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# The Liberty. Champion

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## Liberty changes registration procedure

By LANCE OLSHOVSKY  
Champion Reporter

Students anticipating registration for January intensives and the spring semester can expect a new procedure in the registration process.

The many changes at Liberty have prompted the business office to change the payment procedure for Express Check-In as well as the procedures governing regular payments.

"The reason for this is to alleviate the need for us to have a check-in at the beginning of each modular week, and since there are many one and two week modulars offered, this eliminates the need for many check-ins," said Registrar Barbara Booth.

Another reason for the advance payment, according to Booth, is to omit the long lines and frustration that check-in usually causes. The pressure for the business office will be alleviated because it will not have to be concerned with who has or has not paid their bill. Students will also benefit from the advance payment procedure because they will not have the additional stress of worrying about paying their bill.

The advance payment process requires the students to pay only about four weeks earlier than they normally would.

"The students having to pay earlier keeps them from worrying about going to the business office and making a payment . . . plus, we do not have to worry about finding them," Booth added.

Even though advance payment is the preferred method, students who cannot pay in full will be able to make special arrangements with financial counselors.

Registration for the spring semester is taking place the same as it always has. Students will still come to register according to different allotted times and classification and will be able to register without making any financial obligation at the time of registration.

However, the new piece to the puzzle, according to Booth, is that students will be able to make early bird payment or financial arrangements through the business office by paying one half of the total bill and leaving three post-dated checks dated before Dec. 10.

After Dec. 10, students who have not paid or made arrangements with the business office will have their schedules deleted.

"If the students pay early, it allows them to participate in

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## Samaritan's Heart

### Godparent Home furthers outreach to pregnant teens with new building, plans for future

By JASON INGRAM  
News Editor

It sits quietly, obscured by the surrounding woods and nestled in the shadow of the Wingate Inn, a far grander structure that accommodates several hundred more visitors. While the Inn has become a highly visible symbol of change here on Liberty Mountain, its smaller neighbor stands as a stalwart reminder of a mission begun 15 years ago, a mission that has not yet been completed.

The Liberty Godparent Foundation was founded on Jan. 2, 1982 by Liberty

University Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell to commemorate—and ultimately, to combat—the historic Roe vs. Wade decision of exactly 10 years prior, a decision which legalized abortion in the United States.

The primary outreach of the Foundation was the Liberty Godparent Home, a "home-away-from-home" where pregnant young women ages 12-21 could receive counseling and education regarding their decision to keep or abort their unborn child.

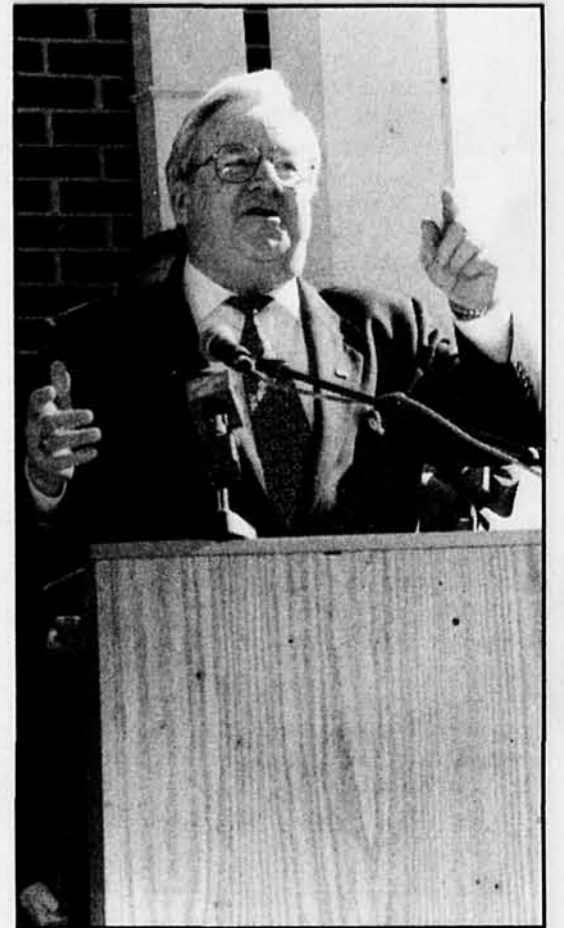
The Godparent Home unveiled its third incarnation on Tuesday, Oct. 28, a 5,200 square-foot home capable of housing 24 girls, a 100 percent increase in

capacity over the previous location.

Originally located on Elden Street in downtown Lynchburg, the home was moved to the Villa Marie, a former Catholic School on Rivermont Avenue. Although spacious, the Villa Marie was, according to Godparent Home Executive Director Ryan Rush, "run down" and leased to the Foundation at an "unbearable amount."

By contrast, the new site was completely paid for by outside contributions from Neal and Anita Askew and Colonel James Ewell, who along with

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SHAWN ELDRIDGE

**THE TINIEST MARTYRS—** Before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Liberty Chancellor and Godparent Foundation founder Dr. Falwell announced plans to move the Memorial for the Unborn from the mansion lawn to the lawn of the new Godparent Home in January of 1998, the 25th anniversary of the 1972 Roe vs. Wade decision (above).

**FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS—** Dr. Falwell cuts the ribbon in front of the new Liberty Godparent Home with Stacy Schofer, a local 7th grader who was one of the first children adopted through the Foundation (left).



SHAWN ELDRIDGE

## Weider: Maxwell conference "a big draw"

By SARAH POLLAK  
Champion Reporter

The organizers of the 14th Annual Super Conference held in the Vines Center from Oct. 26-29 proclaimed it to be one of the biggest and best conferences ever. More than 3,500 pastors, lay leaders and their spouses attended this year's Super Conference.

"This year's conference has been a big draw," Super Conference Director Lew Weider said. "We have a lot more variety this year and the hardest thing for attendees to decide is which workshop to go to."

This year's conference included many different, specialized tracks for attendees to choose from including prophecy, music and a ladies' conference.

The daily workshops were even more diversified, with topics such as children's ministry, senior ministry, youth ministry and counseling.

"It's remarkable how Super Conference keeps building every year," Weider said.

Although this was the 14th Super Conference, LU Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell said that Thomas Road Baptist Church has been sponsoring ministry conferences for the past 30 years. What made this year's conference unique was the Leadership Conference with author and motivational speaker Dr. John Maxwell, Falwell said.

"John Maxwell's Leadership Conference was both a first and a very powerful new addition to the conference," Falwell said. "Everyone wants to learn leadership no matter where God calls them. He had the right message and of course several thousand to hear him."

Maxwell said the training of college students in the art of leadership is imperative if they want to change the world.

"If I can teach (students) leadership and relationship skills at this age, they have a whole life in front of them that will be awesome to build on," Maxwell said.

He said the quickness of overall change, be it technology or methodology, is one of the biggest challenges to face students and pastors in the 21st century. He said most people lag behind the various changes and lose the "impact and significance" of their ministry.

"About the time we get something down, it's already gone," Maxwell said.

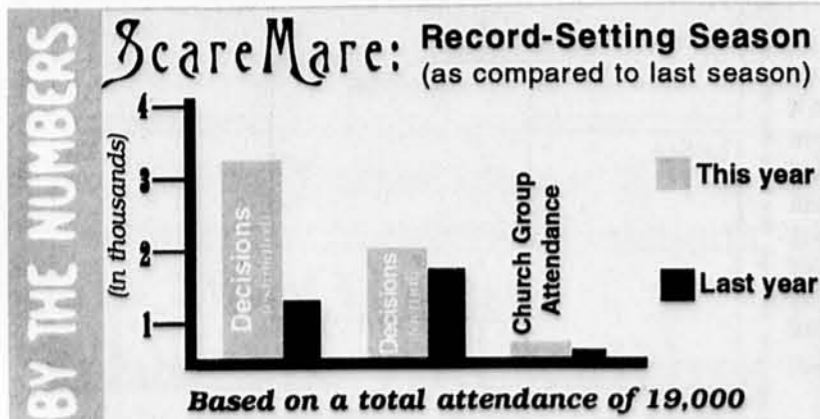
"We need to learn how to become leadership quality people, because only leaders will stay ahead of change."

The catch phrase of the leadership conference could be summed up in Maxwell's saying, "everything rises and falls on leadership."



SHAWN ELDRIDGE

**TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER—** Dr. John Maxwell takes a student question during Super Conference.



### Attack of the Killer Tomatoes



The produce aisle comes to life as VeggieTales, the latest Christian merchandising fad, explodes like a smashing pumpkin.

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**Diversity Workshop:** The Minority and International Student Office will present Diversity Workshop: Kenyan Exposure on Monday, Nov. 10 beginning at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 144. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about Kenyan history, government and schools, sample Kenyan cuisine, sing Kenyan songs and participate in traditional Kenyan dance. Due to limited space, participants must RSVP with the MISO office at 2688 or visit the MISO office in dorm 13.

**International football:** Mambazo of Africa United F.C. will face the Hispanics on Nov. 8 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in an international football (soccer) match. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the match at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Israel Ruiz or Yared Rekkab at 582-3310 or 332-1487, respectively. The playing field is yet to be announced.

**Operation Abstinence:** Students Active for Life and Truth

(SALT) will present Operation Abstinence, featuring Circadian Rhythm and the YouthQuest drama team, on Nov. 10 beginning at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 114. Rev. Flip Benham, the director of Operation Rescue National, will present a special message to those in attendance.

**Coffee House:** Student Life will present the Late Show Coffee House on Friday, Nov. 7 at 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. in the Schilling Center. Tickets will be on sale prior to the event in the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall.

**Student forum:** The Liberty Student Government Association will hold an open forum for student concerns on Tuesday, Nov. 4 beginning at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 119.

**The Secret Garden:** The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center will present "The Secret Garden" on Nov. 8, 9, 14, 15, 21, 22 and 23. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$7 for students.

Send postings a minimum of two weeks prior to the event to Jason Ingram c/o Liberty Champion.

# Debate faces challenge in D.C.

By JENNIFER PILLATH  
Copy Manager

Liberty's varsity debate teams headed toward their toughest tournament play of the season this past weekend. The varsity squad, composed of Lacy Siegalkoff and Jerit Sciorra, Bill Lawrence and Rob Burns and Doug Johnson and Michael Tilley traveled to Washington D.C. for the Capital Cities Debate.

The Capital Cities tournament consisted of 72 teams, which made the competition more difficult for the Flames. However, the purpose of the D.C. debate went farther than the competition.

"It allows the debaters the chance to see the nation's capital," said Cary Voss, the head coach for the debate squad.

The debaters were given the opportunity to converse with senators and congressman during their stay at the capitol. "(The tournament) was integrated with Capitol Hill workings," said Dr. Brett O'Donnell, the director of the debate team.

O'Donnell stated that this gave the teams the chance to mingle with the political side of Washington.

The debate teams are now in the middle of their season. In a field of relatively even teams, O'Donnell feels that there is ample opportunity for Liberty's squads this season.

"There has been a different winner of every major tournament; it's wide open," said O'Donnell. The first rankings of the season will be released in November.

Thus far, Liberty has fared well at several tournaments. At the University of North Carolina, Liberty's top varsity team advanced to the semifinals and finished with third place. The entire squad finished with a second place for the weekend. Bill Lawrence also came out of the tournament with second place speaker honors.

Throughout the initial tournament play, each of the squads has developed a rival. The novice team has claimed Navy as its unofficial target, while the junior varsity team is plotting against Boston

College. The varsity squad has claimed Wake Forest as an up and coming competitor.

O'Donnell feels that there are several advantages for Liberty over these other teams and primarily emphasized the spiritual aspect of the team.

"This year's team has been particularly strong in that area," said O'Donnell.

Liberty will be the host for its annual Liberty University Intercollegiate Debate Tournament from Nov. 7-9. At that time, teams from across the country will be visiting Liberty's campus for a series of six debate rounds.

The Liberty squads will not be participating in the debate, but rather will be acting as host for the visitors. In addition to the competition, there will also be several debate recruits on campus.

For the next several weeks, the separate squads will be busy at tournaments. The entire debate squad will reconvene for a tournament at Penn State in a month.

# Home expands to aid pregnant teens

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his wife Hazel, who died two years ago, was an ardent supporter of the Godparent Home. The couple had no children of their own, so when the opportunity to assist Dr. Falwell with the Godparent Home presented itself, they were more than eager to help teenagers dealing with the issue of unwanted pregnancies.

"When Jerry needed some help, the inspiration (to donate to the Godparent Home) just came to me," Ewell said.

That servant mentality is also present in the dozens of volunteers that contributed their time

to the project (the sod and tarmac were laid a mere three days before the ribbon cutting ceremony) and the 12-member Godparent staff, which according to Rush, pulls double duty at the home.

"Everyone does windows here," Rush joked. "There are no prima donnas in a ministry like this. It's addictive; it's hard to sit behind a desk at a job like this."

In an effort to make the Godparent Home more like a real home, the decorators of the new home adorned the walls with paintings of smiling children and bright-eyed cherubs, which serve the dual purpose of lightening the atmosphere and reminding the

tenants of the sanctity of life.

"We didn't want (the Godparent Home) to have a clinic atmosphere," Rush explained.

Also contained within the structure are a living room, counseling area and a homestyle kitchen, which Rush pointed out would also serve as an area for teaching mothers-to-be how to properly supply nutrition to their infants.

The entire home was custom made for the young guests and furnished, free of charge, by furniture companies in High Point, N.C. and Virginia. The six bedrooms are decorated differently to reflect the individuality of the nine girls that inhabit them (each room can now hold three girls) and are expandable to hold a total of 24 young women.

As sweeping and welcome as the aesthetic changes must be, they cannot compare to the changes experienced by the young women and children who have had their lives altered by the Godparent Foundation's ministry.

One such young woman is Stacy Schofer, a local seventh grader who was one of the first children placed by the Foundation's adoption agency.

Now a poised 12-year-old, Stacy believes that her experience with the Godparent Home was a textbook case of God's provision.

"I am very glad to be adopted," Schofer said. "If I had not been placed by the Liberty Godparent Home, then I probably would have been aborted."

If Rush and the Godparent Foundation are successful, the very word "abortion" could disappear from the American vernacular by the turn of the century. According to Rush, the Godparent Home's policy of counseling pregnant teenagers while allowing them to make the decision whether or not to abort leaves the Foundation with no real enemies.

"We are in a position to end abortion in the next five years," Rush said. "We virtually have no opposition; no one in their right mind could be opposed to what we do here."

That is the impact that the Godparent Home wishes to make; not a fantastic display, like the fusillade of fireworks that erupted from the Wingate Inn on Homecoming night, but an impact that will be heard and felt long after the ringing from the pyrotechnics has faded.

# Changes to speed registration process

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express check-in," Booth said.

An express check in will be set up in the Schilling Multi-Purpose Center. Those students who have pre-paid will be allowed to go through express check-in separately from the Vines Center.

According to Booth, there will be several computer stations so that the students will not have to wait in long lines. Also, the number of things that the student will have to do will be limited because the financial aspect will have

been rectified.

"We have tried to make it so that it can (literally) be express, and students will not be bogged down with the other lines," Booth said.

Registration begins Monday, Nov. 3 and will continue through Dec. 5.

"Students should have already received a memo in their post office boxes giving their particular appointment times," Booth said.

She also said that every student will receive a notice which will explain the new procedure with a bill calculation worksheet printed on the back of the notice.

"All they (the students) will have to do is multiply their number of (credit) hours by the tuition rate and once that is done, they will be all set to estimate their bill," Booth said.

Booth also said that this is the first attempt at this new registration procedure and that registration will continue to operate this way in the future.

"Hopefully students will begin to look ahead and say 'okay, I need to be prepared with my finances prior to the end of the next semester,'" Booth said.

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# Borek addresses topics of change

By **MATT SWINEHART**  
Editor in Chief

Liberty University President Dr. John M. Borek, Jr. addressed the LU Student Senate Thursday in DH 118. After congratulating the senate on being student leaders, Borek discussed a wide array of topics. Among them were the changes that have already been made within the institution and the changes Borek envisions for the future.

Borek joked about the hard work that went into preparing the 23 volume response to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "I don't even know what day it is any more," he said. "I saw daylight out there a while ago and I said, 'I like this; I'd like to see more of it.'"

In addition to the changes that have already been made (scholarships, balanced budget, Liberty Way, etc.), Borek discussed numerous others yet to come.

### Increasing Enrollment

Sensing the growing problem of inadequate dorm space and the increasing student body, Borek talked

of his intentions to build new dorms. According to Borek, the administration is planning for a student body of approximately 10,500 by the year 2,001. He said that new dorms are vital in order to accommodate new students and ease the cramped lifestyle of the current ones.

"My plan is to move toward two people per bedroom," Borek said. He clarified, jokingly, "two women or two men in separate buildings, that is."

Borek noted that LU had recently mailed information to 40,000 prospective students. "We're thinking that next year we'll have about 3,000 people in the freshman class," Borek said.

Plans currently exist to erect a six-story dorm on the circle. Whether or not these plans will materialize, Borek said he doesn't know yet.

### Scholarships & Finances

Many students were upset upon returning to school only to find that some of their scholarships had been cut. Liberty decreased its scholarship budget from \$27 million to approximately \$23 million. Borek explained the problem with scholarship set-up.

One reason the university could give so much scholarship money in the past was because they weren't funded scholarships. The money was taken directly off the top of the students' bills.

"This is one of the reasons we were in financial difficulties," Borek explained. "So, one of the things we're going to try to do is create an endowment with real dollars."

### Future Plans

Borek also desires for LU to have a centralized food court, contracted book store and a second and third-floor addition to the DeMoss Learning Center.

Borek called for the SGA to research and give input on the possibility of getting a food court. "I realize that there are certain times when Marriott is not open and the students need to take a break and get something to eat," he said.

Another advantage of the food court would be the preservation of the new carpeting. Borek mentioned a spill he recently noticed on the new carpet and commented on how a food court could alleviate some of the possibility of food and beverage spills in class buildings.

The LU Bookstore, like the institution itself, has experienced significant

growth in the past four years. Now, Borek wants to take it a step further.

"Most institutions our size or larger have contracted book stores," Borek said. "We have two proposals in hand ... and we probably will have a contracted bookstore by the end of the year."

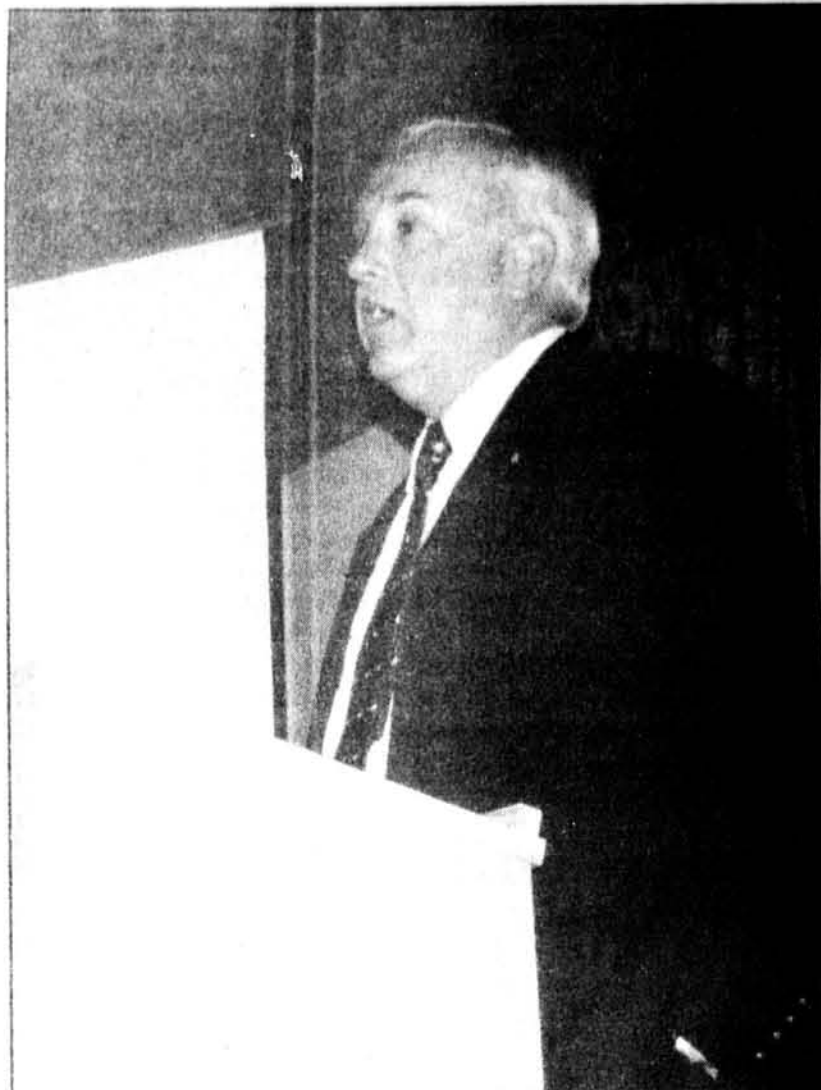
Beginning next year, freshmen may be limited to parking in the David's Place parking lot. "Parking, I'm very much aware of, is a tremendous problem here on campus," Borek said.

Borek said there are plans to put increased lighting and security cameras in the David's Place lot. This, said Borek, will cut down on vandalism that has been prevalent in that area before.

Finally, Borek told the Senate that plans are in place for a three story addition to the DeMoss Learning Center.

Borek assured senators that one thing that won't change is the philosophy of the university.

"We want you to go out and to serve Jesus Christ and to be a Christian and to do the right job," Borek said. "You not only need to be armed as a Christian with the right information, but you need to have the tools that will allow you to get a meaningful, productive job."



STATE OF THE UNION—Liberty President John M. Borek, Jr. addresses the LU Student Senate. Among Borek's goals were a centralized food court, a contracted bookstore and a three-floor addition to DeMoss Hall. "Jerry"

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# Liberty EMT aids Senator at PK event

**Det. Kopelev says actions 'Not a big deal'**

By LANCE OLSHOVSKY  
Champion Reporter

Sergio Kopelev, formerly detective sergeant with the Liberty University Police Department, used his training as an emergency medical technician to aid aging South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond at the Promise Keepers rally in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 4.

Kopelev was stationed with the dignity medic team which was responsible for the V.I.P.s attending the rally. While working on the team, Kopelev and his friend,

Lieutenant Beau Beasley of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue team, were assigned to a closed-in compound behind the main stage at the rally. Their job was to assist the Washington D.C. Fire Department with any medical emergencies that occurred during the event.

While responding to an emergency Kopelev and Beasley received a second emergency call, this time a V.I.P. call.

"We found Senator Thurman conscious but overcome by heat. We provided oxygen for him, took his vital signs and basically took care of him while we waited for the D.C. paramedics to come," Kopelev said.

After the city paramedics arrived, Thurman was taken to Bethesda Medical Hospital in Maryland where he was treated.

Kopelev's name was given to Thurman's secretary and he later received a letter of gratitude signed by Thurman.

"I really felt that it was not a big deal, the real honor goes to the coordinators of the Promise Keepers event," Kopelev said.

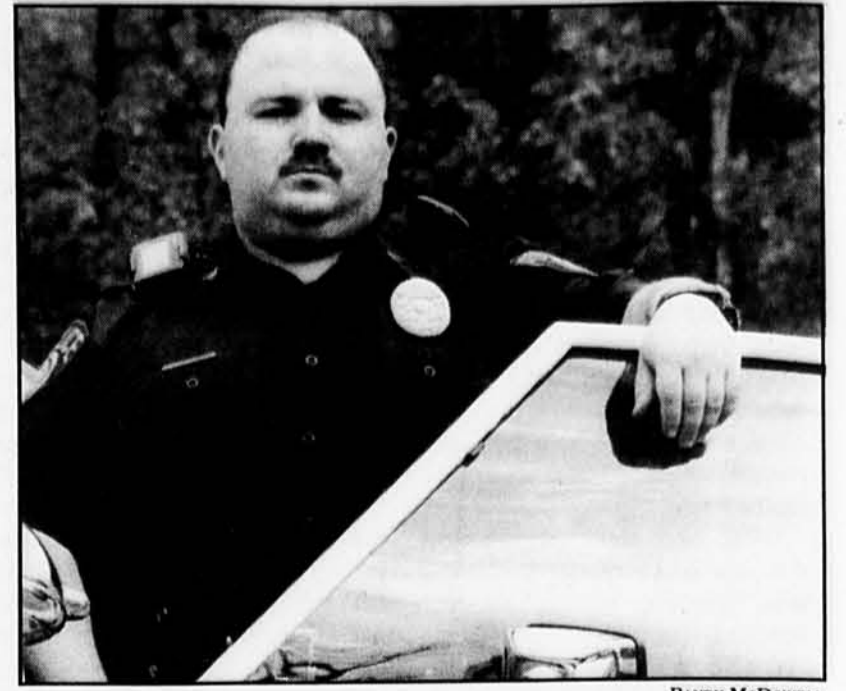
Kopelev also said the committee who planned Promise Keepers are the real heroes to be commended. He attributed the coordinators precise planning of the event and the time they took to consider possible emergency situations the real reason for effective rescue assistance.

"There were only 100 rescue providers to take care of 976 patients. God's grace was definitely upon us, but the coordinators put together a fantastic event," Kopelev said.

Although Kopelev aided in the emergency assistance for the oldest senator in Congress, he said that the highlight of the event was to see the Jewish community who have come to know Christ.

"Being a messianic Jew myself, I enjoyed seeing the different Jewish people who have come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior," Kopelev said. "And I'm just glad that I could represent Liberty at Promise Keepers."

Kopelev has since left the LUPD to pursue a career with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. Working for Bedford County as Deputy Sheriff, Kopelev has been assigned to making administrative decisions and is responsible in the areas of investigation, vice, communication and intelligence analysis.



CONGRESSIONAL AID—Former LUPD officer Sergio Kopelev came to the aid of Senator Strom Thurmond during the "Stand in the Gap" rally in Washington D.C.

# Soccer league promotes fellowship, fun, faith among African students

By SUZANNE McDUFFIE  
Champion Reporter

When you are an ocean away from home, and all your family, friends and traditions are thousands of miles away, it is easy to get homesick and discouraged.

Christian Tshimpe, a native of the former Zaire, has created a solution for many of his fellow countrymen at Liberty and the surrounding schools. He has instituted a soccer league which is open to all Africans regardless of race.

The African United Football (american soccer) Club, or what the team refers to as "Mambazo," which is South African for "strong man," has games against teams from Virginia Tech, Lynchburg College, Washington D.C. and University of Virginia on a monthly basis. President and founder of the club, Tshimpe, hopes to play out of state teams in the near future.

Besides playing soccer, the team meets for fellowship, prayer meet-

ings and other activities. The main purpose of the club is to support fellow Africans and to witness to students from secular schools. The post game fellowships are filled with African music and food, including Nekemba, a banana-like fruit, Chapate, a Kenyan cornmeal bread and Inje'ra, an Ethiopian style tortilla. With all the feasting and fun, there is ample opportunity for these African athletes to spread the gospel.

At a recent scrimmage against Monroe Job Corporation, goalie AC Reeves said, "We felt a great atmosphere from the other team; their attitude was really nice."

According to Tshimpe, the game was very clean and "we felt like we were at home" because they were playing against students who grew up in Africa and shared passion for soccer, which is so traditional of that continent.

The Liberty team represents students from all over Africa including: Liberia, Ethiopia, Guinea, the for-

mer Zaire, Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Mauritania, Gauna and Nigeria. Tshimpe emphasized that the team is open to any Africans who want to "advance their unity and to advance the cause of Jesus Christ among African people. In other words, have fun serving Jesus Christ."

Harry eased his way across the plush new carpet that blanketed the Marriott floor. He plopped gracefully into an unforgiving plastic chair beside . . . Sally. "Sally, you doing anything Friday night?" Harry asked. Sally's heart, which had long wished to hear those sweet words from Harry, was at T-minus-one and counting, but her launch was aborted by one nagging question: "Harry, what will we do?" Harry sensed Sally's uneasiness. Her question had burned its way to the very core of his being. His cool, Hillfiger-inspired confidence seemed to be melting. The very walls of Marriott seemed to close in on him! He couldn't breathe! What would he do? As if by some miracle, Harry spotted a *Liberty Champion* out of the corner of his eye, laying on the floor underneath a half-eaten chicken patty. Deftly, he swept the forlorn paper, with a circulation of 5,000, out from under the precariously positioned patty and casually flipped to page two, where he found . . . *Here and There*, Bingo, Skippy and the Flat Notes. live at the Upper Room, Friday. Problem averted. Friday night saved. Thanks to the *Champion*.

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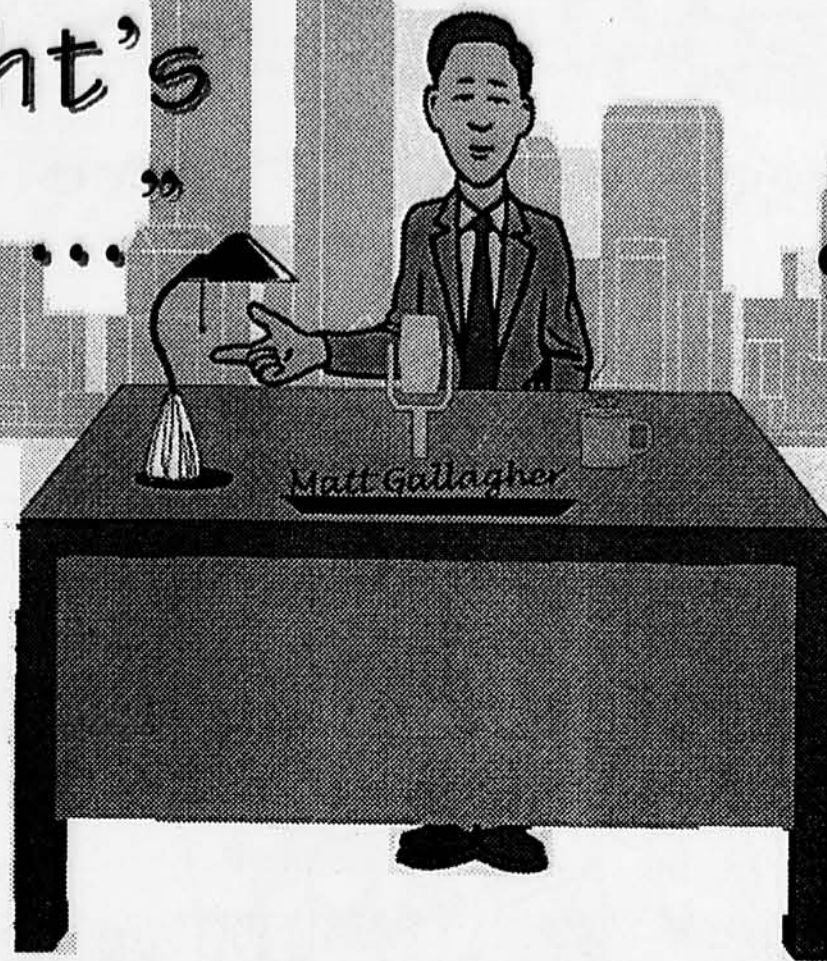
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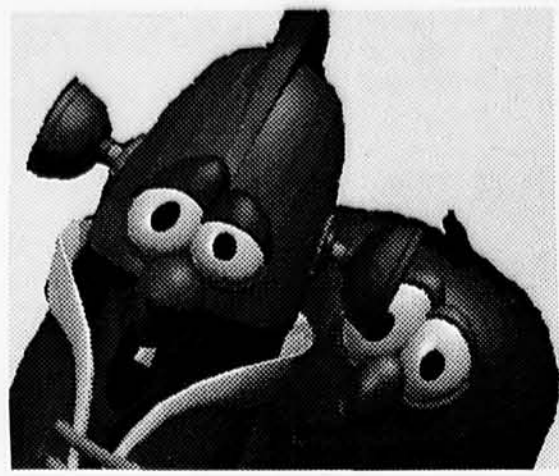
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# Life!

## VeggieTales

It's a veggie world out there



BECKY WALKER

### Oh, The Things I Would Buy

Winning the popular Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. What else could match such an event that so many Americans spend their time and postage stamps on?

So many people desperately try to mail in numerous letters with hopes that the letters will whisk them away to a debt-free and carefree world which includes trees that grow money and the ring of a bell that signals your most coveted desires. Frankly, this sounds awesome to me.

The sweepstakes forces people to work on their patience as they sit and wait for the mailman to pull-up with the letter that says, "Mr. so-and-so, you are now a grand prize contestant for \$50 million or a trip to somewhere terrible like Maui."

Many times I sit and ponder what type of purchases I would make if I won the sweepstakes. Not only does this pass the time well, but it gives me a chance to sample a taste of the "good life," because in reality, I know that I will never get to enjoy the full entree with a career in journalism.

To prove my point further, I have conjured up a list of things I would buy if I actually listened to Ed McMahon's plea, "Don't just sit there, but mail in your entry today!"

The sweepstakes jackpot would have to be somewhere in the area of \$100 million.

Here is the list in no specific order or desire:

1. A college diploma. Oh, yes, a diploma. Need I say more? Yes, school is fun and necessary, but four years of sitting through college classes is enough to cause one to go prematurely grey. I know the saying, "knowledge is power" does make sense, but sometimes, I'd rather go along with the saying, "I'd rather be fishing."
  2. A date with Bill Gates. The man makes \$400 million a week. Now, his salary obviously beats any sweepstakes amount, so you might ask what's the point of using prize money to buy a date with the man? Strictly image. Just to say that you went on a date with the richest man in America can even make Elizabeth Taylor green with envy.
  3. The Biosphere. You remember the environmental glass house that was created several years ago which imitated the different regions of the earth. It was built in the desert somewhere in Arizona. I would rent out Biosphere throughout the year and make it sort of my get-away vacation pad. How cool would it be get out of bed and frolic in a rainforest?
  4. Martha Stewart. Yes, I would rent the queen of home-cookin', home-decorating and home-gardening. A three-layer wedding cake for an after-school snack? No problem. Need to find a 19th-century Victorian chair to add to your furniture collection? Yes sir. A 10-acre grape vineyard landscaped in your backyard? Easy as pie. And that's a good thing.
  5. A publishing house to print my autobiography, "Don't Ignore the Mailman." Because everyone from Marsha Clark to Howard Stern has spilled their life story on paper, why can't I?
  6. A character spot on the show, "The Simpsons." Yes, I admit I am a fan of the rude, little and yellow sketches. I would love to play the voice of anyone on the show and make-up my character. I would be the frustrated script writer who befriends Bart during a backstage show of Krusty the Clown.
- These are just a few ideas I have toyed with. Maybe someday they will become reality. Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to run to the mailbox.

"If you like to talk to tomatoes. If a squash can make you smile, If you like to waltz with potatoes up and down the produce aisle, Do we have a show for you!"

- Veggie Tales theme song

## Produce Power:

\*VeggieTales is a multi-platinum selling video series with sales in excess of 1.3 million units.

\*The audio project, "A Very Veggie Christmas", was named "Children's Music Album of the Year" at the 1997 GMA's "Dove" awards.

\*VeggieTales creators Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki received the GMA's 1997 Grady Nutt Humor award for excellence in Christian-based children's entertainment.

\*The first VeggieTales video, "Where's God When I'm Scared?", sold 25,000 units within in 60 days of its release.

By RANDY KING  
Life! Editor

If stories revolving around the moral and social dilemmas of assorted vegetables don't seem like the material that hit videos are made of, surprise! VeggieTales, the computer animated series created by Phil Vischer and Michael Nawrocki, are the hottest videos in the Christian market.

The VeggieTales craze, which started snowballing with the release of the first episode, "Where is God when I'm S-scared?" in 1994, is still in momentum.

VeggieTales dominates the Christian video sales market, according to the ECPA (Evangelical Christian Publishing Association.)

The videos incorporate eye-catching computer animation, similar to Toy Story, and pruning clipper-sharp wit, making them appealing to children and adults — well, college students.

The humor is the kind that you have to see and hear to catch. When some of my friends first told me about how hilarious the VeggieTales were, I was like, "Yeah, sounds funny." However, when I watched a V.T. film, I loved it and almost permanently hurt myself laughing.

That VeggieTales' brand of humor tickles college students made sense when I discovered that Vischer and Nawrocki cite Monty Python, British sitcoms and Weird Al Yankovic as influencing factors in their creative process.

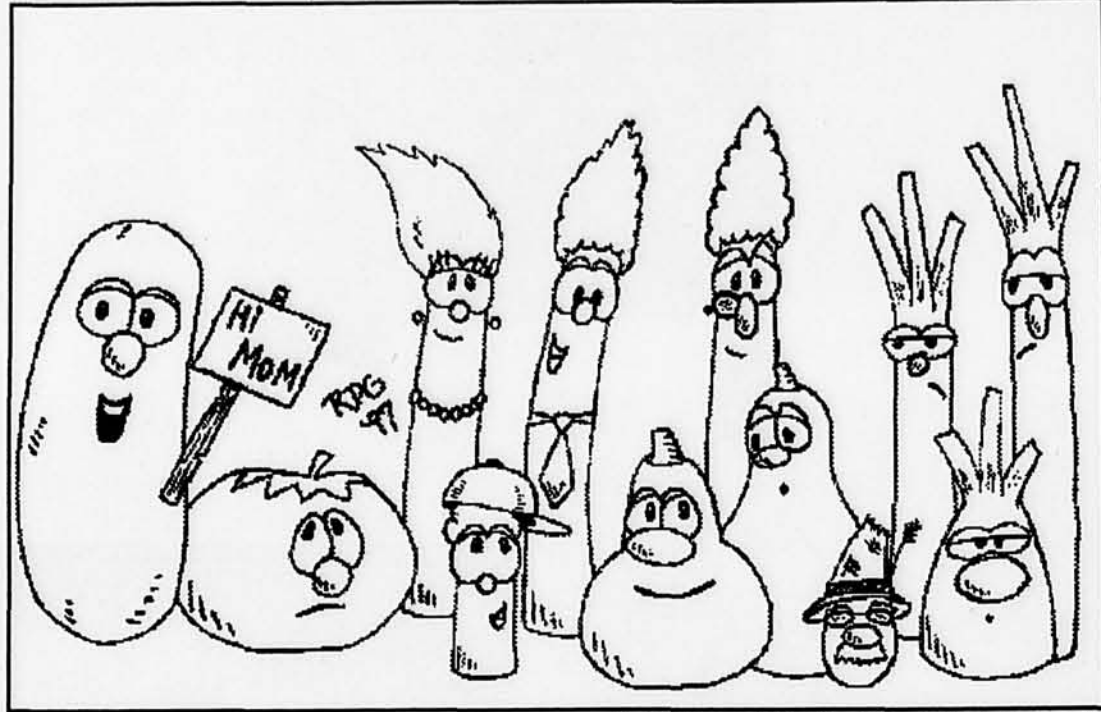
"Dave and the Giant Pickle," my first VeggieTales experience, and personal favorite, is a good example of this trademark mixture of cute graphics and sharp humor.

The episode, which is sort of a paraphrase of the story of David and Goliath, headlines such unforgettable characters as the Phillistines and the fainting sheep.

The tale also demonstrates the characteristic wit of VeggieTales. As Dave is requesting permission to fight Goliath from King Saul, he gets that preparing-to-sing look. "You're not going to sing are you?" asks Saul. "Why don't you just play your harp and I'll throw things at you."

In another V.T. episode, "Larry Boy and the Fib from Outer Space," hosts Bob and Larry receive an e-mail from a viewer. "What's an e-mail?" asks Bob. After a brief conversation — which reveals that the latest technology in Bob's world is cable-television, Larry retorts, "You're so early 90s."

In another scene of "Dave and the Giant Pickle," Dave's older brothers are lamenting about how hungry they are. "I have a real hankering for fried chicken," says one of the brothers on a dull afternoon of tending sheep. "I could eat a giraffe!"



ART BY DEREK GRIGGS FROM VEGGIETALES CHARACTERS

THE PRODUCE AISLE? — Some of the cast of "VeggieTales" get casual during a recent visit to the Champion office.

"I could eat a spaceship!" retorts another brother.

"What's a spaceship?" asks the first brother. "I don't know," the other sibling replies.

This month will see the release of the latest VeggieTales film, "Josh and the Big Wall." The film is, as you might guess a sort of paraphrase of the Battle of Jericho.

In "Josh and the Big Wall" the Israelites once again find themselves facing the French Peas, this time playing the citizens of Jericho. Joshua, played by Larry, leads the Israelites through the slushee onslaughts of the peas to bring down the walls.

Although it is hard to imagine them as anything other than what it is, two of the crucial elements of V.T. were chosen by fate. The fact that the shows are even entitled "VeggieTales" and the Christian themes of the series were not matters freely chosen by Vischer.

"Humans are very difficult to do on a computer," said Vischer in the Sun. "We tried to come with something simpler, with basic geometric shapes, and came up with vegetables." Originally, Vischer

wanted to produce cartoons for secular television but found the market closed. So Vischer chose the Christian video market.

"(The Christian market is) an open field. You can be nobody and still get shelf space," said Vischer.

Since Vischer had already planned to promote positive values with the series, the change to a Christian focus was an easy one.

Whatever the reasons behind "VeggieTales" being what it is today, and although you may not enjoy dancing with tomatoes, the result is something amusing, entertaining and uplifting for all ages.



SARENA BEASLEY

VEGGIETALES STUFF — IT'S THE CRAZE MAN — Produce paraphernalia proliferates in the LU Bookstore.

## THE 411 ON PHIL VISCHER-

"I love to make people laugh," says Phil Vischer. "But I'm not all that wild about standing up in front of them to do it. The truth is, a lot of animators are introverted actors. People focus their attention on the animation and then you can do what you want."

While attending St. Paul (Minn.) Bible College, Vischer joined the puppet ministry team. "I saw puppetry as a way that I could entertain people vicariously, without being seen," said Vischer.

During his stint with St. Paul's puppet team Vischer met Mike Nawrocki. The duo's work on these puppet scripts founded the creative collaboration which developed into VeggieTales.



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ONE MAN AGAINST THE VEGANS — Phil Vischer, creator of VeggieTales and voice of Bob the Tomato.

Vischer is known as a "mad scientist" due to his love for the chaos of creativity. Deeply involved in every part of VeggieTales production, from story concept to the animation, Vischer also is the voice of many VeggieTales characters, including Bob the Tomato, Archibald Asparagus, Mr. Lunt, the French Peas and Pa Grape.

Vischer's work is truly a family affair. His wife, Lisa, is a creative consultant

for the series, and provides the voice of Jr. Asparagus, the lovable kindergarten-aged co-host of the show. Vischer also cites his children — Shelby, Jeremy and Sidney Marie — as the primary motivation behind his career path. Vischer's desire to prepare his kids for life in an imperfect world led him to create values-laden learning tools for them. "I have a hard time finding television shows that I want my children to watch," Vischer admitted.

## 'SCOPE ON LARRY-BOY-

Although he originally had no plans for a career in entertainment, and majored in pre-med while in college, Mike Nawrocki couldn't stay away from Vischer and the ideas the two produced.

After St. Paul Bible College, Nawrocki kept in touch with Vischer, and he found he couldn't stay away from electronic production work. Nawrocki and Vischer worked together on several other projects before starting to develop VeggieTales.

After a time of being a low-budget entrepreneur and living hand-to-mouth, Nawrocki now dedicates all of his time to VeggieTales. Citing influences like Dr. Demento, a syndicated radio disc-jockey who played "spoo" songs, British sitcoms and classic cartoons like "Speed Racer," Nawrocki writes all the VeggieTales' popular "Silly Songs with Larry," and saves the world as Larry Boy.

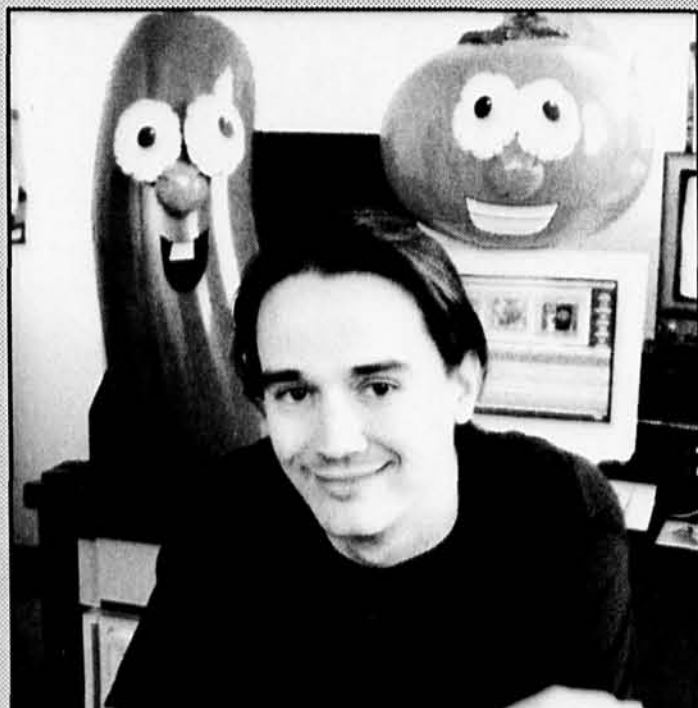


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AKA LARRY-BOY — Mike Nawrocki, Vegetable Superhero and "Silly Songs" writer.

# UPPER ROOM

## Packed Room Rocks with New Talent and Tunes

By **CHRISSEY REMSBERG**  
Champion Reporter

The bass is booming, people are shouting, the air is thick. The room is packed with 125 hot and excited college kids; another 100 or so wait outside for a chance to get in. Sound familiar? If not, you haven't yet visited the Upper Room.

The Upper Room, located in College Hill Baptist Church, is going into its fourth season.

Since its beginning in February of 1994, the Upper Room has hosted such groups as Sixth Pence None the Richer, Poor Old Lou, Third Day, The Waiting and many others.

Judy Grant and Barbara Rypkema, co-directors of the Upper Room, said the Room's mission statement is, "To provide positive music in a positive atmosphere." However, the Upper Room has had an even larger impact on the community than its mission statement suggests.

Several drug dealers were known to deal across the street in the church parking lot. Since the beginning of the Upper Room, the Lynchburg Chief of Police has acknowledged that it has helped move the drug trafficking.

Members of the 100-year-old church are also supportive of the Upper Room. "The more elderly members of the church don't totally understand it, but they know it meets a need," Grant said.

The Rev. Jim Nelson shows his support by occasionally helping with the management of the Upper Room.

Not only does the Upper Room meet a need of those who attend, but those who perform benefit as well. "They get to play with some national acts and it gives them somewhere to start," Rypkema said.

On Oct. 30, the Upper Room hosted Considering Lily with 36 Undercover. Pearl and Serene, lead singers of Considering Lily, said they were looking forward to their first appearance at the

Upper Room. The sisters looked forward to the opportunity of sharing Jesus with the audience through their music. "We try to encourage our audiences to seek God first," Pearl said.

Surprisingly enough, the Upper Room books secular bands as well as Christian bands. Rypkema says, "If we can book a secular band with a Christian band, then we can get non-Christians in the door and we can get them the message."

The Room does maintain one stipulation however. Every band that performs must have positive lyrics. They reserve the right to request lyrics and/or tapes. All bands are told before performing that The Room can pull the plug at anytime.

Some Liberty bands enjoy the opportunity to play for various reasons. "We want to let people know we're Christians," said Brave Little Toaster drummer, Chris Glissman. During a recent

performance Mike Mixon, lead singer of Cocoa Be Where, said, "The whole reason behind this band is the joy of Jesus Christ."

The bands agreed that the Upper Room is the best place to play in Lynchburg. "It can get real hot and kinda crowded, but it's still fun," said Brad Flaherty, lead singer of The Fallwells. Pearl and Serene said, "The first thing that hit us was the smell ... coffee and potpourri." The band of Considering Lily agreed that the Upper Room had a "great intimate setting" and they were glad to be playing there.

By the grace of God and a lot of hard work the Upper Room will continue into its fourth season. They will be hosting such bands as Klank on Nov. 20 and Pocket Change on Nov. 21.

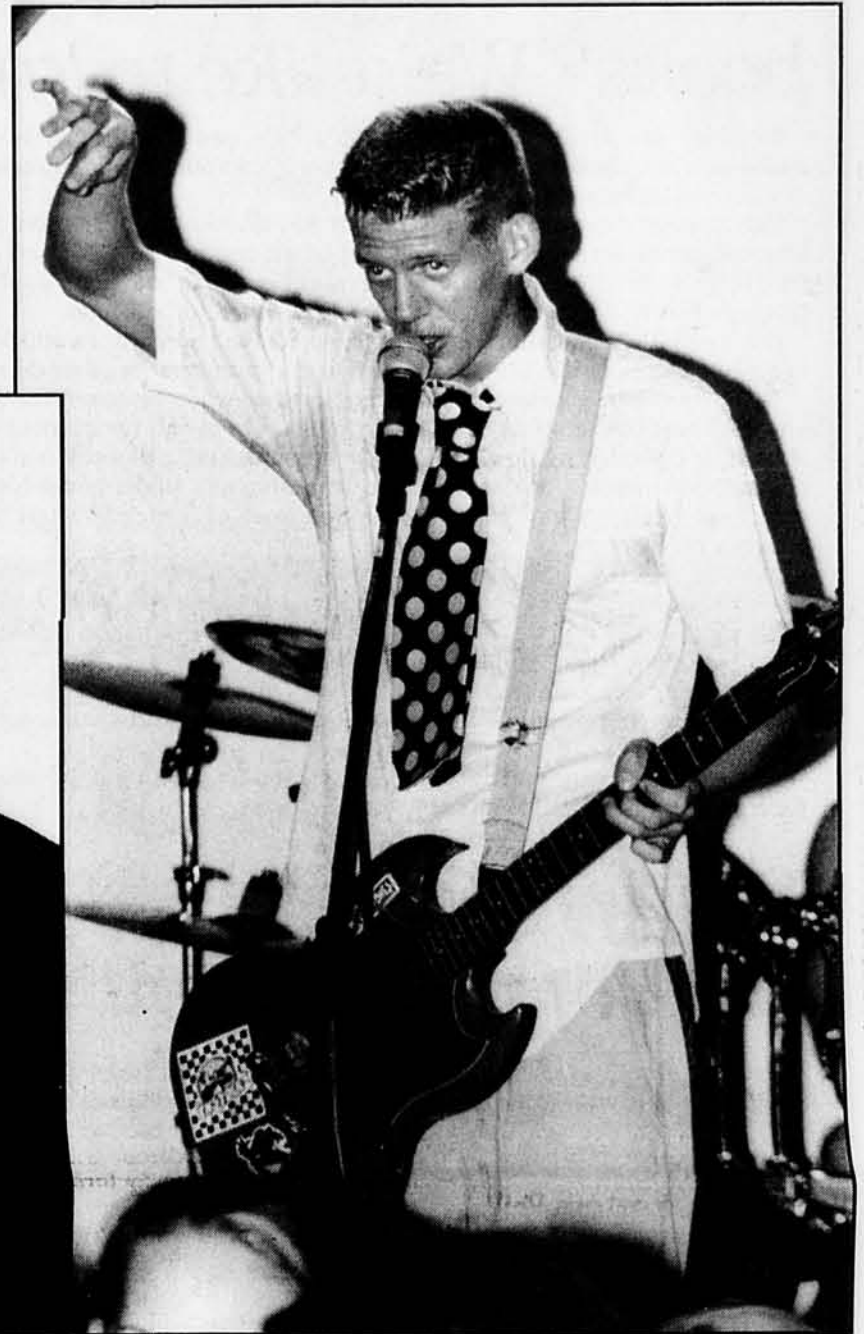
The doors open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7 p.m. on Thursday. There is a cover charge for all bands.



**TURNING IT UP** — The boys of Cocoa Be Where swing the house at the Upper Room (above).

**THE MAN BEHIND THE MYTH** — Mike Mixon, of Cocoa Be Where, grooving at the 'Room (right).

**THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER** — Third Day played the Upper Room in 1996



# Kappa Kappa Psi — Fraternity, LU Style

By **SUZANNE McDUFFIE**  
Champion Reporter

In a school where smoking results in six reprimands, where drinking can eliminate 50 percent of a student's scholarship and where the curfew is midnight, Liberty's approval of its first fraternity came as a surprise to some.

However, Kappa Kappa Psi is no ordinary frat. The seven charter members and four rookies from the Alpha class enforce a national no drinking policy. Vice President Amanda Hancock believes that this is one of the reasons why the school approved their petition.

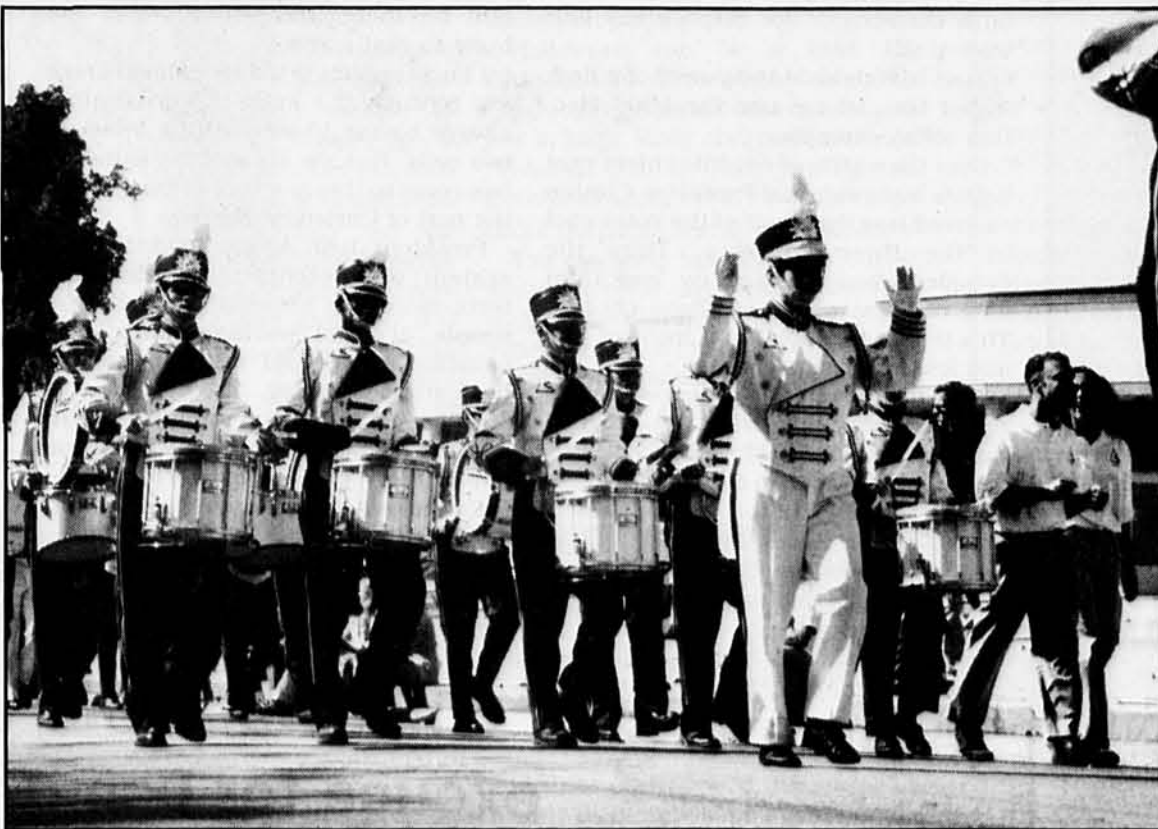
Kappa Kappa Psi is a band fraternity which has worked for two years to establish its chapter. Although this is only its first semester KKP has already begun to make a difference through social and service projects.

From carwashes to blowpop sales to auctions to cover-charge parties, the fraternity is constantly working to save up for better equipment for the "Spirit of the Mountain."

On the social end, the fraternity organizes banquets and prepares for festivities like "band parent day" among other things.

Hancock believes that the fraternity "gives a lot of support where it's needed and [she is] really proud of Kappa Kappa Psi." She encourages any band members to consider joining because of the close knit-family like atmosphere, the chance to get together with other chapters around the state and the opportunity to serve others.

The process is not easy, it takes seven weeks of membership classes and tests on social and service obligations, if the applicant can make it past the initial bit (when the officers vote whether or not to consider the student).



**MARCHING FOR A BIG BAND BROTHERHOOD** — The Liberty Spirit of The Mountain Band is the biggest benefactor of LU's premiere fraternity.

Hancock further emphasized that only "people with the heart of a servant should join."

One advantage is that the fraternity is not limited to men, Amanda said, "everyone is a brother including the sisters." The band hopes to establish the sister sorority, Tau Beta Sigma, which basically bears the same motto, "everyone is a sister including the brothers."

An element which separates Liberty's chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi from other divisions is their Christian focus. They open every meeting with prayer, they have an elected chaplain and they use get together with schools such as James Madison University as witnessing opportunities.

Although Kappa Kappa Psi will never have the Bacchanalian atmosphere that traditional campus fraternities possess, the frat is more concerned with social responsibilities than with social irresponsibility.

## Top 10 TRENDS SPOTTED AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

1. Blonde hair via a bottle. It sometimes looks real and sometimes not so much.
2. Anything black with racing stripes, but not to look like a referee's uniform.
3. Sweater vests.
4. Blue and purple fingernail polish, on girls of course.
5. Hemp jewelry, only worn, nothing else.
6. Heeled loafers that practically require a balancing act to wear them.
7. Tattered baseball caps from any U.S. university, preferably something like, "PSU" or "UVA."
8. Silver jewelry: rings, toe rings, earrings, and belly button rings.
9. Facial hair. Beards, goatees, mutton chops. Only on boys, of course.
10. Tacky ties. Straight from Johnny Carson's closet, Tommy Hilfiger's closet, Rush Limbaugh's closet and your grandfather's closet.

## Strain Your Brain -Awesome Adjectives-

1. Vainglorious — A. glory seeking B. excessively proud C. hopeless
2. Nugatory — A. nihilistic B. required C. useless
3. Indubitable — A. certain B. doubtful C. dominating
4. Axiomatic — A. destructive B. self-evident C. forced
5. Sordid — A. Southern in origin B. filthy C. loud
6. Abstemious — A. empty B. absent-minded C. abstinent
7. Obsolescent — A. overweight B. nearly obsolete C. orb-like

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# OPINION

## The Liberty Champion

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"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17)

### Where are the new phone books? We'd like to know

We don't get it. It's November; Halloween's past, Election Day's history, midterms are done and our long-awaited campus phone directories are nowhere to be seen.

This presents enough difficulty even if you know all your friends' numbers; after all, we all forget occasionally. But when one has to call many numbers on campus, both student and staff numbers (like we poor souls on the Champion staff do all the time), it's a whole different ballgame.

Our mental phone bank is growing larger all the time, but it's still frustrating to have to call the main LU switchboard to find numbers for other departments.

There has to be a printer somewhere in town who can take on this project and take less than half a semester to do it. Certainly all the student numbers should be collected by now, and the faculty and staff numbers don't typically change that much from semester to semester. It's understandable that we might not see our phone books in the first week of September, but November seems a bit extreme.

As it stands now, finding an unknown student number presents a bewildering task. The SUP station is open only a few hours per week, and the only information there is dorm and room numbers. One still has to call the switchboard to find the phone number for the room.

This is quite a problem on weekends and after hours. People who live and die after hours (such as the Champion staff) find themselves in real phone trouble.

Wherever the elusive phone books are, we'd sure like to make their acquaintance, and sometime this month would be nice!

### Students: Take better care of our school!

How old is the carpet in DeMoss anyway? Still in its first year, at least. Yet it's already hard to tell the difference between the new generation of carpet and its rejected predecessor. Considering how many thousands of footfalls it sees every day, some of the wear and tear is to be expected, but not this much.

During the rainy, muddy days recently, it's been remarkable to note how often students ignore the mats at each door and don't bother to wipe their feet before tripping lightly onto the new carpet. There are better ways to leave one's mark upon Liberty.

Sure, carpet only has so much lifespan, but a little common courtesy on the part of us students would help. Most mothers teach their kids to wipe their feet before they ever escape kindergarten. What happened to us?

It's not just the carpet; we've previously noted the damage done to drywall and the piles of trash left in student-frequented halls. The problem lies not with the faculty and staff, but with the students.

It's ironic that the only people hurt by student carelessness are us students. Professors will continue to be paid; certainly Building Services types have great job security.

But the price will be paid by students in higher tuition, reduced scholarships and restricted food privileges in the labs (which is happening now). The condition of our campus even plays into the report of the SACS committee, which will decide whether or not we graduate from an accredited school.

It's not that difficult. Just remember what your mom taught you: Wipe your feet!

### Quotes of the week...

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God."  
— Col. 3:1

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."  
— George Washington

"Jerry"

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### WHAT'S NEXT FOR L.U. P.D.?



### Christians should exercise their civic responsibility

The last few days have been really busy for me. I was charged with the responsibility of finding people to pass out Republican sample ballots at 14 polling places in my county on Election Day.

(It's not hard to imagine how many people it takes to staff one polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Now if only my professors would give me a week's grace period to finish all my late assignments!) It's been a habit with me to devote a lot of time to the political process around Election Day for the last several years. The process interests me; I have a lot of fun at it, and I think it's important to influence the future of my country.

I don't expect everyone to have the same fanatical love for the game that I do, just as I can't seem to get into hockey. So I probably shouldn't get all exercised over this. But it's just a little frustrating that citizens, and specifically Christian citizens, apparently either don't understand or don't care about the basics of good citizenship.

As fun as hockey may be to its fans (since I'm on the hockey example), fifty years from now the score of any hockey game today will be of little importance. The score of an election will still resonate a lifetime from now. This fact alone should provoke a little thought.

Contrary to popular belief, our American democracy is not ruled by the majority. It's governed by a tiny but vocal minority, most of which is not exactly in synch with the belief system of Liberty University. Those who care enough to be involved in the process toy with the average voter as if he were a pawn on a chessboard. Joe Sixpack has little voice at all.

Just to illustrate the power of a dedicated few, let me use the 1996 election as an example.

Less than 50% of eligible voters cast ballots last year, and President Clinton received less than half of the votes cast in the three-way race. Thus the President was selected by less than 25% of those who could have chosen. This is just the latest in a trend of less and less voter participation.

And the percentage among Christian voters is barely any better. We voted in basically the same halfhearted fashion as the rest of the world, to our shame.

In short, Bill Clinton was not elected by liberal Democratic voters, but by conservative Christians who didn't vote. There are plenty of reasons to be

involved; at least to vote. Jesus told us to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," and we don't even vote. He gave the parable of the unjust judge who finally gave in after the widow pressured him long enough. We have the right to select our judges. Why don't we do it? And he told us to be salt and light in a dark and hurting world. Is participation in our political process somehow outside the scope of His command?

Secondly, we should be involved in the process because if we don't, who will? The great British philosopher and statesman Edmund Burke put it succinctly: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing."

Christians have done a good job in other areas, of not leaving the whole ball of wax to the enemy. We have stepped into the fray over unwed mothers by providing Christian crisis pregnancy centers. We try to make our mark in music by listening to Christian radio. We "mix religion and education" right here at Liberty. Why not "religion and politics"?

Thirdly, we have a responsibility because of the sacrifices of others. I know this is becoming cliched, but generations of Americans did fight and die to provide us the right to choose our own leaders. Are their sacrifices not worthy of 20 minutes of our time to stop by the polls while we're out and about?

My dad volunteered for Vietnam while in the Air Force, and although he never went, I'm proud of him for volunteering. I'd like to think I'd do the same. Many others did go, and many never came back. Some may still be there. Meanwhile, we're too busy to cast a vote ...

I know politics is a dirty game; I know it's confusing; I know it's frustrating always having to vote for the lesser of two evils. But the reason the situation has come to this is a lack of concern on the part of Christian citizens.

President John Adams said that our system of government would only work to govern a moral and religious people. It's not working today only because moral and religious people have stopped caring.

All I'm asking is that we as Christian citizens devote a few minutes on one day of every year to register our vote. Let's make America again "one nation under God." Millions of people over the world don't have this right. We do. Let's not waste it.



Rick Boyer

### Don't make LUPD enforce curfew — It's not their job

It took until last semester for the administration to admit the misleading concept of the old Sunday "safety check." The "safety check" was held at 9:30 a.m., at which time all students had to vacate their dorms. However, as President John M. Borek, Jr. admits, this routine was a farce.

The check was not at 9:30 a.m., Sunday because the time was convenient for RAs to check windows and fire alarms. Instead, the safety check was an obvious ploy to get students to attend church — whether they wanted to or not.

The time has come to alleviate another unnecessary facet of the university. I refer to the poor use of the officers in the guard shack to help enforce curfew.



Matt Swinehart

It appears that, instead of admitting the misuse of the guard shack, Residence Life is using the resident directors to delve further into a style of legalistic rule enforcement. I'll explain.

Driving onto campus last Friday, I approached the guard shack and saw — to my surprise — a trail of brake lights lining up to the small brick building. I checked my watch; it read 12:30:30 a.m. — a whopping 30 seconds past curfew.

Two minutes later, I pulled up to the officer. My girlfriend commented on the fact that it seemed premature to have the red light on. The officer explained that the resident directors were now forcing them to stop cars at curfew, on the nose.

This, young champions, is ridiculous. RDs are making a mockery of the LUPD officers, some of whom are certified police. Is it not their duty to protect and to serve? Why are the RDs wasting their time by having them write down the ID number of every student that passes through after 12 a.m.? (As if they don't have enough to do, already.)

Instead of letting the officers in the guard shack actually guard the campus, RDs are forcing them to play the role of curfew cops. This, just like the Sunday safety checks of old, is a farce.

If the guard shack is there for our safety, they should only be checking to see that the person coming on campus after curfew has an LU ID. The number on it is irrelevant.

One could argue that it is necessary to keep detailed records of everyone coming on and leaving after curfew. A situation might arise in which officers would need to reference these records. If that is the case, why are the records given to the RDs, who then turn them over to the RAs?

Besides, if someone with bad intentions really wanted to get on campus, they could simply drive right through five minutes prior to curfew.

Does anybody truly believe that someone coming on campus five minutes late was out misbehaving any more than someone coming on five minutes early?

Let's emphasize the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law. Significant growth rarely seems to take place under strict rules and weighty restrictions.

The music code of old was altered to include "non-offensive" secular music. Doing so moved from the black and white misconception that all secular music is bad, and allowed students to discern for themselves (within some restrictions).

It's time for that same philosophy to be taken in regards to the guard shack and its role with curfew. Keep the responsibility of checking curfew where it belongs — with the RAs — instead of blurring the role of the men and women in blue.

### Speak

### "What was your all-time best excuse for being late to class?"



"All I can say is, three people and 25 pounds of turkey."

— Daniel Webster, So. Burlington, N.C.



"I blew out a tire on my skateboard."

— James Nolette, Fr. Springfield, Mass.



"Jerry took me out to lunch and we're just now getting back."

— Kevin Cher, Fr. Warner Robins, Ga.



"The train caught me at the back entrance."

— Marc Pettograsso, Sr. Latham, N.Y.



"I had to park at David's Place."

— Angela Andrews, Jr. Austin, Tex.

— Photos by Randy McDowell

# COMMENTARY

## Commuters still can't find parking

By SUZIE FULKS  
Champion Editorialist

It seems hunting season is upon us at Liberty University. No, it is not the kind where we have guns and try to shoot at animals. The hunting in question is for a parking spot on campus ... any parking space, convenient or inconvenient.

Many students, predominantly commuters, have a hard time finding parking in time for classes. There are many times when commuters, walking to their cars after classes, are hunted down by one of the many other desperate commuters trying to snag their parking space before anyone else has the chance to use the blinker.

In the Sept. 16 issue of the Champion, Captain Donald Sloan of the Liberty University Police Department said there was adequate parking on campus. Where? Many commuters cannot find an available parking spot during peak morning hours or even in the afternoon. A commuter is lucky to find one even if he or she has time to circle around the different lots for 10-15 minutes.

Chris, a senior and commuter for two years, said the Tuesday/Thursday schedule seems to be the worst, and in order to even have a possibility of getting a decent parking space, he has to get to campus at least a half-hour before classes even start. Chris is just one of the many commuters who suffer from this problem.

One commuter said she has a stressful

time trying to find a place to park in the mornings. She always worries about finding a spot in time for her classes, and then actually getting to class on time.

"Everyday I drive around the campus an average of 15-20 minutes, and one day I wasted a quarter of a tank of gas," she added. "I feel punished by being a commuter because I am off-campus and I don't have the privilege of the free reign of parking 24/7 like on-campus students."

It is certainly unfair for security to say there is adequate parking and commuters are just too lazy to enjoy this "walking campus" atmosphere by parking far away, as Capt. Sloan mentioned in the article. There are probably the few that feel this way, but for the most of the commuters interviewed, they cannot even find inconvenient parking.

Why do you think cars are parked illegally way out beyond the guard shack or the railroad tracks? Because they are too lazy to park far away? These illegally parked cars are far away; what's the argument here?

Now, what could be some solutions to this parking dilemma? Everyone seems to be yelling for a parking deck garage, but Liberty is just now getting out of debt. Something needs to be done soon or commuters are going to just get fed up, which is already starting to happen. There are many possible temporary solutions that should not cost a lot, while waiting for that temple of a garage.

First of all, why not get rid of seminary parking in P1 near Religion Hall? Undergraduates

have paid their dues to park in that lot and in fairness, we pay the same amount and have been here longer. If anything, those diamonds should be given to seniors and commuting seniors.

Secondly, there has been talk about a shuttle bus to and from David's Place. Why not? If the Visitor's Center can shuttle around prospective students, they should be able to use the buses to shuttle around students who are paying to come to Liberty.

Thirdly, there seem to be more blue diamonds than there are faculty and staff. All that needs to be done is to consolidate the diamonds and give faculty and staff a numbered parking spot, leaving the extra diamonds for commuters.

"It's bad and it makes you late for classes and, besides, you have other things to do off-campus," said Norm Barsugli, a commuting senior. "Why not put the buses and trailers in P1 in David's Place, because they take up three or four spots," he proposed as one small solution.

And soon, as the winter weather slowly settles upon us, commuter parking is bound to get worse. Fewer dorm students will be venturing out in their cars during the day, making it harder to find a parking space, Barsugli said.

When security and the school administration realize that commuters cannot be jammed into lots where dorm students park and that commuters deserve just as much consideration as on-campus students, then commuters will begin to peacefully drive right into that ideal spot that is not a 20 minute walk through gravel and over mountainous hills.



## This Week's Champion Debate

### Halloween is simply a pagan holiday

By SCOTT MCGINNIS  
Champion Editorialist

Oh boy, the most fun time of the year is upon us! It's Halloween. That means it's time for costumes, candy, Satan and bobbing for apples! Praise the Lord! Time to send the kids to the swarming sidewalks to collect candy and the occasional cursed granola bar. There couldn't be anything wrong with trick or treating and Halloween parties, could there?

Yes there could, and there is. While it may seem harmless to enjoy the festivities of Halloween, it seems contradictory for Christians to participate in a ritual that was founded on the Druid festival of the dead, which involved prayer to dead people and the summoning of demonic spirits.

Some say it is true that this holiday was founded on prayer for the dead, which is unscriptural, but claim that "society" has changed the meaning of

They should realize that Halloween may seem fun, but the devil is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Fun does not mean right, in fact, sin is fun. Why risk participating in a holiday that belongs to Satan? Is the Halloween "fun" worth toying with the realm of Satan?

Spirits are real, witches are real, Satan is real. There is no reason for a Christian to associate with this.

Is Satan as real as Hitler? Has Satan caused more damage than Hitler? If you believe so, then why not have a holiday for Hitler? We can all dress up like him and go door to door mumbling anything that will get us candy. It would be so "fun" and "cute."

I realize that this is offensive, but to me it is more offensive to pass off the celebration of Satan's holiday as cute.

There are alternatives to trick-or-treating, dressing up and going to Halloween parties.

Halloween can be a time for Christians to share about the Lord. Tracts can be taped onto candy and put in bags. Many churches celebrate All-Saints day or have meetings at houses to study what the Bible says about the occult and about Halloween.

You can even take the kids out to Chucky Cheese (my personal favorite) so that they can have a good time too. Whatever you do just don't give in to the almost overwhelming temptation to celebrate the day dedicated to the prince of the dead.

### Halloween doesn't have to be a celebration of evil

By TRISH HAMPTON  
Champion Editorialist

Many Christians advocate a total rejection of the Halloween holiday. Others believe that running and hiding in the safety and security of home is not the answer.

Most people are aware of the historical background of Oct. 31. We know that back in medieval days it was used by witches and warlocks to scare innocent village people.

Times have changed though, and the purpose of Halloween has changed too.

Ask the average ghost, princess, cowboy or Elmo on the street what the meaning of Halloween is. All of them will say the bottom line is candy.

These children are not loose on the street wreaking havoc and running amuck. On the contrary most parents oversee the door to door candy accumulation, and that is just common sense. No parent should let his or her child go door to door alone, no matter what night it is.

These children have no idea of the meaning of Halloween long ago. All they know is that Oct. 31 brings candy and dressing up is fun. It also creates fun memories for the child to look back on when he or she is older.

Many children have never heard a

horrible trick-or-treat story. Thus for them, if Halloween is celebrated in a safe and fun-filled manner, it can prove to be a positive experience.

America has taken what used to be an evil night and turned it into something fun for children to enjoy. In a way America is trying to take back the devil's night.

It's puzzling why some would just want to stay home reading the newspaper and hand over the night to evil.

Churches everywhere should help families deal with the Halloween issue by throwing harvest festivals. After all, it is only the devil's holiday if one chooses to celebrate it as such.

Many people, however, do not choose to celebrate it as such. They pray over their pumpkin pie, and try not to dress as a character that would bring reproach to their Christian name.

To deny a child the right to trick-or-treat simply on the basis of bad costume designers is ridiculous.

That is equivalent to not celebrating Christmas because it has become over-commercialized or Santa gets too much glory. If the costumes are offensive do not buy them.

In the end, if Halloween is treated carefully, it can be a fun and enjoyable holiday. After all, the real bottom line is only candy!

**"If Halloween is celebrated in a safe and fun-filled manner, it can prove to be a positive experience."**



## Liberty Forum

Dear Editor,

We as Christians should always evaluate our motives for what we do, and our involvement in Halloween is no exception. That is why I appreciate Marc Pettograsso's thoughts about this holiday.

But I also think that there is another side to Halloween, and this is the idea that God uses this holiday today in spite of what it represented hundreds and hundreds of years ago before Christ came to earth.

When Christ came to die for the sins of man, it changed the world. Just as the Old Testament of the Bible is viewed in a different light today because of the sacrificial Lamb's atonement for our sins, Halloween can be viewed differently now that Christ's

blood has overcome our fear of Satan and sin.

Sure, Satanists use Halloween as a day to worship Satan, involving sacrifices and seances, but these things go on throughout the year.

If we are aware of the spiritual battle raging around us, we know that although these evil things are given more attention during this holiday, they are not practiced only on Halloween night.

Therefore we need not focus on the evil aspects of Halloween, but we do need to be aware of the spiritual battle raging around us while clinging to the truth of Christ.

However, I just can't see how dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating worships Satan or glorifies evil.

I can remember as a child, trick-or-treating in my neighborhood with my friends, and it brings back won-

derful memories that have nothing to do with evil. We never dressed up as witches or demons; instead we dressed up as nurses, cartoon characters or even giant replicas of our favorite foods.

I remember one year I dressed up as a mother and my sister, who was about three years old, dressed up as a baby. I pushed her from house to house in an old baby buggy. There was nothing Satanic about it, and having someone tell us so would have devastated our innocent enjoyment of Halloween, which was one of our favorite holidays.

I have so many fond memories of carving pumpkins with my family, and no, we never carved demon faces. I can still smell the salted pumpkin seeds that my mom would bake in the oven. None of these are memories associated with fear or evil, but they are memories of wholesome family traditions.

God uses Halloween despite its negative roots. My grandma includes tracts with the candy she passes out, and I think we all know how God uses ScareMare to save thousands each year. Even though it is a "haunted house," ScareMare is able to reach lost teenagers in a way no other ministry can.

There is something wrong with our vision if Christians will not support this ministry just because it is associated with Halloween.

We don't refuse to own pet kittens because the Druids worshipped cats and believed them to be reincarnated evil spirits. So why should we refuse to participate in the seasonal, traditional activities of Halloween because of heathen Celtic tribes who used the day to worship Satan.

When we as Christians try to ignore Halloween because of its past, we may lose sight of the fact

that we have a Savior who died to free us from superstition.

If we pull into our shells in the name of Christianity instead of using it as an opportunity to reach a lost world still enchained in the bondage of fear, then we are missing out on the powerful ways in which God can work.

We no longer need to let fear dominate our lives as the Celts did. We can celebrate the death of superstition and fear instead of continuing to associate Halloween with the paganism Christ has freed us from.

— Christy Behnken

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# Football team pummels Cal Poly

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As usual, Liberty linebacker Rodney Degrate stood out in Liberty's defensive efforts. The 300-pound force found a path to the quarterback late in the contest recording a sack (his 19th, seventh for the season) that set a new Liberty career sack record. Torrey Rush also muscled his first sack of the season with a take-down of Mustang thrower Alli Abrew.

"I think we played well enough to win," Degrate said. "Those guys worked hard and that's the only thing that matters. When they scored on us, we came back; we kept playing."

He added, "I'm more glad for the win than I am for (becoming LU's all-time sack leader), but I'll take it too."

Liberty's Jesse Riley also factored largely in the Flames defensive performance accumulating 14 tackles in the game.

"Our kids just played hard and followed the plan, right to the letter," Rutigliano said. "We got a touchdown

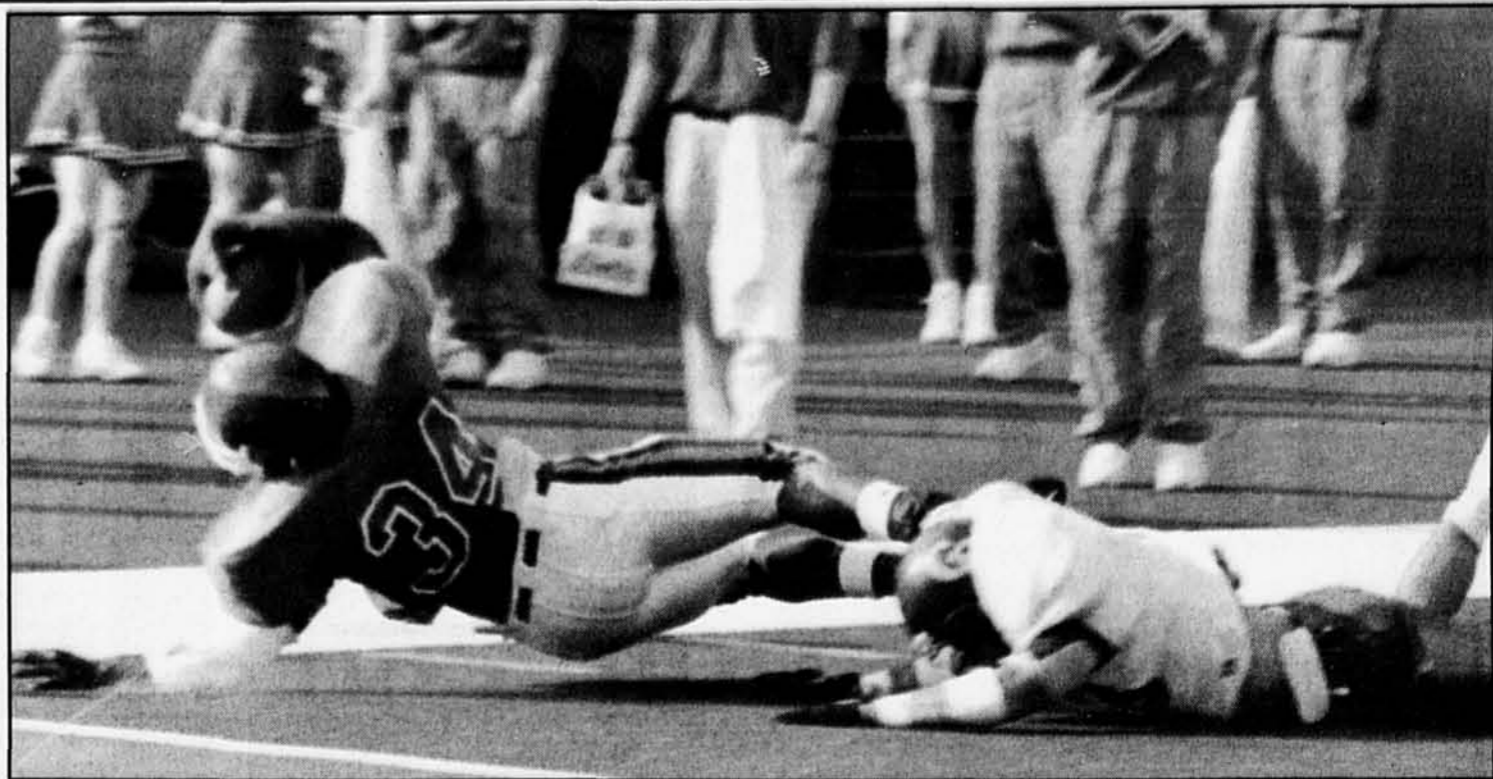
on a fumble and a touchdown on a kickoff fumble. Our defense got 14 points for us and that's big on the board right now."

After Cal Poly's game opening drive ended in a 27-yard field goal at the nine minute mark, and Liberty responded with a shaky first possession (incomplete pass, four yard run by Stacey Nobles, incomplete pass, punt) it looked as though Liberty faced a hefty task. But the Flames were just warming up.

In a second period shocker, the Flames scored back-to-back touchdowns without CPSLO gaining possession.

The Flames began the second quarter midway through a steady drive that ended in one of LU's classic "big plays."

Just two plays after Courtney Freeman bobbled a 46 yard pass a few yards shy of the end zone, Anderson went right back to him with an identical play. This time Freeman caught it for Liberty's first points of the game and a home team lead that was never relinquished.



**THE X-FACTOR** — Liberty's Xavier Slade stretches for the end zone in LU's defeat of Cal Poly Slo on Nov. 1. Slade has never dropped a pass as a Liberty football player, and he's not about to start now.

"(The team members) were very, very, very determined to prove to the whole world that they needed to be ranked, and they are gonna make a statement today that they *should* be ranked," Rutigliano said.

Cal Poly Slo tallied more first downs, (23-15) and more plays (79-58) than

the Flames. Liberty's aerial attack proved to be more than the Mustangs could handle. Their opponents average just 17 points.

"Coming into the game we knew first and foremost that we had to score," Anderson said, "because these jokers are scoring against everybody. Second

of all, looking at them on film, we had confidence we *could* score. But I didn't know we were gonna score like that."

Next week's Flames contest is a homecoming challenge at Norfolk State on Nov. 8. Liberty overcame a homecoming crowd in its win over Charleston Southern.

## V-ball seals top seed in tourney

The women's volleyball team secured a top seed heading into the Big South Conference Tournament.

Over the weekend, the Lady Flames won their final two regular season conference matches. On Oct. 31, the Flames beat Charleston Southern in three straight games, 15-8, 15-6, 15-13. Anthonia Akpama had 9 of the Flames' 52 kills and six blocks against CSU.

Then on Nov. 1, LU shut down Coastal Carolina in four games to finish the regular season at 23-8, 10-2 in the Big South. The final scores were 16-14, 15-10, 5-8, 16-14 as Liberty finished out its conference schedule on a winning note. Leana Miller rebounded from a foot injury to pile up 20 kills and Anthonia Akpama added 15 for the Flames, who also had 14 blocks to their credit.

The Flames open their Big South tournament run at UNC Asheville. The tournament will be held Nov. 13-15.



**SLAP HAPPY** — Lady Flame Jill Vandever serves up some spin at the line. The Flames are No. 1 in the Big South.

— Rick Boyer

## Hockey defeats Virginia Tech 4-2

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"the best hockey we've played all year," the Flames made a strong offensive come-back in the second period.

LU Assistant Captain Steve Clark and center Jeff Lowes assisted center Bobby Zaal in scoring with 12:01 left in the period. With less than five seconds on the game clock, Roanoke native Mike Spradlin was assisted by defenseman Dave Vespa to put Liberty on top 2-1.

Liberty never looked back. "We didn't want to leave this game without a victory," Puglisi said.

Opening the scoring in the third period, Clark, assisted by Lowes netted the game winning goal. Four minutes later, with crisp passing and great communication, Flames Captain Neil Nicholson, assisted right winger, Kirk Handy who closed out the scoring for the Flames.

The Hokies attempted to come back with one last goal, but a determined LU goalie stood in the way.

"I'm seeing the puck better (than in the past), and I'm staying focused now," Barrette said.

In Friday's contest with Hampton Roads, Handy netted twice while Clark, Nicholson, Vespa and Jim Black each added a goal.

The skaters take the ice again Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:45 p.m. in Roanoke. The Flames will attempt to overthrow the University of Tennessee Volunteers.



**BELLY FLOP** — Flamesman Erik Colwell leaves his opponent to flopping.

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# Tyson wrecks, fined for invalid license

By **BRIAN WOOLFORD**  
Champion Reporter

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson suffered a broken rib and a punctured right lung Wednesday, Oct. 29, after his Honda 1100 cc motorcycle skidded off a highway in Farmington, Conn. Tyson was released Friday from the hospital following a series of X-rays.

The former champ was riding to his estate in Hartford when he drifted too close to a friend's motorcycle. Tyson attempted to turn his bike around, but pro-

ceeded to hit a sand patch in the road and went down.

Rory Holloway, Tyson's manager, was riding with the ex-champ, and claims that Tyson was traveling at 20-25 mph.

A state trooper gave Tyson a ride to his home, and a few hours later Tyson entered himself into the hospital for treatment.

Police fined Tyson \$77 because he was riding without a valid motorcycle license.

Holloway stated that Tyson had a good attitude after the wreck and is optimistic about his recovery.

Tyson did not speak to the

media after his release from the hospital, but he had given an interview to ABC prior to the accident. Tyson is currently banned from boxing for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in their World Boxing Association title fight on June 28, in Las Vegas.

The interview appeared on Monday's "Prime Time Live." In the interview, Tyson said, "I truly believe that, because no one gets punished more than I am."

Although Tyson can apply for reinstatement in July, he feels that he will be banned for life.

## SPORTS COMMENTARY

# Marv Albert gets off scot free if he's a good boy

By **JEREMY PIONTEK**  
Champion Editor

The trial may be over for Marv Albert, but the nightmare is just beginning. Albert's sentence has been suspended, and now lifted. Judge Benjamin Kendrick told Marv that if he behaves for the next 12 months, the case will be dismissed.

Albert pled guilty to a misdemeanor count of assault and battery involving Virginia woman, Vanessa Perhach.

Besides being out of a job for the time being, Marv Albert has become the media plaything of the moment. From being the brunt of many jokes (too tasteless to mention, of course), to being portrayed as a paper doll that web surfers can dress to their own specifications. Don't bother

begging for the Internet address either. My lips are sealed.

Also, look for Marv to be on the Late Night with David Letterman. CBS has slated the appearance for - guess when - Nov. 7. Right smack dab in the middle of sweeps week.

In an interview on the television tabloid show, Hard Copy, Albert's victim took the opportunity to assure Hard Copy anchor, Barry Nolan, that there was no way Marv could possibly survive in prison.

She also added that "he has been punished enough by all the media and everything that has come out about him."

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# National Football League

## 38 Carolina Panthers (5-4)

**14 Oakland Raiders (3-6)**  
The Panthers achieved a franchise record of five rushing touchdowns against the Raiders on Sunday. Rookie running back, Fred Lane replaced Tim Blakabutuka and ran for three touchdowns.

## 31 Tampa Bay Buccaneers (6-3)

**28 Indianapolis Colts (0-9)**  
Michael Husted kicked a 36-yard field goal with eight seconds left to give the Bucs the victory over the winless Colts. Trent Dilfer led the Bucs' offense with three touchdown passes.

## 31 Washington Redskins (5-4)

**8 Chicago Bears (1-8)**  
After missing two weeks with an injury, Terry Allen returned to the 'Skins and gained 125 yards on 20 carries. Gus Frerotte went 14 for 20 collecting 192 yards passing.

## 19 New York Jets (6-3)

**16 Baltimore Ravens (4-5)**  
The Jets sit alone on top of the AFC East division after defeating the Ravens on Sunday. John Hall kicked a 37-yard field goal in overtime to give the Jets their sixth win.

## 34 Atlanta Falcons (2-7)

**31 St. Louis Rams (2-7)**  
Morten Anderson kicked a 27-yard field goal with two seconds remaining in the game to give the Falcons their second victory of the year.

## 9 Buffalo Bills (5-4)

**6 Miami Dolphins (5-4)**  
The Bills' only offense came from Steve Christie's three field goals, but that was enough to give the Bills their second win in three weeks. Dan Marino left the game in the third quarter with a sprained ankle.

## 23 Minnesota Vikings (7-2)

**18 New England Patriots (5-4)**  
The Vikings won their fifth straight game marking the longest winning streak of coach Dennis Green's term in Minnesota. The Vikings won despite being without the NFC's second leading rusher Robert Smith.

## 17 San Francisco 49ers (8-1)

**10 Dallas Cowboys (4-5)**  
The 49ers came back from a 7-0 halftime deficit to win their eighth straight game. With the loss, the Cowboys drop two games behind NFC East leading New York Giants.

## 38 Cincinnati Bengals (2-7)

**31 San Diego Chargers (4-5)**  
The Bengals scored three touchdowns off of turnovers, including a 25-yard fumble return by John Copeland. The Bengals won their first game since opening day.

## 30 Denver Broncos (8-1)

**27 Seattle Seahawks (5-4)**  
Jason Elam's 22-yard field goal with 7:28 left in the game proved to be the game winner. John Elway became the third player in NFL history to gain 50,000 yards passing.

## 30 Jacksonville Jaguars (6-3)

**24 Tennessee Oilers (4-5)**  
After blowing fourth quarter leads in the two previous weeks, the Jaguars held on for a six-point victory against the Oilers. To seal a win, the Jags stopped the Oilers on fourth down with under 3:00 remaining.

## 31 Arizona Cardinals (2-7)

**21 Philadelphia Eagles (4-5)**  
Kent Graham replaced rookie Jake Plummer at quarterback and guided the Cardinals past the Eagles. The win ended the Cardinals six game losing streak.

— Brian Woolford

## Tennis aces NCA&T 5-2

In the tennis squad's final competition of its fall season, Liberty's team man-handled NCA&T with a 5-2 win Friday, Oct. 31.

After dropping his opening set, LU's Greg Scalzini took his match in three sets at the No. 1 position. Brett Clulow picked up an easy win in two sets at the Flames' No. 3 spot. Anthony Fleming lost his match on a third set tie breaker.

In doubles action, Clulow and Chris Devore came back from a 1-5 deficit to win 8-7 in a tiebreaker.



Ted Woolford  
**Greg Scalzini**

## W-soccer ends at 6-9-1

The Liberty University women's soccer team (6-12) ended its regular season Thursday, Oct. 30, with a 4-0 loss to Appalachian State (7-8-2).

LU's finish ties the school record (first established by the '89 Flames, 6-9-1) for most wins in the regular season. Liberty's six wins also equal the combined win total of the previous two seasons which shows the program's progression in the right direction.

The game versus Appalachian St. was a non-conference game, and Coach James Price rested some of his starters and injured reserves to make sure they'd be healthy for the Big South Tournament which starts Thursday, Nov. 6, at Radford, Va. The Lady Flames enter the Big South Tournament with a regular season conference record of 0-5.

— Matt Keenan

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# The Champion Sports

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## Meyer resigns from coaching

### Basketball head coach assumes new position

By LAURELEI MILLER  
Sports Editor

Just two weeks before the season opener, Liberty men's basketball Head Coach Jeff Meyer resigned, ending a 16 1/2 year tenure.

Meyer, 43, has turned in his clipboard and will be formulating a game-plan for the administrative realm. LU Director of Athletics Kim Graham announced that the former coach has assumed a new title at the university as Assistant to the President. Graham said that he, Meyer and Dr. John Borek, Jr. made the decision.

After nine years of service as Associate Head Coach of the men's team, Randy Dunton took over as interim head coach for the year. According to Graham, Liberty will search for a more permanent replacement at the "appropriate time." When

that time comes, he said, "We certainly hope (Dunton) applies."

Meyer's new role will involve assisting Dr. Borek in a number of athletic areas and working closely with Graham.

"My decision to accept this administrative position within the university structure has been made with much prayer and soul-searching. Although the timing could have been better, I do believe it is in the best interest of our players, the Liberty University Basketball program and my family. I look forward with great anticipation to working with Dr. Borek to enhance the Liberty Athletics program," Meyer said.

As head coach, Meyer guided a young program into the Top 115 of the country and enticed community support and involvement.

Under his leadership, Liberty basketball has produced 108 wins since joining the Big South Conference, a total exceeding that of any other program during that time-span.

Graham said of Meyer, "He's taken us from our infancy all the way to where we are." When Meyer came to Liberty in 1981, the university played at the NAIA level. His work helped advance the sports

program to Division II, and by 1989, Division I.

In his LU career, Meyer compiled a 259-206 record and led the Flames to the NCAA Tournament in 1994.

The Flames open their season Nov. 15, against Elon. Their schedule includes road dates with Wake Forest, Texas and Virginia, all of whom made last season's NCAA Tournament.



FILE PHOTO  
CENTER CIRCLE — After 16 1/2 years as Liberty men's basketball Head Coach, Jeff Meyer stepped down from coaching.

## Liberty men outrun BSC competitors in cross country meet

By MIKE DETMER  
Champion Reporter

The Liberty men's cross country team ran away with first place, and the Lady Flames' collective times earned a fourth place finish in the Big South Conference Cross Country Meet Saturday, Nov. 1. The meet was held at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., and the race was run in 65 degree weather on a wet course.

The moisture wasn't enough to deter the Liberty men from leading the pack that consisted of teams from UNC-Asheville, Radford, Coastal Carolina, UMB, Winthrop and Charleston Southern who finished after Liberty in that order.

In a competition where lower scores win, the Flames had 30 points; 25 less than the nearest contender, and 143 less than the last place team. Liberty's freshman standout Stephen Githuka led the field by running 8000m in 25:19.

In the individual men's competition, LU claimed the top three finishers. Githuka was followed by Chris McGregor (25:24) and Brian Kiprono (25:53). Flames runner Chuck Lyngaas came in fifth with a time of 26:14, and John Khan rounded out the five Flames team scorers with a 19th place finish in 27:12. Three other Liberty runners forged across the line at Khan's heels. One second and one place behind Khan came teammate Bruce Kite (27:13), and only two

seconds and two places behind Khan was fellow Flame Mike Zealand (27:15).

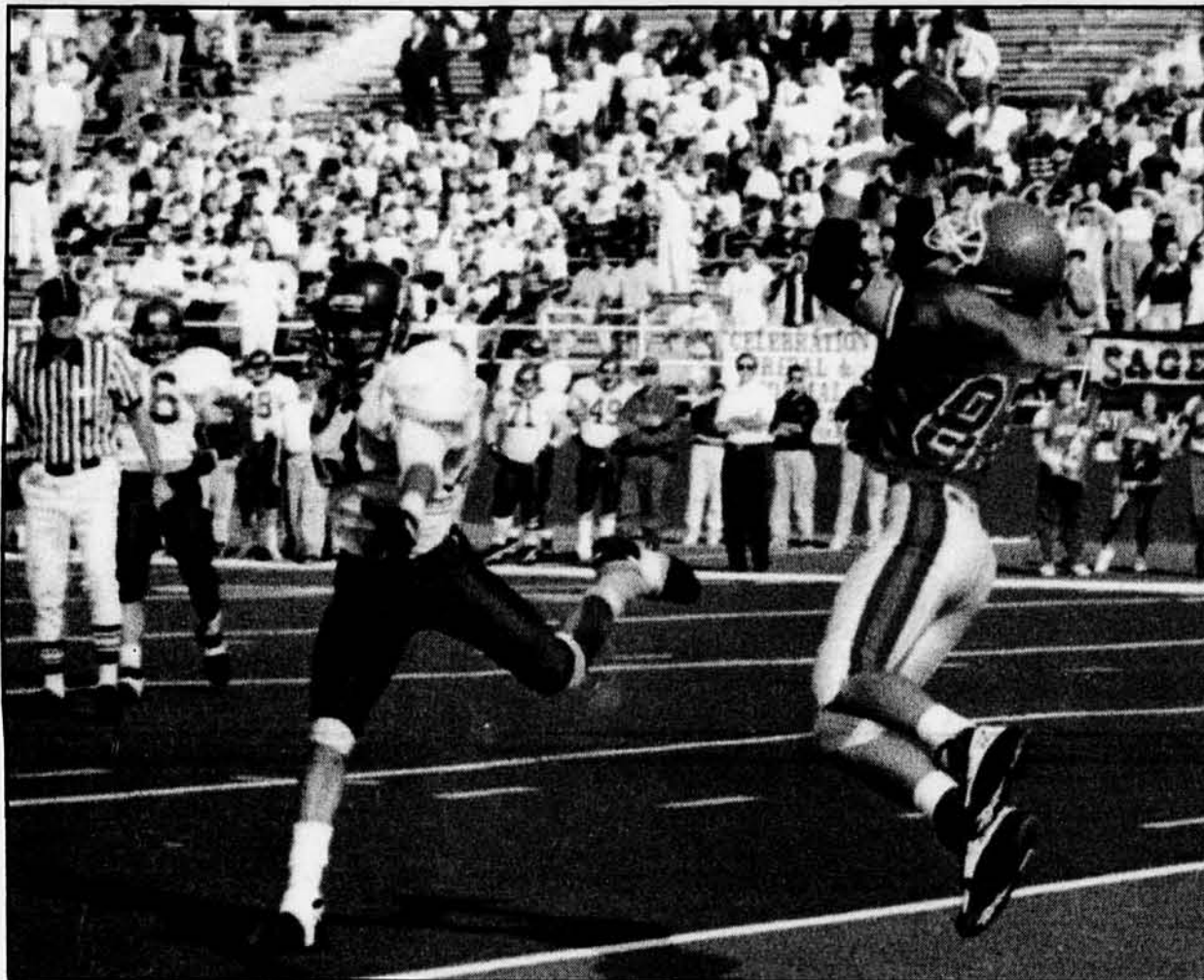
In the pack of 48 runners, Liberty finished six in the top 20, and came within two seconds of an entire men's squad top 20 finish.

The Lady Flames faced the same teams, but were bested by Coastal



PATRICK PAT  
GITHUKA TOOKA VICTORY — LU freshman Stephen Githuka crossed the finish first in the Big South cross-country meet.

Carolina, UNC-Asheville and Winthrop. Liberty's Amy Teer ran 5000m in 19:07 for the best Lady Flames finish (13th), while LU's Sommer Thorne, Megan Mayak, Cathy Williams and Chrystal Moyer all placed within the top 30.



TED WOOLFORD  
NO "BUTZ" ABOUT IT — Wide Receiver Robert Butz has been clutching catches all season for the Flames, but he caught his first two TD passes of the season in Saturday's game.

## Football toasts Cal Poly SLO

Flames soot Mustangs' undefeated record with 49-32 win

By LAURELEI MILLER and  
MATT SWINEHART

To secure the possibility of a ranking and keep playoff hopes alive, the Flames football squad (7-1) knew they'd need to muster a win over the nation's undefeated, 19th ranked Cal Poly SLO Mustangs.

The Flames tackled the task with confidence, and amassed a convincing, 49-32 victory. The drubbing marred CPSLO's perfect, seven-win season and gave the pollsters something to chew on.

"My feeling right now is that we've either got to be ranked or we

gotta change the rankers," Flames Head Coach Sam Rutigliano said.

Before the game, Rutigliano predicted that establishing an effective running game would be key to a Liberty win.

LU running back Stacey Nobles accumulated 125 rushing yards in the contest and scored two TDs (his 10th and 11th of the season.) His success forced the Mustangs to respect the Flames' ground attack and opened up the passing game.

All day, Liberty's Ben Anderson stood calm and collected in the pocket. He completed 17 of 29 pass attempts for 334 yards, five touch-

downs and two interceptions.

"Our offensive line was tremendous today," Anderson said. "There were two groups of people that won this game. One was defense, and the second group was the offensive line."

The Mustang score may appear weighty in comparison to other Flames defensive performances, but LU held Cal Poly under its 34 point average. And the Mustangs recently put 38 points on the board in a 13-point upset over the then 16th ranked Northern Iowa.

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## IMS presents a punt, pass and kick challenge

By MARK HOGSED  
Champion Reporter

Were you a high school football star who's now anxious to showcase some individual talent, and maybe see if you've still got it? Or maybe the backyard game was your proving ground and you've always wondered how you'd stack up to the uniforms. Here's your chance.

Liberty's Student Life department will host the first Liberty University Intramural Sports Football Challenge Saturday, Nov. 8, at 12:30 p.m. in Williams Stadium.

The contest will be similar to the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick competition, conducted at various high schools and junior high schools throughout the nation.

Rules will follow the same guidelines as the traditional NFL competition. Each participant will be judged on how far he can punt a football, throw a football and kick a football off a tee. The throw will also be judged for accuracy.

Eligibility for the challenge is the same as regular intramural foot-

ball. Any LU undergraduate student with no association to the football team in any way is eligible to participate.

"We will be the first college to pull this off," Student Life Activities Director Moose Pierce said.

Success in this competition could encourage the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) to set up similar competitions on other college campuses.

Pierce envisions the competition evolving into a community-wide event for kids, of all ages. "This (event) would bring Liberty athletics to the forefront in the community," Pierce said. "It would show that we aren't just involved on our campus and in churches, but active in the community."

Future plans also include other sports challenges. "I would love to see this go on to basketball, with a dunk contest and a three-point competition," Pierce added.

A \$2 entry fee is required for registration. Prizes will be awarded to winners. For more information, contact the intramural office at ext. 2129 or call INFO (4636).

## LU skaters deliver dual demolition

By PAUL PIERSON  
Champion Reporter

It took three years, but the Flames hockey team opened up the floodgates and drowned out Virginia Tech's Hokies Saturday night, Nov. 1. With a final score of 4-2, LU's conference record improves to 3-2 (4-6 overall).

On Halloween night, the Flames dealt a trick to Hampton Roads 7-4 and treated their way to, what center Bobby Zaal calls, "the most important game of the season."

In the first period versus Va.Tech, LU goalie Joe Barrette withstood the Hokie offense and stopped all but one shot. For the night, Barrette blocked 26 shots. Playing, what Liberty Head Coach Corrado Puglisi said was

— Please see Hockey, Page 12.



LEZAN CROSSBY  
ICE DANCING — Flames senior Stephen Clark busts a move on a pokey Hokie.



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### Support your local ... fire

**WARNING :** This column is about football ... Liberty football. I thought I'd announce that now, because for some of you, that's probably your cue to turn the page or return to your homework. Well, don't! I'm writing this to you.

Liberty's campus is swarming with sports fans. Loyal ones, crazy ones, loud ones. I know you're out there. I spend countless hours each week putting together a section just for you.

But, scanning the seats from my press box view last Saturday, I was perplexed. Why was the community side of the stadium twice as full as the student side? (One-fourth of which appeared to be band members).

Fans who missed the homecoming fireworks could've witnessed some Saturday ... if only they'd been there.

The Flames were pitted against the then No. 19, undefeated Cal Poly Mustangs, led by Alli Abrew, the country's top-rated passer. Sparks flew as LU soared to a 17-point blazing of a team that ousted the nation's No. 1 team, Youngstown State, just one week before.

Students complain about having nothing to do in Lynchburg and no money to do it with. Yet, they'll burn \$1.50 at Movies 10 without thinking twice. A Flames football game will drain, let's see ... zero dollars from your wallet.

I suspect our true fans are as few and far between as a Haley's Comet sighting (slight exaggeration). With some 5,500 students, wouldn't it be nice to see an occasional struggle for elbow room? Williams Stadium isn't that big.

We may not be Ohio State or Michigan, but we aren't too shabby. In fact, we're pretty good. Rutigliano's squad is well-deserving of a Division I-AA national ranking. They've only dropped one game all year, and that was a four-point overtime loss to Hampton, ranked 15th.

The gridiron boys are on the verge of making the playoffs for the first time in school history. Scores mount through team effort. It's hard to pick just one standout, 'cause so many do.

Defensive lineman Rodney Degrate is now LU's all-time sack leader with 19. Linebacker Jesse Riley has made 94 tackles in eight games. Wide receiver Courtney Freeman is just 203 yards shy of becoming Liberty's all-purpose yardage leader.

Quarterback Ben Anderson has been a model of efficiency. The senior has had seven 200-yard passing games, and is ranked 10th in the nation for passing efficiency.

The list could go on and on.

The Flames will need another great effort and plenty of fan noise to win against No. 15 Hofstra. In that matchup, you can count on plenty of scoring. Hofstra boasts the nation's most prolific offensive player, quarterback Giovanni Carmazzi.

The team was taunted early on for facing a weak schedule. How do you handle a weak schedule? Blow teams away. Check, did that. Five of their seven wins have been sizeable.

They make big plays, win games, eat turf. What more do the humble gridiron boys have to do to gain your attention and earn your respect? This could be a record-setting season. It's too bad so few students have actually witnessed it. Your last chance to be a part of the action is 1:30 p.m., Nov. 15, against Hofstra. Be there.