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# The Liberty Champion

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## Honoring an icon

Liberals dishonor King by pushing political agendas. **A4**

## What a girl wants

Life! finds what guys and girls want in a mate. **B5**



## ABA approves LU law school

By Alicia Wotring  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The American Bar Association granted the Liberty University School of Law provisional accreditation after a vote from the ABA House of Delegates yesterday at its mid-year meeting in Chicago.

"A school that is provisionally approved is entitled to all the rights of a fully approved law school," said Julie Napier, director of Public Affairs for the law school. "Graduates are entitled to the same recognition accorded graduates of fully approved schools."

That means Liberty law students may take their bar

examinations in any state in the country. The first class will graduate in May 2007.

The ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar voted at its Feb. 11 meeting to approve Liberty law school's provisional accreditation.

However, it needed the approval of the ABA House of Delegates to be ratified.

The law school opened in August 2004, and at only a year and a half old, this is the earliest possible date the school could have been approved.

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## LU hosts Schultze

By Angela Franulovich  
NEWS REPORTER

The 2006 speaker for the School of Communications' Ann Wharton Lecture Series on Feb. 9 said that "dysfunctional," was too light a term to describe his family life.

His mother was a schizophrenic and his father was a drunk.

But when he was about 6 years old, he said he did something that no one had ever taught him to do: he prayed. "God, please give me a real family."

The speaker then told the 109 students, faculty and staff members who gathered in the Executive Dining Hall to hear his lec-

ture, that God did not answer his prayer. At least not right away.

In fact, he said it seemed like his family life got nothing but worse. By the time Dr. Quentin Schultze was a teen, he said he was an "outsider" without a real family — and without a single friend.

But things would change. As a lonely outsider, Schultze enrolled at the University of Illinois. In a situation where many young people lose or question their faith, at a secular university, Schultze said he had the opposite experience.

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ADAM BISHOP

STANDING OVATION — Han Tan and Meredith Andrews were a huge hit for their duet about Tan's quest for a green card.

## And the award goes to...Coffee House

By Megan Joiner  
SPORTS EDITOR

Red carpet, flashing lights and a stage reminiscent of a classic movie palace greeted coffeehouse-goers in Hollywood style on Friday night, and the Vines Center was just as packed as any awards show. The 2006 Valentine's Coffee House was replete with original songs, covers, poetry, cartoons and videos.

"I came because I missed the Christmas one, and I heard it was a lot of fun, so I thought I would come and check it out," freshman Katie Rutter said.

Bosc opened the evening with their

song, "Will It Ever End." Like any other Hollywood event, there were awards for various acts. Bosc took the prize for "Best Repeat Performance." Ashway followed with a cover of Copeland's "California."

"It is fun to be able to play for your friends," Ashway keyboardist Bethany Silva said. "(But) it's petrifying. When you walk up there, all you see is the first three rows, but you know there's 5,000 people out there staring at you."

Other covers included Jimi Hendrix's "Red House" and Jack Johnson's "Flake."

The group that brought the most cheers from the audience was Flascal

Ratts, with their "Broken Road Medley," which included covers of Rascal Flatts' "Broken Road" and a Liberty Way version of "I Melt."

"Flascal Ratts was my favorite. He (the lead singer) sounded just like the original singer," freshman Kelly Good said.

Chesterton, led by Dan Dollar, performed an original song, "Restaurant Woman."

"I've never heard Dollar sing in my whole life, and I've known him since fifth grade," senior Patrick Allen said. "This is a side of him I've never seen."

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## Legacy tour goes to Greensboro

By Joanne Tang  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

As sleepy students filed onto a bus parked in the Reber-Thomas parking lot at 7 a.m., the threat of snow hung in the air, as forecasters were predicting anywhere from 3 to 5

inches to 10 inches. It didn't stop the students, who gathered to take a historical tour of Greensboro, N.C. The Black History Month Legacy Tour, sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Enrichment, took students on a guided tour through Greensboro, where thousands of important events

in African American history took place.

Sandra Alexander, a former professor at A&T University, and CEO of Greensboro Scenic Tours, led students on the tour. As the bus drove through the streets of memories past, Alexander pointed out several buildings and monuments. She began with background information about Greensboro, which is named after General Nathaniel Greene, who led troops in the Revolutionary War.

Students were in for a treat when three impersonators boarded the bus to educate students about the different historical figures that contributed to the civil rights movements in the 1800s and 1900s. The first impersonator was Catharine Coffin, who, with her husband Levi, used the Underground Railroad to help more than 3,000 slaves get to the North in the 1800s.

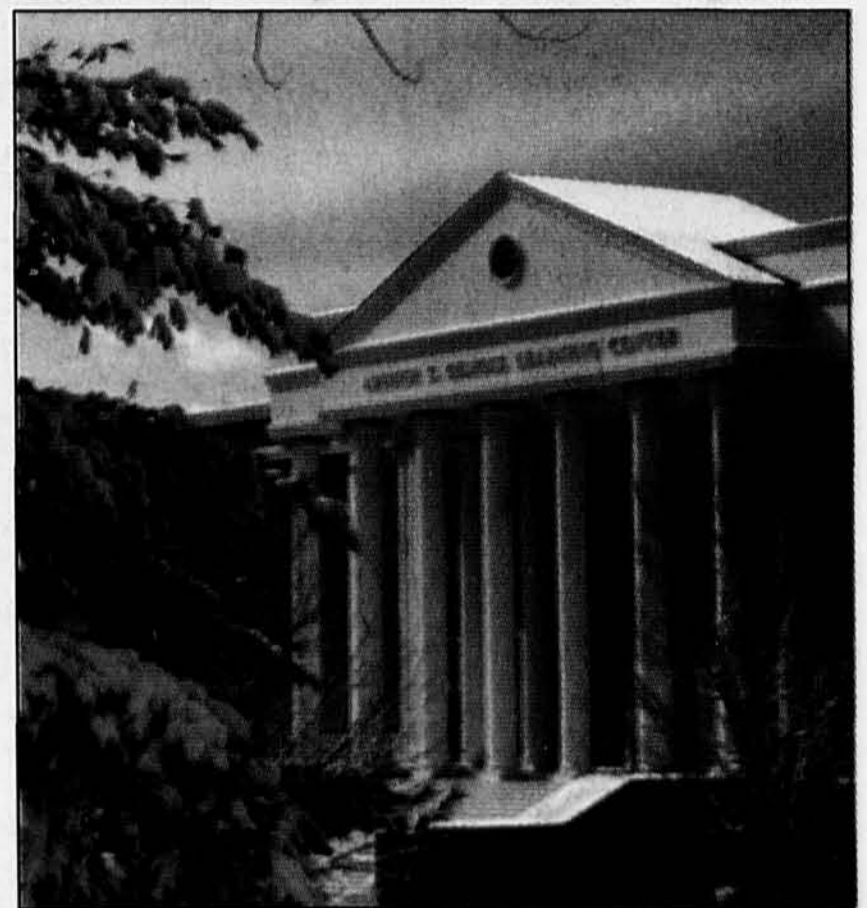


ADAM BISHOP

SHOW AND TELL — Tour guide Sandra Alexander accompanied the group.

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## Snow days at Liberty



ALEX TOWERS

THE GREAT BLIZZARD OF 2006 — Four to six inches of snow fell on Lynchburg Saturday. Campus events stayed on schedule, except for the hockey game.



starring aaron bennett

Dear Establishment,  
I am writing to inform you of the following – you win again. Two days ago, after an onslaught of brightly colored bits of paper delicately placed beneath my vehicle's rain-safety instruments, I gave in. I broke. For those of you just joining the program, last week I talked about my happy little feud with the on-campus police department. I signed off swearing never to relent in my refusal to register my motor vehicle, to the

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immense pleasure of many of those who personally understand my pain (and conversely, to the immense chagrin of rational folks everywhere).  
However, by Wednesday, my pride to the wind, I walked into LUPD's North Campus office, registration information in hand. Yes, I may have relented my rebel spirit, I may have surrendered a tad of my James Dean, bad-boy mystique, but at least now I can dance in the freedom light my decal now affords. Watch out upper P-1, here I come. I'm glad to be one more step away from an angry parental phone call, but I'll admit, I'm going to miss those daily reminders that someone – anyone at all – cares enough to leave a handwritten note. In an age of Facebook, there was a certain intimacy to those tickets that, I'll admit, I still find myself looking for.

And now I'll get down to business. This article debuts on one of the happiest and milk-chocolatiest days of all – that of St. Valentine. Or as my mother has come to call it – "Are you married yet?" I won't lay the blame completely upon Mom. She always said she raised her five sons to be good fathers – something that is entirely contingent upon marital companionship ...

well, let's hope. Again, I digress.  
However, the fact that I am single seems to agonize no one more than my 8-year-old brother. Upon my last visit to the home- stead, my brother took it upon himself to join the ranks of Dwayne Carson, Joshua Harris and every roommate I've ever had. He began giving me relationship advice.  
"You know what I think?" he began.  
"Pokeman truly IS more relevant than Ninja Turtles in this crazy postmodern society?" I answered.

He ignored my attempt at bridging the generational gap and forged ahead with his probing quandary. "I think you would have been married by now," he paused, before unleashing the kicker, "if you hadn't have gotten dumped." I flinched as my brother casually referenced my earlier semester and a dating relationship gone ... short.  
"Thanks, buddy," was all I could muster.  
"You know what else?" he said. "I think I'll be married by the time I'm 21 ... or maybe even 20." His eyes glinted with an unholy glee as he mentioned the last part.

Taking the bait, I allowed him to continue. "Why's that?" I asked. His smirk broke into a gleaming grin. "Because I'm so cute." I laughed. But not at what he said. I laughed because in three to four years years, my little brother will hit puberty. Let him have his fun, because soon he'll know what it's like to be me. There is justice in the world.

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# Building a prayer at LU

Editor's note: This is the first in a series about the "People behind the Buildings" and the history of Liberty University.

By Alicia Wotring  
EDITOR IN CHIEF



As you enter the doors of the prayer chapel, a small, weathered plaque reads, "The R.C. Worley Prayer Chapel, 'Pray without ceasing.'"

While many of the buildings at Liberty are dedicated to the financial donors who made the building possible, this one is a testament to the prayer life of the late Robert Crawford "R.C." Worley Sr., a charter member and visitation pastor at Thomas Road Baptist Church. The prayer chapel was built in 1981 and in 1988 was dedicated to Worley, who was known by the members of TRBC simply as "the Prayer Warrior."

"He was a very friendly person," history professor Dr. Cline Hall and TRBC member

said. "He always made you feel welcome." He was a beloved member of Thomas Road, affectionately called "Brother Worley," and the Old Time Gospel Hour signed off each program with a frame of his picture.

In addition to being a visitation pastor at TRBC, he led prayer meetings at the church. According to archives in the Jerry Falwell Museum, one of his most distinguishing features was a "deep, resonant voice" that inspired people at prayer meetings.



WORLEY

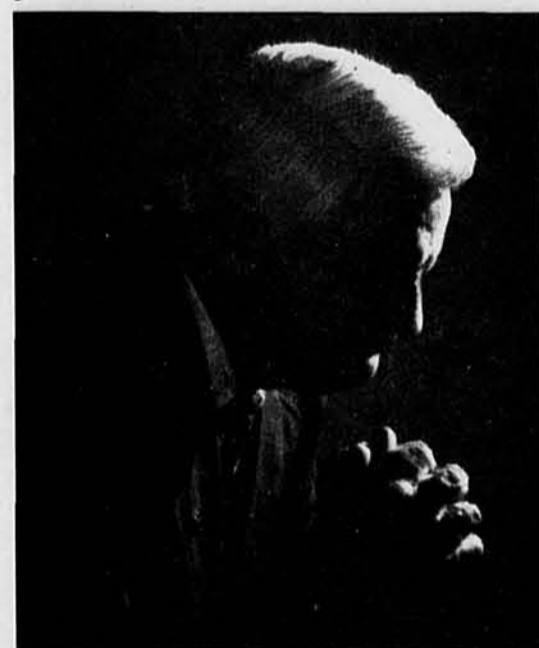
TRBC Pastor Dave Randlett said Worley had a "big, booming bass voice and everybody on the hall (where he made hospital visits) knew when Brother Worley was there."

He was also known for his humility. Worley would often say, "I am just a clay vessel that God uses."

According to the archives, Dr. Jerry Falwell "summarized the love, respect and honor that hundreds feel toward this meek soul-winner with these words: 'Brother Worley, you are the godliest man I've ever known.'"

"He loved the Lord and he loved people, and that's a good combination," Charlie Harbin, a visiting pastor at Thomas Road who worked with Worley, said. "We miss him. We talk about him even now."

Worley and his wife Lillian (Moorman) Worley had four sons and four daughters. He was a native Virginian, born in Amherst County, and came from a blue-collar background. He worked on the railroad and then retired from the Sta-Kleen Bakery where he drove a bread truck. He was saved in his 40s at Mumford Street Baptist Church. It was roughly 10 years later that he became a charter member at TRBC, where he served until his death in 1992. He died at the age of 87.



LES SCHOFER

THE PRAYER WARRIOR — The prayer chapel bears the name of "Brother" R.C. Worley, a visitation pastor and "prayer warrior" at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

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# Morrison publishes second book, gets philosophical

By Jason deBruyn  
NEWS REPORTER

Books fill his bookshelves and even overflow on to the floor, desk and any unsuspecting chairs that might be in the Religion Hall office of Dr. John Morrison, who admits that his spiritual gift is not that of administration. Although his office might not be very tidy, he always has his thoughts in order and would love to share them, or discuss any of the books on his shelves with a student who wanders his way.

Not only does Morrison enjoy reading books, he enjoys writing them, as well. Along with numerous articles and reviews, Morrison already has a book in publication

under the title "Knowledge of the Self-Revealing God in the Thought of Thomas Forsyth Torrance," which was published in 1997 and examined the philosopher Torrance's views on Christianity and religion. Since 1996, Morrison has been researching ways to expound on this book, attempting to explain in detail some of the questions for thought that it created.

The main question left unanswered in his previous book asked: "Why is it that in post-enlightenment times (there is) a

tendency to understand God's revelation as separate from Scripture and from history?"

Since then, Morrison has been answering that question in detail on a chapter-by-chapter basis through papers he has written that he presents to evangelical societies around the nation. At these societies, other professors would help Morrison adjust his papers until he was satisfied with them and store each chapter until all was finished.

MORRISON



Morrison has been able to finish

a paper (or chapter) at the rate of approximately one chapter per year, which left him with eight chapters and one appendix when he felt as though he had adequately answered the question. At this point he was able to come up with a new dualistic model to view God's revelation based on the teachings of Torrance, Descartes, Newton, Calvin and other philosophers who could have a serious effect on modern theology and evangelical thinking.

After graduating from the University of Montana and doing his Ph.D. work at the University of Virginia, Morrison has been at Liberty University since 1983 and he says that Liberty is the perfect place for him to research impor-

tant theological topics alongside professors, such as Dr. Gary Habermas and others in order to try to understand Christianity a little better.

Morrison's new book, "Has God Said? Scripture, the Word of God and the Crisis of Theological Authority," will be released sometime in late spring of 2006 after it goes through the final revisions. For those who are interested in reading the book, it will be available at the Liberty University bookstore once it is released.

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# Students celebrate purity

By Kari Mitchell  
NEWS REPORTER

It's Valentine's Day. For many couples, plans have been set, flowers have been ordered and reservations have been made. It's going to be the perfect evening spent with that significant other.

Before getting too carried away with the evening, let this be a reminder that today is also the third annual Day of Purity.

The theme is I Timothy 4:12, which says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" (NIV).

It can be difficult to remain pure in a culture where sex covers the media and tolerance is taught instead of traditional Christian values. According to the Day of Purity Web site, [www.dayofpurity.org](http://www.dayofpurity.org), the message that young people are being sent is that sex is okay under all circumstances. This message can be heard through popular media outlets such as television, music and magazines.

"It portrays sex as just a physical thing, sometimes mixed with feeling. The thing is, media forgets that sex also spiritually connects you with your partner," said freshman Angelica Alecio.

According to [dayofpurity.org](http://dayofpurity.org), about 8,000 American teens will be infected by an STD each day and over 1 million teenage girls will become pregnant each year. "It is sad and scary" to think how many of those pregnancies

will become abortions and how quickly the STDs will spread because the teens most likely will not know they have one," said Alecio.

"The Day of Purity is a day on which students can make a public demonstration of their commitment to remain sexually pure, in mind and actions," states the organization's Web site. This is the day that is reserved for students across the country who are striving for sexual purity in a society that rejects traditional values. Students are encouraged to get involved and take a stand on the issue of purity to bring restoration to a culture in which so many teens practice sexual promiscuity.

"Teens turn to sexual promiscuity for several reasons," said junior Ryan Jeffers. "Generally, teens have a low self-esteem, so the fact that someone wants them sexually fulfills their need to be wanted."

Junior Ryan Peake stressed the need to stay focused on God. "The Bible says to set your mind on things above, not on things of this world. If you're focused on worldly things, all your time and energy will be spent chasing after those things and you'll end up pushing God to second priority," he said.

Those who want to make a public statement are encouraged to wear the Day of Purity T-shirt or a plain white T-shirt. Wrist bands are also available. To purchase a T-shirt or a wristband, visit section 102 in the Vines Center.

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# Schultze: Answering God

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"I found God," said Schultze. Schultze said that he was befriended by a group of college students who treated him well. The students, it turned out, were Christians. They shared the gospel with Schultze and before long, Schultze said he felt the call of the Holy Spirit.

"I had to answer. (And) I had to say yes," said Schultze.

Schultze said he had enrolled in college to study advertising "for selfish reasons...to make lots of money."

But God had other plans. Schultze said his new faith and friends, coupled with his communication classes, "became a laboratory."

"I had no idea what a glorious thing simple day-to-day communication could be," said Schultze.

Schultze said it was this appreciation for simple communication, so lacking in his birth-family, that ultimately ignited his deep passion for Christian communication.

Following his years of undergraduate study, Schultze said that God ultimately answered his youthful prayer for a real family: he married, had his own children, joined the family of God. And instead of remaining an outsider, Schultze became a leader.

"His scholarly achievements in communication are legendary," said Dr. Michael Graves, professor of communication at Liberty University.

Schultze earned a Ph.D. in Communication and has published eight books, such as "Communicating for Life" and

"Living Virtuously in the Information Age," and numerous articles. He is currently a professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Schultze said he came for the lecture series in order to encourage Liberty faculty members to work with other communication faculties "for the common good."

"Many (communication) programs at Christian colleges are reinventing the wheel," said Schultze.

Based on the axiom that every Christian is a communicator, Schultze said that the most common impediment to effective Christian communication is sending un-targeted messages.

"Christians often don't do a good job of understanding the audience they are addressing. They focus on the message without learning how to express it to a specific audience. The world is culturally complex. We have to engage these cultures to understand what the people in them value in order to adapt our message," said Schultze.

The Ann Wharton Lecture Series began in 2004. According to promotional material, it was "designed to give students an opportunity to interact with individuals who model professional scholarship." The series was named in honor of Ann Wharton, the first chair of Liberty's Department of Communications Studies.

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CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN — A museum coordinator speaks to students about the life of the educator who helped over 1,000 students.

ADAM BISHOP

# Greensboro: Discovering history

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Harmon Unthank, a former slave who became an integral part of Quaker Yardley Warner's establishment of Warnersville, the first black community in Greensboro, was the second guest. The third actor impersonated Dr. Willa B. Player, the first female president of Bennett College for Women. Player was also the only person to invite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to speak at Bennett in 1958 when the rest of Greensboro wouldn't allow him to speak.

At the Greensboro Historical Museum, students saw a permanent exhibit on O Henry, the famous short story writer, who was born in

Greensboro. It also featured a room devoted to Greensboro native Dolley Madison, wife of James Madison, fourth president of the United States.

A small brick building on Burlington Road is only one part of a 40-acre lot that houses the museum dedicated to Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. Brown, famous for establishing the Palmer Memorial Institute, educated more than 1,000 students from the school's inception in 1902. Students watched a brief video about Brown's life, and then heard about Brown's life from a museum guide.

The students dined at the United House of Prayer for All People, where they enjoyed a soul

food lunch, which included choice of steak, pork chops, or chicken, green beans and cornbread.

In historical downtown Greensboro, students stretched their legs as they took photos outside the famous F.W. Woolworth building, where in 1960, four A&T University students sat at a lunch counter open only to white people. When they faced discrimination, they brought back more supporters and the crowd eventually increased to 400. The demonstrators helped to launch similar protests in other areas, leading to the eventual integration of restaurants.

"I was really impressed with the Greensboro sit-ins," said junior Elma Diggs. She said students

don't always get to stand up for their beliefs, and it was important these students did.

Even though the weather left little to be desired, the group was in high spirits as they traversed through the culturally rich past of a monumental city.

"I discovered so much about black history that I never knew about," said freshman Leah Hird. "I found identity."

The Center for Multicultural Enrichment hopes to plan more trips such as this in the future, to spread the wealth of knowledge, and give students a bigger glimpse of an interesting past.

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# Students head to Washington, D.C. for CPAC

By Erin Fitch  
OPINION WRITER

Thousands of politically savvy conservatives from around the nation descended upon Washington's Omni Shoreham Hotel this weekend for the 33rd annual Conservative Political Action Conference, hosted by the American Conservative Union. With 136 in number, Liberty University students were by far the largest group in attendance at CPAC.

The conference is the nation's largest summit for conservative political activists, and this year boasted a star-studded lineup of some of the most famous names in the conservative movement: Vice President Dick Cheney, Newt

Gingrich, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity, Republican senators George Allen (Va.), Bill Frist (Tenn.) and Rick Santorum (Pa.) and many more.

Liberty University's Distance Learning Program and Graduate Studies Program showed up as exhibitors, along with 125 other conservative organizations offering students and activists more information about and opportunities in the conservative movement. Among the most popular exhibits were those such as the Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, Townhall.com, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute and The Washington Times.

A major theme at CPAC this year was support for the conservative val-

ues of family and faith. Several keynote speakers used their time at the conference to boldly address and honor these ideals, making a significant impact on Liberty students.

For junior Matt Hafeli, Senate Majority leader Bill Frist was one of those speakers. "He was very pro-conservative, Christian family values," said Hafeli. "He said he was going to bring the marriage amendment before the Senate in June and also wants to pass legislation to require parental notification for abortion for a minor."

Senior Ben O'Donnell favored Sen. Rick Santorum for similar reasons. The Pennsylvania senator promoted his recently published book, *It Takes A Family*, on the first day of the conference. "Senator Santorum's not afraid to openly discuss Christian morals and ethics," said O'Donnell.

However, the conference was not met without religious controversy among its political activists. Pro-American Muslim alliances, such as the Muslim Public Affairs Council and Muslims for Bush, brought messages of peace in an effort to open channels of discussion about nonviolent Muslim public policy. Outspoken words issued by Ann Coulter on Friday regarding Islamic terrorists nevertheless instigated heated discussion between students regarding freedom of speech between political commentators and Muslim groups.



MAN OF THE HOUR — Dr. Ergun Caner holds a Q and A session after making a surprise visit.

ERIN FITCH

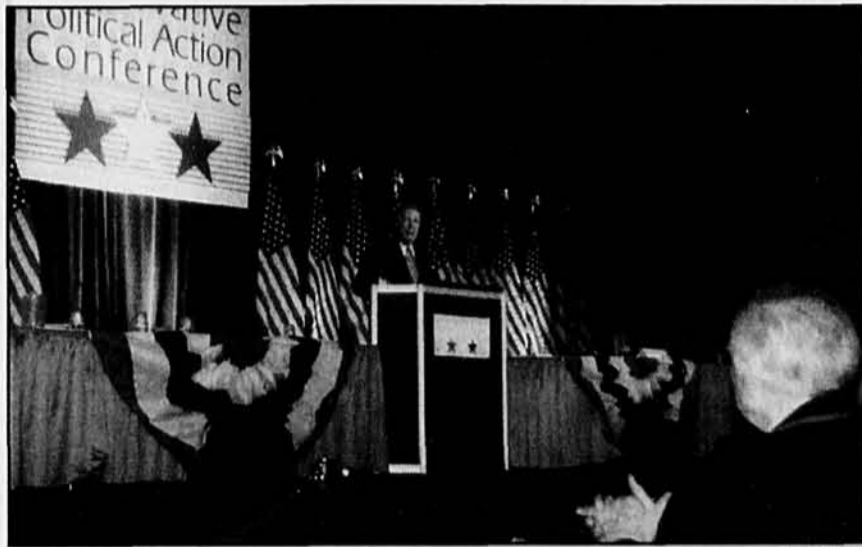
In addition, Dr. Ergun Caner, dean of Liberty Theological Seminary and a former Muslim, made a surprise visit to the conference Friday night. Caner, in partnership with the Christian Action Network, spoke during a session to inform CPAC-goers of the threat of Muslim groups promoting violence and terrorism within American borders. "The threat is real... and I believe it's time to start asking the hard questions," said Caner, shedding light on the various doctrines of Muslim jihad, or "holy war."

Two Liberty students were given the opportunity to directly participate in the conference from their summer internship experiences. Senior Kim Casey served as an intern for the American Conservative Union and helped the organization host the conference.


Also, Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute intern senior Meredith McLain contributed to the group's annual CPAC luncheon on Saturday by offering the public prayer.

Inclement weather forced the Liberty group to leave early for Lynchburg, regrettably missing the final day of the conference. Forecasts of Saturday's snowstorm raised concern for students' safety, and group members found themselves quickly packing their bags for a swift departure from Washington at 11 p.m. Friday night. Even so, students were able to walk away with an invigorated sense of political activism and awareness from their experiences at the conference.

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PODIUM POWER — Senate Majority Whip and senator of Kentucky Mitch McConnell speaks.



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# OPINION

*"We knew her husband only as a young man. But we knew Mrs. King in all the seasons of her life, and there was grace and beauty in every season."*

George H. W. Bush

CORETTA SCOTT KING'S FUNERAL, FEB. 7, 2006

## Honoring an Icon

### Liberals politicize Coretta Scott King's funeral



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Nearly two weeks ago America lost a civil rights icon, Coretta Scott King. Her funeral was last week in Georgia, with the President and three of his predecessors in attendance. One would think that this funeral would be a celebration of the life and accomplishments of King, but in their typical fashion, prominent liberal leaders took this occasion to take a cheap shot at the President.

Former President Jimmy Carter and Rev. Joseph Lowery, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were the main offenders. Both attacked the President during their allotted time instead of focusing on the late King. Lowery referenced not finding any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, while Carter said, "We only have to recall the color of the faces of those in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi ... Those who were most devastated by Katrina know that there are not yet equal opportunities for all Americans. It is our responsibility to continue their crusade."

It is no question that what happened in the Gulf Coast is a tragedy, but to completely blame it on the President is moronic. The government cannot just write a check. There are certain procedures it has to go through to meet legal

requirements. The federal government doesn't take over a states operation unless it is asked to do so. If anyone were to blame, it would be the mayor and governor of Louisiana, who waited until the disaster had struck before asking for help. Race did not kill those innocent Americans, dependency did.

The crowd applauded every stab that the former president took. My question is how does this honor the memory of King? It is well known that she sided with Democrats on most issues and that she was a regular contributor to their campaigns, but was her funeral the place to publicly humiliate the President? King and her husband brought hope to millions of black Americans and truly represented what American rights should be.

President Bush was forced to sit and smile as Carter claimed that King had to succumb to secret government wire tapping "violating their civil liberties." The crowd promptly applauded and cheered the former president, completely embarrassing President Bush. What Carter forgot to mention is that while the Kings were leading the civil rights movement and under surveillance, Democrats were in the White House with Lyndon Johnson as president.

The crowd that gathered also shamed the late King by applauding and encouraging the speakers. There was one point that the crowd was so loud, you could not hear the speech. This group was not mourning; they were so filled with hate for the President that they forgot why they were there. I cannot remember a funeral where the mourners

clapped for the speaker or where the speaker used the opportunity as a political platform.

Bush reacted with class, embracing Lowery and honoring the King name, but unfortunately he had no other choice. If he even thought about making a political statement, he would have been chased out of the room and accused of being insensitive, disrespectful and racist. But of course a jab from the Left is completely OK. Carter knew what he was doing and took the free chance to kick Bush while his hands were tied.

The mainstream media has been slow, if they are doing anything at all, to condemn the onslaught of criticism. Instead they are ignoring or burying the comments. CNN.com was kind enough to include a couple paragraphs, and titled them "The political edge," and almost glorified the statements that were made. I am not one to cry bias at every article or TV clip, but this ignoring of the truth is outrageous.

The Kings stood not for what America was, but for what it should be, a country where all are equal, white or black, but now the lines have been redrawn. Instead, political ideas are what separate us, and we cannot seem to put them aside to even honor a woman who devoted her life to spread the dream of equality. Carter disgraced the King name and voided the point of this celebration. Coretta Scott King deserved honor and respect at her funeral, not political bickering.

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-LESLIE PARAMYTHERN

## SpeakUp: What do you think NASA and our space program?



"It was no Packers game, but the Steelers were pretty awesome!"

-Katie Harris, Soph. Middleton, Wis.



"It was really good, too bad the Panthers weren't in it."

-Chris Brooks, Sr. Bristol, Va.



"I am from Pittsburgh, so I thought it was great. The refs did a good job in my eyes."

-Matt Henzler, Sr. Pittsburgh, Penn.



"I thought the game was exciting and entertaining to watch."

-Tiffany Gresh, Fr. Berlin Center, Ohio



"I was glad the Steelers won, but the officiating was horrendous."

-Chris Carter, Sr. Salem, Va.



"I thought the game was boring. It has some good moments, but overall, just boring."

-Rell Porter, Soph. Pittsburg, Texas

# COMMENTARY

## Sex offenders need prison sentences, rehabilitation

Now more than ever, there is a growing epidemic in America where men are free to prey on young girls and boys through the Internet. A month ago, NBC's Dateline set up their third investigation to expose men who search the Internet for sex with children.



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With the help of volunteers from Perverted Justice, a group who poses as children on the Internet to catch online predators, Dateline was able to coax the men into a home with multiple hidden cameras. Volunteers posed as 13- or 14-year-old decoys online and asked the men to come to the side of the home through the kitchen where they could meet. But instead of meeting the decoy, the men came face to face with host Chris Hansen. Unlike other investigations that Dateline held where men were able to leave the home free of charges, this time there were police officers waiting. Sgt. Chad Bianco and his men waited in a mobile home parked in the driveway next door ready to cuff the men and drive them to a temporary booking station where they would be charged with the felony of child molestation.

Within the three-day sting operation in Southern California, 51 men were arrested, a record breaking number. Bianco told Dateline, "I did not expect this many suspects arriving at the house." Michelle Paradise, deputy district attorney said on the program, "I was surprised by how many came in just that period of time. It was alarming. What is happening down the street? What is happening around the corner? What is happening within our country?"

What is even more alarming is that the men arrested do not fall in the typical stereotype of online predators. The investigation has shown the most ethnically diverse and widest age range from 19- to 65-year-olds. Paradise said, "It does not surprise me at all that they are from all walks of life." She also commented that it is also a problem in every socio-economic group, as well. Men pulled up to the hidden-camera house in everything from junky station wagons to top of the line Mercedes Benz and had jobs ranging from

janitor, to actor, to a high school teacher.

Once inside the hidden-camera home and coming face to face with the Chris Hansen, the men began lying about why they were there and what the age of the person was that they were meeting. Excuses ranged from a man meeting someone about a home for sale, to a tutoring session. Several men tried to run but ended up in the hands of the officers waiting outside. A number of men tried to justify what they were doing and held to their belief that their desires and fantasies are not wrong. Other men broke down and admitted that what they were doing was wrong.

What is so disturbing about the Dateline investigation is not that so many men were caught in the felony of child molestation, but that a great number of them had a lengthy rap sheet which contained many more felony charges from their past. When high school teacher Walter Babst was confronted, he responded, "I need you to arrest me and take me to jail and execute me." Two days after bailing out of jail, Babst was back in his classroom teaching. It was six days later when officers and Babst's lawyer contacted the school that he was suspended without pay. Students were not surprised; many commented that Babst had a history of sexual advances and misconduct. Of the 50 men arrested, the vast majority of them were registered sex offenders.

Specialists around our country are now going on record saying these sex offenders, especially those who are addicted to the Internet, are able to be reformed. District Attorney Paradise believes that most men sign onto the Internet within an hour after being released from prison. Dr. Fred Berlin, founder of John Hopkins Sexual Disorders Clinic, recently conducted a five-year study where 600 registered sex offenders received intensive treatment. Less than 10 percent of the men treated were arrested again for a sex crime. Berlin told Dateline, "There's nothing about prison alone that will erase those cravings or enhance their capacity to successfully resist acting upon them, so unless we

have both a strong criminal justice component and a strong public health component, in my judgment we're doing society tremendous disservice." Just look at the case of Mark Hulett in which Judge Edward Cashman sentenced him to 60 days for sexually abusing a child because he wanted to allow for Hulett to receive treatment that was not available behind bars. Cashman was attacked because of his light sentencing and state prosecutors brought the trial back to court persuading Cashman to reconsider. At his first sentencing, Cashman said the best way to ensure public safety was to get Hulett out of prison so he could receive sex offender treatment. Because the Corrections Department concluded that Hulett wasn't likely to re-offend, he wouldn't be eligible to receive sex-offender treatment until he reached the end of his jail term. After the second hearing, Cashman remained steadfast in his decision. However, he later changed the sentence to a minimum of three years.

Our country's criminal justice system not only has to be stronger when it comes to sentencing sex offenders, but it needs to provide both immediate treatment within a prison and long-term treatment outside of prison. Prevention is

the key when it comes to stopping any form of criminal activity. Sex crimes are no exception. If our justice system does not find new ways of preventing sex offenders from repeated offenses, the epidemic will continue to grow and will affect all social, economic and age groups. We cannot simply put the offenders behind bars and allow them to be released just as they were when they entered prison. Nor can we allow for offenders the reward of going unpunished to receive outside treatment. We need to formulate a plan that will both punish and prevent future sex crimes. Dateline's exposure and arrest of 51 men in three days should be evidence enough that our country has not faced the reality of sexual offenders in America.

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## Health savings accounts a good option for insurance

In an age where more and more expect the government to take care of them, the Bush administration is on the offensive and encouraging Americans to take more initiative in privatized programs.



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Specifically, it's become apparent that the old health care system is a dragging behemoth of bureaucracy, struggling under its own weight, dropping customers as insurance premiums skyrocket. "For all Americans, we must confront the rising cost of care ... and help people afford the insurance coverage they need," President Bush said in his State of the Union address.

About one in six Americans are uninsured, a weighty statistic burdening the shoulders of Washington reformers. As one of the wealthiest nations in the world, it is unacceptable to let so many citizens go without healthcare. The Left wing demands a new system to provide equal health benefits to all, a system similar to Canada's. Unfortunately, the very thought of such a system churns my stomach and makes me shudder — does anyone remember the atrocious attempt to do so in 1993 with HillaryCare?

But there is a better solution than expanding federal programs and sacrificing the free market at the altar of socialism. Health savings accounts, coupled with higher-deductible insurance policies, serve consumers as a much-

needed alternative to the growing inefficiency of regular insurance coverage.

Health savings accounts, or HSAs, were created by the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. To qualify for an HSA, an individual must first have a high deductible health plan, or HDHP, which you can purchase privately or through your employer. An HDHP is a type of health insurance that requires its customers to pay most medical costs until they reach a certain deductible. By law, the minimum deductible is \$1,050 for individuals and \$2,100 for families. HSAs are savings accounts specifically designed to pay for those medical costs before patients reach the deductible.

A number of things make HSAs attractive to individuals, such as their low premium costs, especially compared to regular insurance plans. Also, President Bush is working to create a tax-break for the cost of premiums to those with HSAs. Furthermore, an HSA allows its customers a great deal more freedom in how their money is invested. In contrast to a regular insurance policy or a flexible spending account, the amount left over in an HSA at the end of the year can roll over to the next year and build up over time much like a retirement plan. In this way, the customer keeps their investment and doesn't have to pay taxes on income put towards the HSA. With a regular insurance policy, the insured can make costly payments on premiums, and in the case of a healthy customer, that's money they spend and never see again.

Many HSA customers also have the facility of using their accounts with a bank-issued debit or credit card for small, everyday medical expenses. Because customers have to use

their own funds until they reach the deductible, frivolous health care costs and doctor's visits will dramatically reduce. In times of catastrophe, the patient will only have to pay up to the deductible on their plan, and then allow the insurance policy to take care of expensive emergency medical services after that point.

Since being enacted in the 2003 legislation, HSAs have soared in popularity, already boasting more than 3 million participants. Of those participants, nearly a third were previously uninsured. Each month, over 50,000 new plans are created, and financial institutions are quickly creating programs to help their customers gain access to HSAs. According to DiamondCluster, a management consulting firm, by 2010, over 25 million HSAs will be in existence, with an accumulation of \$75 billion in assets. As a result, banking companies such as JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo have joined with healthcare providers, prudently taking advantage of the lucrative consumer-driven health plan frontier.

HSAs are an excellent alternative to regular insurance policies, not to mention an efficient tool to combat the rising costs of health care. The program also serves as testimony to the President's pro-active effort of putting money back into the hands of American families and bridling the ever-increasing role of government in private citizens' lives. As financial institutions continue to work with health care companies to bring about greater facility for HSA-usage, more Americans will be able to enjoy them as an investment.

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# Coffee House: Glitz and glamour

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The evening not only gave singers and poets a chance to showcase their talents, but a cartoon and several videos were sub-



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ENTERTAINMENT — Several students played.

mitted for broadcasting over the jumbo screens.

"Flascall Ratts was great, but they had competition with the LU cartoon. It had dorm eight in it. Dorm eight for life, baby!" sophomore Brett Merritt said.

The cartoon satirized life on campus, poking fun at Johnnie Moore, Ergun Caner, Danny Lovett and various Liberty students.

Better than Yesterday, the dance group that stole the show at Christmas Coffee House with their choreography to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," performed to a mix that included Fall Out Boy's "Dance, Dance."

They won the award for Best Choreography.

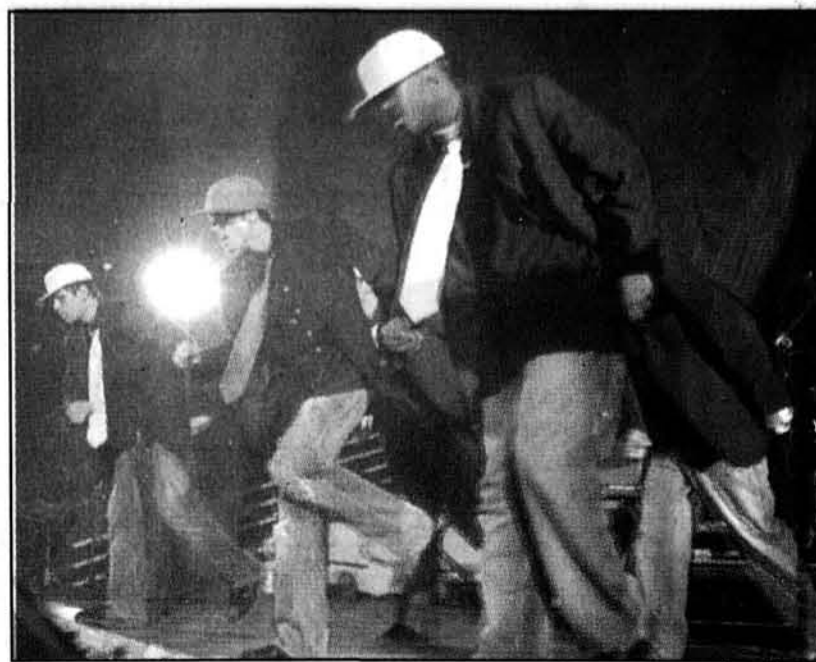
Another repeat performer that brought the crowd to its feet was

Malaysian student Han Tan. Tan, who is best remembered for singing "I'm dreaming of a White Woman" at Christmas Coffee House 2004, did not let the audience down.

"Most people think of love as pink, but I think of it as green," Tan said. He then began singing an original song that began, "I will give you my heart, if you give me a green card."

Halfway through the performance, Meredith Andrews joined Tan to form a duet, saying that she would gladly give him a green card, but wondering if she would have to cook wonton soup for him.

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DANCE, DANCE — Better than Yesterday puts on smooth moves at Coffee House. They did a mix that included Fall Out Boy's "Dance, Dance."

## Focus on fitness with LU health seminar

By Tanya Whelley  
NEWS REPORTER

Student Life's Fitness Department is hosting its second annual Fitness Seminar Feb. 21 from 5:30-9 p.m. at the LaHaye Student Center. Guest speakers include Liberty University's own Marci DeWitt, James Schoffstall and Dr. David Horton, all of whom will be speaking on the importance of exercise and healthy living.

"The purpose of this year's Fitness Seminar is to convey why it is so important to exercise and also what is the most effective way to exercise," said Director of Fitness Jennie Krause.

Unlike last year's seminar, which was aimed only at women, this year's seminar is open to both males and females.

"This seminar will be packed with invaluable information from three very knowledgeable, seasoned speakers," Krause said.

One of the speakers is Family and Consumer Sciences professor Marci DeWitt, who will be speaking on "healthy eating wherever you are."

"I will be talking about what constitutes a healthy diet, and how you really can eat healthy both on campus and off," said DeWitt.

Also speaking will be Professor of Health Sciences and Kinesiology James Schoffstall, who hopes to educate students about the basics of weight lifting, proper supplementation and gym equipment safety. Above all, he believes the biggest hindrance to college students working out is time management.

"Due to poor time management, students fail to get the proper amount of sleep, often miss meals and fail to provide time to work out," said Schoffstall.

Joining DeWitt and Schoffstall will be Dr. James Horton, who is also a part of Liberty's Health Sciences Department. Horton believes that the seminar is aimed at "anyone with a body" and will help students learn how to take care of their own.

The seminar will be catered by Sodexo and will feature a variety of healthy choices that fulfill the requirements of a balanced diet. The cost of the seminar is \$3 for students with ID and \$5 for faculty and staff. Students can purchase tickets now at the Student Life Office and after convocations.

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# Sports

Play Ball!

Hockey fans rock

Flames open 2006 with a great effort, leaving South Carolina with a 2-1 series win.

"Red Man Group" shows some love for their hockey team.

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## Women sack 'Dogs, Coastal

By Adam Trent  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames defeated conference rival UNC-Asheville 66-50 on Tuesday night, before going on the road to defeat Coastal Carolina 58-51.

The first half, Tuesday, was a battle as the Bulldogs led most of the way but only by a slim margin.

Liberty would tie it up six times before taking the lead for the first time in the final minutes of the first half in the game's only lead change.

"In the first half, our skill was not quite as good as their will to win," said Liberty Head Coach Carey Green. "I had to challenge them in the second half to increase their desire to win."

That is exactly what the Lady Flames did in the second half, limiting the Bulldogs to four second-half field goals. In addition, Liberty shot 100 percent from beyond the arc, sinking all three three-pointers attempted in the latter half. The Lady Flames were also hot from the free throw line, connecting on 18 of 24 for 75 percent on the night.

The night was also big for sophomore guard Allyson Fasnacht, who had a career night, scoring 19 points. Her previous high was 18 points, which she scored last season against Penn State in Liberty's first round upset of the Lady Lions in the NCAA tournament.

Green was extremely happy with her performance. "As a floor general, she got an A+" he said.

Fasnacht was key to the Lady Flames victory over the Bulldogs.



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**TAMED** — Allyson Fasnacht scored a career high against UNC-Asheville Tuesday night as the Lady Flames defeated the Bulldogs 66-50. Fasnacht finished with a career-high 19 points, hitting 5 of 7 field goals and all of her 3-pointers.

Nearly every game Megan Frazee has been sidelined with an ACL tear, a different player has stepped up and led the team to victory.

"On any given night, anybody can score," said Fasnacht. "It is not just one specific player. It can be me, Courtney (Watkins), Karolina (Piotrkiewicz), Moriah (Frazee), or anyone on the team. It makes it hard for teams to scout us just because we are so balanced," she said.

Supporting Fasnacht was sophomore guard Roli Ann

Nikagbatse. "Sometimes we start out a little slow, and I just like to get a lot of energy points and get the team together," said Nikagbatse, who provided several "energy points" in the first half when the Lady Flames just could not get ahead.

Crashing the boards for the Lady Flames was Piotrkiewicz, who collected a game high nine rebounds, while tying freshman Rachel Hammond for team high assists with three each.

Next on the agenda for the

Lady Flames was the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, a team that consistently puts up a scrappy effort against Liberty. This time would be no different, as the first half was a seesaw battle that saw Liberty lead by 5 on two separate occasions before the buzzer sounded with Coastal up 30-28.

In the second half, the Lady Flames ignited and opened up a 10-point lead after freshman Molly Frazee hit a jumper. Down but not out, Coastal scrapped their way to within

one point at 50-49 with 4:25 left to play.

However, that was as close as the Chanticleers would get, as the Lady Flames took advantage of several Coastal miscues and went on to win 58-51.

A balanced offensive effort aided the Lady Flames against Coastal. Fasnacht led Liberty with 12 points, Piotrkiewicz had 10 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double and Watkins also scored 10 points.

Missing from the line-up during the games was the "Big South Freshman of the Week" Rebecca Lightfoot. Lightfoot, who was instrumental in last week's wins over Longwood and Radford, became ill with a virus.

"I told the girls to love her, but to love her from a distance," said Green.

On Monday night, the Lady Flames faced Charleston-Southern. Game results were not available at press time.

With the wins, Liberty remains undefeated at home in the "Furnace," where the list of burn victims has been stretched farther and farther throughout the year.

Liberty also moved to 7-1 in the conference to put them in a tie for first place in the Big South, as High Point lost to UNC-Asheville at the Millis Center, snapping their conference and home winning streak. High Point and the Lady Flames square off for outright ownership of first place in the Big South Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Vines Center.

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## Bucs, 'Dogs attack LU

By Joe Watson  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty men's basketball team experienced two baffling losses at home during the past week. Saturday night, the Charleston-Southern Buccaneers frustrated the Flames' offense in a 61-45 win, stifling the Flames to the tune of 18 points and 31.8 percent field goal shooting in the first half — Liberty also turned the ball over 13 times.

"If the ball goes into the stands, we lose the game," said Assistant Coach Alexis Sherrard.

The Flames also made about five passes per possession.

However, Liberty played considerably well in a 3-2-zone defense against Charleston-Southern's fast, hyperactive offense.

"Yes, they're quick," commented Flames' Head Coach Randy Dunton, "but they're gamblers, you see. They had 37 percent field goals (in the game)."

Charleston-Southern Head Coach Barclay Radebaugh believes Liberty forwards Rell Porter and Russell Monroe thwarted the low-post attack, allowing only eight lay-ups.

"They're so big that when we try to shoot there, they'll contest it," said Radebaugh.

The two teams together had 41 fouls, 19 turnovers and eight blocks.

While Liberty's Larry Blair was held to 12 points, Damien Hubbard had nine points and eight rebounds, three of them offensive. Monroe had seven rebounds and two blocks, while scoring six.

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## Hockey shells Terrapins, 9-3

By Scott LaPeer  
SPORTS REPORTER

Taking to the road Friday for a match-up against northern neighbor University of Maryland, Liberty's hockey team looked to continue building on its marked improvement of late and close out its final weekend of UHL Conference play with a bang.

After a somewhat slow start that prompted some motivational, dressing room discourse, the Flames finally managed to kick their game into high gear, easily dispensing an undermanned and out-matched Terrapin squad, 9-3.

A four-and-a-half hour trip may have attributed to an uncharacteristic start for the Flames who were both surprised and disappointed to find themselves tied at two with the Terrapins after an opening period of play.

"We just came out a little flat to start the game after being on the bus for so long," said sophomore defenseman Jimmy Stewart.

Sophomore forward Tristin Chambers came out flying on the game's opening shift, helping Liberty strike first, jumping out to 1-0 lead.

"There was a shot that came in from a defenseman and (senior Jon) Fitter picked up the rebound and put it on net, and it banged off someone's leg and came to me. I was

right there to finish it off and score," said Chambers.

After Maryland quickly countered by scoring on the following shift, senior Jonathan Ziegler slid a wrist shot along the ice to beat the Terrapin goaltender to the low, left side of the net.

The power-play goal again put the Flames up one.

Maryland caught Liberty napping on defense before the period's end to score, and knot the contest at two heading into the teams' respective locker rooms.

With the score tied against Maryland, a team the Flames have had little trouble defeating in past seasons, Liberty left the ice with a degree of unrest, searching for someone to step up and lead the charge the rest of the way.

Inside the Flames' dressing room, sophomore Kevin Dykstra stood up and implored his team to regain focus before they went any further, challenging them to play up to their full capacity.

"Dykstra gave a bit of a wake-up talk, saying that people really needed to step up their play. After that, it was a different team that came out for the second period and the effort finally matched the skill level," Fitter said.

Opening the second period, Liberty came out with a new and refreshed attack that matched the clean sheet of ice

on which they would soon wreak havoc.

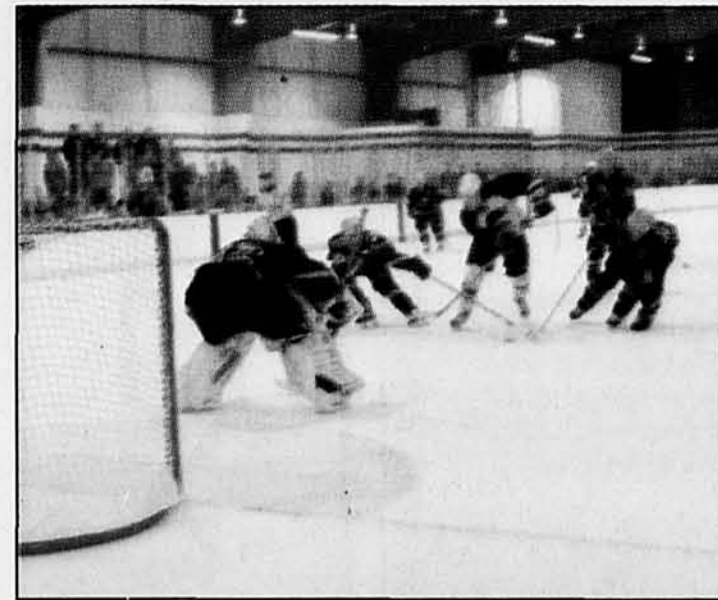
Junior Jordan Wilson took little time in finding the back of the net, leading an offensive onslaught that would span the final two periods, effectively ending any hopes of a Maryland upset.

Ziegler scored his second goal of the game and sophomore defenseman Aaron MacKenzie also chipped in to push the Flames ahead for good.

Sophomore goalie Mike Binnie stood his ground, providing Liberty with more of the solid backstopping they have grown accustomed to whenever number 31 protects their net. Despite giving up two difficult goals early, Binnie was unshaken and remained the dominating presence that ranks him among the top goaltenders in the entire ACHA this season.

"The goals that were scored weren't his fault," Stewart said of Binnie. "He was his usual self in goal. He made the saves he needed to make, and in the second and third periods he didn't make any mistakes."

Sophomore Andy Chamberlain and freshman Adam Kemp both added goals in the third, a period that saw the Flames punctuate their victory with an increased level of physical play. Placing the contest out of the Terrapins' reach, Liberty followed the



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**TEAM LEADER** — Jordan Wilson, the Flames second-leading scorer, goes for a goal earlier this season. Wilson sealed Maryland's fate on Friday night by leading a scoring streak in the final two periods of the game.

lead of unsung defenseman Adam Konop in giving Maryland something to think about before returning to Lynchburg in the 2006-07 season.

"He played well and was really physical the whole game. He had a huge hit in the third period when a Maryland guy cut across ice and lost the puck and Konop nailed him sending him spinning in the air," Chambers said.

Although disappointed by Maryland's cancellation of Liberty's final home game due to inclement traveling weather, the Flames improve to 17-6-1 and look forward to carry-

ing their second-semester success into their regional playoffs next weekend in Astor, Penn. The Flames will need two wins to make a return trip to the ACHA National Tournament in Rochester, N. Y., and feel like their best hockey is still ahead of them.

"I think that we're peaking at the right time of the season," said Stewart. "We're very confident right now and want to keep going and carry it into regionals."

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I'm describing the 2006 Olympic Winter Games' opening ceremonies and, like it or not, they're upon us again.

Count me among those who, nowadays, find very little intrigue in the Winter Olympics. In truth, the older I get, the sillier they become.

Before you find me to be completely offensive, understand, I wasn't always this way. As a wide-eyed kid with a mind that thirsted feverishly for any new athletic exposure, I can clearly recall holding close interest in the Winter Olympics. Growing up in Florida, it was strictly on an every-four-years basis that I had an opportunity to observe sporting events that took place in snow, ice, or any combination of the two — except hockey, where I was an oxymoronic abnormality at the time — a Floridian hockey player.

No, I actually used to think these cold-climate games were really something special to behold. Then again, I used to think Jose Canseco was an out-of-this-world, natural talent, and that every male in Australia was named "Mike," but I digress.

Reggae pioneer Jimmy Cliff sang, "You can get it if you really want, but you must try, try and try, try and try ... you'll succeed at last." Clearly, he was venting his own frustrations over the Winter Games.

You see, I don't get it. I'd really like to though, so in fairness to "The Games," I'll continue on trying.

For instance, I'll try not to be incredulous when announcers attempt to link these games to those of the ancient Greeks who had never even

heard of moguls or short-tracks, much less skiing or skating.

I'll try not to laugh at the exaggeration that's gushed in labeling these 2,500 participants "The World's Greatest Athletes" when such a lack of black and Hispanic athletes is evident that the entire Olympic Village looks like one big John Tesh concert.

I'll try to maintain respect for those reporters who so obviously feign knowledge of events like skeleton, curling, biathlon and luge, and scramble to keep the pronunciations of each participating athlete's names intact.

I'll try not to scoff at athletes sitting in what are known as "kiss and cry rooms," nervously awaiting a numeric score being decided by a panel of judges, from whom some are likely to have shown up for duty bereft of any ethical fibers in their bodies.

I will try to look upon the NBC-employed tactic of changing host Turin, Italy's name into the catchier-sounding "Torino" with indifference. Think they'll refer back to previous host cities as "Munchen" (the German name for Munich) or "Athinai" (Greek name for Athens)?

I'll try to ignore the fact that the kindergarten-esque official mascots were selected from an international competition. Pedro Albuquerque of Portugal won for coming up with "Neve" and "Gliz" — nothing more than a couple of stick figures with heads made of a snowball and ice cube, respectively.

If it weren't for the noble competition that exists in Olympic hockey, I'd probably go the whole 16 days without ever turning my head toward "Torino."

Would I miss out? Nah. I'd simply be doing for 16 more days that which every other fan, athlete, and reporter does every four years — not think about the Winter Games.

So, if only to hasten the coming and passing of these Olympics in order to beat out 16 days of the mid-February doldrums and welcome in the coming exhilaration of March Madness, I offer this imploration to all — for crying out loud, let the games begin!

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# The man between the pipes

By David Thompson  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty Flames hockey team has a great goaltender manning their net. That goaltender, Mike Binnie is a special kind of athlete.

It certainly takes a unique level of mental and physical ability for anyone to motivate themselves to stand up on ice and be the last line of defense for the team. If he fails, the loss is felt more keenly by him, because it was he who allowed the goals.

The responsibility is not his alone, though, as he has no responsibility to score for his team. The responsibility of the goaltender is solely to defend the net, in so doing keeping the opponents' score as close to a zero as possible.

It is not unusual for a slapshot to reach speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour, and the maximum impact for a puck in flight is equal to 1250 pounds — more than half a ton — according to AOL's "Edgar Edger's Guide to Hockey Equipment and Maintenance."

Perhaps that is why Liberty's second-leading scorer this season, Jordan Wilson, says "It takes a certain level of 'weirdness' to be a goalie."

It certainly takes something unusual. Although not discrediting other positions, Binnie said, "I think it's probably the most difficult position on the rink."

The difficulty inherent in the position could be why Head Coach Kirk Handy has Binnie splitting time between the pipes with

team captain Dalton Stoltz.

The two basically alternate their time in net, and their statistics are very similar. Stoltz has seen 385 shots, and stopped 350 of them, giving him a .909 save percentage. Binnie's percentage is .914, while having saved 330 shots out of 361 taken.

Speaking of his position, Binnie said, "A good goalie can make a bad team good, and a bad goalie can make a good team bad."

Fortunately, he added that the former is not the case with Liberty's team, as "we have a great team already."

It is simply a complement to a good team to have two goalies of the caliber of Stoltz and Binnie.

About splitting his time with Stoltz, Binnie said that a critical part of playing goalie is "being honest" with yourself, as well as the coach. When the other goalie is playing well, the best thing to do is to let him play while hot, to give the team a better chance to win.

Binnie was also very quick to credit the fans with the success the team has had this year. While the on-campus rink is sure to boost attendance, Binnie said that even playing in Roanoke, there was always a good turnout of Liberty fans. For more on Liberty's hockey fans, please see Red Man Group on page B4.

Binnie came to Lynchburg from Mississauga, Ontario, where hockey is roughly equivalent to baseball or football to the sports-minded American.



COLT FREEMAN

**DOUBLE DUTY** — Goalies Mike Binnie (31) and Dalton Stoltz (33) have shared net duties this season. In the first 23 games, Binnie had 330 saves on 361 shots, a 91.4 percent save percentage. Stoltz had a save percentage of 90.9 percent.

Majoring in sports management, Binnie says that he came to Liberty mainly because of "the whole idea of going to a Christian school and playing hockey" drew him to the university.

The opportunities to grow in ministry were also a key factor, as Binnie plans to achieve some mix of playing hockey as a

career and working with a local church after college. Despite success on the ice, Binnie does not discount the importance of God, or his responsibility to do his will.

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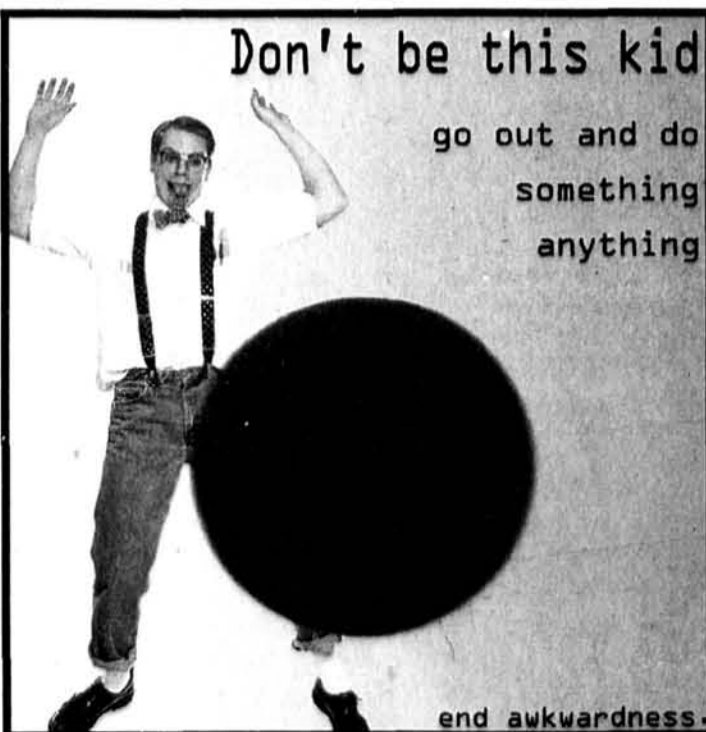
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# Baseball opens in S.C.

By Matthew Hegarty  
SPORTS REPORTER

Spring and love are in the air — and so are the smell of a newly oiled glove, the jeers and cheers from players, coaches and fans, and the aroma of a new Liberty University baseball season, which began with a bang this weekend at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The Flames emerged from their battle against Wofford College with a series win, 2 games to 1.

The first contest, a 4-1 Liberty victory on Friday night, saw impressive pitching from the Liberty staff, with Michael Solbach and Phillip Thompson both contributing stellar efforts. Solbach, a sophomore, gave up a mere two hits in his five innings of work, which also included five strikeouts. Thompson earned his first save of the season by holding

the Terriers (3-3) hitless for the remainder of the game, which was an excellent performance for the senior from Ringgold, Va.

Offensively, the Flames (2-1) were quite dominant, with outstanding showings from several seniors, including Michael Just, Chad Miller and Phillip Laurent. Miller displayed exceptional savvy on the basepath as his second-inning walk led to a steal and a run on an overthrow, while Just and Laurent let their sticks do the talking. Just contributed a solo four-bagger in the first inning, while Laurent assisted in helping sophomore Aaron Grijalva tally a run in the fifth.

The next game, which was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, had to be squeezed into a Sunday doubleheader, owing to expected thunderstorms in the Spartanburg area. The first Sunday game, which began at noon, went to

Wofford. The Terriers capitalized on their offensive opportunities in the sixth inning. In that inning, Wofford had four runs, including a three-run homer by Brandon Waring, to take the lead 4-1.

The Flames, whose only previous run had come from Grijalva's solo shot in the fourth, roared back in the eighth inning with a single from sophomore P.K. Keller and a one-out, two-run home run courtesy of junior Patrick Gaillard to knot the contest 4-4. Wofford, not to be outdone, had the last laugh in the bottom of the eighth inning when Stephen Johnson scored on a single from Shane Kirkley. Freshman Dustin Umberger took the loss for the Flames, allowing two runs on four hits.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Flames avenged its loss with a 4-3 victory over the Terriers. Laurent lambasted the ball in

the first inning with his two-run homer, his first on the season.

Other Flames stoked the victory pyre, with freshman Errol Hollinger contributing a solo shot in the fourth and Grijalva showing his base-running prowess in stealing second and scoring the winning run on a single from Gaillard. Junior Tim John picked up his first win of the season for the Flames, striking out three Terriers and giving up a mere two hits over four innings of relief.

The Flames will get to show their bats today in their home opener against Longwood. The contest will be at Worthington Stadium, and the first pitch is set for 2:30 p.m.

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SUPPORTING ACT — Evan Risher, who scored six points against Charleston-Southern on Saturday night, also provided two assists. Risher has 52 assists so far this season, the second highest on the team.

## Attacked: Flames drop two games on home court

Continued from page B1

Charleston-Southern's Ferdinand Cain had four blocks, and Chris Moore, scoring 20 points and making 55 percent of his field goal attempts, was the only Buccaneer to play more than 30 minutes.

Monday, the Flames erased a 16-point UNC-Asheville Bulldog lead before losing 83-81 in overtime. UNC-Asheville led 62-48 with eight minutes remaining in the second half, when Liberty rallied to a 67-67 tie, thanks to a 14-3 run, 15 of Blair's 33 points, and his tying trey with nine seconds left.

In a blistering overtime, the teams combined for 30 points, and UNC-Asheville won it by two points.

The 6'1" Blair played 40 minutes, was perfect on seven free throws, and defended against three different point guards.

"My teammates have confidence in me," he said, "because I'm blessed with the ability to make play after play."

What cost Liberty the first 30 minutes of play were major flaws in their game. The ball was out-of-bounds on the Flames eight times, and Asheville scored 10 points off of

seven Liberty turnovers. Also, Liberty failed to score off of three offensive rebounds.

"Losing those rebounds was unacceptable," said Dutton, "We had several times where we let the game go. We just had to be men, execute and win."

Finally, the Flames' tenuous man-to-man defense failed to stop UNC-Asheville's versatile offense.

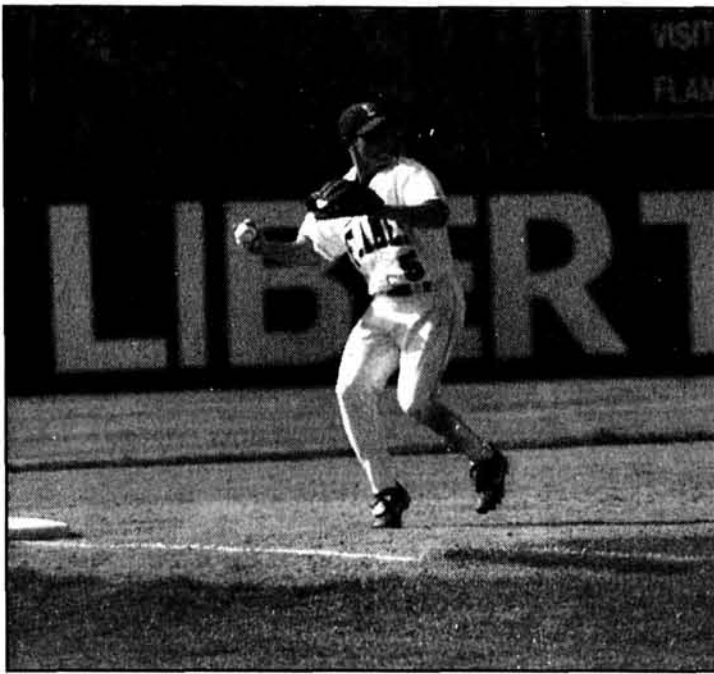
"We just dug in," said Hubbard.

Besides Blair — the game's outstanding player — other leaders for Liberty were Porter who had 10 rebounds, Hubbard with 21 points, and Eric Bigby with six rebounds and 10 assists in 21 minutes.

UNC-Asheville's Joey Harrell had a double-double with 12 points and 11 assists, and Chad Mohn had 15 points and eight rebounds.

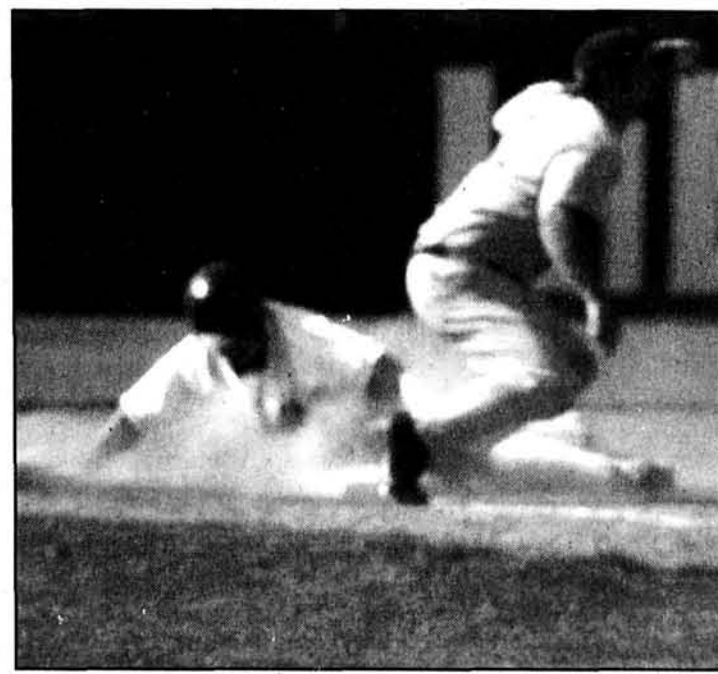
"We can't find a solution for all our weaknesses right now," says Dutton, but the latent ability of the Flames' young playmakers could soon produce success.

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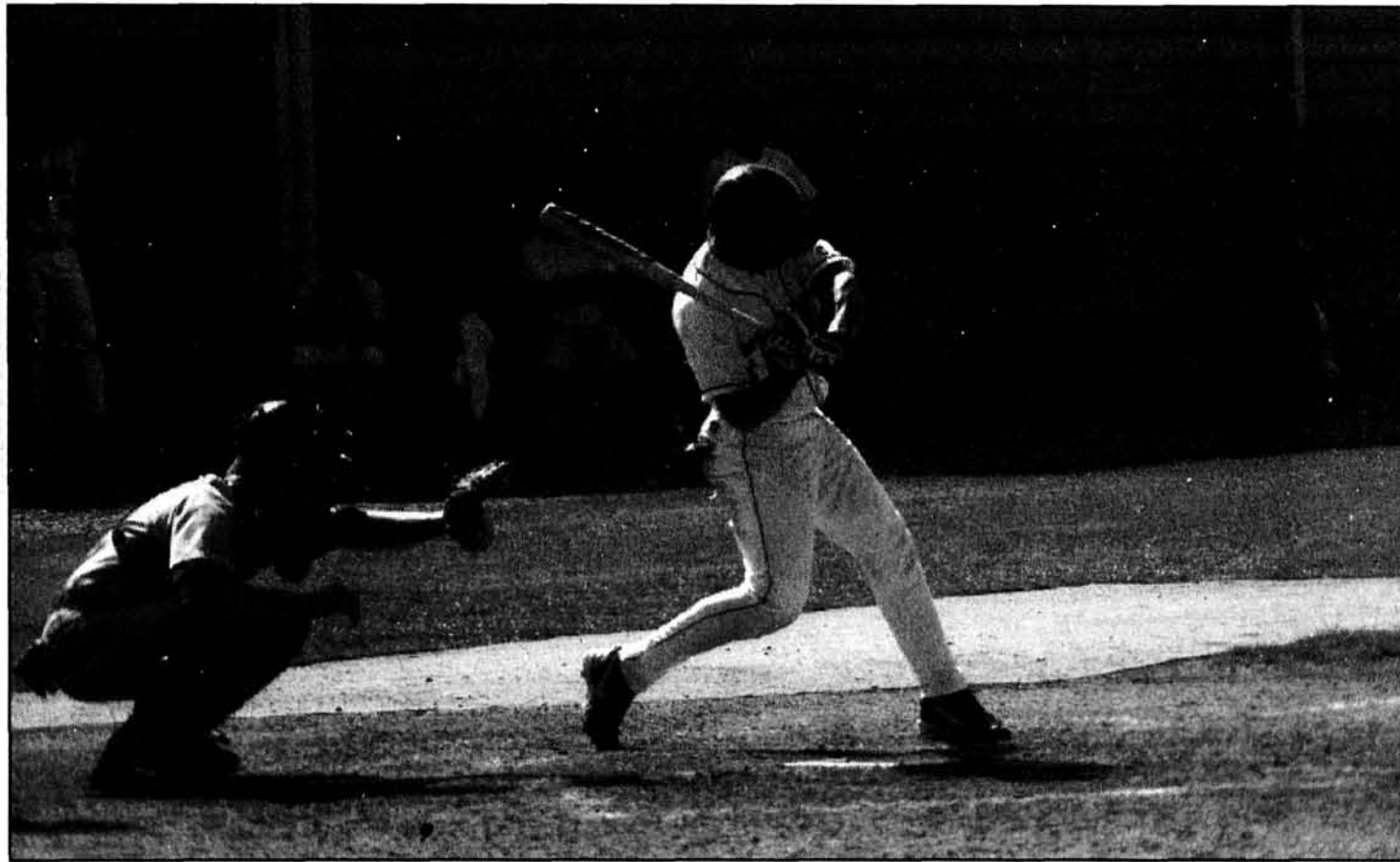
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GET 'ER DONE — Sophomore infielder Aaron Grijalva, pictured here last season, knocked a solo shot in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader against Wofford, and stole second and scored the winning run in the second game.



MATT TRENT

SMALL BALL — Although many of the Flames are formidable sluggers, the team is known for its small ball strategy. Fans can expect to see plenty of stolen bases this season.



MATT TRENT

ON THE ROAD AGAIN — Flames baseball opened their season this weekend against Wofford College. The Flames won the series, leaving South Carolina with a record of 2-1.

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# Red Man Group loud and proud for LU

By BJ Williams  
SPORTS REPORTER

Many things make the experience of attending a sporting event the highlight of a person's life — the action, the skill of the players doing things the "average Joe" pickup athlete cannot naturally do, the jubilation that comes with a victory or the heartbreak of defeat.

But even with all of those aspects, as wonderful as they may be, without one thing, it wouldn't really matter — the fans.

Josh Brown is one of those rabid, loyal fans. He is a member of a group here at LU that is one of the most vocal supporters of LU sports — the "Red Man Group."

The Red Man Group started in fall of 2004, during the Liberty University football season, as a show of unity among the boys on the third floor of Dorm 23.

What started as a hall unity project has ballooned to a cultural phenomenon, common at LU sporting events from football to basketball, and has even spawned other groups to show support at hockey games — whether at the new LaHaye Ice Center, or when the team played in Roanoke, at the Roanoke Ice Station.

Brad Jackson and Luke VanWingerden, who were SLDs on 23-3, founded the original "Red Man Group."

"The group now," Josh said, "can number anywhere from six or seven to 15 members. Last year (it could number) upwards of 25 people depending on how many want to paint up for a game."

It is fans like this that can have an effect on other fans and players, alike. Josh said that showing up to a game painted all over their body "makes the atmosphere a lot more fun." He also said that it "gives the players a little more pride, knowing they have peo-

ple that support them enough to go to that length to show their support."

Often fans like Josh and the others can cause players to work harder during the game.

This sort of thing has spread throughout the campus, with students often painting their faces or wearing special headgear, ranging from bright red wigs to hats in crazy shapes — such as one student who made a hat shaped like a Nintendo Gamecube for a promotional night the school was having.

In fact, at a couple of football games this past fall, a pair of young men were seen dressed in cow costumes. All in the name of showing support to LU athletic teams.

Another fan you are sure to have seen is Travis Douchette — he's the guy you see waving the Canadian flag.

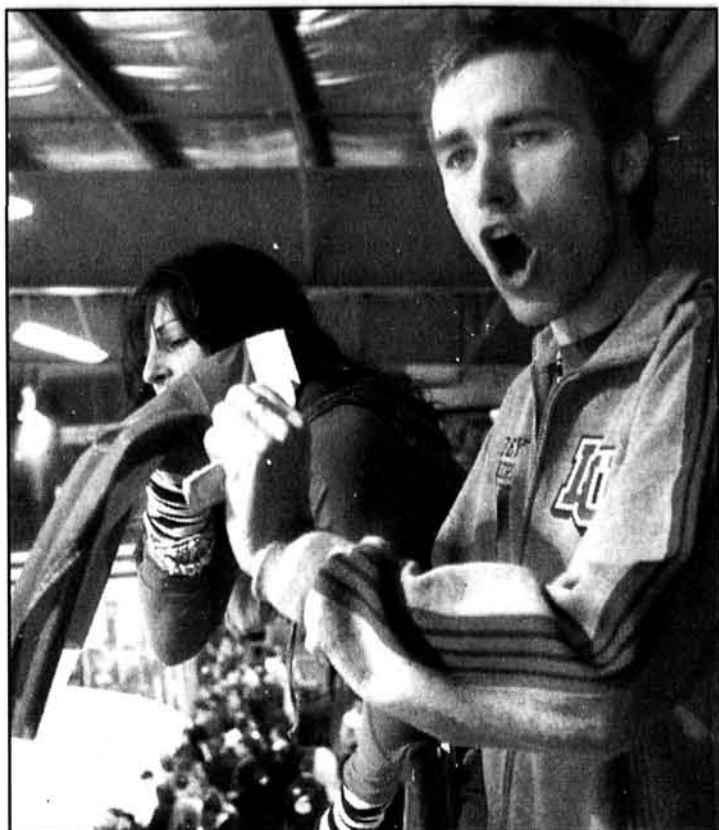
When asked why, he responded, "I wave the Canadian flag in support of the numerous Canadians that make up the LU hockey team, including the coach. I grew a reputation for being a flag waver back home when Dalton Stoltz (#33) and I went to college together in Canada.

"Dalton's a good friend, and I attended many of his games and cheered him on with the flag. He said if I came to LU, I'd have to keep up the tradition, and so the flag waving continues. Go LU!"

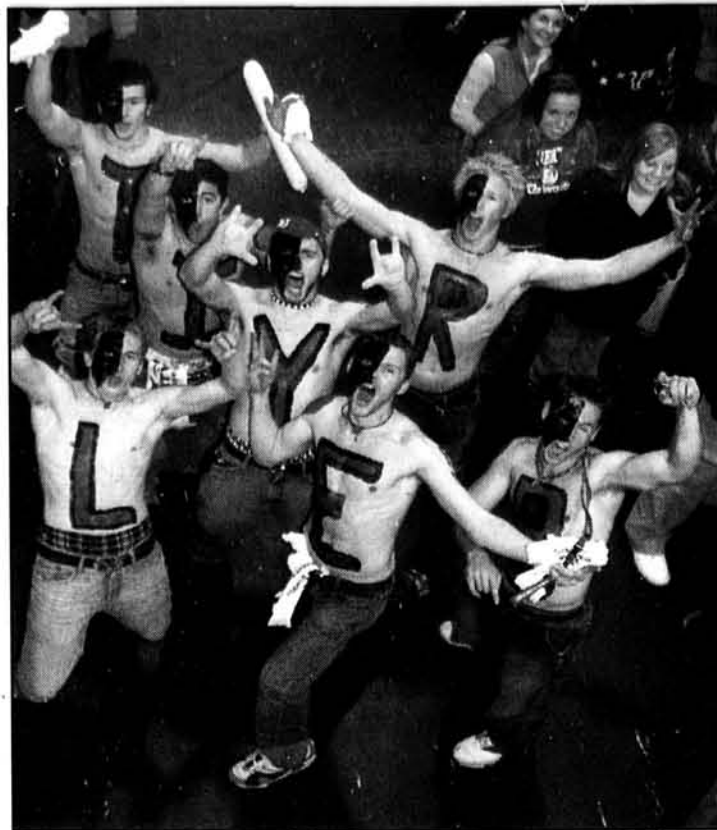
People like the Red Man Group and Douchette make going to sporting events fun and memorable, which is just another of the many joys of college life.

There is nothing like a little school spirit to bring out the creativity in everyone — no matter what game is being played.

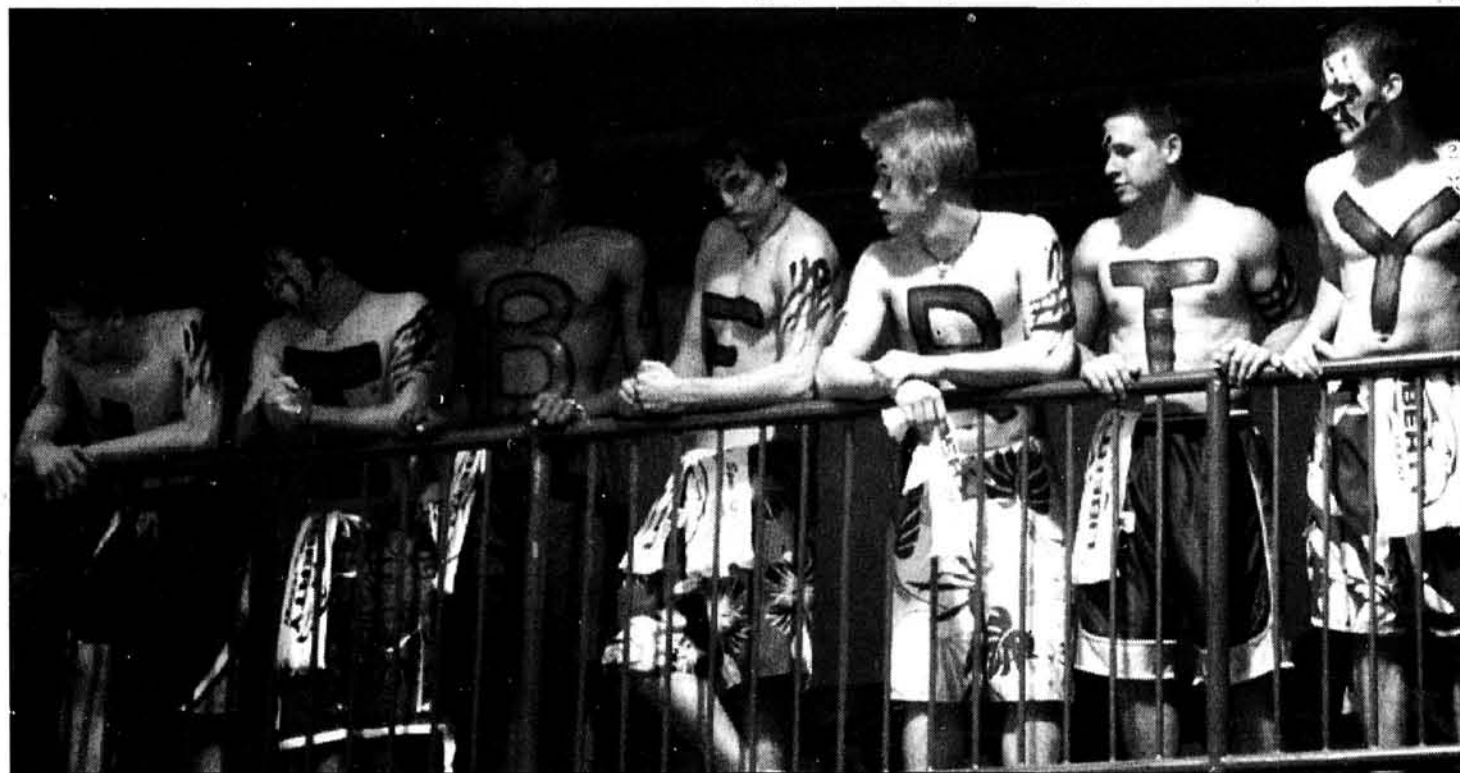
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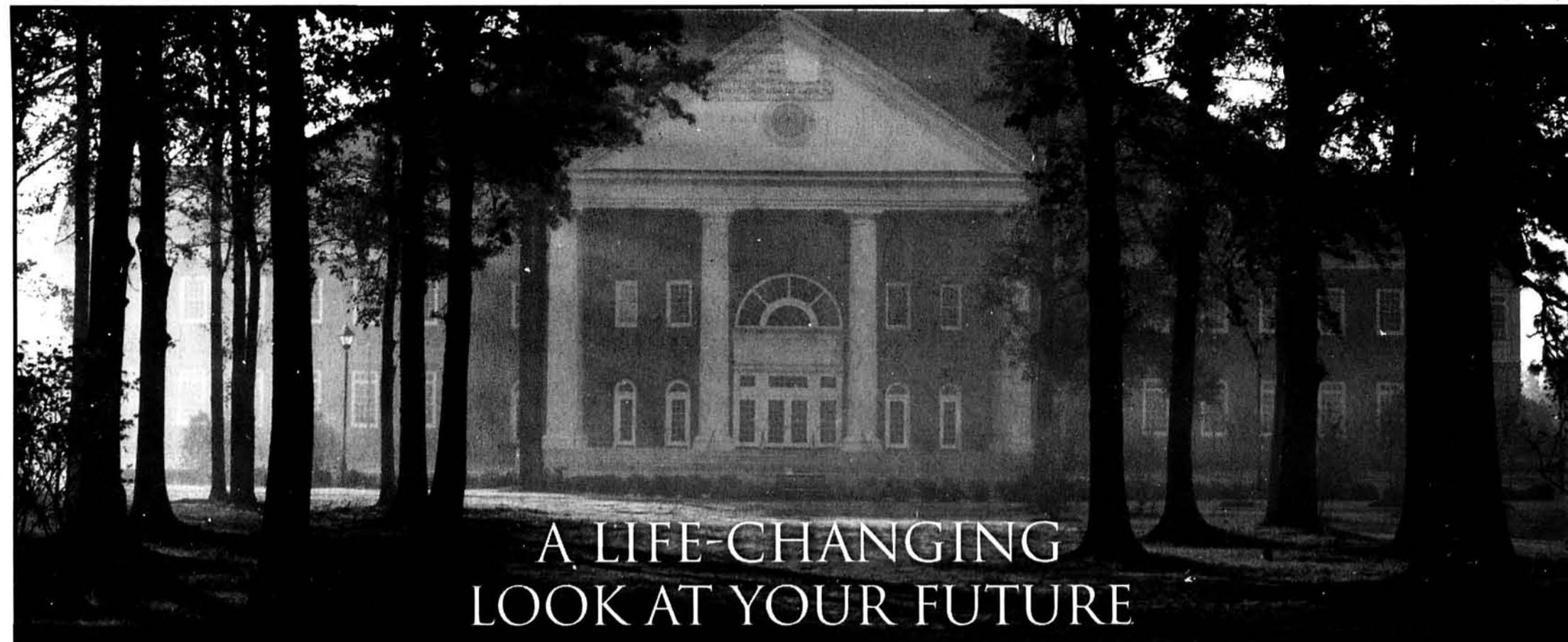
**CRAZY CANADIAN** — Travis Douchette, seen here waving the Canadian flag, has been waving that flag since he and Dalton Stoltz were students in Canada.



**GO FLAMES!** — The "Red Man Group" pose for a photo as they enter the LaHaye Student Center looking to make a raucous for the Flames hockey team. The group makes a strong case as Liberty athletics' most loyal, crazy fans.



**RADICALS BARE ALL** — One of the most loud and rambunctious groups on campus, the "Red Man Group," is at almost every game that the Flames have had at home over the years. With Liberty having their literal home ice, the LaHaye Ice Center, these guys have been going crazy. When Liberty had to travel to Roanoke to play at the Ice Station, these guys would still make the trek to make sure their Flames were well represented.



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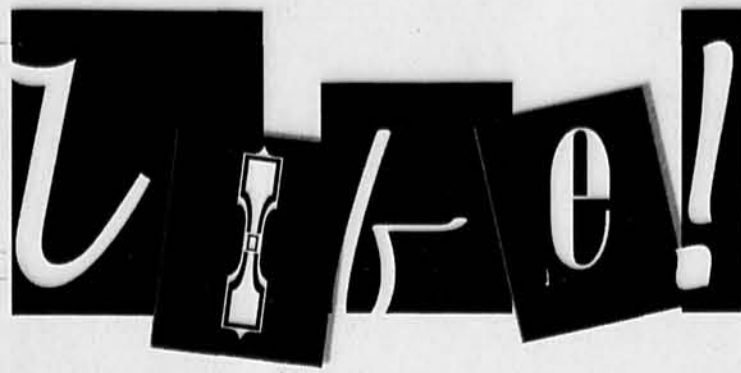
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# what a girl (or guy) wants

Victoria Friedrich and MarLiesa Johnson

**I**t's the age-old question. What are men and women looking for in the opposite sex? Well, the answer might surprise you. Sure, most guys and girls want to feel physically attracted to the other person, but it goes way beyond that.

Outside of being physically attracted to a girl — which guys say is very important, they also look for someone who is genuine and honest, and someone who's easy to talk to.

"Looks are important at this age, but you learn once you get older and you're married to that guy or girl, that looks really don't matter," said senior Corey Crane. "I would rather spend my life with someone I can talk to, laugh with and be goofy around than trying to impress them every minute of the day."

Junior Scott Kiovsky said that he likes a girl who can "be brutally honest with me."

Junior Chris Kittinger said that the reason he was first attracted to his girlfriend was because "she was just so easy to talk to."

Crane said that relationships should be easy and not stressful. "You should be excited every time you see that person and be able to tell that person anything you want."

In a poll conducted by Zogby International of more than 2,000 men between the ages of 25 and 54, men said that the most desirable quality that they look for in a girlfriend is kindness. And when asked about their favorite body part of a girl, their answer was the heart.

While most guys said they would like their girlfriend to share some of their interests, they also said that this was not a requirement. The

saying, "opposites attract" may have value.

Senior Jay Guthrie said, "Sometimes it's better if you have different interests, that way you try more things, and learn about things that you usually wouldn't do."

Girls also agree that first impressions and

looks do count. However, there's a lot more than that. A girl loves a guy with a sense of humor. Senior Kari Weston said, "I enjoy laughing until it hurts. So, if a guy can do that, then he has totally won me over!"

Kenny Luck, author of "Every young man, God's man," wrote that men need to learn to listen and not just hear what women say. Anyone can hear what is said, but it is a learned skill to actually listen.

Sophomore Ilissa Stevens said that what she likes best about her boyfriend is that "he always goes the extra mile for me ... he's willing to do anything for me."

Campus Pastor Dwayne Carson had some advice for girls and guys who are looking for "the one."

For girls, Carson said, "Always start by finding out where he is spiritually. You want to know his testimony of salvation. Then find out about his character — is he

known for honesty? Known to be responsible? Is he known for integrity?"

Carson also said that a girl should look for a guy who is choosing a vocation and has ambitions that complement her own.

For guys, Carson said, "I would tell a guy that while appearance is important, it is not first on the list nor sec-

ond. Proverbs 31:30 says charm is deceitful and beauty is fading. I would not want a guy to make a decision based on something that declines. The rest of the verse says that a woman who fears the Lord shall be praised. I would want my sons to find a young lady who is growing more in love with the Lord."

So, on this Valentine's Day, whether you're single or in a relationship, just be yourself, because that's what guys and girls are really looking for in the opposite sex. Someone that they can be themselves with, that they can have fun with and who makes them feel comfortable and loved ... just for who they are.

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## From hermit to husband

Dr. Ergun Caner found love when he least expected it

Katelyn Fletcher  
LIFE REPORTER

Love is a tricky thing. In movies it is portrayed as beautiful belle meets prince charming and they live happily ever after. The end.

However, there are a lot of things wrong with that picture. First, not everyone is drop dead gorgeous. Second, happily ever after is in the imagination. Third, the story never ends at marriage ... that is where it begins.

Dr. Ergun Caner can attest to this. At 30 years old, he believed he was called to be single. He was happy with this because he enjoyed the freedom it offered. He was pastoring a smaller church in Wood, N.C., at the time.

The elders in the church wanted to see him married. They would bring their daughters and granddaughters to him hoping he would find a match with one of them. According to Caner, there were horror stories from that time in his life. He had accepted the fact that no girl could put up with him and that he was supposed to remain single.

On Jan. 7, 1993, as he was preaching, he looked out into the crowd and noticed a particularly beautiful woman sitting in the congregation. He literally lost his words in the middle of his sermon becoming completely mesmerized by this gorgeous girl.

As soon as the service was over, he made his way to meet this girl. Her name was Jill. The older women of the church saw that he was captivated by her so they arranged a date for all of them: two older women, Jill, and Caner. They all went to a wrestling match in Raleigh, N.C. He said it was amusing because these two sweet older, white-haired ladies believed wrestling was real.

Jill was exactly what Caner had hoped for. Later, she even passed the buddy test; she met the guys and all they thought was, "Why is she with him?" That following October at a nice restaurant in Myrtle Beach, Ergun

proposed to Jill. The single loner was engaged. He said he was like a "really whipped puppy." He was head over heels for her. On Aug. 6, 1994, they were married. She had to teach him to think like a couple.

Of course they are living happily ever after, but in reality there are some fights. In their marriage, every fight that they have experienced came from unrealistic expectations. Caner explained how every fairytale

has a prince, but he still has to get up the next day and work, and the princess doesn't understand this sometimes.

One thing that really helped this couple's marriage was the pre-marital counseling. Paige Patterson counseled the couple and said that Dr. Caner needed two things in his wife: encouragement and affection. That is exactly what Jill was and is. She is his

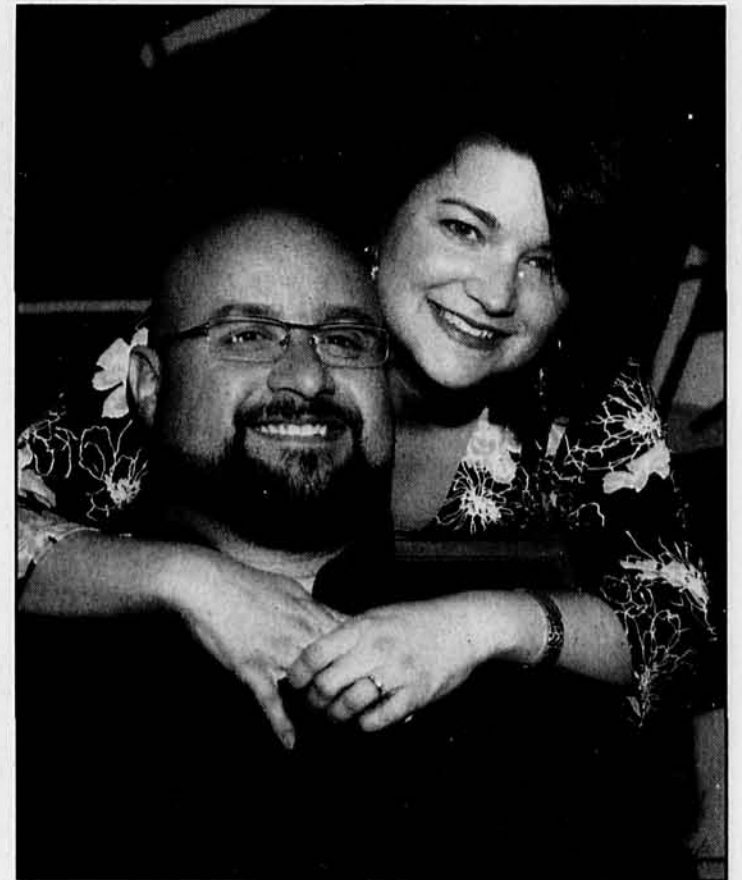
biggest fan and love.

Caner says, "A guy gets married praying she will never change. She assumes he will change." The opposite almost always happens. He said that young men, when they are old, still picture themselves like they are 18.

Another thing Caner does in his marriage is he completely trusts Jill's discernment on anything, even more than his own at times. He always asks her before making decisions. Jill submits willingly, as a wife should, but, to a biblical servant.

Dr. and Mrs. Ergun Caner have a lot of the same interests also. They both enjoy furniture shopping at outlet malls. Their likes and dislikes in movies, food and anything else are the same. They make it a point to spend their free time doing things together.

Now that Caner is Dean of the seminary, he has more responsibility. He makes his family a priority over his job. Also he said it is easy for him to see his wife because any free time he has he spends doing things he likes with her. Jill is the introvert, and Caner is the extravert, and it



A HUG AROUND THE NECK — Dr. Ergun Caner poses with his wife Jill.

works out well.

Caner was transformed from a hermit, if you will, to a loving husband and father.

"Watching her interact with our boys ... she is even hotter as a mom." He said on their wedding day, he loved her 100 percent. Now

he says he loves her more, because he has more capacity for love. He believes his love for Jill will be a never-ending story of falling in love with her.

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# Mark Miller teaches student leaders to S-E-R-V-E

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Paying homage to the legendary acrobatics of Dwayne Carson, Chick-fil-A Training and Development Vice President Mark Miller spoke to current and potential student leaders last Thursday evening in the Vines Center about leaders who S-E-R-V-E.

- See the future: have a vision. Begin with the end in mind and take that vision beyond today. Imagine the future that God has for you and run toward it with passion.

- Engage and develop others: enlist others in making that vision a reality. But do more than just getting helping hands.

Invest in those lives fully and they will, in turn, give their heads and hearts to the vision.

- Reinvent continuously: commit to lifelong learning. There is always room for change and growth in self, no one is above improvement. Reinvent your systems because hope alone is not a strategy. Focus on your structure because an environment should enable, not inhibit.

- Value results and relationships: find a balance between these two rewards. Recognize and accept how God has wired you — find that and own it — but do not fail to compensate that bias with complementary workers or partners.

- Embody the values: walk the talk. Practice what you preach. People do not

follow leaders they don't trust, or leaders who compromise values.

Miller drew a parallel between an iceberg and a leader. He said the skills of a leader are what are seen above the surface, but the greater part of that leader is deeper and greater and grounded on character and integrity. He went on to challenge the students to decide if they are going to choose to serve or choose to forfeit opportunities to serve by not living out lives of integrity. He reminded the students that what will "sink your leadership is not an absence of skills, but a breach of character."



ALEX TOWERS  
PLEASURE TO SERVE — Mark Miller, training and development vice president of Chick-fil-A, spoke to student leaders about better serving the student body.

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