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The Liberty Champion

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

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◆ **TUESDAY**
Mostly cloudy.
High 36.
Low 27.



◆ **WEDNESDAY**
Wintery mix.
High 41.
Low 32.



◆ **THURSDAY**
Wintery mix.
High 40.
Low 32.



◆ **FRIDAY**
T-storms.
High 60.
Low 42.



◆ **SATURDAY**
Showers.
High 44.
Low 32.

LOOKAHEAD

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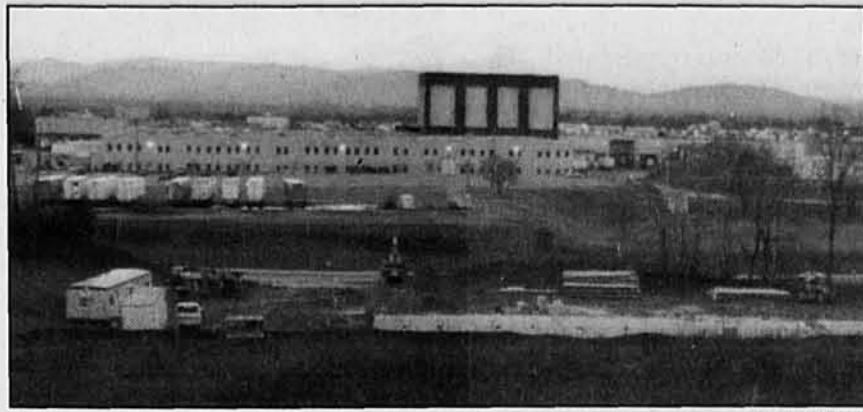
◆ Unity Week is coming up at Liberty. From Monday, March 3, until Saturday, March 8, Liberty will celebrate diversity on campus.

◆ The Center, an inner-city ministry connected with Thomas Road Baptist Church, reaches out to children and teens in the downtown area. The Champion will run a profile of the ministry and those involved in it next week.

A SWEET TREAT

◆ The City of Lynchburg is offering residents a chance to learn how to make maple syrup at the Old City Cemetery on Sunday, March 2.

TRBC did not purchase Ericsson



JOSHUA SMITH

WORK TO BE DONE — The Ericsson property was recently purchased by Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. and will be leased to TRBC.

By Jules Outten, editor in chief

February 13 may prove to be a momentous day in the history of Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty University. For last Thursday the combination of two events led to a potential huge donation.

On that day attorneys from Ericsson, the industrial plant on Candler's Mountain, requested that TRBC delay closing on its purchase of the 110-acre property from Feb. 14 to Feb. 19.

Also, on that day Chancellor Jerry Falwell met with the owners of Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. In a surprising sequence of events, an Oklahoma-based limited liability company affiliated with Hobby Lobby ended up paying the \$10,550,000 to close the deal on the Ericsson property on Wednesday, Feb. 19. TRBC anticipates eventually receiving the property as a gift from the company, said Jerry Falwell, Jr., general counsel for TRBC and LU.

"It's amazing that Ericsson called on the 13th to delay the closing. If they had not done that, we would not have been able to work out the deal," Falwell Jr. said.

The holding company, named GDT CG1, LLC, will lease most of the property to TRBC for the next year and continue to lease portions of the former Ericsson property to Sanmina-SCI and Ericsson, Inc., according to a statement released by Falwell Jr.

"Although GDT CG1, LLC is under no obligation as to the use or disposition of the remainder of the property, it has indicated that it would consider a request for the donation of the property to Thomas Road Baptist Church at some point in the future," the statement said.

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Ginny Owens sings to packed-out crowd

By Rachel Coleman, reporter

Three-time Dove Award winner Ginny Owens performed in front of a packed-out crowd at 7 and 9 p.m. at David's Place Friday as well as in convocation earlier that day.

As many students and College for a Weekend visitors as possible crammed themselves into the limited space available to listen. Listeners were jammed into the balconies, on top of tables, in the windows, and packed into the ping-pong room where they could watch and listen Owens perform live via a movie projector.

While Student Life tried to relieve some of the crowding with the announcement of a second performance to be held at 9 p.m., this only persuaded a few individuals to come back later.

Owens performed numerous songs, often introducing them with a little story about herself and what had led to her writing the song. She wrote her first songs while in college, where she believes she received a lot of her inspiration.

"This is a song about my adviser and all the people of the world that had gotten on my nerves," Owens said, introducing one of her songs with a smile. She then admitted that after a while the song had become more of a song about her inability to love others.

The song was from her CD "Without Condition," one that sparked interest from the television network. WB's "Felicity," "Charmed" and "Roswell," and Fox's "Get Real" all featured songs from the album, according to Owens' Web site.



SUSAN WHITLEY

A DIFFERENT VISION — Singer Ginny Owens performed Friday, Feb. 21 at David's Place. A lack of eyesight has not been too much of a hindrance for this Dove Award winning Christian singer and musician.

Owens herself has appeared on "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee" and the "Ainsley Harriott Show" as well as CNN's "Worldbeat" music program, the Web site said.

Owens was born in Jackson, Miss. as Virginia Leigh Owens, and according to her Web site,

"Began singing almost as soon as she began to talk." Around the age of two she discovered the piano and the joy of harmonizing her voice to the instrument, singing, "Jesus Loves Me."

Please see CONCERT, page 4

Graduation: Speakers chosen, time to prepare

By Amanda Smith, reporter

Are you prepared to cross the stage and receive your diploma? Be among the first to find out who will be speaking at this year's graduation.

Dr. Adrian Rogers will deliver the Commencement address on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. in the Vines Center. Rogers is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. and the leader of Love Worth Finding Ministries. He was also the president of the Southern Baptist Convention three times in the past.

Alumnus Dr. Allen McFarland will speak at the Baccalaureate service on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in Thomas Road Baptist Church. The President's reception will immediately follow in the Lynchburg Christian Academy gym. McFarland is on the Liberty University Board of Trustees and is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Church in Portsmouth, Va.

The Senior Salute Days are here. Announcements, caps, gowns and portraits will be available in the LU Bookstore Feb. 25-27 from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m.



FILE PHOTO

FINALLY HERE — A student receives her diploma from Chancellor Falwell at graduation last May.

So, if you are a senior, it is time to get busy taking care of all of those loose ends for graduation.

The bookstore will be changed around to accommodate all the companies providing services for the seniors.

Representative from various companies will be present to assist with placing orders for graduation announcements, purchasing caps and gowns, and choosing class rings if so desired. Seniors can take home their caps and gowns on the spot after they are purchased.

Please see SENIOR, page 3

Summer school offers choices and savings

By Christine Koech, reporter

Students now have the chance to sign up to get ahead in their studies. Summer school starts May 12 and registration is already open for two sessions. The first session ends June 6, and the second session begins June 9 and ends July 4.

According to Dr. Kenny Rowlette, director of summer programs, registration will be open up until the first day of class. "This is for students who want to go through their programs faster," Rowlette said. "Students can get out in the job market quicker. That is what LU is here for." There are also some courses that are not available in the spring or fall semesters, according to Rowlette. The fee per credit hour will be \$225, less than regular school year prices.

In addition to the regular two sessions of undergraduate courses, there will be two new programs this year. One program, an intensive English as a second language course will be offered to foreign

students who want to "immerse themselves in English," in preparation for the academic year, according to Rowlette.

The second program, to be held July 14 through Aug. 8, will offer opportunities for new students to take remedial courses in their weakest academic areas, as well as get a head start in freshman classes before the school year begins. The remedial courses will be based on their SAT and ACT scores. "This will help set them up for success," Rowlette said.

In addition to the undergraduate programs, graduate courses will also be offered throughout the summer. Unlike the four-week undergraduate sessions, the graduate courses will run for one and two-week sessions, according to Rowlette. This will allow graduate students who have families and jobs to attend classes without having to leave home for too long.

"The shorter programs will work pretty well, especially for

Please see SUMMER, page 3

The Price is Right

By Chris Price, columnist



Some girls are insane. There you go, guys, the thought that all of you have been thinking, but didn't have a public forum to say it from. I am putting myself over on a limb for all the guys who want to say these things but never had the chance. I will take the mean looks in the hall and the loud whispers so that our message will get out. The more that I get to know women, the less I understand.

There are some girls who can go from crying because they are so happy, to crying because they are sad, to crying because of pressure, to crying for no reason. If you notice however, there is a common thread of crying. And they expect you to know the difference between the different cries. You would think you could figure this out by asking what is wrong, but you're just going to hear "nothing" which really means, "You should know why I am crying. How can you not tell what's wrong? You are a pig." If a guy is crying, something serious has just happened such as his team just won/lost the Super Bowl, or the end of Rudy just came on TV. Ninety-five percent of male crying is sports related.

Some girls also say they want a nice guy that treats them right and is a gentleman. Do you know where nice guys finish? Dead last. In fact if there was something that was after dead last that is where they would finish. They don't even get to start, let alone finish, so maybe saying they finish last is wrong.

Some girls don't fit into this category. They realize that they should be treated like ladies, and a real man is going to open doors, pick up the check and treat them with respect. However, there are some of you out there that have guys like that, and the guy of your dreams is in a motorcycle gang, has a tattoo on his face and calls you names like "Toots."

Maybe that is an exaggeration, but it is not too far off. It's almost enough to make nice guys wear leather chaps and change their name to Rat or Snake. Some girls also want to tell you all the time how independent they are and how they don't need a man for everything. This is especially true when they get done listening to Destiny's Child CDs. However, as soon as a cockroach scurries across their floor it's time to call a man. Guess what, girls, I don't like bugs either. I am probably more scared of them than you are. What makes you think that because we are men that we like to touch those things. If it is icky to you, then it is icky to us. The shoes on your feet, you bought 'em. Use them to squish the bug and don't make me do it.

Has this article been very generalizing of girls? Yes. Is this the extreme of women that I have been talking about? Yes. Do all guys know what I am talking about though? Very much yes. Girls, if this doesn't apply to you, then you at least know girls that it applies to. Please help them. And also if you are going to write a letter to the editor to put me in my place, don't title it "The Price is Wrong." I have heard that a billion times. Have a little creativity. When it comes to being a spokesperson for nice guys everywhere, The Price is Right.

Education Dept. sponsors fair

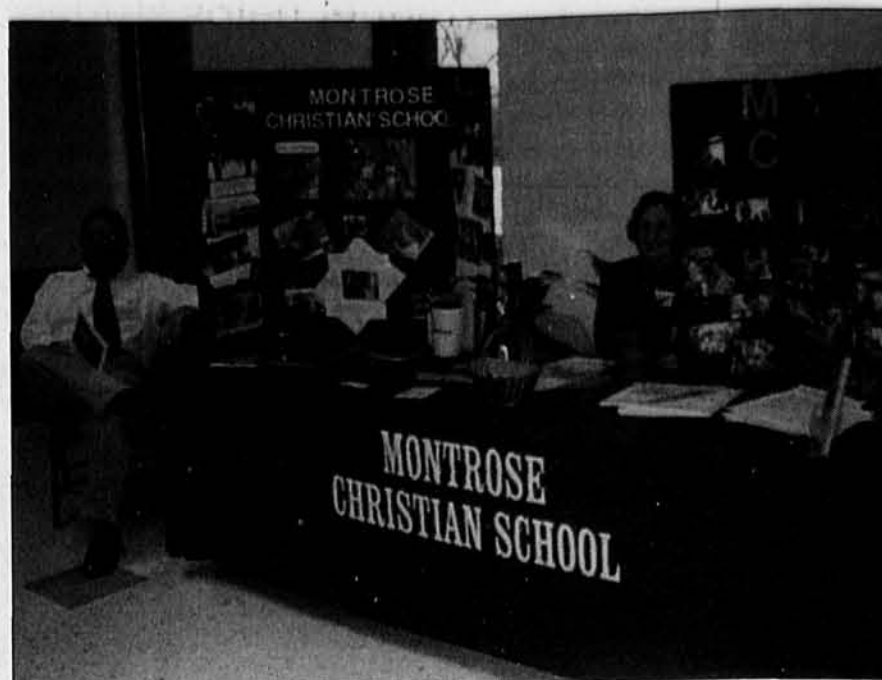
By Christina Fernandez, reporter

The Department of Education hosted its annual Teacher Recruitment Fair last Thursday, Feb. 20. Representatives from various schools and organizations, coming from places as distant as Miami, Fla., stood ready to answer questions and interview any hopeful candidates.

The Teacher Recruitment Fair is organized for the benefit of both the students and the schools. Graduating students are given the opportunity to present their résumé books and get an interview with faculty and administration from the schools represented. "The purpose is for school administration to interview our teacher candidates as prospective candidates to teach at their school," Karen Parker, dean of the School of Education, said.

Usually a two-day event, the fair only ran one day this year. This is following the suggestion of some of the recruiters that came the previous year. "We did it for the convenience of the recruiters," Dr. Parker said. In fact, in a survey conducted after the fair, most recruiters favored the single day approach as well as the time of year it was conducted.

The only drawback to the fair this year was the weather, which kept six recruiters from arriving.



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RECRUITING— Representatives from Montrose Christian School wait for potential new hires to come look at their display.

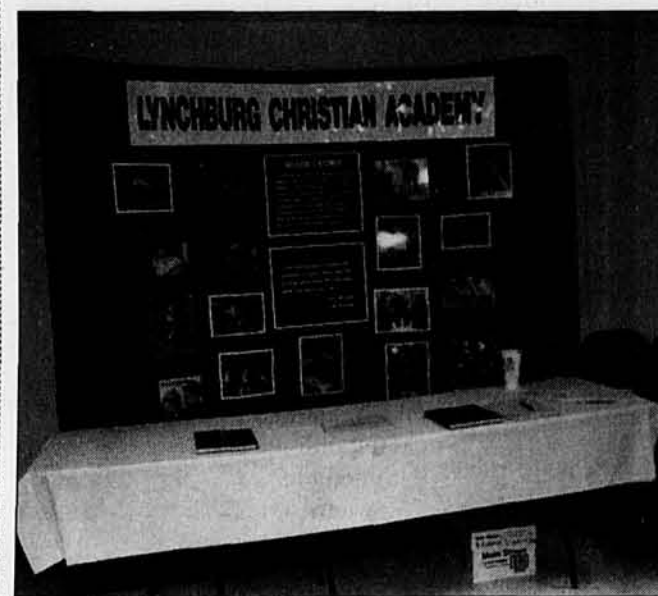
However, 48 schools were still able to make it, so students had the benefit of variety.

Apart from graduating seniors, undergraduate education majors also benefited from the fair. "It was neat to see the different schools, the different information and the different perspectives each school brought in," Rebekah Norton, a freshman Education major, said. Another undergraduate student that

attended and helped with the tear down of the fair was Lauren Zilenski. "It seemed like there was a lot of valuable information for students to get started," she said. She is a sophomore English major with a minor in education who is planning on being a high school teacher. For the most part, the

recruiters were very happy with the way that Liberty University students conducted themselves. "I was very impressed with them, they seemed very professional, educated and overall they came across as very mature," Kevin Mathes, Director of College Admissions of North Raleigh Christian Academy from Raleigh, N.C., said. In fact, the survey conducted after the fair also showed similar sentiments from other recruiters. "Excellent, polite and enthusiastic," one wrote. Another recruiter wrote, "Those that have come looking for jobs have come prepared and with knowledge." Another recruiter, apparently lost for words, simply put down "+++."

Bonnie Ross, a recruiter for the Network of International Christian schools was also very impressed with the quality of student applicants. However, she had high expectations coming in because of the quality of teachers who have come from Liberty. "They were great. We've had extremely good teachers come from LU. We have had several teachers come from Liberty," Ross said.



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CLOSE TO HOME— Not to be outdone by out-of-state schools, LCA also sent representatives to the fair.



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Big numbers attend first CFAW of 2003

By Christine Koech, reporter

Last week's winter storm did not keep visitors away from LU. In fact, 858 high school students and 269 parents and youth pastors traveled to Lynchburg Feb. 20 to attend College for a Weekend.

"It was more than double the amount of students than last year. CFAW is definitely growing. We had 79 students applying and 32 confirmed," Director of On Campus Events, Steve Amburgey said.

Registration for the weekend began at 3 p.m. Thursday at David's Place. "It was a pretty big CFAW for February. Check-in was organized. It was smooth," senior Peggie Poluikis said. Poluikis, who works in Admissions'

Data Management office, volunteered at the registration table during CFAW registration.


Various activities were lined up for the weekend, giving weekenders an opportunity to experience college life. Weekenders were able to attend the classes of their choice on Friday as well as attend special sessions organized just for the weekend.

The sessions included a Financial Aid and admissions session and a chance for prospective students and applicants to meet with admissions counselors. Barbara Sherman, director of the Bruckner Learning Center and LU's Center for Professional and Continuing Education, presented a seminar for parents, "A Dozen Tips for College Success."

"[CFAW] is pretty good. They had a lot of activities scheduled. Visiting classes and hanging around with the students was very neat," Liz Roberts, a weekender from Odessa, Del., said.

Visitors had a chance to see LU's production of Macbeth as well as two concerts with Christian singer and songwriter Ginny Owens Friday night. Other activities during the weekend included a ski trip to Wintergreen and Late Skate, a roller skating event sponsored by the LU Hockey team.

Kirstyn Sanders, a weekender from Bear, Del., said she enjoyed the weekend. "It's a lot of fun, I enjoyed (ministry chapel). It's cool because there's a whole bunch of Christian people together."



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Men fed physically and spiritually

"Iron 2 Iron" men's dinner helps students and faculty connect

By Jake Belue, reporter

The men of Liberty came together for dinner and fellowship last Thursday, Feb. 20. Ninety men showed up for "Iron 2 Iron," a faculty and student get-together hosted by the Dean of Men's Office.

The goal of the event was bringing men of different generations together to sharpen each other spiritually. The gathering was held in the Executive Dining Room in the dining hall.

Biblical studies professor Harvey Hartman spoke about integrity, a message that many of the attendees

felt was needed.

"There is a lot of faking among Christians, especially men, today. Integrity is about being honest not only to yourself but around other Christians too," junior Ryan Enoch said.

Junior Craig Weller showed up to hear Hartman. "I love that guy," Weller said with a smile. Many other students also listened intently and some took notes as Hartman delivered an "in your face" message.

The purpose of the dinner, however, was not just to hear a good message.

The Dean of Men's Office organized the event with the goal of bringing men of different generations together to sharpen each other spiritually.

"Some of you didn't know what you were getting into," Associate Dean of Men Matt Rawlins said at the opening of the meeting. He went on to explain why



MICHAEL TROXEL

SHARPENING— Dean Dane Emerick leads the gathering of men in a time of prayer in the Executive Dining Room in the dining hall.

there were faculty members sitting at each table with the students.

Dinner was provided by Sodexo. Students got the chance to chat with the staff members that were present about academics and other subjects.

Among the faculty that attended the function were professors from many different departments. Dr. Robert DeLong from the psychology department, Dr. William Matheny from the history department, and Will Honeycutt from the department of Christian service were all there to talk with students and hear

Hartman's message.

But don't worry if you missed out on this dinner. The Dean of Men plans to hold another one on April 10 with Matheny featured as the main speaker.

Hartman's speech was filled with appeals to action. He asked the group what it was they wanted to be in the future, and then stated "You will never be what you are not becoming," and then, "I don't know if you think that what I just said is profound or stupid." He also said, "Christians want maximum praise for minimum effort."

"That was convicting," senior Adam McCulloch said.



MICHAEL TROXEL

INTEGRITY— Dr. Harvey Hartman speaks to campus men at Iron 2 Iron, Thursday.

Summer: Registration opens for summer classes

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those who want to travel," Reem Abbasi, a graduate student in the Religion program, said. Hannah Schultz, also a graduate Religion student chose to disagree with the short sessions. "You can fit more [course content] in, but you can't cover as much," she said.

Summer sessions at LU in the '80s and '90s were shorter and were held right after the spring semester and just before the fall semester, according to Rowlette, and the program was reviewed to allow for longer, more comprehensive sessions. "The idea is to move away from the intensive. Knowing what you learn is more important. (With the

shorter sessions) pedagogically, students are not internalizing information," Rowlette said. "If we have students running through these courses, how prepared are they for the future?"

The current LU summer program was officially started in May 2002 under the direction of President John Borek and Dr. Boyd Rist, vice president of Academic Affairs. Rowlette was appointed the first director of summer programs. "They have been very supportive of utilizing this [summer program]" Rowlette said of Borek and Rist.

According to Rowlette, preparations are being made to accommodate the summer program. "We are working on having a dining plan avail-

able," Rowlette said. A housing plan is also available through the Housing office. Students who are unable to enroll in the summer program due to outstanding balances or lack of immediate funds should contact Rowlette or a student accounts financial counselor about a possible payment plan. "We will do all we can to work with students," Rowlette said.

According to Rowlette, if students have a course they would like to take that is not being offered in the summer, they can get the course approved if five or more people to put in a request for it. "Liberty still offers Christian education all year round," Rowlette said. "We want students to keep that in mind."

THE PAST IMPACTING THE PRESENT



By Anthony Rago, columnist

Whenever I use the bagel slicer in the cafeteria, I am reminded of the guillotines of French Revolution. That gave me the idea for this article.

Before the Revolution, the French had lived for generations under an ancient line of kings. Oppressive taxes and bankruptcy are two of the causes I have heard of that led to this outbreak of evil. The king and his family, along with nobles, courtiers and high church officials, lived in luxurious elegance, while most Frenchmen were peasants, breaking their backs to support the nobility. After the French had enough of their lot in life and stormed the Bastille, events unfolded which led to a whole nation massacring its royal governors and then destroying what was left of their social and political fabric.

Although some revolutionaries were not happy with this next move and quite a few peasants ignored it, Christianity, particularly in the form of Roman Catholicism, was outlawed in the new nation. In its place was planted the atheistic Cult of Reason, along with a new lifestyle.

The Parisians even took a woman (some accounts say she was an actress, others a prostitute), crowned her the Goddess Reason and paraded her into the Church of Our Lady (Notre Dame), which they renamed the Temple of Reason. Along with the replacement of religion came a restructuring of life. As a basic example, all street names and town names which hinted of the old government or of religion were renamed after revolutionary themes. The people exchanged their pretty, luxurious dresses and fancy britches, or peasant garb, for simple, free-flowing, loose (in both senses of the word) garments and hairstyles, in imitation of the ancient Greeks and Romans. To the growing consternation of some officials, prostitution became a trade among many women. The state even went so far as to try to put young people, especially the girls, under the guidance of morality teachers.

The Revolution was so important that a new calendar era was now reckoned after the fall of the Bastille. It was based on units of 10, like the metric system; there were 10 months in the year and 10 days in a week. Sundays and religious festivals were replaced by civic holidays.

The effort to reorganize the week failed; men and beasts collapsed from overwork. I propose that it was contrary to nature for them to work a 10 day week. When God created the universe, He created it with a certain implanted order. One part of the order was the seven-day week, which the revolutionaries tried to eliminate with the rest of religion. There is an order in society, often tied with Christianity, that revolutionaries pervert to their own destruction. In America, dates are also changed. History textbooks often label years B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) and C.E. (Common Era) rather than B.C. and A.D. The years are the same, but the Lord of Time is not honored.

We now like to test all boundaries and be extreme: extreme sports, extreme worship, shocking clothing and "reality" TV are popular. Men and women are seen as nearly interchangeable, without much difference between them. There is no call for this rejection of boundaries, and I am afraid that Americans will not look at the example left by the French when they created society in their own image. Christians to consciously reject society when it rejects God. We are to be the image of Christ in the world, and as such call the world to "kiss the Son, lest He be angry."

Campus Calendar

February

2/28/03 - 3/1/03 THE CENTRAL VA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Tickets on sale in Psychology Dept. Faculty and Staff are \$20 and students are \$15. The Joyful Women's Jubilee will be there to do the conference. This includes Joy Rice Martin and Reba Bowman and the other four daughters of John F. Rice. This includes the lunch on Saturday. Don't miss the time of enrichment for women. These godly women have a lot to tell us.

2/25/03 - Meetings for Summer and Fall Internships 4:00 pm @ DH2052. Meetings every Tues. until March 11. \$5 application packet fee. Deadline to submit applications for summer and fall internships is April 15. For more info contact the Career Center at x2352 or careers@liberty.edu.

Got an announcement?

Let everyone know about your event! The Campus Calendar is the place students look to find out what's going on. All you need to do is drop by the Champion office and fill out a form with the details of your event. So don't delay - come by DH 1035 to let us know about your announcement. Or email your information to edpecore@liberty.edu Be sure to include the issue you want your announcement to appear in, the date, time, cost and how to get more information about the event.

English trip

English students will soon have the opportunity to go back in history when they travel to New England. The trip, April 11-13, will consist of touring Concord, Mass. and Hartford, Conn. and is sponsored by the LU English department.

Concord is home to American authors such as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Harriet Beecher Stowe and Mark Twain were once residents of Hartford.

Only open to ENGL 340 students and members of Sigma Tau Delta, there are 15 spaces available. The cost is \$100 plus meals, and interested students must sign up by Friday, Feb. 28.

Senior: Preparation time

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Chappell Graduation Images will also be set up towards the back corner of the bookstore taking portraits. "I am not planning on getting a portrait taken, but I do need to make sure I get my cap and gown," senior Lindsee Malstrom said.

Framing Success will be there to sell an assortment of graduation frames at discounted prices.

There are more incentives than "just getting things taken care of" for coming to Salute days. "We will actually be doing a

giveaway," said assistant bookstore manager Adam Bonus. The giveaway will be a graduation party basket that includes a graduation frame, an ice cooler, music, drinks and more. The final drawing for the basket will be Friday at 9 a.m. The raffle tickets will be handed out to those seniors that are in the bookstore during the Salute Days.

"Students are welcomed to use their book vouchers on these purchases as well," said Bonus. Make sure you stop in the bookstore to have all your pre-graduation needs met.

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Ericsson: Large craft store chain may donate property

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GDT CG1, LLC buys, sells and invests real estate. They along with Hobby Lobby have donated numerous real estate properties to various churches and charities across the country. Hobby Lobby is an arts and crafts store that sells furniture, fabrics, party supplies and other items as well. Their 298 stores, located in 26 states, earned more than \$1.2 billion in sales last year.

According to Falwell Jr., the stores are similar to Michaels stores but are comparable in size to Wal-Mart stores. They also have several sister companies, including a Christian bookstore chain. The nearest Hobby Lobby store to Lynchburg is in Greensboro, N.C.

Falwell announced the recent deal with Hobby Lobby in Friday's convocation. "I want to go on the record here saying, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,'" Falwell said.

He shared that several months ago Hobby Lobby offered him a building in Illinois for a branch school of Liberty, but after looking at it, he decided that it did not fit with any of the



IMAGE CREATED BY THOMAS L. GREGORY OF TMA INC., IN VALDOSTA, GA.

NEW HOME — Though not yet approved by Thomas Road Baptist Church, an artist's rendition illustrates how the Ericsson building may eventually look, after renovations are made. The 888,000-square foot facility will house TRBC, Lynchburg Christian Academy and parts of LU.

ministry's goals. Hobby Lobby had initially offered the building to another large Christian ministry who after declining the offer contacted TRBC to see if they would be interested.

Falwell's first contact with the Hobby Lobby owners was on Feb. 13, when he flew out to their headquarters in Oklahoma.

"The purpose of the trip was to politely decline the offer to donate property in the Midwest," Falwell Jr. said.

Falwell said that on the day he met with the Hobby Lobby owner David Green, he was somewhat discouraged about the delay in closing the Ericsson deal. He explained to Green the intended use for the adjoining property and showed him a large aerial photograph of the land surrounding the university.

"When he (Falwell) left Oklahoma, he had no idea that they would consider buying the (Ericsson) property," Falwell Jr. said. Later, Hobby

Lobby tax lawyers called him; after discussing and working through the weekend, they reached an agreement to buy the property. However, it was not until the day of the deal closing that Hobby Lobby was sure they wanted to go through with it, Falwell Jr. said.

"It was an incredible sequence of events, the kind of thing that doesn't happen by chance," Falwell Jr. said.

TRBC is now working with the City of Lynchburg to obtain approval under zoning regulations for its proposed use of the facility that would allow TRBC, Lynchburg Christian Academy and parts of Liberty to operate in the facility. The church plans to begin occupying as soon as approval is given and renovations are complete.

"We'll use the money we've raised to renovate," Falwell said.

The initial price for the Ericsson property was \$10.2 million, but they added two more lots for \$100,000 and property furniture for another \$250,000, Falwell Jr. said.

According to The News & Advance, Ericsson is currently moving its 230 Lynchburg employees to its facility at the Lynchpin Industrial Center off of U.S. 221 on Jefferson Ridge Parkway.

Owens: Reaching students through her music and humor

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About this same time is when Owens became totally blind. Having been born with poor vision, her doctors tried to save her eyesight but

in the end failed. Owens didn't let this stop her from having as close to a ram-bunctious childhood as possible and even graduated from Nashville's Belmont University with a bachelor's

degree in music education. Owens was frustrated, however, when she attempted to find a teaching position as "potential employers saw only her blindness rather than her

gifts as a music teacher," the Web site said. This however, turned her attention to a songwriting deal with Final Four Publishing (BMG) and becoming the first female artist to sign

with Rockettown Records. Her first CD, "Without Condition," was chosen as one of Dallas Morning News' top picks of the year in 1999. "A 24-year-old blind woman sees the world and the human heart more clearly than any other songwriter this year," the Dallas Morning News said.

"She's an awesome talent. She makes up for what she lacks in her other senses and talents," freshman Lauren Bridges. "I didn't even know until this morning in convocation that (she was blind). It made her testimony even stronger."

Students at Liberty University certainly found that the concert lived up to their expectations. As junior Nate Riddlehoover said, "It was awesome and spirit-filled." Senior Eric Viets found Owens to be "very heartwarming and personable."

Throughout the concert at David's Place, Owens had the students chuckling at her dry humor and jokes and got them involved by having them clap and sing at various points. After asking for help with percussion, she joked, "Percussing doesn't mean to sing swear words, but to help with clapping or hitting your neighbor in rhythm or something."

From Liberty, Owens went on to Knoxville, Tenn. to perform Saturday at the New City Café. If students wish to read more about Owens, they can go to www.ginnyowens.com or www.rockettownrecords.com.

Owens' new CD, "Blueprint" is now in stores, along with her previous releases, "Something More" and "Without Condition."

"Buy all of her CDs!" Viets said.



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Opinion

“ True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

-Charles Caleb Colton”

The Liberty Champion Top 10

Ways to anger your management

1. The customer is right, when you're in a good mood or they tip you well.
2. You refuse to wear deodorant.
3. You mouth off to people and then claim you can't be fired, because you have Tourette's.
4. You managed to get snowed in; somehow all the customers got snowed out.
5. You're a seemingly unwitting Editor who shamelessly self promotes herself by running a picture of her and her fiancée.
6. You couldn't come to work because you had to watch the last episode of the Bachelorette.
7. You hoard office supplies.
8. You show up late with your watch turned back.
9. You leave Dr. off of the last name of an academic official who spent years working for it. (Hey, Kramer!)
10. You hang out in the office although you're not a friend of the staff. (You're a friend of a friend of the staff.)

Tipping is not a city in China

A disturbing trend haunts the reputation of many church-goers, especially on Sunday afternoons.

It is the fact that many waiters and waitresses do not like working Sunday after-

noons because that's when the tips are the worst. For some reason, after people leave their church services and head to the local diner, they don't exactly feel over generous

in their giving. I know this because I have earned most of my money over the past few years from waitressing tips and have heard and witnessed all the horror stories.

In the restaurant business, as well as many other services, poor tipping equals a poor testimony. One of the worst things that a person can do is to leave a track on the table with a lousy tip or none at all. But it happens.

In addition to that, I often hear comments from people who quit working at certain restaurants because a majority of the customers were non-tipping college students, specifically Liberty students. I cannot believe that people can afford to go out and buy a

\$5 or \$6 meal and not even leave a buck for a tip.

Many of the servers out there, especially in Lynchburg, are college students working to pay for their education. At restaurants and a



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few other types of jobs they rely heavily on the tips of their customers.

For those who never had the experience of serving food to cranky, picky customers consider this: most servers only earn a wage in the range of \$2 - \$3 per hour. By the time they receive their checks, most of that is deducted by taxes. In fact, more often than not, I received a paycheck of a whopping \$0.00 - no lie. Therefore, their entire financial livelihood is dependent on the tips of their customers.

Though waitressing can be quite the fun, social job, servers must also put up with a lot of junk from customers - and always keep a smile. They are serving you and it is not only polite to leave a tip, it is basically a must. But yes, I do believe that they should give decent service to earn a decent tip.

It should be common knowledge, but just in case

some are not up on their etiquette, it is proper and expected that a tip worth 15 percent of the bill should be left. If given good service or with a large party, 20 percent is customary. Giving more than that will usually brighten the server's day and make his or her work go just a little bit easier.

I knew of someone who once waited on a large group of people who came in a bus with the name of their church plastered along the side. The group kept the server running for over an hour, but when they finally left there was less than \$5 on the table. The server was literally in tears.

I have even heard some Christians say that they don't think it's necessary to give the server a 15 percent tip, after all, they only give God 10 percent. That is simply ridiculous. The tithe given to God is essentially a means of thanking Him for His provisions and is 10 percent of a person's earnings that week, not of one little meal. The server deserves your thanks as well.

Another service that deserves tipping is pizza delivery. I recently learned that a certain local pizza place has ceased to deliver pizzas to the campus because their drivers complained that they were almost never tipped by the students, and they often had to

wait outside for them for a long time. However, they said that students at Lynchburg College usually tipped and were there waiting.

I was ashamed and enraged by the behavior of my fellow students. Just a simple \$2 - \$3 tip would be fine. The pizza costs the same price, but the service of the delivery man saves people the hassle of driving all the way to the restaurant themselves. That merits a tip for service.

If people cannot be faithful in the small things, like giving a tip, then how do they expect to be a powerful, evangelizing man or woman of God. I sincerely believe that the most effective witness of Christ is in a person's daily interactions with others, not necessarily in the big ministries or street evangelizing.

To stiff a server, pizza delivery man or even hairdresser tells them that you are stingy, selfish and uncaring. Now what kind of a testimony is that?

I write all this realizing that there are many, like my father, who always give much more than what is necessary. And on behalf of all the service people of the world, I say, "thank you."

But this goes out to all those who fail to give a tip. Realize the power of good tipping, and that it is not foreign, like a city in China.

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National deficit smashes limit

Treasury Secretary John Snow scrambled Wednesday to convince Congress to raise the nation's \$6.4 trillion debt limit. The national debt, which continues to climb at a rate of approximately \$1.29 billion dollars a day since Sept 30, 2002, was on track to hit its limit by Thursday.

The limit, which is imposed by Congress in an effort to curb the growing national debt, is largely ineffectual however, because Congress is highly unlikely to ever let the United States hit its limit, a situation, which would result in the first ever default on the national debt and a detrimental mark on the nation's credit rating.

As a result, the national debt limit is largely symbolic and is only a mark, which must be periodically reset, because the United States

government has yet to curb its spending. Even Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Congress should consider doing away with the debt limit, saying it "has never in my judgment been successful in doing what it is supposed to have been doing, namely constrain spending." Instead, it has only served as a reference point for the exorbitant spending of our federal government.

The last national debt allowance was in June, when Congress reset it at \$5.95 trillion. That limit, however, was quickly made archaic, by a sluggish economy (meaning lower tax revenues) and increased military spending.

By way of example (for those who still do not understand the speed at which the

US is spending its way into oblivion), I challenge you to log onto http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/ and see if you can hit the refresh button fast enough to watch even the tens of thousands of dollars pass. Clearly the future of our country is at stake.

So while I have been an avid supporter of President George Bush and a war with Iraq, I do have some criticism for the President. First of all, we cannot cut taxes and up military spending without it having a detrimental effect on our economy. Sure cutting taxes does encourage business growth, but not in a way that will prove to have any effect on the near and pertinent future. While taxes may need cutting, they should only be cut as spending is cut. Trickle down economics is fine as long as you don't have a gargantuan hole in your bucket.

Before we sacrifice the economic or military security of our nation, let's sacrifice funding to each of the Podunk environmental groups, or the we-exist-so-we-can-find-a-reason-for-our-existence style commissions. Yes, I understand that spending cuts like these are painfully unpopular, and often personal. But is this too great a cost for the economic security of our children?

The President that begins to pull our country into a fiscally responsible budget will be undoubtedly unpopular. Every unworthy benefactor of welfare, every starving scientist just trying to save the lives of some obscure beetle (and prove its necessity) would hold it against him, but one day our children would be grateful. They would be grateful, because he chose to save our nation over the personal interests of the lobbyists of the day.



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SPEAKUP: What motivates you when you're burnt out?



"I go shopping to help me relieve stress and keep me from burnouts. It relaxes me and puts me in a great mood."

-Jessica Ernspenger, So. South Bend, Ind.



"Playing hockey takes the focus off of school work and helps me to get away and relax."

-Josh Pearce, So. Huntsville, Ontario



"Being goofy with my awesome friends."

-Heather Carroll, So. Honolulu, Hawaii



"Just knowing the plans that God has for me, and being able to work hard until I am done with school helps me."

-David Guseman, So. Brunswick, Ohio



"Spending time with friends, reading a book, or just sitting in a coffee shop helps me relieve stress (a long distance calling plan helps too)."

-Stephanie Smith, So. Columbus, Ga.



"I think about the Carnival cruise that is waiting for me once I get out of school with a diploma in my hand."

-Jennifer Goodwin, Jr. Gastonia, N.C.

Commentary

Starving for the meat of the Word

Imagine the following: It's 12 p.m. on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, and the pastor is concluding his three-point sermon on loving Jesus. A few in the congregation start shifting in their seat as they hear their stomachs begin to growl. They are hungry, and lunch thankfully is just minutes away.

Then, during the altar call, a gentleman on the third pew has to sit down because his hunger gets severe. It is overtaking his body, and he's starving! But then he realizes that he had a huge breakfast just four hours earlier. "What's wrong?" he thinks.

As the pastor closes in prayer, the gentleman's pains increase. Then it dawns on him... his hunger is not physical but spiritual. He had been longing for some of the meat of the Word of God to be pulled off of its bones and served at his table; instead, all he received during the sermon was milk, so he went home empty.

Regrettably, the above scenario is all too common. Christians walk away from many messages only being reminded of what they already knew. The chosen are not getting the choice cuts of meat, and sermons are bite-sized rather than super-sized.

Hebrews 6:1 commands ministers to "leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity." So I encourage all you preacher boys (of whom I am one) to listen up, because Jesus' command to "feed my sheep" was not a suggestion. Many churches are decaying due to the cancer of ignorance, and preachers are to blame.

The following is a list of three common, problematic threads that have been woven into the fabric of the American pulpit.

1. Sermons are too evangelistic. Though I am all for evangelism, it seems to me that Christians do not need to be evangelized. Lost men and women will always fill church pews according to Jesus' parable on the wheat and the tares. So why spend all the effort on justifying the minority



when the majority needs sanctifying? Paul told Timothy to do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5), but his primary responsibility in Ephesus was to refute false doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3).

2. Sermons are too funny. Although some wit can have great rhetorical value, having illustration after illustration with cute punch lines does little to grow someone's faith. Humor is great, but preachers should not be comedians.

3. Sermons are too simple. Yes, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing, and Christ crucified is the main thing... but the main thing is not the only thing. The church does not need any more let's-love-Jesus sermons.

I believe that lay people are actually interested in deep, theological topics, but they have been dumbed-down with superficiality. They need meat, but milk suffices. To break this pattern, preachers need to face head-on difficult passages.

They need to preach sermons on the wrath of God, the extent of the

atonement, the recipients of baptism, the Church's relationship to Israel, the millennium, the role of women, the cessation or continuation of tongues, the relation between suffering and God's glory, and a host of other pertinent issues about which congregations wonder.

Will trying to tackle such topics cause division? Maybe, but they do not have to. On the other hand, pursuing deep doctrinal issues has the potential to maximize fellowship, because the best Christian friendships are grounded in common theology.

Don't get me wrong. "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up" (1 Cor 8:1). Church members should not take pleasure in their differences with others, but they should hold on to truths with humility.

So let's replace those funny illustration books with some volumes of systematic theology. Let's not be Christian vegetarians, but let us yearn for the meat of the Word of God.



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My soldier went to war for you

Note to reader, the following article has been very difficult for me to write, so please deal with the emotions and tearstains that you're about to read over.

I write the words of thousands of women just like me. I write the words that a million tear drops have silently run over in their hearts, yet were unable to be formed, only conveyed by emotions and quivering lips. Yet I have been cursed with words, cursed by a never resting mind.

War, it has been the topic on every American's lips for some time now. Some are for it, some against, and some are utterly apathetic about this land where they live fat, free, and lazy. The thought of brave soldiers rarely crosses their minds. They are simply nameless, faceless, storyless men. They ignore the fact that these soldiers are fighting for them, so that they may live their apathetic lives here without paying a price as many of these men may. News to the holders of apathy, to some of us these soldiers not only have names and faces but stories that involve us. They are real men, with

real lives that they have left to enter a new world unlike anything they have ever known before, just for the sake of keeping the rest of us safe.

As I stood at the airport a few days

ago whispering final goodbyes through my constant flow of tears, my mind was filled with questions. Why did he have to go? Why not someone else, someone older who had lived more of their life, someone who no one loved the way that I love him. The sobs took over and I could get little more than an "I love you" out, as my soldier was hustled

away on a plane ride that was about to turn his whole life upside down. I write from a standpoint that I never thought that I would be writing from, I'm writing, for the husbands, wives, fiancés, boyfriends, and girlfriends just like me who are left on the other side with a slightly different thought on the war.

Many speak of this war on terrorism; they want to fight for freedom. They are all for sending hundreds of

thousands of men overseas to act as puppets to the people back here, because for some reason some people think that they have more right to live than the people that we've sent over

there. Let them fight, let them kill, let them die, no blood on our hands they signed up for this, right? Their blood won't save you, but if it flows it will surely kill me and the hearts of those just like me, sitting on the other side, waiting patiently for the next year to pass by, waiting for their soldier to come marching home.

You think that I sound angry, that would be a true assumption. How many people are sitting in their recliners today, perfectly capable of working (and of fighting), who are mooching off of the government and have been since they dropped out of high school? How many people scoff society, yet make no effort to change it? What gives them a right to sit there while my boyfriend is dodging bullets in Turkey? What gives any of us any more right to continue with our day-to-day lives not caring about the faces and the lives of the people who are brave enough to take our places? Until my soldier comes home, I will cry the tears of thousands just like me, wishing that someone else would be the hero this time.



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Unnecessary fear

Practicality in response to terrorism

Though it may seem at times that we live in an age of terror, in light of some recent and current significant events, terrorism is nothing new.

However, terror awareness has likely reached an all time high among Americans.

Thanks in part to attacks on our soil and media coverage, Americans are now more

informed of regimes, extremists and the anti-peace agenda than they were only several years ago. This knowledge, unfortunately, produces much anxiety, social unrest, and most regrettably for the Christian, fear.

One possible cause of nervousness could be the recent rise in the terror threat level on the Homeland Security Advisory System. This system, according to the United States Department of Homeland Security's Website, was established as a way to determine the suspected level of terrorist activity by considering innumerable data. The system's reading is then used to coordinate preventative and responsive efforts with all levels of government, monitor public events and execute emergency procedures for high risk areas and people groups.

The latest elevation to the orange or "high" threat level, second only to red "severe," prompted an outbreak of concern and emergency preparation. USDHS.gov lists practical protective steps to take under times of threat such as assembling a basic emergency kit, establishing a family communication plan and knowing how to stay informed. The announcement of these precautionary suggestions should not be cause for alarm as they are common steps to a variety of inconveniences such as snowstorms and power outages.

Still, others chose to take a more extreme approach such

as wrapping their homes in plastic and duct tape.

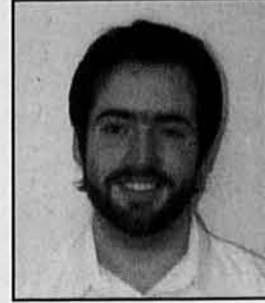
According to Yahoo News, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said, "I want to

make something very, very clear at this point: We do not want individuals or families to start sealing their doors or their windows." Aside from whether the USDHS supports this or not, it seems illogical for

a number of reasons. First, how much exposure to biological weaponry is necessary to become effected? To successfully seal one's home from biological attack is to seal it from oxygen as well. This makes occupant survival a challenge. Second, how many attacks will come forewarned? If spontaneity is key, then chances are reasonable that one could occur while outside the home. Then, even if an adequate house seal had been achieved, what good would it do?

Along a similar line are those who promote biohazard suits and underground living; a flashback of the Y2K scare. As reported by Foxnews.com, survivalgeardirect.com's president Holly Whiting suggests American's wear emergency masks as those sold on her site. "When the government puts out an alert you should wear it all the time," said Whiting. For some this is a plausible action of common sense; for me it is a sign of paranoia analogous to an episode of "The Twilight Zone."

It is vital in stressful times to keep a level head. What will happen tomorrow? No one knows: no one has ever known. And though some believe we have more to fear that fear itself, we as Christians can and must depend on the Creator of terrorists and peacemakers alike, through faith, as the ultimate refuge. Let's face tomorrow boldly, practically and without fear.



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Letter to the Editor

Echoing support for the war

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "Peace today at the cost of tomorrow" which appeared in the February 19th edition of The Liberty Champion. Peace in our time does indeed come at the cost of tomorrow. I too am greatly appalled as I sit and watch the many antiwar protests and campaigns unfold around our country and world. As an American citizen I cannot for the life of me understand why any American would be so brazen to speak out against the integrity, intelligence, and intentions of a President who obviously has this country's best interest in his heart. Those who portray this man as a war-monger and bully sometimes dishearten me, but I have learned not to expect any less from a media that is driven solely by political agendas.

I am not from a generation that has seen the effects of war on families, economies, and societies,

but I do understand that freedom comes by paying a great cost. If we do not stand up and fight against the evil dictators and rulers of this world our freedom will diminish. Make no mistake; I do know there is plenty of evil within America, but I believe a God fearing man sits in the White House and I believe God has placed him in that position for a reason; it may be for such a time as this. Do I agree with everything President Bush says or does? No. But I will continue to support him as well as his efforts to protect the United States of America from another horrible attack against our freedom. Remember, the greatest freedom ever attained was the freedom we now have in Jesus Christ and that came by giving the greatest sacrifice mankind has ever known.

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picks of the week

• 2/28-3/1 Coaching Seminar

If you are interested in learning how to coach, Dr. Dale Gibson will be offering the American Sports Education Program on Friday-Sunday in TE 131. For more information call ext. 2110.

• 2/27-3/1 MacBeth performances

Come see Macbeth performed in the Lloyd Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students.

Life!

fun fact of the week

Author Dr. Seuss wrote the book "Green Eggs and Ham" because the editor made him a bet that he could not write a book, which contained less than fifty words.

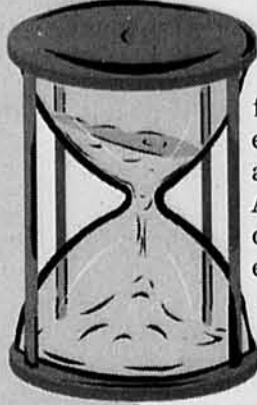
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Are you wasting your time?

By Carrie Frasz, reporter

The following survey adds up the amount of time that you spend doing the various activities of your life. Estimate the amount of time spent on each item, then multiply the totals times seven. That will give you the total for the week. Then add up each item's total. Since there are 168 hours in every week, subtract your total from 168. The outcome is wasted time. It will surprise you—but be honest!

1. Number of hours of sleep each night _____ x 7 = _____
 2. Number of hours of work each week _____
 3. Number of hours in class each week _____
 4. Number of hours for meals and snacks per day _____ x 7 = _____
 5. Number of hours grooming every day _____ x 7 = _____
 6. Number of hours spent traveling on weekdays _____ x 5 = _____ + weekends _____ = _____
 7. Number of hours per week for regularly scheduled events (include church, meetings, devotions, regular get-togethers) _____
 8. Number of hours per day spent on extra chores or errands _____ x 7 = _____
 9. Number of hours spent socializing, dating, etc..(be honest) a week _____
- Now add up the totals = _____
 Subtract that number from 168 = _____ wasted hours each week.



We never seem to have enough time. No matter how hard we try, there is always something that we could or should be doing. There never seems to be enough hours in a day. There is something we can do to change that, without adding more hours to the day. If time is used wisely, then the 24 hours will be enough.

The secret to creating more time is to practice good time management. Those two words—time management—frequently fall from the lips of parents, professors, bosses and now the Champion. Although the words are synonymous for a rolling of the eyes, they come with an intelligent application. If one would practice time management, hours will appear at their disposal.

Prioritize your life. The secret to time management is to find out what your priorities are. By listing out things that are important to you and necessary, you can justify how many hours are needed for each time-consuming thing. If school is a priority to you, as it should be, then the hours for class and homework are easily justified.

The same applies for work, church, exercising and even relationships. Make a list of your priorities in life. If your friends are important on your list, then set time aside for them. If God is a priority, then where is the time for Him? By deciding how much time you want to spend on things, you can be sure to have that time available.

Where does the time go? How is it that there are 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week, 8,760 hours a year—and it's never enough? Studies have been



done to find out where time actually does go and how much time we spend doing things. It is surprising to see what we have time for.

The average American spends 23 years of their lifetime sleeping, another 19 years working and a mere nine years spent on leisure over a lifetime. One study shows that humans spend two years on the phone in their lifetime. Additionally, CNN reported that the average person spends 60 hours a year on hold.

The average working male spends 47 hours a week at work and 21.9 hours a week watching TV (adult women topped the TV watching list with 26.5 hours a week). It is said that the average person spends about two weeks of their life kissing. The average person spends 10 months of their life on the toilet, while the average woman finds time to spend 2.7 years of her life in the bathroom.

There is enough time to do what we need to do, and often even what we want to do. The trick is to practice good time management, and prioritizing your life.

Moreover, several Liberty students have revealed what helps them put stress aside and enjoy life. The following is a list of suggestions from students who know how to beat stress. This is what they do when they start to feel like life has become too demanding:

- ❖ "I sleep it off, and praying helps," sophomore Josh Cole said.
- ❖ "I talk to friends," freshman Danielle Dill said.
- ❖ "I pray to God that he will help me not to stress out, or I go and talk to my friends about it," freshman Cindy Hurt said.
- ❖ "I find a positive distraction," senior Keith Williams said.
- ❖ "I am dedicated to my studies and to taking my mind off of academic stress. I focus on physical activity. Really stress is like an adrenaline high, and you need to burn that off," sophomore Aimee Bryan said.
- ❖ "Every Friday night, International Christian Fellowship meets, and I play the bass guitar for the praise band. It gives me a chance to relieve stress by having fellowship with my friends and by talking and praying in small groups. Afterwards, we all go out to the movies or David's Place," sophomore Kabin Rajkarnikar said.

There are good ways to deal with the things that cause stress. Find an outlet for stress. If it becomes too burdensome, ask a friend to pray with you. Finally, there will always be irritants in life, so learn how to combat the stress in your life.

Helpful Study Hints

By Camie Poplaski, reporter

It's nearing that time of the semester again when we have either just had our first test, it is coming up or we have a project due in the near future. And as you read this you may be thinking, "Oh my word! I have a test tomorrow!" The Champion would like to help its readers in finding the most effective way to study.

One of the first things to remember is that there is no right or wrong way to study (except not studying at all). "One of the most effective things for me to do is to review the material regularly so when the test starts to close in, I don't feel overwhelmed by how much I have to learn in such a small amount of time," senior Nate Jordan said. Everybody has an environment they like to study in whether completely quiet, more noisy, at a desk, with friends or chilling on the bed.

"Unless I'm studying something that's hard to understand, I like to have the TV on for background noise," freshman Alicia Wotring said. The trick is to study smarter and not harder. The other thing is to remember that only you can study for you...being with smart friends does not make you smarter.

Once you find your perfect study method, make sure you stick with it. That is the best way to retain information. "I like to read my notes like a book," senior Corrie Warren said. "I don't study any one area more than another, I just keep flipping back to the beginning and starting over again."

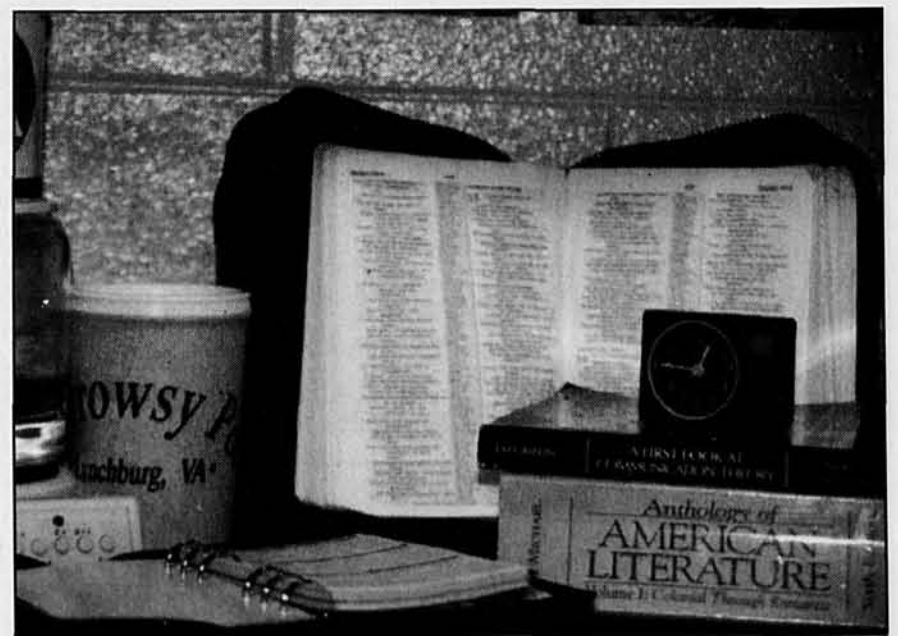
Another thing to remember is that studying time is not socializing time, so pick a serious study group if you get together with a group of friends to cram for the exam.

Remember, that you can't study effectively for a test that you haven't put in the class time for. Not only should you go to class because you are paying for it and because it can hurt your grade if you don't, but it also helps you learn what the professor focuses on most. Sometimes, if you get lucky, the professor may even hand out a review sheet or go over important material before the test. Class is not overrated!

Here are some important tips on studying that might help you out this semester.

- ❖ Try to study in the same place every time. This trains your mind to be in a study mode when you get to that certain place.
- ❖ Study at the same time. Find the time of day when your mind comprehends and remembers things best.
- ❖ Keep your homework supplies organized. Getting up and down 20 times to get pens, pencils, note cards and books can be one of the most distracting things of all. Be organized!
- ❖ Try to cut out all distractions (we know this is hard with roommates). Turn the music or TV down (not necessarily off) and try to clear your mind of earlier conversations.
- ❖ Do the hardest work first. Then you can coast as you go on.
- ❖ Schedule hard projects out over a long period of time so you don't get overwhelmed.
- ❖ Review your information regularly. Avoid cramming.
- ❖ If you are going to study in a group, limit the size. It should be small enough so that everybody gets to talk, but big enough to brainstorm in.
- ❖ Go to class regularly.

Hopefully, if you follow these suggestions you will maximize your smarter studying rather than your harder studying. Interviewed students agree that the two best tips are to review regularly and keep your atmosphere and time consistent.



Dealing with stress...

By Laura Beaton, reporter

Does everyone get stressed out? Yes, everyone feels pressure from the demands of life at times. There is good stress and bad stress. Good stress is like a rush of adrenaline, but bad stress can weigh a person down. How we deal with stress is the most important thing since no one is immune to it. People deal with stress in many ways. Some people exercise, and some write in their journal to get their thoughts on paper.

On the other hand, if stress gets out of control it can cause physical and emotional problems such as ulcers, headaches and depression. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." This Bible verse points out that too much stress can be harmful and that a positive outlook on life can be helpful to a person. Therefore, spend time with people who will look to the bright side of things.

Since most college students are loaded down with a heavy burden of schoolwork and extracurricular activities, students tend to get into a pattern of feeling overwhelmed from the things that should bring them happiness. There are many bad habits that students fall into when they feel like they have too much to bear. For example, exercise, good nutrition and adequate sleep become low on a student's priority lists. "Make time to take care of yourself. It will give you more energy to do the things you need to do," Anna Pulver, a 2000 Liberty graduate, said.

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Choose life

Does anyone else find themselves fascinated by the concept of reality TV? I have always been somewhat skeptical of the idea, particularly after seeing segments of some of the shows that are offered on national television today. However, after actually indulging in an hour of a popular reality television show, I found myself spellbound; dying to know what would happen and who would be eliminated in the next show.

I should probably be ashamed to admit it, but the truth is that I was glued to my screen last Wednesday night when Trista made her final selection on "The Bachelorette." Apparently it is not just the girls in Dorm 33 who were watching this either, as an estimated 17,156,000 viewers eagerly tuned in to watch Trista choose the love of her life. For those of you who are not familiar with the concept of this particular reality TV show, the "Bachelorette," a sequel

to "The Bachelor" series, starring a beautiful blonde named Trista. During the course of several shows she chose from 25 eligible men the one most suited for herself. During each episode she eliminated a certain number of males, until the last episode when she made the choice between two final contestants.

If you are thinking that this sounds like an extremely superficial show, then you would be right. The entire premise of the show revolves around a perfectly put-together woman who chooses a man primarily based on looks and charisma. Trista flaunts her body in front of these men as she chooses her favorite males, all of whom are superior specimens of



the human race. Every setting is ideal, and every situation that these individuals are placed in seems flawless, from the dates and outings that they go on to the clothes that they wear, and even the diamond rings that are chosen by the final two men vying for Trista's love.

So why do we watch? Because we are a very superficial culture, wooed by the excitement of watching beautiful people interact with each other and make their decisions based on physical attraction. I won't deny that I was fascinated by the idea of watching Trista make one of the most important decisions of her life in front of national television. From the beginning of the show, I was avidly rooting for the man who I thought would best fulfill the role as her soul mate, and I am sure that everyone else watching had their own personal favorites, as well.

While there is nothing wrong with enjoying a little bit of cheesy entertainment, there is something wrong if we are more passionate about who Trista's final choice was than about the things that are going on in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Reality television is deceptive, because actual reality is not always about choosing between two equally beautiful and perfect situations. Real life is not so easy and rarely is it so entertaining to watch.

In Deuteronomy 30:19, Moses encourages the Israelites to "choose life" and I would encourage us all to follow his advice. Whether you are making life-changing decisions such as who to marry or what to do with your life, or smaller decisions, like whether or not to take a missions trip this summer, it doesn't matter how big or small the decision. Just because your choices aren't glamorous and appealing doesn't make them any less significant. Perhaps we could all be a little more passionate about the real-life decisions that we face every day. You just never know...the end result might be even more exciting than whether or not Trista and Ryan live happily ever after.

Do You Know



JED BROWN

Major: Social Science

Hometown: Harrington, Del.

Favorite Verse: Ephesians 2:8

Favorite movie: Batman, the original

Words to live by: In everything you do in life, do it fully determined, and if you find you make a mistake, it's better to learn from a big mistake.

My ideal Saturday afternoon includes: Waking up late, not getting changed till about six, and bumming around with my friends.

Pet peeves: I can't stand people who slurp their soup and noodles.

If I could be anyone for a day I would be: the lonely missionary in the middle of nowhere, where the only thing he has is faith. Just for a day, I'd like to be that person.

Most treasured possession: My teddy bear, because I remember crying when I was a little kid because I couldn't take him to heaven.

Favorite author: John Piper—right now I am reading his book "Desiring God."

Most significant moment at LU: becoming an SLD for Dorm 7-1.

What I look for in a girl: I don't want a hottie, because they'll make me look ugly. I want her to be cute, sincere, modest and have a passion for God.

Where I see myself after Liberty: I hope to graduate and move to short term missions, or serve as a pastor or youth pastor—definitely wherever God wants me to go.

—Compiled by Amy Jordan, LIFE! editor

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Switchfoot—The "Beautiful Letdown"

By Joe Portnoy, reporter

Probably the most frustrating thing that can happen to a band is having everyone and their mom think that someone else wrote one of their songs. I don't know how it must have felt for the guys of Switchfoot, but if this is any indication, at the Purple Door Festival in August, when John Foreman introduced their song, "Only Hope," he said, "Now here's a song Mandy Moore *didn't* write." I guess having one of your songs mistaken as someone else's is okay, especially when your new album is nothing short of magnificent. Switchfoot gives us the next chapter of San Diego Rock in "The Beautiful Letdown."

Switchfoot is like a best friend. Even if you don't hear anything from them in a couple years, you always just pick up right where you left off, but there

are always some new surprises. For example, they pick up a new addition to the band. Jerome (of Ford Zandura and Mortal fame) joins the band to add a new element to the group.

"The Beautiful Letdown" is by far Switchfoot's best album to date and it comes at a perfect time since this is the group's major label debut (Columbia Records). The message is open, honest, and a tough one to bear at times. These tracks force you to look at who you really are as a person. Let's say everything you had, your talent as a musician or artist or whatever, were taken away. Let's go farther. Your car, your money, your success, everything, you absolutely had nothing. Who would you be? That's the purpose of tracks like "Meant to Live," "Beautiful Letdown," "This is Your Life," "More than Fine" and "Gone."

Other titles include "Ammunition," "Redemption," "On Fire," "Adding to the Noise," "Twenty-four" and the re-release of "Dare You to Move" which includes a new vocal track. If you have never been introduced to Switchfoot, now is a good time to meet them. "Beautiful Letdown" releases February 25.

Regina Robinson—serving through a variety of roles

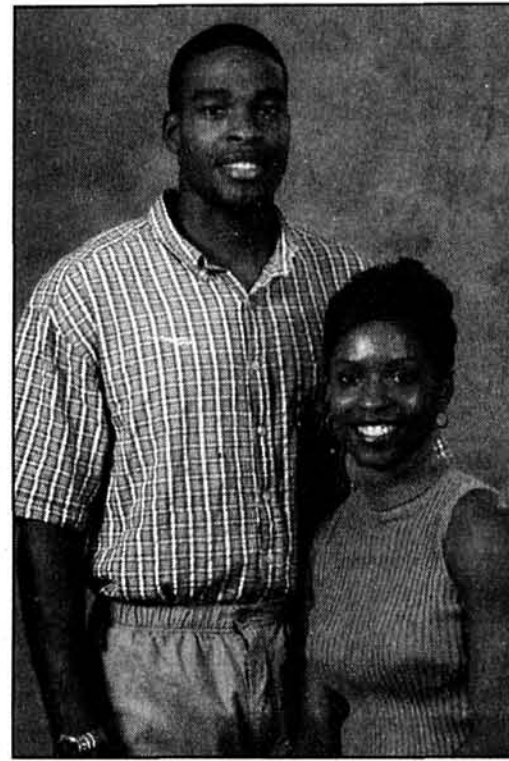
By Meghan McCarthy, reporter

Regina Robinson's father, a Baptist minister, used to lead her and her sisters in reading a Proverb everyday. These 31 chapters of ancient wisdom became very familiar to Robinson. At times, the daily readings seemed monotonous. However, as she grew older, the wise words gained more meaning and they became an important part of Robinson's life.

Robinson went from learning about wisdom with her siblings to motivating others to seek similar wisdom. The 1997 Liberty University graduate has worked with the football players at Liberty to motivate them to pursue excellence in all areas of their life. Last semester Robinson began her dream of teaching an all women's class at Liberty University called "Role of Christian Women in the church." Her young age and her African American heritage set her apart from many other teachers.

Robinson traces her current success back to her growing up experience. She describes it simply. "It was a blessing," she said. Robinson spent 10 years of her life in Portsmouth, Va. and six years in Lynchburg. Since her father served as a minister, she became familiar with ministry at an early age. Her large family always displayed closeness. "My parents have always taught us to love and care for one another," Robinson said, glancing over at a shelf in her office displaying photographs of her family. Because of that, she remains close to her siblings. "I still have a good friendship with them as well as a sibling relationship," she said. They support each other in many ways, even financially, when necessary. According to Robinson, the encouragement and motivation of her parents has served as the key to her success. "Their prayers are evident now," she said.

Showing strong self-motivation, Robinson graduated high school a year early at the age of 16 and entered Liberty University pursuing a major in speech communication and a minor in psychology. She filled her schedule with five Christian services including running track and serving as a prayer leader. She always had a fear of spreading herself too thin. After receiving her bachelors of science degree, Regina received her master's degree in professional counseling. Robinson sees her many activities as a weakness. "I am a jack



NEWLY MARRIED—Regina and her husband, Jua have been happily married since June.

of all trades and a master of none," Robinson said.

Even now, Robinson displays an amazing amount of energy in many ways. She continues to live up to her childhood nickname, "The Queen of Gab." A co-worker teasingly affirmed this, "Make sure you have plenty of time. Regina's the queen of gab. She'll talk your ear off," he said.

Just as in college, she holds many different roles. She serves as a wife, teacher of young women and motivational speaker. Robinson's small frame, feminine clothes, and bright features do not seem to describe a person who spends their days with football players. However, Robinson does indeed spend her days working with the Liberty Flames. "I really think God's just given me a gift to be able to relate to both (men and women)," Robinson said. She believes that her relationships with her father and brother have given her the ability to relate well to men. "I've been exposed to the strength of a man and what a man can aspire to be," she said. The football coaches also provide

tremendous support. "I feel like I'm working with seven other men the caliber of my father," she said.

Robinson also loves working with women. For her class "Role of Christian Women in the Church," she seeks to serve as a model for her female students to look at and to bring in other Christian women to serve as models. The idea for her class came from speaking in a similar class for women taught by Ruth Towns. After a student told her she should teach a class, Robinson began to consider it. Finally, she conferred with Dr. Elmer Towns, the Dean, and Dr. Stevens, the assistant Dean with the plan to teach a class that appeared in Liberty's catalogue, but had not been taught for years. Since she already had connections with Dr. Towns, he had already considered her as a teacher for the class. After the university approved her plan to teach, she needed only 10 girls to sign up for the class. In the first week of registration last spring, 25 girls signed up for "Role of Christian Women in the Church."

In the future, Robinson hopes to become a motivational speaker to youth and women, to develop her ministry with her new husband Jua, and to become a devoted wife and mother.

Simple Seven wows crowds with innovative new style

By Carrie Frasz, reporter

With various ministry teams, a music major, concerts, and praise and worship in services, Liberty is full of music. The campus is covered with very talented students, each excelling in their own way. Many here at Liberty, just as in other schools, decide to start a band of their own. Whether to just have fun with friends, play the kind of music that you want to, or even to start a career in music—whatever the reason, starting a band seems to be a popular trend. One such band is Simple Seven.

Simple Seven is made up of three Liberty students who met here, as roommates in Dorm 4. So, who are these guys?

David Emch, a biblical studies major, is a sophomore from Gahanna, Ohio. David plays the

bass, does vocals and writes for the band. He claims that he, "doesn't like rap."

Kenny Campbell, a freshman, raps for the band. He also does the turntables and writes. Kenny is from Buffalo, N.Y. and is majoring in physical education. His song of choice is, "I Don't Want Your Sex For Now" by D.C. Talk.

Jason Cvach plays the acoustic guitar, does vocals, and writes. He is a senior, biblical studies major from Baltimore, Md. "Music is definitely something I want to do with my life," Jason said.

Simple Seven places their music into an original category of "acoustic hip-hop." David explains, "the difference between regular hip-hop and acoustic hip-hop is that the acoustic hip-hop is smooth. I like to think of ourselves as the pioneers of this new genre of hip-hop."

"Simple Seven has great chem-

istry; we are an original act with an original sound," Kenny added. The music is unique, with a style all its own; mixing genres of music that together create a very attractive sound. The band carries with it its own traditions, including the silent stage presence of Nathan Stiles. He is known as the "good vibes guy," and his job merely to sit on stage and think good vibes.

Simple Seven is no stranger to Liberty. It won the MISO Live talent show in November. It also has performed at Percival's in Downtown Lynchburg. The group's latest performance, however, was at the recent LU Hip Hop Party, as one of the opening acts for Cross Movement. "It was one of the best nights I've had here," said Cvach of the performance. Simple Seven played their new song "Ain't Nothin'



NOTHING TO MESS WITH—Simple Seven wows the crowd at the Cross Movement concert with their "earthy rock style."

to Mess With," also the band's slogan. They were joined on stage by the "good vibes guy" and Pete Cooper, a freshman from New Jersey. Cooper, a fellow Dorm 4 resident, rapped and performed for the concert.

After the show, Kenny remarked, "doing shows is a lot of fun, it's definitely what I want to do with my

life." Kenny had fun throwing CDs out to the crowd at the Hip Hop Party. For those of you not lucky enough to catch one, you can hear their song and others Friday nights on 90.9 The Light. Dying to know more? Visit Simple Seven's website: www.geocities.com/simpleseven-music

Track: Tolsma named the Coach of the Year

Melissa Blackstone saw her time of 5:03.82 allow her to capture second place in the mile, while fellow distance runner Chelsey Swanson placed third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:19.47. Blackstone and Swanson were also joined by Aimee Riley and Rebecca Parson on the women distance medley relay team that finished second in a time of 12:28.53.

Kena Butts and Jonisha Saunders led the women in the field events as Butts jumped 5'05.75" to win the high jump, while Saunders finished second in the long jump with a leap of 18'00.25" and first in the triple jump with bound of 39'02.25". Aimee Riley finished second in the pole vault as she successfully cleared the bar at a height of 9'11.75" and teammate Marianne Schiller finished third with a vault of 9'05.75".

Liberty also collected hardware in other categories as Liberty head coach Brant Tolsma was honored as the Big South Coach of the Year on the both the men's and women's side, while Danielle McNaney

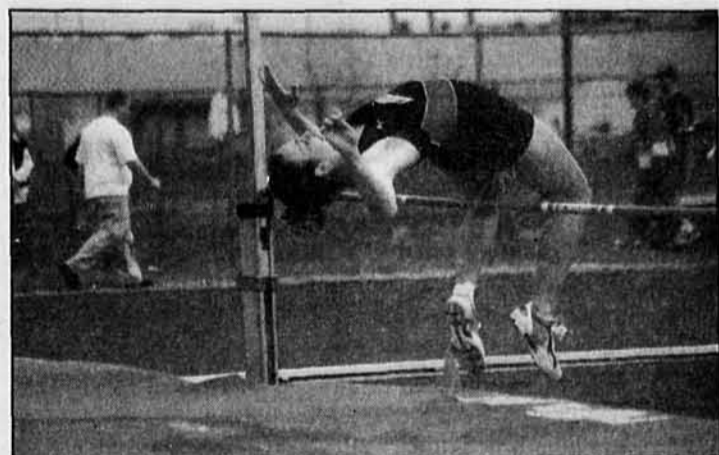
was named to the women's All-Academic Team and Adam Williams was named to the men's All-Academic Team. Williams also was named the Big South Scholar Athlete of the Year for men's indoor track and field.

"Both teams really stepped up, head coach Brant Tolsma commented, as the victories came for both teams due to good overall team efforts." Tolsma also felt that the team was blessed in a lot of close battles as there were many big point swings that went the Flames way that ended up being decided by

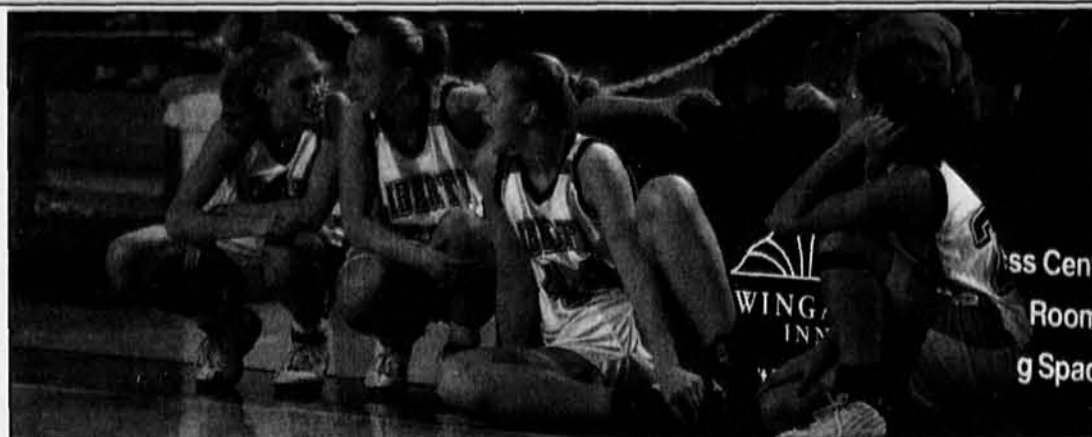
only a few mere seconds.

Coach Tolsma was also especially proud of the women's team as this was the first Big South Championship for almost two-thirds of the girls, and they responded very well and in the winning Liberty fashion of teams in the past.

"This victory is important for both the men and women and should definitely help us build up for the coming outdoor season, Tolsma stated." "It is also nice to have our total (indoor and outdoor) Big South Championships program streak extend to 30 consecutive titles."



SKY JUMPER — Tessa Sturgil and the rest of the men and women's track and field team have each won six straight Big South titles.



JOHN FISHER

LEADERS — Tharp, Jasinskaitė, Feenstra and Stagaitiene helped propel LU to another conference win.

First place: Flames dominate yet again

By Robbie Adams, sports editor

The Lady Flames once again came up big when they needed to, and secured their sixth straight Big South Title. The Flames were able to upend the Elon Phoenix team and win for the first time in three years at Alumni Gym.

The tone was set in the opening minutes that this game would be no blow out like the Flames gave the Phoenix in the Vines Center. The opening possessions were extremely physical with bodies flying everywhere, but no whistles blown. Agne Jasinskaitė had five early points for the Flames as she hit on a jumper and a deep three-pointer. On senior night Anestha Blakeney, for the Phoenix, scored the first four points for her team but the Flames held a one-point edge with 12 minutes left to go.

Kristal Tharp then started to heat up for the Flames in the first half; she scored nine points in just 14 minutes to keep the Flames on top in this see-saw battle. Tharp was able to create a lot of 15-foot jump shots off of her dribble and also found herself in the right place at the right time in the paint on a few occasions.

Holly Andrews, who averages over 16 points per game in conference play, scored eight in the first half and hit a couple of key shots from beyond the arc.

The Flames were able to go on a 6-0 run late in the first half, but Jessica Williams, the shortest player on the court, got her own rebound off a missed three pointer and hit a clutch shot at the buzzer. The Flames led 29-25 at the half, but got out rebound-

ed, which is something that has happened very few times this year. The Flames are currently second in the NCAA in rebound margin just behind the UCONN.

The Flames must have heard a good pep talk in the locker room because they erupted on a 16-6 run to start the second half. The Flames started to dump the ball down low to Katie Feenstra early and she got two quick lay-ups. Jaskinskaitė also scored six early points to ensure that Flames would not go down in Alumni Gym. At the 12:00 mark the Flames led 49-37 after a great feed from Feenstra across the lane to Kristina Palamaite for an easy deuce.

Following the media timeout, Elon went on an 8-0 run to pull back within four. Williams and Andrews both hit shots from beyond the arc.

When the Flames have needed her most, Feenstra has come through in the clutch, and Saturday was no exception. Feenstra scored 12 out of the last 25 points for the Flames as Courtney Nyborg, for the Phoenix, had four fouls and had to sit on the bench. The Flames were able to even waste most of the shot clock and Feenstra was able to go up and under and quiet the Elon crowd.

The Flames sealed the deal after a quick shot by Andrews rimmed out, the Flames got the board and threw a quick outlet pass to Tharp who was fouled. She hit both free throws as the Flames breathed a sigh of relief with their 17th consecutive win, 74-66.

Only six players scored for the Flames, Tharp had 17, Jaskinskaitė had 19, and Katie Feenstra finish with a game high 21 points and 11 boards.

The website WomensCollegeHoops.com now has the Flames at 47th in the nation in RPI (ratings percentage index). The Flames will now look to make it 18 in a row on Tuesday night against Winthrop. In will be the last home game before the tournament and all seniors will be honored prior to tip-off.

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Singles

1. Stewart (V) def. Shinozaki 6-1, 7-6
2. Duquette (V) def. Rino 6-3, 6-2
3. Rozek (V) def. Anciros 6-2, 6-2
4. Gonyer (V) def. Pihl 6-2, 6-4
5. Nolen (V) def. Bell 6-2, 6-4
6. Meythaler (V) def. Malagrino 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

1. Stewart/Duquette (V) def. Shinozaki/Rino 8-3
2. Gonyer/Nolen (V) def. Anciros/Bell 8-6
3. Meythaler/Rozek (V) def. Moylan/Pihl 8-2

WOMEN'S BOX SCORE, FEB. 22
LIBERTY 74, HIGH POINT 66

HP	FG	FT	R	A	PTS
Tharp	7-13	2-2	5	3	17
Palaimaite	1-3	4-4	9	1	6
Feenstra	9-17	3-4	11	2	21
Jasinskaitė	8-19	2-2	4	2	19
Stagaitiene	3-6	0-0	1	2	7
Dawson	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Leonard	0-2	0-0	2	4	0
Foreid	0-3	0-0	3	0	0
Walker	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Anderson	2-2	0-0	4	0	4
TOTALS			41	14	74

FG: 30-68, 44.1%. FT: 11-22, 91.7%. 3PT: 3-10 30.0% (Tharp 1-3, Jasinskaitė 1-4, Stagaitiene 1-2, Leonard 0-1). Blocks: 7 (Feenstra 5, Stagaitiene, Anderson). Team Rebs: 2. Steals: 11 (Tharp 2, Palaimaite 2, Feenstra, Jasinskaitė 2, Stagaitiene, Leonard 2, Foreid).

LIB	FG	FT	R	A	PTS
Blakeney	4-6	2-3	4	0	10
Nyborg	4-11	0-1	7	2	8
Chikos	3-6	1-2	5	11	7
Andrews	4-12	2-4	5	0	13
Jones	0-1	0-0	4	0	0
Williams	5-10	4-4	6	1	17
Miller	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Ghee	0-3	4-4	3	0	4
Gray	3-6	0-1	0	0	6
Hamilton	0-4	1-2	1	1	1
TOTALS			40	15	66

FG: 23-60, 38.3%. FT: 14-21, 66.7%. 3PT: 6-17, 35.3% (Andrews 3-8, Jones 0-1, Williams 3-7, Hamilton 0-1). Blocks: 5 (Nyborg 2, Andrews 3). Team Rebs: 4. Steals: 6 (Blakeney, Chikos, Jones, Miller 2, Ghee).

	Score	1	2	TOT
Liberty		29	45	74
Elon		27	39	66

Editor's Note: Last weekend's series against Marist College was cancelled due to the crummy conditions. And as much as we wanted to report on yesterday's game against Virginia, printing deadlines precluded us from doing so.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE **Basketball standings** THROUGH FEB. 23

Men's conference standings			Men Statistically	
TEAM	W	L	PCT	PPG
Winthrop	10	3	.769	1. T. Butler (CC) 19.1
Liberty	8	4	.667	2. D. Gathings (HP) 18.6
UNC Asheville	7	5	.583	3. J. Knight (HP) 16.6
Charleston Southern	6	6	.500	RPG
Elon	6	6	.500	1. D. Gathings (HP) 7.5
Coastal Carolina	5	7	.417	2. A. Gill (RU) 7.3
Radford	5	8	.385	3. T. Walker (WU) 7.2
High Point	2	10	.167	
Birmingham-Southern*	NA	NA	NA	

Women's conference standings			Women Statistically	
TEAM	W	L	PCT	PPG
Liberty	12	0	1.00	1. N. Reddick (CC) 19.5
Elon	9	3	.750	2. A. Neby (RU) 17.0
High Point	8	4	.667	3. H. Andrews (ELON) 15.2
Charleston Southern	7	6	.538	RPG
Coastal Carolina	5	8	.385	1. K. Feenstra (LU) 8.6
Winthrop	4	8	.333	2. T. Jackson (UNCA) 8.1
Radford	4	8	.333	3. A. Neby (RU) 7.6
UNC Asheville	0	12	.000	
Birmingham-Southern*	NA	NA	NA	

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Karlin: Arkansas standout brings pro experience to Liberty

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As a freshman she received the SEC Freshman of the Year award after scoring 11 points and grabbing 6 boards per game. She started all four years and even made it to the NCAA Tournament her sophomore season. That year her team received a tournament bid despite not being nationally ranked. After gaining momentum following a first round victory the bid seemed validated.

Karlin then led Arkansas all the way to The Final Four! Although eventual

National Champion Tennessee and future WNBA superstar Chamique Holdsclaw defeated them, their legacy that season was secured. They advanced two games further than any other unranked team, and drew national attention to the University of Arkansas.

After graduating, Karlin played professional basketball overseas in Finland and France. She then played briefly for the Birmingham Power of the NWDBL and also had a brief stint with the now-defunct Miami Soul of the WNBA. During this time she had to learn more than ever to

depend on the Lord day by day, as she had limited power over her fate. This experience fueled her trust in Christ even more, as she learned not to look too far ahead in life but to take each day in stride.

The following year she received a call from Liberty's women's coach Carey Green asking her to consider an assistant coaching position with the team. "I knew it was the Lord when he called," she said. "I love coaching and I feel that I can relate to the girls because of the age difference. I spend time everyday praying for them. They are what makes this job perfect and

so rewarding." Since joining the team she has contributed to their success and enhanced a team that is perennially first in the Big South.

Karlin commented that the team's success is due primarily to teamwork and Coach Green's coaching philosophy. "He is a godly man and is more concerned with their spiritual well being. This team has an eternal perspective that motivates us."

It seems a perfect fit that Karlin would end up coaching here because her life has always been based on an eternal perspective.

Can't stand the heat? Flames drop two after being in first

By Ben Cates, reporter

As of Saturday evening, the Liberty Men's Basketball team had played four games in seven days. Playing under those trying and difficult conditions, the Flames have managed to get by with a 2-2 record. This past week the team hit the road for a crucial game with Winthrop, and then returned home to the Vines Center to celebrate Senior Night.

Both teams knew the weight that Thursday night's game held when the Winthrop Eagles hosted Liberty. It was fitting that these two teams face off in a late-season battle as they found themselves tied for first place in the Big South Conference. Winthrop had previously lost at Gardner-Webb. Liberty, meanwhile, was coming off a highly successful home stand, in which was 3-0. After big wins against UNC-Asheville, Charleston-Southern and Coastal Carolina, the team felt it was as ready as it could be for Winthrop.

It was not to be an easy game however, and in the end, the Flames would lose control of first place. But their effort was valiant. Winthrop went on a 29-4 run that would span the majority of the first half. This was mainly due to the fact that the Flames did not score from the 10:16 mark until Ryan Mantlo hit a layup with 3:55 left in the first half of play. This helped to attribute to Winthrop's first half domination, and they led 40-22 as the teams headed to the locker rooms.

There is something magical about the Big

South, however. The only thing that one can be certain of is that one can be certain of nothing. Big South games are usually marked either by close, down-to-the-wire contests, or by one team mounting a comeback to make the game close. Liberty found itself attempting to get into the latter category Thursday night.

The Eagles would expand their lead to 22 points before the Flames would get hot on the comeback trail. With 12:17 left to play in the game, the score was 58-36. But over the next five minutes, Liberty made it clear that they had seen enough. They then went on a 19-6 run and had the lead down to single digits with 7:26 left. It appeared that the Flames were back in the game again and would not go down without a fight.

Unfortunately, it was all Eagles over the next two minutes, as they expanded their lead back out to 16. They would go on to win the game by a final score of 84-72, and regain control of first place in the Big South.

Gabe Martin led Liberty with 22 points, and Ryan Mantlo followed with 15 points of his own and also grabbed eight rebounds. However, Winthrop got key performances from Tyrone Walker, who had 21 points on the night, and guard Pierre Wooten scored 17 and had six assists to lead the Eagles to victory.

Saturday night Liberty honored its seniors on the last home game of the regular season. After a special pre-game ceremony, the Flames came out with a somewhat different starting lineup that included Phillip Ward and Freddy Williams. Liberty's top recruit for

the 2003-2004 season, Larry Blair, was also in attendance. Blair, who has been rated 109th in Bob Gibbons' rankings for top incoming freshmen for next season, received a standing ovation from the crowd of 4,319.

Then Liberty had to focus on future BSC member Birmingham-Southern. The Panthers, who are currently a provisional team in the conference, proved that they would be tough to beat in the future. They got off to a quick start against the Flames, who were sloppy on the offensive end from the start.

"We didn't respond very well in the first half," Coach Dunton said. "We were up 13-10 and then had eight turnovers in 11 possessions."

The Panthers took control of the first half as they shot 48 percent from the field. The Flames, in contrast, only shot 36.4 percent. Liberty's defense, such a crucial part of every game, was good, but the offense came tumbling down in the first half. By halftime, the Flames had already posted 13 turnovers, and ended with 24 on the game.

The second half in the "Furnace" got heated and physical very quickly. Gabe Martin took control of the game for Liberty, bringing them back from an 11-point deficit in the first few minutes of the second half. Despite his efforts, there could be no stopping Birmingham-Southern. They slashed and drove into the lane all night, and used their big men to create trouble for the Flames.



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JUMP SHOT — Glyn Turner scored nine points against Winthrop.

points and seven rebounds. He was also 5-for-7 from the free throw line.

All in all, the Flames were close the entire second half, but could never get the lead. Martin, Vincent Okotie and Ryan Mantlo all had good games, but in the end, Liberty came up short.

As time ran out in the game, the Flames found themselves down by only one point. They had the ball right where they wanted it, in Gabe Martin's hands, with the shot clock off. Martin said later that he was confident of his chances in taking the shot to win the game. But as the saying goes, "you can't make 'em all." That proved true, as Martin, under extreme pressure, missed the shot, forcing the Flames to foul with only one second remaining on the clock.

Corey Watkins would sink both of his free throws to make the Panther lead three points. James then intercepted the Flames' inbound pass, and the game was over. The final score was 53-50.

"We couldn't get over the hump that we needed to get the lead," Martin, who finished with 20 points, said. "The shots that we needed to get just didn't come."

Martin also offered his outlook on the rest of the season. "Right now we are just trying to focus on these next two road games," he said. The junior also added that he still believes that the Flames have a good, confident perspective concerning the rest of the season.

The Flames will be back in action Wednesday at High Point and Friday at Radford. Their current record is 13-12, 8-4 in the Big South.

Liberty	72
Winthrop	84

Liberty	50
Birmingham Southern	53

MEN'S BOX SCORE, FEB. 22

BIRM. SOU. 53, LIBERTY 50					
BSC	FG	FT	R	A	PTS
Davis	3-6	0-0	3	0	6
James	3-11	5-7	7	0	11
Sigurdarson	5-8	0-0	1	1	12
Williams	1-5	2-2	2	6	5
Watkins	2-4	5-6	2	2	10
Collins	1-3	0-0	2	0	3
Amerson	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Burke	0-1	0-2	3	0	0
Mbyirukira	3-4	0-0	1	0	6
TOTALS			21	10	53

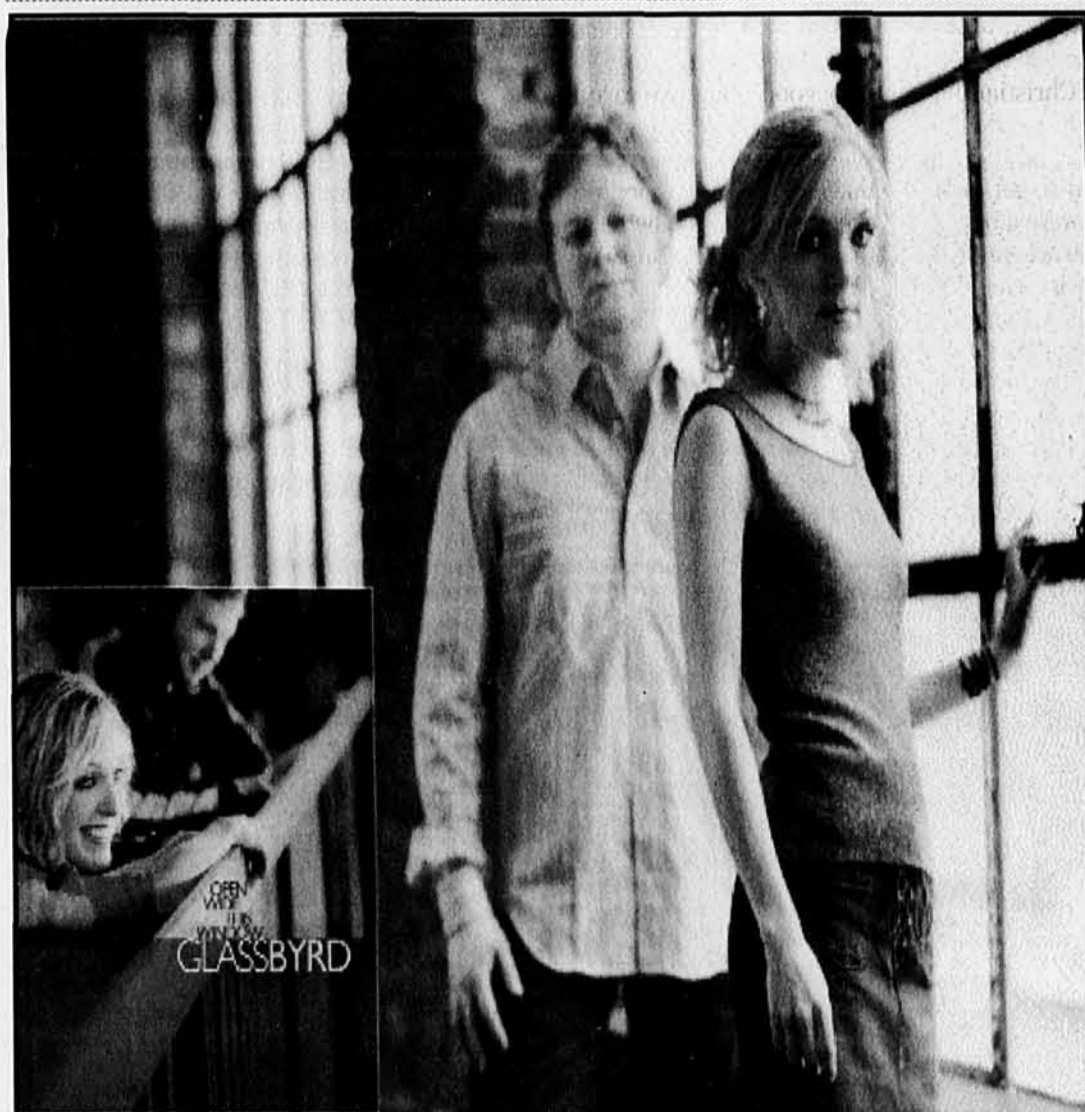
FG: 19-42, 42.9%. FT: 12-17, 70.6%. 3PT: 5-19, 26.3% (Davis 0-3, James 0-1, Sigurdarson 2-5, Williams 1-4, Watkins 1-3, Collins 1-3). Blocks: 3 (James, Mbyirukira 2). Team Reb: 0. Steals: 8 (Davis, James, Sigurdarson, Williams 3, Burke, Mbyirukira).

LIB					
	FG	FT	R	A	PTS
Ward	3-7	0-1	4	0	6
Okotie	3-10	3-4	4	1	9
Martin	8-12	3-3	4	1	19
F. Williams	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mantlo	3-7	1-1	4	1	7
Monceaux	1-6	0-0	2	1	2
Simmons	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Turner	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
H. Williams	0-0	0-0	2	2	0
Sarchet	1-3	5-7	10	1	7
TOTALS			37	7	50

FG: 19-47, 40.4%. FT: 12-16, 75.0%. 3PT: 0-5, 0.0% (Okotie 0-2, Mantlo 0-1, Monceaux 0-2). Blocks: 3 (Okotie 3). Team Reb: 4. Steals: 6 (Ward, Martin, Mantlo 2, Monceaux, Turner).

Score	1	2	TOT
Birm. Sou.	32	21	53
Liberty	21	29	50

Although no one fouled out, Martin and Jason Sarchet played much of the second half with four fouls, as they attempted to deal with a big Birmingham-Southern team. The Panthers have two players who are listed at 6-11, but it was 6-9 Josiah James who gave the Flames the most trouble down the stretch. James finished with 11



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Pinned to the mat: Could Title IX help bring back wrestling?

By Wes Rickards, managing editor

If you think of the most successful athletic program ever at Liberty, you'd probably think of women's basketball, track & field or baseball. But take a trip along the Vines Center concourse and look at our All-Americans, and you may be surprised to see what is, arguably, Liberty's best sport ever. Wrestling. During its run, there were more than 40 times when a Liberty wrestler was named an All-American, including Warren Stewart, LU's only male NCAA champion.

Instituted in 1974, Liberty had a championship-caliber wrestling program until it was folded in 1994, due to financial reasons. However, wrestling fanatics, led by a group called the Liberty Wrestling Foundation has the desire, and hopefully soon the finances, to bring the program back to LU.

How is all this possible? Evidently, Liberty is out of compliance with Title IX, the edict that forced schools to provide an equal opportunity for female athletes (and usually the reason why 439 colleges dropped wrestling as a sport). The reason for this is that in 1997, Liberty was listed as being out of proportion with Title IX, favoring the men. So, the athletic department decided to add scholarship positions to several of its women's sports, and in Fall 2000 instituted its women's tennis program. But almost six years later, the same problem has occurred; LU is out of compliance with

Title IX. But, unlike most schools, the scales now are tipped to favor the women. To remedy this, wrestling has been brought up as an option.

"There's an interest to bring (wrestling) back, from the athletic office, the president's office and the chancellor's office," Athletic Director Kim Graham said.

But according to a publication on USA Wrestling's site TheMat.com, both Graham and President John Borek have challenged the LWF to raise \$100,000 to reinstate the program. This is because, according to Graham, "LU can't fund it (the program); they don't have the money." And so, Jeff Helgeson, Co-Chairman of the LWF, has contacted Liberty wrestling alumni and others to receive pledges. So far, they've nearly totaled \$22,000 towards their goal.

"(The LWF has) gotten alumni support unlike anything I have ever seen before for a new program," Chancellor Jerry Falwell said. He has even recommended that the university establish an interim committee to advise the administration about the reinstating the program.

"The program has expenses, but it does not cost the university anything," Helgeson said via e-mail correspondence. "Dr. Falwell knows what a wrestling program will do for Liberty, and he states, 'I predict 20-30 walk-on wrestlers each year, who will come here solely because of the wrestling program, will help underwrite the 10 or so scholarship wrestlers and the other costs involved.'"

Mr. Helgeson continued to say that even if 20 walk-ons joined the team, the university gets to pocket their student tuition (as they don't receive an athletic scholarship). Now, the annual cost per student is \$16,900; 20 walk-ons paying full tuition would net the school \$338,000. With the wrestling program only expected to cost \$100,000 per year, Liberty could automatically have a cash flow of \$238,000 just by reinstating the sport.

If Liberty were to pick the program back up again, it would be the only Christian Division I wrestling program in the country, a ministry opportunity in it of itself.

"My involvement in college coaching, and 26 years of directing Camp of Champs Wrestling Camps has clearly shown that there is a great need and desire for young men to attend a Christian College where there are opportunities to wrestle," said Ben Peterson, a 1972 Olympic Champion.

There are some roadblocks though. Yes, adding a wrestling program is a remedy for the Title IX situation, but Graham said that "it is not the only remedy." The school could increase male scholarships, or even easier, cut ones offered to women. But, Graham says that "we don't want to penalize our



CHAMPS — Liberty wrestlers used to dominate the competition.

women's programs."

But the most serious issue is that when walk-ons are accorded for, the Office of Civil Rights says that LU is guilty of discrimination favoring the men. With nine male sports and eight female sports, the OCR says that males have a greater participation opportunity. If a wrestling program is reinstated, this will only add to the current problem.

Even if Liberty gets a wrestling program, Graham says it probably wouldn't be ready by Fall '03, because there is little time for recruiting, finding coaches and facilities, etc. But still, the interest remains. And so, a trip around the Vines Center concourse to look at Liberty's wrestling All-Americans won't represent what once was, but instead, what could be.

Kevin Rainey: Doing a lot more than just stopping the pucks

He may be one of the best in the United States, but also one of the best in Canada. In the nation where hockey is king, Kevin Rainey is practically royalty. But don't ask the sophomore goalie because he will tell you that he's just a guy who plays because of his family and his love of the game.

Lindsay, Ontario is Rainey's hometown. He is the middle of three children. Extremely dedicat-

ed parents and a tight knit family do make a major portion of success story.

Rainey's favorite childhood memories revolve around snowmobiles and ice hockey. His father made a backyard rink for him to practice during the winter. By age 6, Rainey was playing on a team whose goalie "couldn't stop anything" and Rainey thought he could do better. Rainey's first year as goalie was "a really good year."

Hockey is an expensive sport, even for 6-year-old goalies, but Rainey never worried about the cost. While his parents had just returned from the mission field and did not have a lot of extra money, they made sure that their children were able

to do the things that they wanted to do. "My parents never had a lot of themselves. They always gave it for the kids. They put up with a lot of criticism because they poured their lives into their kids and traveled a lot."

At 16, he was drafted to the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). This is a rare occurrence, because the OHL usually only drafts players from the age group above Rainey's. The OHL is like a farm team for the National Hockey League. This required Rainey to move away from home. While he got more freedom, he began to separate himself from his parents.

Rainey heard about Liberty through his agent, Todd Reynolds. Reynolds knew Coach Kirk Handy and heard that LU needed a goalie. Rainey knew it was a Christian school. He also knew he needed a change from the OHL, and thought it would be a good way to get away from his friends who were a bad influence. Although he accepted

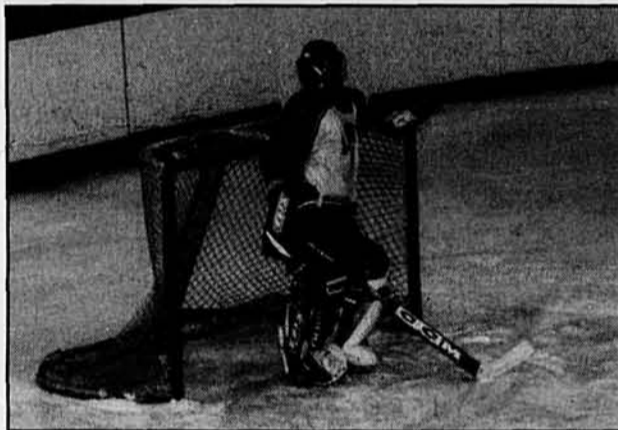
Christ when he was 5, Rainey says, "I fell away in high school and my heart was pretty hard." Kevin re-dedicated his life to the

with us sometimes when we do stupid things. Seeing how much the team has changed over the past couple years, it is a credit to him as well as Someone else."

Coach Kirk Handy calls Rainey "one of the best in the nation." "If you ask the other guys on the team, they'll tell you I'm pretty hard on myself. I always think I can get better. Since I've been at LU, my goaltending has definitely dropped off, and I'm trying to get back to where I was." He wants to eventually play at a higher level because he doesn't think he has tapped his full potential yet. "A few of us (at Liberty) have talked about going and playing in Europe, which has always been a dream of mine. Not just because of hockey but because of the culture as well."

Rainey's thoughts are now focused on the National Tournament coming up this weekend. "People write us off a lot around school, but it's hard because we don't really get to play good schools a lot. There's a lot of potential there, but when you know you can beat people without really working and training that hard, there's not really a lot of motivation there. I'm a firm believer that if we go out there and play our best, we have a good chance of winning."

In talking about Coach Kirk Handy and the rest of the coaching staff he said, "We're good friends. Without Kirk there would be no team. I wouldn't be here. He does so much; it's crazy he doesn't get paid. I know he gets disappointed



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CHILLIN — Rainey takes a breather during an intermission.

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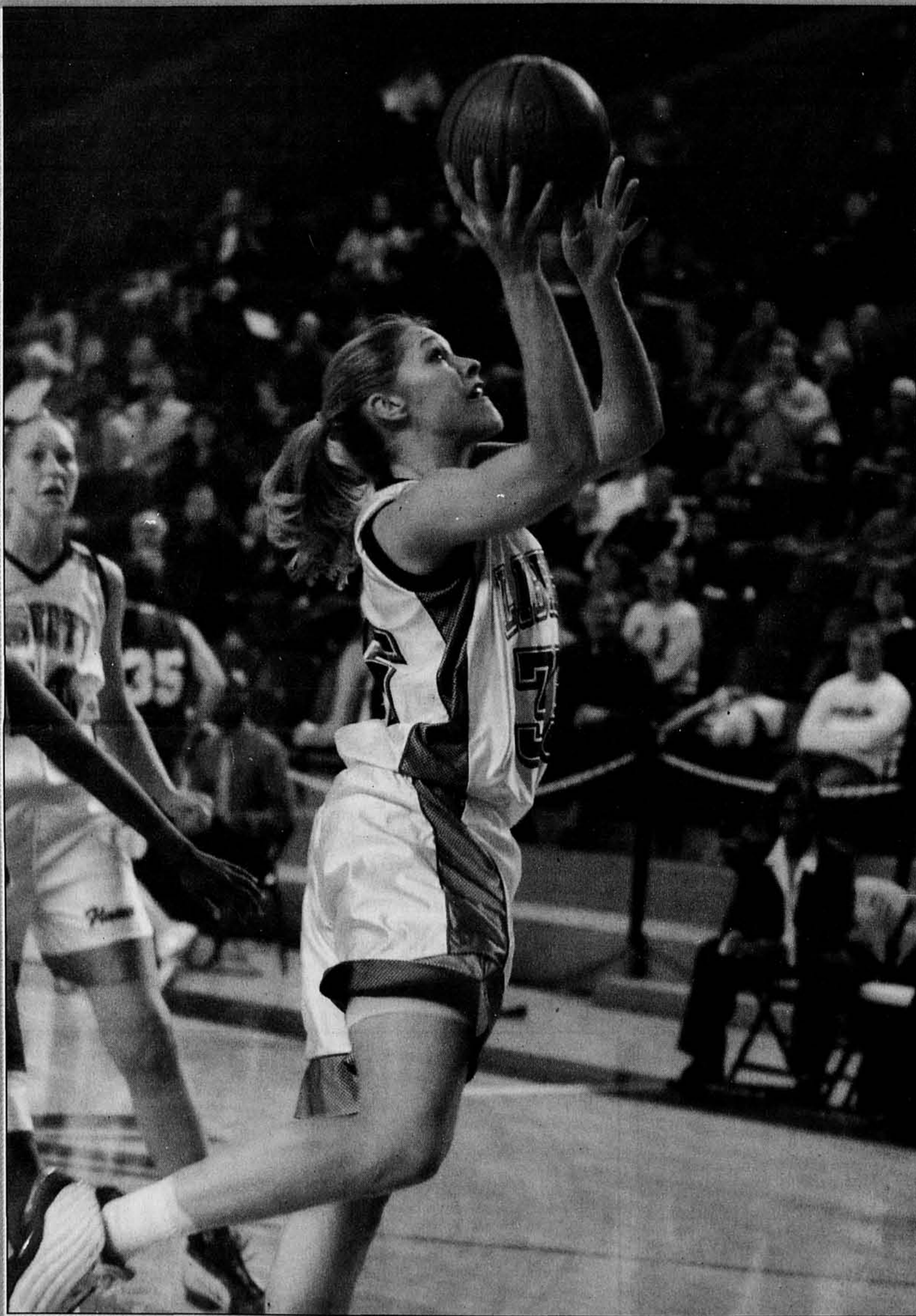
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The brink of recognition

Lady Flames edge closer to its first top 25 ranking in a national poll



JOHN FISHER

LITTLE LAY IN — Sophomore Kristal Tharp had 17 points against Elon, while Katie Feenstra, who had 21 to lead all scorers, looks onward.

Track & Field captures BSC

By Evan Falat, reporter

The Liberty men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Big South Championships this past weekend and for the sixth straight year both teams came away victorious. Held in the Rector Field house at Virginia Tech University, the Flames went into the meet facing perhaps their toughest challenge in recent years in their quest to repeat once again as Big South Champions. According to pre-meet calculations the men came into the meet as only 40 point favorites, while the women went into the meet as underdogs to Coastal Carolina.

Both teams stepped up big though once the competition began, as the men's team turned in a dominating performance by accumulating 216 total points, beating second place Radford (111.50 total points) by 114 points, while the women put together a strong team performance edging out Coastal Carolina by 11 points, 150 to 139, for first place.

For the men's side, the Flames used their great depth to score numerous points in almost every event. Liberty swept the 60 meter high hurdles as Lauren Williams, Micah Brinkley, and Jeremiah Franz finished first, second, and third respectively, while in the 60 meter sprint Guifaly Christolin placed second in a time of 6.96 seconds. Jeremy Wagner registered a 21.99 in the 200 meters which enabled him to capture first place in that event.

Jon DeBogory, running in his first meet all season, saw his time of 48.80 in the 400 meters garner him not only a first place finish but also a qualification for the East Coast IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championships which take place in Boston in two weeks. Also qualifying for the IC4A Championships was the men's 4x400 relay team which won first place and in the process set a new meet record with a time of 3:17.51.

Josiah Melly captured the 3000 meter crown over an intense field of competitors with a time of 8:41.73, while the men's distance medley relay team of Chris Lyons, Eric Beck, Travis Campbell, and Jason Brown took first place with a time of 10:51.73 in a highly controversial race that saw five of the seven teams get disqualified.

In the field events the Liberty men again excelled with strong showings that obtained many key points for the Flames. Lamech Marsh vaulted 15'01" to capture first place in the men's pole vault, while teammate Adam Williams finished third with a vault of 13'05.75". Kevin Octave used a jump of 24'01" to win first place in the long jump and then saw his teammates Lauren Williams and Erick Harris finish first and third respectively in the triple jump, with leaps of 48'02" and 46'01.50". Williams jump of 48'02" also earned him a qualification for the IC4A Championships. Tyler Biggins finished third in the shot put with a toss of 49'10" and Andy Musser placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 49'02.50".

On the women's side the Lady Flames used a very solid team effort in order to capture their sixth consecutive title. Marianne Schiller finished first in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 9.12 seconds and DaNae Carlson finished third in the 400 meters with a time of 57.33 seconds. The Lady Flames also finished second in the 4x400 relay with a 3:58.18.

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Coming up in LU Sports...

Men's Basketball

- 2/26 @ High Point, 7 p.m.
- 2/28 @ Radford, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- 2/25 vs. Winthrop, 7 p.m.
- 3/1 @ Radford, 7 p.m.

Track & Field

- 3/1 VPI Last Chance Invite, Blacksburg, Va., 4 p.m.

Baseball

- 2/26 vs. W & M, 2:30 p.m.
- 3/1 @ West. Car. (DH), noon.
- 3/2 @ West. Car., 1 p.m.

Softball

- 2/28-3/2 Dixie Classic, Virginia Beach, Va., TBA

Tennis

- 3/1 vs. N.C. A&T, 1:30 p.m.

Next week in the Sports section...

- It's tourney time, so we'll tell you what you need to know.

Karyn Karlin: Successful at all levels of competition

By Sean Berard, reporter

As a child, many of us are dedicated to the Lord, either by our own initiative or by that of a family member or a close loved one who is motivated by the goal of seeing us grow up and mature into an influential soldier for Christ. This goal is based on an eternal perspective.

This is exactly the scenario for Karyn Karlin, assistant basketball coach for Liberty's undefeated (in the Big South) women's team. As far back as she can remember, her parents raised her in "the nurture and discipline of the Lord." At the age of six, she woke up one Sunday evening after falling asleep prior to the

evening service.

She was restless and suddenly realized that she was ready to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior. She anxiously made her way to her parents room, and right there, in the middle of the night, her father knelt down on one side and her mother on the other and led her through a prayer to ask Christ to dwell in her heart. This wholehearted dedication has paid supreme dividends for the New Mexico native.

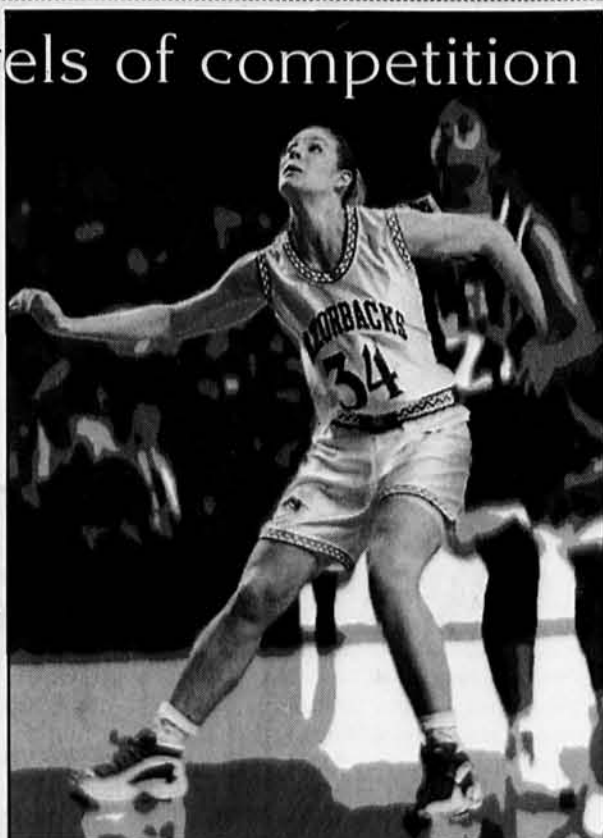
That same year, Karlin began playing organized basketball. Her skills in the sport steadily improved throughout childhood, and she has played ever since. As she entered high school, she set goals that she believed would help her continue to

mature. Her main goal was to keep academics as her number one priority. This goal was realized four years later at her high school graduation when she was named class Valedictorian.

Her other goal was to continue playing basketball and contribute to a high school program that had won four straight state championships. This goal also was realized, however, annually. From the power forward and center position, she led her team to four straight New Mexico AAA State Championships.

After graduation she received a scholarship to play the four and five position for the University of Arkansas.

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MELISSA PURDY OF THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER

ACTION — Coach K boxes out during her playing days.