, youth ministry, sport management, health and exercise science, an internship is required in order to graduate.

Even though internships are not a requirement of every major, internships are still a vital part of finding a good job after graduation.

"Taking six hours in a class, you learn class stuff, but six hours in an internship is invaluable," senior psychology major, Eli Shackelford said. He is currently interning at Central Virginia Community Services.

Shackelford is working with a program called Kindred Homes, where he performs the duties of a behavior specialist. While Shackelford said he enjoys working in the program, he does not want to become a behavior specialist. Because of his internship, Shackelford has decided he will become a therapist when he graduates from Liberty.

Many people are glad that they have interned because it helps give direction for their future.

For instance, Kathryn Kanzler, now a Liberty alumna, was once an undergrad trying to plan her future, but she could not decide what field of psychology to pursue.

Kanzler decided to intern through the Alliance for Families and Children. She earned credits for her internship and

gained valuable experience. Now a case manager at Family Services of New Jersey, Kanzler said that her internship was vital to her career.

"Looking back at my college career, I wish I would have done more than one internship," Kanzler said, "I recommend the experience to everybody!"

Because experience is a vital need in the job market, Liberty and the Career Center help students with the internship process.

"The most important thing is to make use of the Career Center because it helps students to prepare," Rachel Sergeant, experiential education coordinator for the Career Center said. She also mentioned that many students wait until a semester before they graduate to see what the Career Center offers. Sergeant believes this hinders students from finding the best internships and jobs.

Minard recommends that students start looking for internships six months to a year in advance of when they want to have the internships.

Travis Fiacco, a senior finance major, did not go through the Career Center last year for his summer internship.

Fiacco said since the time requirements for paperwork ran out and the credits were expensive he was not able to earn credits.

Each internship credit costs the same amount as a class credit and must be paid prior to the internship.

Though Fiacco wishes he had used the internship for class credits, he said, "It helped me see what I didn't want to do and helped me understand what's going on in the world."

While any type of internship is a valuable tool for prying open the job world, Minard stresses that it does look more professional to go through the school when seeking out and landing an internship.

Sergeant said that the Web site www.liberty.edu/resources/career/ gives a list of hundreds of companies who have requested or previously had LU interns.

For more information on how you can shake the sand from your feet and head into the future through an internship, contact the Career Center at: careers@liberty.edu or visit the Career Center — located in DeMoss Hall 112.

Top 10 reasons to get an internship

- 1) Try out a career for a semester for credit.
- 2) Avoid job-hopping.
- 3) Put your education into practice.
- 4) Obtain skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.
- 5) Transition from the classroom to the work world.
- 6) Network.
- 7) Make your resume stand out.
- 8) Get your foot in the door of a top corporation before you graduate.
- 9) Let employers see you in action...they might hire you permanently!
- 10) Experience. Experience. Experience.

—TAKEN FROM CAREER CENTER WEB SITE

Coffee House uncovers mysteries of Lynchburg



SHAUN CHELGREEN

SHARING SALIVA — In a skit at this year's coffeehouse, three roommates at Liberty University share not only a toothbrush, but a gargling cup full of each roommate's saliva.

By Bruce Kite, reporter

The crowd was lively from the time the doors opened. A rhythmic energy worked the crowd into a frenzy. With each act the crowd became increasingly involved.

The underlying theme for the night's main production of Student Life's Masquerade Coffee House was the Mysteries of Lynchburg. And the show seemed to go off without a hitch.

"It flowed better. The format was good. There were no dead spots or anything really stupid," junior Travis Yorgey said. The crowd seemed to echo Yorgey's sentiments with unrestrained cheering.

One of Student Life's main goals was to increase student involvement.

"We really wanted the students to get involved a lot more," Master of Ceremonies Nic Carver said. Student Life picked the theme of the Coffee House, the Mysteries of Lynchburg to "target the little things you notice when you live here."

"The videos were really good," junior Beki Shepler said. Mixes of multimedia presentations were seamlessly interwoven with the live acts to add more variety to the show.

The video presentations targeted several Lynchburg quirks including the tendency of Lynchburg residents to stop at yield signs

and the traditional weekend ritual of cruising the strip.

A solid crowd favorite was Titus's rendition of Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Bad Name."

"They had good stage presence. They were entertaining, rather than just performing," Yorgey said. Titus's stage presence was unmatched. The guitar solos ripped straight out of the 1980s while the lead guitarist slid on his knees — a sight not seen since Bon Jovi first performed his fantastic number.

The Britney Spears cover sung by Renee Peckham was another talked about act.

"She was really close. She actually was good," sophomore Sarah Dorrrough said. The well-choreographed routines added an impressive aspect to the cover song.

"Britney Spears is not all about just singing. She's about ... crowd involvement, and she had it tonight" Shepler said.

One of the best skits to portray real emotions encountered at Liberty was the "Liberty Zone." The "Twilight Zone" spoof carried out many Liberty student's fantasies about dealing with long lines, the frustrations suffered at the business office, the Marriott, and from nit-picking resident assistants.

The protagonist of the skit, "Joey," released his frustrations with solid punches landed on the chin of every offender. The highlight of the

skit series was when "Joey" broke a Marriott tray over the head of a student who perpetrated improper tray dumping procedure.

Don P and CZ, tore the stage up and drew the crowd into their stellar performance. Brandon and his accompanying band played well, but Brandon seemed to have more interaction with his microphone stand than with the audience.

"I feel like Brandon really poured it out last night, and I was impressed," junior Michael Lunde said. Lunde also enjoyed the Goo Goo Dolls cover song and thought, "all the music was pretty good."

The bed time skit sent shakes of nausea throughout many audience members as an entire cup full of spit-out toothpaste and rinse water was consumed before their very eyes.

"Nic was (a) great MC," Yorgey said. Unlike some previous Coffee Houses, where the acts took control, Carver remained in control and tactfully transitioned the night's events without trouble.

Student Life definitely put on one of the best Coffee Houses in recent history. The acts flowed together seamlessly, and each act fit into the Mysteries of Lynchburg theme. As far as entertainment goes for a late Friday night in Lynchburg, Coffee House could not have been beat.

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One kitten and whole lot of kaboodle

If you saw a girl crawling on her hands and knees in the DeMoss Hall parking lot a few weeks ago, you were looking at me. If you stopped to take a closer look, you would have noticed I had a chicken salad sandwich in my hand.

What lunatic reason could drive a perfectly sane person like myself to crawl around with a chicken salad sandwich — while wearing a skirt no less? Well, the only reason I can think of and the real reason is that I was attempting to lure a frightened kitten out from inside the hood of a car where he had climbed.

All pride is forgotten on my part when the idea of a helpless kitten being crushed inside the whirling engine of a car comes to mind (especially when that kitten is a darling gray tiger kitten with big blue eyes). Forget about classes or work or the inevitability of getting my skirt dirty — I am

on a mission that becomes "save the cat at all cost."

Yes, I am stepping forward to announce that I am a self-appointed savior to animals — I've always been. I have always rescued the stray kitten and fed the lost dog. I've even saved mice from the jaws of my hungry cat. I've been involved in rescuing many a baby bird, and I'll admit I'm the one who stops to pick the turtle up from the middle of the road and carry him to safety.

I can't say all my missions have been successful. Baby birds and injured animals have died in my care, but somehow it was always worth it regardless of the outcome.

You would think I'd have outgrown those animal rescues with my dolls and dreams of walking the circus tightrope. And yes, in some ways I did. At least,

I've decided there is no reason to badger family friends for wearing fur coats.

But I still can't keep myself from rescuing troubled animals.

I don't expect everyone to have the same love for animals that I do, but I am so often disgusted at the lack of concern that people and even Christians have towards animals.

So often I find that Christians laugh at the idea of animals having rights or needing laws to protect them. Apparently, these Christians have forgotten that God cares about even the smallest and weakest of animals.

Not only that, but God gives us responsibility to be sure these animals are taken care of.

Should we not at least consider how we can care better for creation by respecting and

not mistreating the gift of animals that God has given us.

Knowing that animals such as rabbits, cats and dogs are used in product testing horrifies me. I'm not talking about testing the latest potentially life-saving drugs or medical procedures. No, I'm talking about testing the latest perfume, the latest dish-washing detergent.

From my experience it seems that Christians don't want to get involved in issues such as these. Maybe they think agreeing with animal rights activists on an issue couldn't be biblical. But is it not also our responsibility to voice opposition to companies that continue to test their makeup and hair products on animals while many other companies have chosen to not use animal testing? Instead, these companies have sought out safe and effective methods to provide the public with products that never had to inflict pain on animals.

Are we as a society really so vain that it doesn't bother us that our shampoo manufacturer can clip an albino rabbit's eye lids up so it can't blink and rub shampoo in them to see what happens over the next



Celebrity names among us speak out

By Bruce Kite, reporter

The paparazzi follows her every move. They pursue her like cops in a high speed chase, determined to get their man. Little kids line up for autographs around every street corner. Old men pass out tiresome smiles and the young women gather in droves just to see her.

Excitement fills the air as the car door opens. Unbeknownst to her, a small crowd has gathered, awaiting her arrival. For three months, the staff members at the local hotel have waited for this moment. For the past week, the town has been abuzz with rumors, and jittery with anticipation.

As Julia Roberts steps out of the car, the crowd's enthusiasm withers. She is a short girl with unkempt wavy black hair and thick rimmed glasses. She steps slowly, hardly with the grace of the famous Julia. The enthusiasm of the crowd has left. The atmosphere has gone silent. The hotel staff waits in disappointment, assigned to the normal mundane task of checking in an ordinary guest.

Being called after the likeness of a famous name can often have its ups and downs.

"It makes people interested, and it works as a conversation piece," Liberty student Robin Williams said.

Williams likes the opportunities to meet people that having a famous name provides. Robin Williams frequently uses her name as a conversation piece, because the other person's interest is already there.

Having a famous name sparks an interest in people that is often unpredictable.

All sorts of questions take to flight when a famous name walks into the room. Robin Williams was constantly asked if she was related to the actor, and people wondered what her mom was thinking.

"I used to tell people that we were related to be funny. I told them that my mom and him were really good friends, and she named me after him," Williams said. "Kids thought that I was cool because my mom knew Robin Williams."

Robin Williams used to come late to class on purpose. "I used to come late to class to see people's reaction," said Williams. Once the roll was called, Williams would walk in late, after her classmates had time to wonder who this Robin Williams was. "People would make fun of me, but then they saw that I was black," Williams said.

Clinton Al Gore endured a similar situation. Upon arriving at Liberty, Gore went to schedule classes with his advisor.

"There were 50 people in the room," Gore said. "My advisor asked for my name, and I told him Clint Al Gore. He then silenced the entire room and announced to everyone that my name was Clinton Al Gore."

With the political season in full bloom, Clint Gore takes the full brunt of jokes. The funny thing is that until Gore arrived at Liberty, his interesting name went unnoticed. In Canada, where Gore is from, people overlook the political significance of his name. Here in the U.S., people give Gore a break when they find out he is from Canada. "I get a lot of apologies," Gore said.

The non-animated Lisa Simpson finds no special treatment with her name. In fact, at times it seems that

everyone else around her should be named Bart.

"People are always laughing. It hasn't helped me any," Simpson said. Having the likeness in name of the infamous Bart Simpson's little sister can draw out a handful of jokes and comments from those meeting her for the first time. Simpson said the responses she gets for having a famous name are usually annoying.

Liberty Champion Editor in Chief Bill Murray agrees. "It's pretty annoying. Someone is always trying to make a joke. Usually about one of his movies, mostly about 'Caddyshack'," said. Once Murray received an unexpected comment regarding the likeness of his name.

"One time in a meeting with Dr. Falwell, he asked me if people make jokes about the other Bill Murray. Thinking he was referring to the actor, I said yes. He thought I was referring to the son of atheist Madeline Murray O'Hare," Murray said. "I told him that most people think of the actor."

Senior Phillip Morris, who was named after his father rather than the company known for its tobacco affiliations, normally gets questions asking whether or not he is related to "him."

"People usually ask me if I am his son or if I know him. I just say 'no,'" Morris said.

Whether those who have a famous name enjoy or dislike the attention it brings, it is likely the owe of the association will fade with time. Maybe some of those with famous names will even outlive the reputation of their name and be able to look back with nostalgia in the coming years.



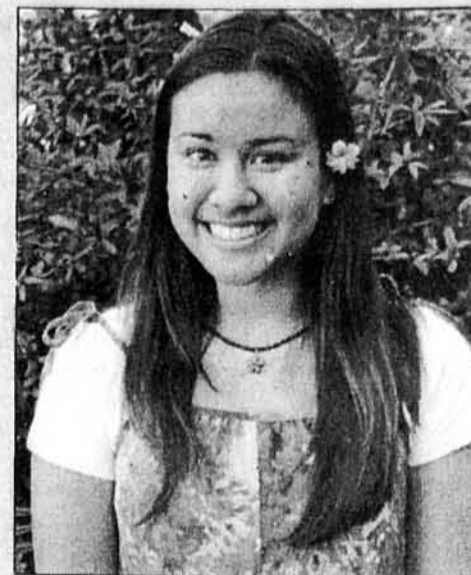
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Life's Writing Contest poetry winner

Freshman Shannon Malia Rhodes is an English major from Mililani, Hawaii. Shannon has been writing since she was five years old. She writes mostly short stories and poetry.

This is not the first writing contest she has won, however. In Hawaii, Shannon won the Language Arts Exposition competition at her school.

Shannon gets most of her inspiration from personal experiences and finds poetry to be "an expression of my heart. It allows me to say what I feel."



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Shannon Rhoades

Impatience

Impatience burning
Threatening to surge and dry up the flood
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A quiet, smiling front.
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The passive
nonchalance hiding the
Pressing, Pushing presence
of love out of
reach. Fingers, arms
Stretching, Searching essence
of love across a
breach. Hearts, wills
Wishing, waiting in sense
of love involved in
each. A challenge of
Patience as an ancient
fating lore. And evidence of
the choice for a man worth
waiting for.
Impatience burning
Brightening the flame
Stirring the ember of
love
in long distance.

Christina Fernandez

Lovelyone

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This is the one who is destined to be
"she who cared for you"
each tear revealing words
bitter
salt-filled words
words which once pored themselves
in your direction

cannot be stolen back

heard once-heard twice till your ears
they caved down
from heaven into brown earth
your frail body between my arms

down your throat choked
on the fruit which you sowed into existence
then under the sweet moon
your hair I stroked your eyes
I kissed

A little older now
A little older a little grown a little wiser now
A little older now a little less to learn Lovelyone
Thicker skin longer nails hidden tucked away
Deeper still in the grown up shell
Will there be a next time Lovelyone

-Lovelyone my tears yet stream down-

Kompelien and LU actors reinvent 'Die Fledermaus' (the bat, the flying mouse)

By Kendria Burrows, reporter

When you think of an opera, do you think of singing that's high enough to break a glass, or a woman bellowing a song while wearing a hat with two horns? Do you think of a boring evening filled with people dressed in costumes singing in a foreign language?

Liberty students will soon have the opportunity to throw out pre-judgments of operas. And according to the advertisement, "enjoy an evening of hilarious comedy, splendid music, unforgettable melodies and a practical joke for the ages."

Liberty University's Department of Fine Arts presents Johann Strauss' operetta, "Die Fledermaus," which translates into, "the bat, the flying mouse." The operetta is directed by music professor Dr. Wayne Kompelien.

"Today, (Die Fledermaus) is a part of the repertoire for all major opera houses," Kompelien said. "Every major opera house in the world still performs it."

Johann Strauss, nicknamed "The Waltz King," is known for "beautiful melodies and beautiful waltzes" such as the Blue Danube.

Kompelien gave two main reasons for choosing to perform "Die Fledermaus." First, it has been almost 10 years since "Die Fledermaus" was performed as the first opera production at LU. Kompelien felt that bringing the operetta back for a 10-year anniversary would be fun.

Second, "audiences love to go to a show and really be entertained, and this is a total entertainment piece," Kompelien said. "(It) has incredibly beautiful melodies and a really funny story line."

The setting of "Die Fledermaus" is a beautiful community on the outskirts of Vienna in 1875, "which is known for its festive parties and jubilation." The entire play is a practical joke on one specific character in the play itself, and everything that is done, is orchestrated around playing a terrible trick on him.

The play has a moral lesson, which focuses on a husband, Gabriel von Eisenstein who is supposed to go and serve a jail term but instead attends a ball by invitation of his best friend, Dr. Falke.

Eisenstein goes to the ball without anyone knowing, under an assumed identity. Falke has also invited Eisenstein's chambermaid and wife, who is incognito. He ends up pursuing his wife at the ball and doesn't know that it's her at the time.



SHAUN CHELGREEN

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — LU Students rehearse for their performance in "Die Fledermaus" opening Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

"The play is basically a big farce and spoof and a lot of fun," Kompelien said.

According to Kompelien, "The play is also unique in that there is a male part that is played by a female ... a common thing done back then, called a 'pants role'." Tamara Lunch plays the part of the young Russian prince Orlofsky.

Sylvia Potter, a junior music performance major, who plays the Eisenstein's maid, Adele, said that she found her character "really spunky and funny." She feels that the play is going to be great.

"It brings a funny plot to an opera," Potter said.

Junior youth major, Brian Mease, who plays Frosh, the inebriated jailer, finds his character "funny, comical and animated." Mease feels that the play is "very funny and worth going to see." Mease emphasized that although the play is an operetta, it can appeal to a wide range of people because "it is also a musical, it has a very good story and is very enjoyable".

sportsupdate

Compiled from the Associated Press

Now it's Miami's turn at #2

The Hurricanes (7-1) became the fifth team to move into the No. 2 spot in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, replacing Virginia Tech after beating the Hokies 41-21 in the Orange Bowl.

Oklahoma (8-0) remained a solid No. 1 for the second week in a row after a 56-7 victory over Baylor on Saturday, while Virginia Tech (8-1) fell six places to No. 8.

Before the Hokies, the previous No. 2s were Kansas State, Nebraska and Florida State.

In addition to Miami improving one spot from last week, the five teams directly below the Hurricanes also moved up a notch: Florida State to No. 3, Nebraska to No. 4, Florida to No. 5, Oregon to No. 6 and Washington to No. 7.

Also, TCU (7-1) dropped its first game of the season, 27-24 to San Jose State, and tumbled from No. 9 to No. 18.

FSU trounces Clemson

Chris Weinke threw for 521 yards and No. 4 Florida State rolled to a 54-7 victory, turning Bowden Bowl II into a complete embarrassment for No. 10 Clemson and coach Tommy Bowden.

"I felt bad, I really felt bad," Bobby Bowden said after improving to 2-0 in the father-son coaching matchup.

"But the only thing I could tell him is that I've been through it. I said, 'You're young. You ought to go through it.' I know exactly how he feels and there's not a thing you can say or do when something like this occurs."

The Seminoles (9-1, 7-0) improved to 37-0 in Atlantic Coast Conference games at home and clinched the ACC title for the ninth straight time.

Clemson (8-2, 6-2) lost its second straight after an 8-0 start, and will spend an off week soothing egos. The Seminoles finished with 771 yards, the most ever allowed by Clemson, and drilled home just how far Tommy Bowden's rebuilding project has yet to go.

Big South News

LIBERTY CAPTURES WOMEN'S SOCCER CROWN

Liberty used two second half goals by junior Nancy Davis to lead the Flames to their first Big South Conference women's soccer title 2-0 over Elon Saturday night at the Dedmon Center Stadium on the campus of Radford.

WINTHROP, LIBERTY WIN CROSS COUNTRY TITLES/KITE, SAGAN, WESTPHAL RECEIVE HONORS

Winthrop captured the 2000 Men's Cross Country Championship on Saturday, October 28, in Charleston, S.C. with a score of 39. UNC Asheville finished second, 31 points behind Winthrop.

Liberty won the 2000 Big South Women's Cross Country Championship with a score of 43 points. Liberty had four runners finish in the top 10 to secure them the championship. UNC Asheville finished second, 16 points behind Liberty.

Bruce Kite, 2000 Athlete of the Year, won the championship by 11 seconds with a time of 25:15. Heather Sagan, 2000 Athlete of the Year, won the championship by 22 seconds. UNC's Zola Davis was the runner up. Rookie of the Year honors went to Valerie Westphal of Liberty University. Scholar-Athlete of the Year went to Kite for the men.

HOCKEY: Drops a game to UNC Chapel Hill

Continued from page 10

The score remained the same until midway through the third, when it seemed the Flames began to let up on defense, and the Tar Heels capitalized and scored two goals in three minutes to tie the score at 4-4.

The Flames regained the lead, when a UNC turnover landed the puck on Matt Bruland's stick. Bruland, a role player who was seeing only his fifth shift on the night, shot the puck through the netminder's legs and the score was 5-4.

"I really worked hard in the off season to get better... the puck was there and I tried not to think about it and shot the puck," Bruland said.

What happened after that great shot will haunt the LU players and coaches for a long time. With the goalie pulled for UNC, the Tar Heels were able to bury the puck to tie the score with 30 seconds left in the game.

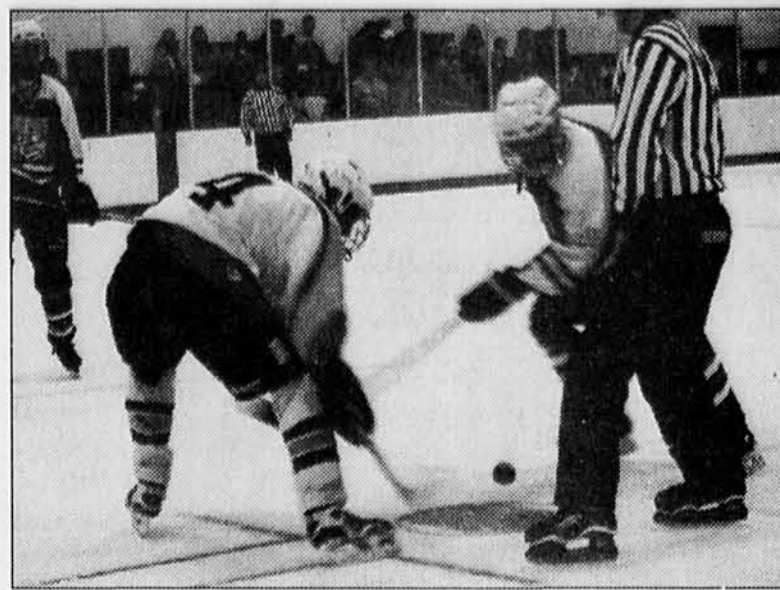
Then, with both teams gearing up for OT, a misplaced pass by the Flames

found its way to a UNC stick and was tipped by LU goalie, J.T. Turner, to put Carolina up for good, with 12.4 seconds left.

This is the second time in two weeks that the Flames blew a lead in the last minute of a game, with last week's contest against the Virginia Tech Hokies ending in a tie.

When the final horn sounded, the Tar Heels pulled off the upset, beating the Flames for the first time in four seasons.

The Flames (1-4-1, 1-1-0) will be back in action this weekend with two games, Friday against VCU, and Saturday against arch-rival UVa.



SLAP THAT PUCK — The Flames and the Tar Heels battle for possession of the puck in this weekend's games.

Both games will be at the Roanoke Civic Center. Game time is 11 p.m.

Westphal runs strong in first season

By Devon Parks, asst. sports editor

If you walk into Valerie Westphal's room, the first thing that you will notice is the collection of USA Gymnastics posters and information on the wall beside her bed.

One would conclude from that scene alone that she likes gymnastics and she's seriously into sports. While the first statement is true, it is the latter statement the more clearly defines Westphal as a person.

Westphal, now famous for her role in helping the women's cross country team to its first Big South Conference title in more than 10 years, didn't start her running career as a long distance runner.

"I started track when I was in middle school and I always did the short sprints," Westphal said. From there, she progressed to the 400m her freshman year in high school.

Track wasn't the only sport on her plate at that time. Westphal also juggled tennis and diving into the picture. As far as cross country was concerned, she wasn't really concerned with that until her sophomore year.

"My sister ran cross country and my uncles are big time runners. The cross country coach was really on my case my whole ninth grade year when I played tennis (rather than cross country)," Westphal said.

She ran cross country while playing tennis that same year.

Westphal ended up liking cross country so much that she gave up tennis altogether.

"My mom was very upset about that (quitting tennis)," Westphal said.

With tennis no longer in the picture, Westphal was able to focus solely on cross country in the fall season.

When spring rolled around, track started and Westphal began running longer distances on the track. She started running the mile during her junior year, then moved up to the two mile run her senior year. Throughout her high school career, Westphal succeeded in every distance she ran. Her teammates voted her MVP all four years in track, and the three years she ran cross country.

Westphal also competed in the Pennsylvania state track and cross country meets. She finished fourth in the mile her junior year, ninth in her senior year of cross country and sixth in the two mile that same year in track.

With high school winding down, it was time to start making plans for college.

"They (the Westphal's) wrote us a letter around mid-fall of last year when we had just started the recruiting process," Head Coach Brant Tolsma said.

Tolsma went on to say that Westphal was running well and when he heard that Big South

Conference rival Charleston Southern had offered her scholarship money, he put out a better offer.

"I wanted a Christian college that was a Division I school for running," Westphal said. Those two criteria combined with a good nursing program left Liberty as the only choice.

"We just felt that with Charleston Southern it definitely wasn't the same Christian atmosphere... not like here," Westphal continued.

In the few months Westphal has been at Liberty, she has already begun to make her mark.

In her first collegiate cross country season, Westphal had proven to be a tough competitor, as well as a consistent scorer for the Lady Flames.

"She's had a great freshman year," Tolsma said. "I think that Val, along with Rebecca (Parsons) and Tracy (Hoare) are the body of our team, with Heather (Sagan) as the head."

Tolsma went on to say that Westphal has had great consistency for a freshman. That is something that he finds unusual because the transition from the high school level to the collegiate is a tough one.

Westphal's transition has been a relatively smooth one, with only one snag along the way. The week before the Big South cross country championship, Westphal was out on a trail run and badly sprained her ankle.

"At the time, I thought Big South was totally out of the

question because the next day I couldn't walk," Westphal said.

After a lot of rehabilitation, Westphal was able to compete at the Big South meet and did remarkably well under the circumstances. Her fourth place finish helped carry the team to win the Big South championship and, in the process, earn All-Conference and Rookie of the Year honors for Westphal.

While Westphal's journey has just now begun, the road to the finish is long and hard. Her dedication and discipline should make the trek a successful one.

Tolsma said, "She has all of the discipline and ingredients to do very well."



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DRIVE TO THE BUCKET — Liberty's Rachel Young drives down the court and past a Longwood College player enroute to a Lady Flames basket. The Lady Flames topped Longwood 76-59.

Lady Flames overtake Longwood

Liberty women's basketball overcomes a sluggish start to pick up the victory over the Longwood College Lady Lancers

By Justin Ridge, reporter

The Lady Flames basketball team defeated a scrappy Longwood College team Saturday night 76-59. The game was only a preseason match up, but the Lady Flames showed what they are capable of.

The Lady Flames started the game looking rough and out of sync. The Lady Lancers started the game on fire, jumping to an early lead.

"We started off a little rusty and cold offensively," Liberty Head Coach Carey Green said.

After a timeout six minutes into the first half, the Lady

Flames got their heads on straight and used their size underneath for high percentage baskets.

Juniors Rachel Young and Irene Sloof paced the Lady Flames with 16 and 14 points respectively. Freshman Monique Leonard came off the bench to score 10 points.

The Lady Flames stretched their lead over the Lady Lancers in the second half with strong low post play and defensive pressure.

The Lady Flames' next game is this Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Vines Center against the Basketball Travelers.

W'ball preps for season

By Justin Ridge, reporter

The era of the Wilkerson twins and Elena Kisseleva is over. But Head Coach Carey Green feels that the Lady Flames basketball team has nothing to prove. Sure in four years, the Big Three of Kisseleva and the Wilkersons scored more than 5,000 points. They led the Lady Flames basketball team to four straight Big South Titles and NCAA Tournament appearances, but what matters to Coach Green is the present.

Liberty is picked to win the Big South Conference Title this year. This is no surprise. Coach Green said the fact that the Lady Flames are picked preseason conference champs puts a lot of pressure on the team.

If that wasn't enough pressure, sophomore forward Michelle Fricke is preseason Big South Conference Player of the Year.

"There is some undue pressure to live up to expectations," Green said.

"Those three were outstanding ballplayers," Green said. "The team play was centered around those three."

Green's concerns are the injuries that plague the team at this early stage of the season. The roster goes 13 deep, but close to half of those players are injured.

"We've had as many as six on the sideline and seven on the floor during workout," Green said.

With Irene Sloof the only senior, the Lady Flames will be looking to juniors Rachel Young and Becky Blesch to step up.

"The leadership has been good," Green said. "Irene (Sloof) was slowed at the very beginning. She turned her ankle a week before the first day of practice." Green also said that Sloof, Young and Blesch are more than on the court leaders.

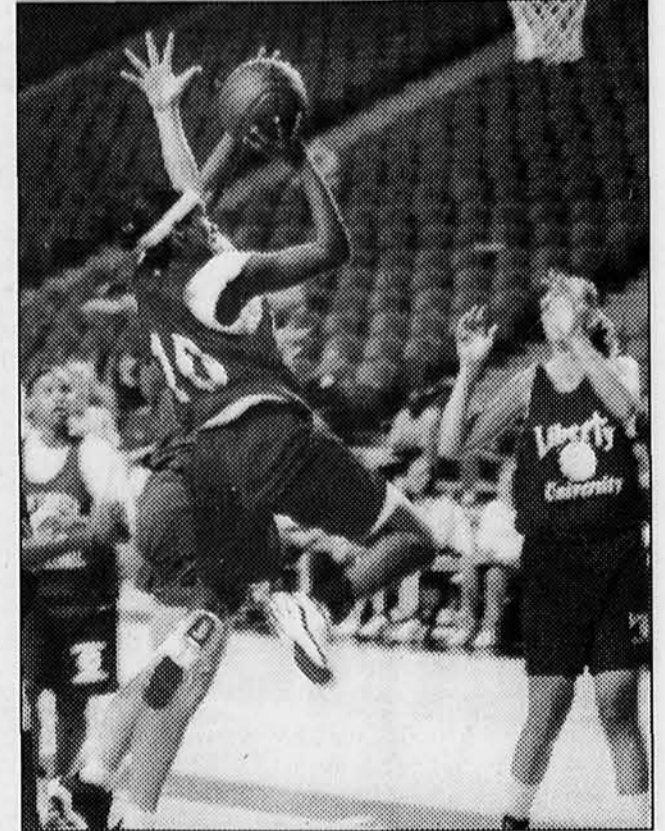
Green and his staff look to instill a total team concept.

"I think if we are looking for anything now, it's leadership and who do we look to score," Green said. Green began to instill the total team concept last year, knowing that the Big Three were on their way out.

"The void will be there, but hopefully we'll fill it a little bit," Green said.

The injuries to the team complicate Green's perception of the team. At this point Green sees depth and defense as a few of the team strengths.

"The injuries have really kept us from seeing all



JOHN FISHER

"LEONARD'S LAY-UP" — Liberty's Monique Leonard goes for the lay-up against Longwood in preseason play.

the strengths of the team," Green said.

Green attributes the success of the team to post play. Freshmen Kristina Palaimaite and Ana Sosa reinforce an already powerful front line. Green said Sosa has the best shooting touch of all the post players.

"She (Sosa) has primarily a finesse game," Green said. "She needs to become more physical in her game." Six foot seven inch center Meribeth Feenstra also returns for her sophomore year. Feenstra tied a Big South Conference record for most blocks in a game with 7 last year.

The Lady Flames backcourt sports two freshmen also. Crystal Peace a slashing two guard who can also shoot from the outside.

"Peace will be a tremendous addition once we get her healthy," Green said. Monique Leonard may be the quickest girl on the team. "She is vying for the starting point guard position," Green said. The veteran guard duo Laura Rollyson and Rachel Young along with Leonard and Peace give the Lady Flames a deadly backcourt.

With a solid, deep front court and the veterans in the backcourt, the Lady Flames should defend their title well this year.

2000-2001 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
NOVEMBER		
11	Basketball Travelers	at Winthrop*
17	at Virginia Tech	at UNCA*
21	Richmond	at Elon*
25	West Virginia	at High Point*
DECEMBER		
2	Norfolk State	at Radford*
5	at Wake Forest	at Winthrop*
8-9	Pella Corp. Cyclone	UNCA*
Classic		
16	at VCU	at Coastal Carolina*
20	at Virginia	at Charleston Southern*
28-29	Marriott Big Apple Classic	at High Point*
JANUARY		
2	Hampton	at Winthrop*
6	Charleston Southern*	UNCA*
		at Coastal Carolina*
		at Charleston Southern*
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V-ball wins 2 straight

By John Farel and Justin Ridge

The Liberty University Lady Flames volleyball team wrapped up last weekend with two Big South Conference victories.

On Friday the Lady Flames knocked off the Elon Phoenix in three games (15-3, 15-11, 15-4).

Rachel Harnack led the way for the Lady Flames with 11 kills and eight digs. Theresa Passamani contributed 10 kills and 26 assists.

"We came out and passed well tonight," Lady Flames Head Coach Chris Phillips said. "She really helps out with our passing game and our ball control," Phillips said about Passamani. On Saturday, the Lady Flames cruised again, dispatching of High Point in three straight, 15-3, 15-4, 15-8.

In the first game, the Lady Flames held serve for the first nine points for a 9-0 lead, on their way to an easy 15-3 victory. In the second game the Lady Flames took an early 9-3 lead, but the Panthers threatened to make it close, slicing the score to 9-4 and stealing the momentum.

Liberty recaptured the momentum when Michelle Howland made

a diving one-handed save, setting up a Rachel Harnack spike, to give LU a 10-4 lead. The Lady Flames then rolled off six straight points for the 15-4 victory.

In the final game, the Lady Flames took an early 5-1 lead, but it appeared they lost focus as the Panthers cut the lead to 6-4.

LU regrouped but High Point kept it close. With the score 10-8, Lady Flames freshman Simone Turrier came up with two big blocks. Minutes later a Passamani kill gave LU a 13-8 lead and all but sealed the match for the Lady Flames.

Junior, Rachel Harnack led the Lady Flames (11-17, 7-4 BSC) with 11 kills and a .474 hitting percentage. Michelle Howland added 30 assists, four digs in the match.

"Michelle Howland did a great job of running the offense and that really helped," Phillips said. "We played really well because we were so disciplined today."

The Lady Flames next match will be at home on Tuesday against Radford. "It's probably one of the biggest matches of the season," Phillips said.

In week 11, the crew make its picks spelling out who the real sports genius is. This weeks guest is a random fan like the rest of you. To be a Prognosticator, drop by the Champion office.

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Virginia vs Georgia Tech
Purdue vs Michigan State
Florida State vs Wake Forest
Duke vs North Carolina State
Oklahoma vs Texas A&M
Boston College vs Notre Dame
Nebraska vs Kansas State
Liberty vs Charleston Southern

NFL

Cincinnati vs Dallas
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Tennessee

W-L 12-4
Overall 61-19



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NC State
Oklahoma
Notre Dame
Nebraska
Liberty

Dallas
Pittsburgh
Kansas City
Tampa Bay
NY Jets
St. Louis
Miami
Tennessee

W-L 11-5
Overall 57-23



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Purdue
Florida State
NC State
Oklahoma
Notre Dame
Nebraska
Liberty

Dallas
Pittsburgh
Kansas City
Tampa Bay
NY Jets
NY Giants
Miami
Tennessee

W-L 8-8
Overall 51-29



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Indianapolis
St. Louis
Miami
Tennessee

W-L 0-0
Overall 55-25

Horton, LU take mountain trail running to the extreme

By Marianne Mulkey, reporter

A large number of Liberty students enjoy running. Most of that number jogs around campus for fun. There are those that take everything to the extreme, including running. Those die-hard runners battled the elements and ran the Mountain Masochist Trail Run (MMTR).

Sports Sciences Chairman Dr. David Horton, a running enthusiast, began the nationally renowned tradition of the MMTR in Lynchburg 18 years ago.

According to Horton, the race was named "Masochist" due to the fact that the race is a grueling 50 miles long. However, it is also a trail run in as much as the course stretches through

beautiful mountain terrain and gravel roads.

What initially started out as an opportunity for local people to participate in an ultra-marathon (any race that exceeds 26.2 miles), has grown over the past 18 years and is now the fifth largest 50-mile race in the country.

In the MMTR, runners are given 12 hours to complete the course in order to receive awards and special recognition. This year's race began with 193 runners, ranging in age from 19 to 63, and ended with 151 of those people finishing. Several Liberty students and faculty members were among the participants, whose times were anywhere from seven hours and 15 minutes all the way to 11 hours and 50 minutes.

Clark Zealand, LU's assistant cross country coach, was among the runners. Zealand, whose

time was seven hours and 15 minutes, finished second place in the MMTR and set a new course record in his age category.

What goes through your mind while running for over seven straight hours?

"I am constantly assessing my race position...where my pace is, how close my competitors are and any adjustments I might have to make due to course changes," Zealand said.

He jokingly went on to say that his motivation for running in races like the MMTR is the fact that he enjoys beating up his body. Zealand went on to say that anyone considering running an ultra-marathon should go for it.

"If Coach (Brant) Tolsma can do it, anyone can do it. Just put one foot in front of the other and keep moving," Zealand said.

Tolsma, LU's head cross country coach, had other reasons for running the MMTR. According to Tolsma, he took on the 50-mile race because he was turning "the big 5-0" this year.

Being the kind of individual who always sets new goals and challenges for himself, Tolsma began training for the 14 weeks prior to the race. Going into the MMTR, he was ranked 186th in the field of competition. Tolsma far exceeded his rank and finished the race in 42nd place.

"I never once thought about dropping out. It was actually a lot of fun," Tolsma said.

To anyone considering becoming masochistic — take up ultra-marathon running and become part of the die-hard family of runners who will probably outlive us all.

SOCCER: Bell ends career content

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The Flames head coach Bill Bell walked the Liberty sideline for the last time.

"I have enjoyed coaching here for the last 21 years there is nothing better than to coach Christian boys," Bell said.

The Flames got on the board at the 29-minute mark. Kian Brownlee took a cross from Collin Mascagni to blast the ball past High Point's Eric Lona to score the first goal of the match.

19 seconds later the Flames looked to increase their lead when High Point's Nate Lemaire took

down a Liberty player from behind. He was issued a yellow card and a penalty kick for the Flames. Derek Avilez, however, missed the penalty shot when it hit the crossbar.

In the 80th minute of the game, High Point's John Stardis shot passed Flames' goalie Dean Short to even the score at 1-1.

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Women's soccer heads to NCAA

By Jimmi Clifton, reporter and John Farel, asst. sports ed.

The night air was cold but the Lady Flames brought up the heat as large crowds come out in support Friday night, as the Flames played Tennessee Tech for the right to participate in the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament.

The intensity of the game kept the fans focused, as the Lady Flames tried to build on what has been their best season in the school's history.

Once again the team did not let its fans down. At the 31-minute mark, senior mid-fielder Makaela Gibson found the net to give the Lady Flames a 1-0 lead. It was a lead they would not relinquish. The Lady Flames stellar defense held on for its third straight shutout and sixth consecutive victory—a school record.

The entire team was delighted about this season's efforts, having combined all of their talents to play the best soccer in the conference.

"This is the strongest our team has ever been. It's so exciting to go this far," Gibson said.

Gibson's fourth goal of the season was assisted by a pass from junior forward Nancy Davis and sophomore defender Sarah Gantner. After receiving a pass from Gantner, Davis crossed the ball from about 15-yards out to Gibson, who collected it and blasted it just to the left of Tennessee Tech goalkeeper Julia Doyle.

"I didn't even know I had the ball, I just kicked it and hoped it would go in," Gibson said.

The Flames took 13 shots in the match eight of which were on goal. Doyle recorded seven saves for Tech.

Through the team came out on top, Coach James Price did not feel it was the team's best performance of the season.

"I'm pleased with the outcome, but I wish we could have gotten in one more goal."

He also felt that Tennessee Tech had a good team and they could not be dismissed. Though Liberty's team was stronger, Price knew an insurance goal would have helped the team's confidence, as well as assured a win earlier in the game.



"KUM BA YAH" — The Lady Flames lead in a post-game prayer with Tennessee Tech. After the victory Makaela Gibson shared her testimony posting up more than an athletic win for Liberty, but a spiritual one as well.

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Although the Lady Flames did not get an insurance goal, they probably did not need one, as Tennessee Tech rarely threatened. While Tech did manage five corner kicks, they did not take a shot on goal the entire night.

Meanwhile, the Lady Flames peppered Tennessee Tech's goal until the final whistle.

Fourteen minutes into the second half the Liberty's Breanna Jacinto fired a shot on goal. One minute later Gibson took a shot, missing just to the left of the post.

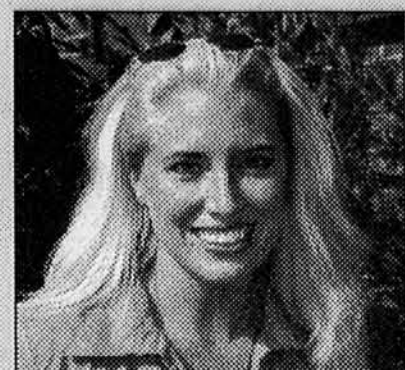
Coach Price and the team were very pleased with their advancement. Though they have already accomplished their main goal of the season, to win the Big South Conference Champi-

onship, Liberty will do its best to continue the success as far as possible.

The Lady Flames (15-6-0) will now prepare for Wednesday's first round of the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament.

The Lady Flames opponent will be Wake Forest, who entered the ACC Conference Tournament ranked 22nd in the nation. The Lady Demon Deacons advanced despite losing to Florida State on penalty kicks in the tournament's semifinal round.

The match will be held on Wednesday Nov. 8, at Spry Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., with the winner playing the fifth-seeded defending National Champion, North Carolina.



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Politics and sports, who knew?

Perhaps no politician has benefited more from his association with sports than George W. Bush. Buying into the Texas Rangers proved that he was more than the son of a president.

When critics say that Dubya has never done anything important, I reference his sparkling \$191 million dollar ball park in Arlington, Texas.

Bush at the time was running to unseat Governor Ann Richards. Candidate Bush got the taxpayers of Arlington to spend \$135 million toward building his team's stadium.

Not only did this prove his amazing fundraising abilities, but baseball made Bush a rich man. But Dubya played a game he didn't invent. Taxpayers have been primarily builders of sports venues since the 50s and criticism of the deal had no effect on Bush's popularity. Needless to say, Dubya got Texas, in that year's election.

Bush isn't alone in this "sports leading to political success" story. Moving from the field of sports to the political arena is nothing new for others in his boat as well.

NFL quarterback Jack Kemp and NBA forward Bill Bradley of several decades ago used their sport success as a springboard into the political world.

Then there is Pro Football Hall of Famer receiver Steve Largent and former University of Oklahoma quarterback J.C. Watts who climbed to Capitol Hill with their fame.

But Dubya stands out even beyond these political athletes. He is set apart by one unique factor that none of these others can claim. If and when he wins this election he will be the first and only man to receive his "sports-fueled boost" from the position of owner not athlete.

ESPN polls show that if Bush is elected he will make more money from baseball next year than he will make in salary for running the nation. That statement alone brings up the argument for a whole other column.

But Dubya's involvement in sports began long before he managed the Rangers and built a state of the art stadium.

Bush's family line has roots that run deep and wide in the world of sports—from Dubya's great-grandfather, Samuel's involvement in the Ohio State football program to his grandfather and father in Yale baseball to the Bush family financing and creating Madison Square Garden.

Dubya and Calvin Hill, a former Dallas Cowboy, were fraternity brothers together at Yale and his only collegiate sport involvement was president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, known as an athletic fraternity. And from there it bloomed.

So maybe the answer here is simply that not all athletes are a waste to society. Some actually can change the world. Words to live by.

LU Hockey picks up a win, loss

Flames battle UNC Chapel Hill and ties the series

By Dave Kurtz, reporter

The Flames opened conference play last weekend as they hosted the UNC Chapel Hill Tarheels at the Roanoke Ice Station.

Friday's game saw the Flames do something that has not been seen yet this season: scoring the first goal.

Dave Cross scored the first of his two goals on the night to put the Flames up 1-0. The Tarheels were able to equalize the score at 1-1, but the Flames struck twice before the end of the period and led at the end of a period for the first time this season.

While UNC was never more than two goals down at any point, the Flames desire for their first win on the year drove them to a 7-5 win.

Saturday night started the way Friday ended. LU scored first and was later tied by UNC.

The Flames took a 2-1 lead into the locker room, and seemed to dominate the Tarheels.

After taking a 4-1 lead, the Flames looked to have their second win in the bag, but then UNC went to work. Carolina pushed the score to 4-2 after the second period.

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M'soccer misses the mark in the BSC

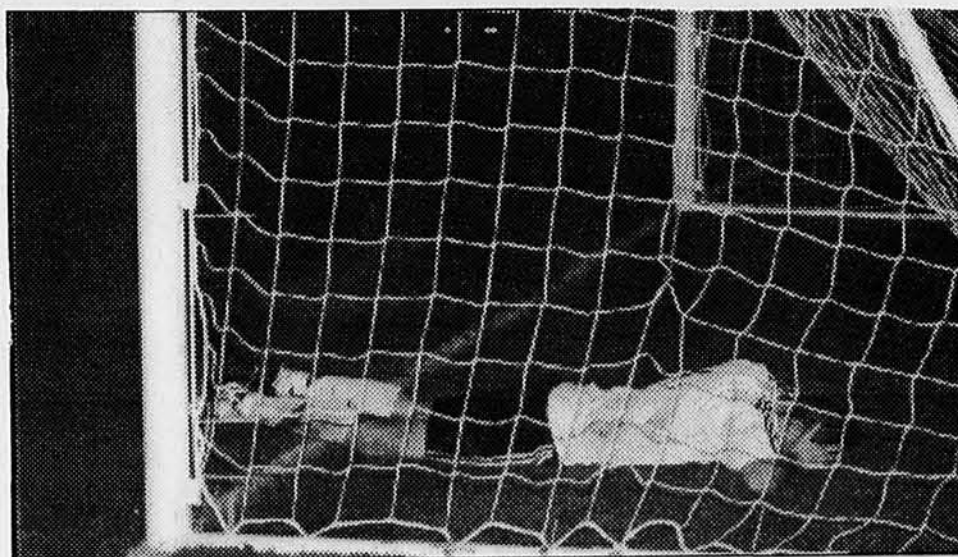
By Natalie Palmer, reporter

After fighting all season for every game the Flames lost its last battle to High Point in the first match of the Big South tournament. The Panthers, who were the sixth seed, upset the third-seeded Flames 2-1 and were the third team record upsets in the first day of the tournament.

The team's goal at the beginning of the season was to hopefully win the tournament and go on to the NCAA tournament. However with this loss that goal was not reached.

"We are always saying that we will do it next year, and then you turn around and next year is here and then it is your senior year and you still haven't won. It is upsetting," Armando Corrales said.

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"WHY? WHY?" — A picture speaks a thousand words as the disappointed Liberty Flames men's soccer team falls out of BSC Championship race.

JOHN FISHER

Football improves play, drops record

Compiled from Todd Wetmore, Liberty's SID

After the Liberty Flames last victory at home, hopes were high and realistic goals of finishing the football season at .500 were shattered as the Flames fell to 3-7 on the season. Liberty lost to Elon on Saturday 24-17 during the Phoenix's Homecoming competition in Burlington, N.C.

Elon got on the board first after the two teams traded unsuccessful opening drives. The Phoenix started the game's first scoring drive in prime field position after Liberty's Randy Ford fumbled the ball on the Flames 25-yard line and Elon's Kelly Forrest was able to recover the miscue.

Elon's Derrick Moore proved to be a one-man show on the drive as the senior called his own number on three consecutive plays, highlighted by a 12-yard run to

finish the drive and give the Phoenix a 7-0 lead with 8:41 left in the opening quarter.

The Flames put their first points on the board in the waning minutes of the first quarter as Jay Kelley capped a 12-play, 59-yard drive with a 36-yard field goal with 53 seconds left on the clock to pull Liberty within four points. After forcing the Phoenix to punt the ball away on their first drive of the second quarter, Liberty's Biff Parson tossed his first of four interceptions on the day. Moore once again kept the ball on the ensuing play and scampered 11-yards into the end zone to extend Elon's lead to 14-3 with 11:43 left before halftime.

After an Elon fumble, the Flames used a 30-yard pass play to Gavin Kralik and a nine-yard touchdown pass play to Greg Lang to cut the Elon lead to 14-10.

However, the Phoenix pushed their lead back to seven points at the half with

a 35-yard field goal. Elon's ground attack ate up much of the clock in the third quarter ending in a 27-yard TD leading LU 24-10.

After holding the Phoenix on the next drive, Liberty marched down the field and cut the lead to a touchdown as Parson found Trey Miller open in the end zone on a 10-yard passing play to pull within seven points with 3:40 remaining the contest.

LU could not gain control the rest of the day and fell short one touchdown when the clock read 00:00 after the three and a half hour battle.

The Flames dominated the offensive numbers despite the loss as Liberty recorded 451 yards of total offense to Elon's 186 net offensive yards.

LU returns to Williams Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 11 to battle Charleston Southern.