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# The Liberty Champion

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## Warming Up

Global temperatures warrant preventative measures. **A4**

## Missions Trips

Liberty groups serve world-wide for Spring Break. **B5**

# Korean fencing club aims and scores high at LU

By Hilary Dyer

NEWS REPORTER

It's Saturday afternoon at Liberty University. A few students walk into the Schilling Center to shoot some hoops. They stop in their tracks. It appears that the gym has been taken over by Samurai. Six figures donned in hakamas, wielding swords and shouting, "Muhri! Sommok! Huhri!" are gathered on the basketball court. It is Kumdo practice. Kumdo is

a Korean adaptation of Japanese Kendo. According to the British Kendo Association, Kendo means "way of the sword" and a discipline based upon the techniques of eighth century Japanese warriors. It was introduced to Korea during the Japanese occupation.

Kumdo found its way to Liberty University during the fall semester of 2005. Dr. Brian Melton, a history professor at the university, was involved in

Kendo and would occasionally bring his armor into class to show his students. Word spread, and Melton decided it was time to start a club on campus. An announcement was posted on the Liberty Web site.

That's how Liberty University senior Min Kang became involved. Kang has been practicing Kumdo for 15 years and was on the Junior National Team in Korea. He holds a third degree black belt. Kang joined Melton

and is now the Kumdo master. He leads a group of 20 students who practice Kumdo in the Schilling Center two to three times a week.

Six of the 20 are preparing for their first competition. It will take place on March 25 at the World Kumdo Association Midwest Championships in Chicago.

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ADAM BISHOP

ROUND ONE — The club hopes to win at championships.

## Military chaplain shares stories

By Kari Mitchell

NEWS REPORTER

Military chaplaincy was the emphasis of the March 3 Seminary Ignite. Chaplain Col. Richard Hum, the



HUM

Executive Director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Board, shared a message about its importance. "Everyone likes to see a chaplain before a life-threatening experience," said Hum. Since the Revolutionary War, chaplains have provided soldiers on the battlefield and in remote locations with the freedom of religion. The First Amendment is what allows the military to provide this service to its soldiers today.

Hum shared the story of four men who personified the ideals of chaplaincy: Rev. George Fox, Rev. Clark Poling, Father John Washington and Rabbi Alexander Goode.

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ADAM BISHOP

LICENSE AND REGISTRATION, PLEASE — While patrolling campus and surrounding areas, Officer Josh Dryden stops a vehicle on Wards Road.

## Behind the scenes with LUPD

By Joanne Tang

ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The sun is shining bright, the birds are chirping with all the energy they can muster and the weather lacks the usual nip of winter chill. What better day for Cpl. Aaron Tuttle to catch speeders and stop sign malcontents? At 4 p.m. Friday, March 3, Tuttle begins his patrol, his dark blue car a familiar sight for many students as they walk around campus.

Tuttle's job holds one central purpose: to keep the peace. As part of the second shift at LUPD, which runs from 3 to 11 p.m., he drives around campus and the surrounding areas such as

Wards Road and both 460 routes to ensure students are staying safe by obeying the speed limits and the traffic laws set in place. He also answers any calls put through by dispatch and will investigate if he is in the area.

Driving past the dining hall, Tuttle parks at the back of the parking lot and waits. The Wards Road ramp intersecting the train tracks is a busy place for drivers who are getting to Sonic or down to Wards Road. It is equally as busy for drivers coming onto campus or going towards the baseball field. As Tuttle waits, a red Subaru flies through, ignoring the stop sign completely. The squad car engine rumbles to life, and the red sedan doesn't stand a chance.

Those lights come to life, and follow the car down the ramp. Pulling over at the Sandrof auto body workshop at the base of the slope, the driver was ready with his registration and license when Tuttle got out.

"It's great when they already know what they've done," Tuttle said, with a laugh.

Heading back to main campus, Tuttle watches a group of pedestrians cross the road from the bottom of the hill steps, presumably on their way to the dining hall for dinner.

"You know how they say pedestrians have the right of way?" Tuttle said.

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## Steve Saint brings Amazon tribe to life

By Kari Mitchell

NEWS REPORTER

Steve Saint, 5 at the time, remembers watching his father fly into the jungles of the Amazon every day, he told students at the March 3 convocation. He remembers one day in particular, the day his dad did not come back.

His mother had told him that his father had made contact with an Amazonian tribe, the Waodani Indians.

Saint's father never returned to his family. His father, Nate Saint, was speared. "My whole universe revolved around my dad," he said. Saint's dad and four other missionaries gave their lives for the Waodani.

Even after the loss of these missionaries, Saint's family continued praying for and ministering to the Waodani people. His Aunt Rachel was invited to live with the tribe. His mother and his two siblings moved to Quito, Ecuador, where they would visit Rachel and the Amazonian tribe during the summer.

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SAINT

## Art expo shows students' true colors Liberty up for review

By Jennifer Maxfield

NEWS REPORTER

The LaHaye Student Center hosted the first art expo of its kind Friday, March 3.



PAINT EXPRESSION — Student Emily Anspach contemplates student artwork.

Students from all majors displayed a variety of artistic talent.

"We love art ... this was an event to bring artists (at Liberty) together," said

organizer Alise Chandler from student activities in the Student Life office.

The Drowsy Poet provided coffee and refreshments, lending a very relaxing atmosphere to discuss the artwork. The art on display included photography, paintings, crafts, drawings, typography, mixed media and short films. Some of the artists included Wing Sze Ng, Jenny Adzima, Gregory Yates, Claire Ayendi, Cameron Daigle, Christy Hyde, Mabel Rose Gwynn, Rebecca Fitch, Daniel Lunde, Courtney Gravley, Giselle Colbert, Erik Landin, Sarah Yates, Lindsey Foote,

Gwynn Gardener, Joel Guelzo and Ryan Mix.

Sarah Yates, a psychology major in her junior year, entered several paintings. Yates even incorporated psychological concepts into her painting "Phenomenological Me."

"My inspiration," comes from a love of "writing, music and nature," said Yates.

Joanna Cannon, a graphic design major in her sophomore year, entered a monochromatic, acrylic painting of her little brother.

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Among the guests you may see on campus March 21 to 23, are members of the On-Site Review Team from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which reviews schools in its membership every 10 years. This year is Liberty's time to have its reaffirmation of accreditation examined.

The committee will assess how well the university is meeting requirements in such areas as financial resources, academic programs, faculty and library resources.

At the core of the reaffirmation process is the devel-

opment of a quality enhancement plan (QEP). This plan must center on "a carefully designed and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined issue or issues directly related to improving student learning." Various university committees have been discussing the QEP since the fall of 2004.

The focus decided upon is one of "enhancing the writing skills in first-year graduate students through increasing peer interaction and faculty to student interaction," according to a press release.

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Last week, you doubtlessly remember, I began gracefully disseminating ground-breaking tips on the art of perfecting hilarity. As you begin to put these tactics to work, you will likely find that you have much more time to yourself to really perfect your craft. That's lucky, because I've always found that discovering your inner-funny (and it is discovered, like a lost treasure) comes from becoming very, very (sometimes painfully) alone.

Winning over a crowd is not as easy as it used to be. Gone are the days when a person could command attention (and respect for that matter) by mixing everything on his lunch tray together and eating it ... with no hands. In these days of collegiate sophistication, one must learn to rely on the voice. Because crowds are sometimes very large, it is best to always speak in raised tones. I find that even the dullest comments can cause quite a stir of laughter when shouted. Why do you think Rob Jackson has become one of Liberty's premier humorists?

Last week we focused on the simplicity of repetition. I'd like to expand on this idea. I have found that when repeating yourself becomes stale, you should try repeating someone else. I'm not saying that you should simply repeat snippets of funny conversations you've had. Colorful anecdotes from your past are almost always a no-no. Instead, try to live in the moment. For example, when meeting someone for the first time, model your discussion after the following exchange.

Other person: "Hello."  
You: "Hello." So far, so good, but not

quite flashy enough. In other words, keep it going.

Other person: "How are you?"  
You: "How are you?"  
Other person: "I'm fine thanks."  
You: "I'm fine thanks." Okay, so first meetings may not provide enough shtick ... but try it at the DMV, or in emergency situations.

I think that when trying to become funny, you should always choose a humor-mentor. I'd stray away from the obvious slapstick of Jerry Seinfeld, and go for something a little more daring, a little more highbrow if you will, like Tom Arnold. Eye contact is key if you really want to make someone laugh. Sometimes people can

be scared away by your charm, so in order to sustain their focus, try to get as close to their face as possible. Just because you're not in a crowd doesn't mean you should lower your voice. Remember? Bigger is better. (Who ever heard of a quiet comedian? Hah!) People may try to back away. That's fine. Just talk louder, and get closer. You're sure to elicit an explosive reaction.

When all of these fail, don't blame me, you probably just haven't tried hard enough. Humor is all about trying too hard. But don't worry. I have a back up plan. Quickly begin to rent, watch, memorize and quote the following movies: Happy Gilmore, anything Monty Python, Clueless, Dodgeball and any SNL episode produced in the mid to late 90s. Happy funning! I'll be back next week ... with less sarcasm, perhaps.

# LCA petitions for athletics

By Jermey Wicks  
NEWS REPORTER

Liberty Christian Academy has petitioned the state for participation of the school's sports teams into Virginia high school league. While LCA's first attempt was rejected because of the fact that LCA is not a public school, an appeal process has been started that may overturn this decision. The decision is now pending but the date of an official answer is unknown. Superintendent of LCA Harvey Klamm said, "There is not a time table, we would love to see this happen tomorrow, but it's all about going through a process for now."

Virginia is one of only two states in America to have state separated public and private school leagues. Although the public and private school leagues are run similarly, LCA's Athletic Director Frank Rocco believes that joining the public school league will have many benefits. "Across the board it (the high school league) will be a more competitive

league," said Rocco. He explained that in the private school league there is a distinct difference in the schools athletic performance. Half of the teams are skilled and could compete in public school leagues, but the other half do not invest as much into sports programs and therefore are not as skilled. Rocco also said that advantages such as shorter traveling distances for away games and strong local rivalries will be enjoyed if the appeal is confirmed.

LCA's students are crossing their fingers but are not getting too excited about this change. "Since right now we have not been given any indication of encouragement from the Virginia high school league, the kids are not getting their hopes up," said Klamm.

On Monday LCA's boys varsity basketball team won the state quarter-final game at home and traveled to Roanoke catholic on Friday to play in the semi-final game which they lost.

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# Creationist leaves legacy

By Angela Franulovich  
NEWS REPORTER

"The Christian faith is not founded on wishful thinking or blind acceptance of tradition, but rather on a tremendous body of real, objective evidence," wrote Dr. Henry M. Morris in his book, "The Bible and Modern Science", first published in 1951.

That was the year Morris turned 33. Patron of God and science, he would go on to spend the rest of his life educating, equipping and inspiring several generations. And long before the close of his lifetime, he would come to be known, by friends and adversaries alike, as the "father of the modern creationist movement."

The patriarch of biblical creationism passed away on Feb. 25, 2006, at the age of 87. He left behind a legacy that may forever remain unmatched.

"He blazed the trail," said Dr. David DeWitt, director of Liberty University's Center for Creation Studies. "Today, we (as scientists) are specialized, but Morris had to do it all. The people who come after him may reach higher but (only because) they will stand on his shoulders."

By the age of 33, Morris had already earned a Ph.D. in hydraulics with minors in geology and mathematics, and taught at Rice University as well as the University of Minnesota. That year, he would begin an engineering professorship at the University of Louisiana, where he would eventually head the department and serve as dean.

After teaching briefly at Southern Illinois University, Morris taught in and chaired for the Department of Civil Engineering at

Virginia Tech. From there he would serve as president of the Creation Research Society, and later co-found Christian Heritage College, the Institute for Creation Research and the Trans-National Association of Christian Schools.

Throughout his life, he wrote more than 2,000 articles and 60 books about science and theology.

"When you read Morris it's articulate, it's thought out, well argued and a bit aggressive, so you'd expect (him to be) a more aggressive person," said DeWitt. "But I can think of no better example of a true Christian man of science. (When I met him) he was one of the most humble, gentle and kindest men you could ever meet. Still, he was fierce with a pen."

Dr. Eugenie Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education, a prominent U.S. pro-evolution political advocacy group, said "Henry Morris was the most important creationist of the 20th century ... his many books and articles 'built' creation science as a movement, and no one was more respected by its adherents. He was also a gentleman. He always treated me kindly, even though we had serious disagreements about science."

Dr. Jerry Falwell said he met Morris 40 years ago, when Morris was teaching at Virginia Tech. Falwell said that if he had to choose one word to describe Morris, it would be "profound."

Surviving Morris is his wife of 66 years, two sons and three daughters.

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# Guillermín library history

Matthew Warner  
NEWS REPORTER



The A. Pierre Guillermín Integrated Learning and Resource Center is quite a name for a library, but the name is not without merit. President Emeritus A.

Pierre Guillermín was instrumental not only in the development of Liberty University, but also the development of Liberty Christian Academy.

Guillermín has an impressive resume. Before coming to Lynchburg and TRBC to oversee the development of LCA he was the president of Southern Methodist College in Orangeburg, S.C.

After successfully developing LCA into a proper K-12 school, Guillermín co-founded Lynchburg Baptist College in 1971, along with Chancellor Jerry Falwell and fellow co-founder Dr. Elmer Towns.

He served as executive vice president until 1973, when he was appointed president. From that position he oversaw the development of all academic programs, ranging from freshman level classes to doctorate courses.

Upon Guillermín's retirement from Liberty University in 1997, the school was seeking for a way to honor his service and the fantastic growth that he had ushered the university through.

From 1971 to 1975 the library was known as Lynchburg Bible College library. In 1975 the name was changed to Liberty Baptist College Library. In 1980 the campus was moved from its original location on Church Street in downtown Lynchburg to its current location adja-



cent to Liberty Mountain and Route 460. The library was placed in the Teacher Education Hall, and was spread out through several small rooms. In 1983 an annex was added, and in 1985 the name was changed to Liberty University Library. At the time, the library was still using card catalogs and the computer lab was still located in Science Hall.

In September 1998 the name was officially changed to the A. Pierre Guillermín Library. Guillermín had the honor of being present at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

It is rare in an academic setting for a library or major building to be named after a major benefactor or contributor to the university prior to their death, "but then it's pretty rare for someone to start with pre-K and build the program all the way to a doctorate degree," said Russ File, who has worked in the library since it originally came to Liberty Mountain in 1980.

In 2002, when DeMoss Hall's renovation had been completed, the computer lab and library were combined and the name changed one final time to the A. Pierre Guillermín Integrated Learning and Resource Center.

In addition to serving as president of Southern Methodist College and Liberty University, Guillermín was George Bush's Presidential Advisor on Education from 1991 to 1993.

Guillermín currently lives in the Lynchburg area with his wife LouAnne and is an elder at Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He serves on the boards of One Another, World Help and New Covenant Schools.

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## Art Expo: Films go on display

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"I love painting," said Cannon. The art expo was the first time Cannon ever had her artwork on display.

Also on display were a variety of short films.

Ryan Mix, the producer of the popular Coffee House

DVD, "The World's Most Exciting University," entered two short films into the expo, "Paint Shot" and "Music Video."

Also on display in the short film category were three films by Joel Guelzo, a sophomore and video broadcasting major. Guelzo's interest

in filming stemmed from an unlikely beginning. "When I was a kid, my mom always made me tape birthday parties (and other events)," Guelzo admits he never really liked it, but in the past three years took an interest in video. Guelzo's short films displayed at the expo included "Escape," "Temptation" and "Expected." Guelzo created a Web site for his films, [www.boundlessmotionpictures.com](http://www.boundlessmotionpictures.com).

"We hope next year we'll have even more (artwork)," said Chandler. The art expo is open to any student wishing to display any type of artwork as long as it meets the requirement.

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PAINT THE TOWN RED — Students take a look at their peers' art.

## Hum: Spreading the gospel to soldiers in the field

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In 1943, their ship, the USAT Dorchester, was torpedoed. As panic set in on the ship, the four chaplains calmed the men and began passing out life jackets. When the life jackets ran out, each chaplain took off his own life jacket and gave it away. As the ship sank, they could be seen holding hands and praying.

"A lot of times, we forget what war is all about," said Hum. People die in wars and it can be difficult to deal with that reality. In those tough situations, Hum doesn't turn to

theology to comfort those hurting. "What does all that theology do? Zippo," he said. Hum said he prays to God and depends on Him for the words to say. He said that sometimes all people want is for someone to cry with them.

While chaplains have the opportunity to "stand on a soapbox and preach," Hum said it's about the ministry within the unit. There are people who aren't church and chaplaincy provides a way for the gospel to be presented in a softer way.

"You are there as a witness to the Lord. Always be ready with your testimony," said Hum.

Also, that morning, testimony was given by Jeff Schlenz, a first-year seminary student. He has spent eight active years in the Marines and a year and a half in the reserves.

"God will go to extraordinary lengths to put his saints where he wants a witness," said Schlenz. God placed a girl in his life, not for her benefit, but for his own, according to Schlenz. "God used her to breathe life back into my relationship with Him," he said.

Even when circumstances may not seem favorable, Schlenz encourages people not to complain.

"If we don't allow God to place us in difficult times and difficult situations, we won't have the opportunity to witness to those in difficult times and situations," he said. God places people in those situations to reach out to those who no one else can touch. Instead of complaining, Schlenz said, praise God for the opportunities.

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AIR FORCE — Hum speaks about his experiences.

## Kumdo: Respect and honor are central themes

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Five men, Melton, Min Kang, Azween Donald, Marc Brown and Nathanael Swecker, are competing as a team, while Ahrum Ham will be competing as an individual in the women's division. Melton will also be testing for his black belt.

Kumdo is very different

from other sports. Melton describes it as being "like chess with swords." It takes tremendous concentration. In order to earn a point, a person must strike one of the three targeted spots (the head, the body and the right wrist), yell the name of the spot they hit in Korean and stomp their foot. The purpose of stomping originates back to the days of

the warriors who stomped as they drove the sword through the body. If all three are not completed at once, then the point does not count.

"The key for practicing this is that the yelling, sword and body has to be one. The hit point, yell and body must all occur at once, the three should be one," Kang said.

Both Melton and Kang emphasized that honor and respect are key elements of Kumdo. "This sport starts with respect and ends with respect," said Kang. Each person bows to their opponent before beginning, and again when they are finished. They also frequently tell one another "gamsahapnita," which is Korean for thank you very much." Kang said they thank one another because of the risk the other person is taking while combating with swords.

Interested students can still join the Kumdo Club. During the first few months of practice, no armor is necessary, which allows people to try it without having to invest a lot financially. While it is not an intramural or club sport, Melton said they are in the process of making everything official. This requires money however, and Melton said they are in need of funds. They are accepting donations and may also be hosting fundraisers.

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HIT, YELL AND STOMP — Fighters gain points by striking one of three areas.

## Saint: Embracing the Waodanis

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Still only a young boy, Saint said, "I want to go meet these people."

Those were the people that killed his father, but also the people his family continued to love and share the gospel with. He met the men who speared his father at the age of 10 and was baptized by the Waodani at the age of

13. The tribe that once killed his father embraced Saint as family.

The movie "End of the Spear" depicts the events that happened. Steve Saint is the son of Nate Saint, one of five missionaries who were killed in 1956. He personally brought this message to Liberty University during convocation on March 1.

In his message, Saint emphasized the point to be obedient to what God wants for each of our lives. One misconception that many Christians have is that they think God needs them. "You think he needs us to do His bidding? I don't think so," said Saint.

Nate Saint's love for the Waodani Indians in the Amazon jungles had a significant impact on his son. Even though they had murdered his father, Saint continued to love the tribe. "My dad died for those hands," said Saint.

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NATIVE SON — Saint lived among the Waodani tribe.

## SACS: Review vital to LU

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This plan is important to both undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate students will see a graduate writing center come to fruition while they are here, and those undergraduates who are looking to enter Liberty master's programs will have this resource available to assist them in developing writing and critical thinking skills. It is likely that in later years of the plans implementation, a version of the writing center will be extended to the undergraduate population.

Dr. Boyd Rist, university provost, said students could expect to encounter the 10-member panel on campus, as they may visit academic buildings, the cafeteria and other facilities. He encourages students to be good "ambassadors" of the university. He further stated that "while students are not expected to have a detailed knowledge of the accreditation process, information provided through The Champion and other means of communication is intended to equip students with a basic awareness and understanding of its importance in the life of the university."

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"Our nation has both an obligation and self-interest in facing head-on the serious environmental, economic and national security threat posed by global warming."

John McCain  
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# Rising Temperatures

## Precautions needed to control global warming



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Global temperatures have been rising steadily in the past two decades; we know this for a fact. The question at hand is with regard to the cause of this event. Is this a trend induced by human activity, or just another cycle in temperature fluctuations? Unfortunately, we simply do not know, and yet no effective policy has been implemented to fight this potential hazard. Instead, we have demanded more research into a problem that could potentially be getting worse by the day. What you are about to read is not a case for global warming, but an apology for some type of preventative measure before it is too late.

Before I begin to argue for any resolute action, I'll quickly reiterate what global warming has been attributed to. The "greenhouse effect," as it is referred to, is the process by which the Earth's atmosphere absorbs and retains energy from the sun. Upon hitting the earth, some of this energy is absorbed by the planet's surface, and some is radiated back into the atmosphere. This is the point where the essence of the greenhouse effect can be seen: some of the heat-energy passes through the atmosphere, but some is retained by the presence of greenhouse gases, namely carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. An increase in the amount of retained radiation leads to the obvious: a rise in temperatures.

Many who have argued against global warming have claimed that there is no evidence for the existence of this event. Temperatures have fluctuated through history, and it is possible that this is just another such variance in the course of time. However, I believe that such a statement is both misguided and unwise. The trend we are experiencing is the first of its kind since the Industrial Revolution began spouting large quantities of carbon dioxide into the earth's atmosphere. Simply stated, we are in a unique time period where the likelihood of human contribution to this problem is unparalleled. We already know that humans have the ability to affect the atmosphere as this can be seen in the ozone depletion, so I believe it is time to seriously consider the possibility of global warming and take the necessary preventative action.

What has disturbed me most was a recent claim by a NASA scientist that the Bush administration was attempting to gag a presentation of evidence that global warming has sped up and is becoming an imminent threat. Fox News reported that James E. Hansen, a NASA physicist and director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies said, "In my more than three decades in government, I have never seen anything approaching the degree to which information flow from scientists to the public has been screened and controlled as it is now." He went on to say that the administration only desires to hear evidence that corroborates the "predetermined, inflexible positions" it currently holds. One can only hope this is not the case, but if it is, our presidential administration is failing us in that it refuses to

see the potential hazards of global warming.

Recently, a group of prominent Christians signed what was termed the Evangelical Climate Initiative, the New York Times reported on Feb. 8. Among these leaders were James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family; Charles Colson, founder of the Prison Fellowship Ministries; Richard Land, president of the Ethics Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor Rick Warren. These individuals don't necessarily have a firm belief that global warming is a contemporary occurrence, but they recognize the possibility that, if it is true, humanity could be on a track to permanently damage our environment.

Although I'm not a huge fan of Rick Warren, and I'd read Kierkegaard's "Training in Christianity" over "The Purpose Driven Life" any day, I think Mr. Warren stated the case well when he said, "Indeed, many of us have required considerable convincing before becoming persuaded that climate change is a real problem and that it ought to matter to us as Christians. But now we have seen and heard enough." I couldn't agree more, and it is time to stop regarding stewardship of the Earth as a left-wing idealist sentiment. While it is true that we do lack the long-term data necessary to come to any conclusive statement as to the current state of our climate, it is time to err on the side of caution and take significant preventative measures to protect this planet with which we have been entrusted.

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## SpeakUp: What do you think of global warming?



"I think it doesn't exist. It is a myth used by liberals to try and control people's lives."

—Sarah Lawrence, Soph.  
Collinsville, Ill.



"I don't think I like the idea of ... of drowning like in the story of Noah's Ark."

—Tiffany Moore, Fr.  
Richmond, Va.



"I don't think it actually exists. People made it up and have little proof to back it up."

—Taylor Traficanti  
Richmond, V.A.



"(I) don't know much about it, maybe a sign of the times. We need to take better care of the earth."

—Holly Goff, Jr.  
Ameilia, Va.



"I think that global warming is inevitable but does not pose a problem to us."

—Justine Wood, Jr.  
Averill Park, N.Y.



"I believe that global warming is not as serious as people say it is."

—Craig Huff, Soph.  
Richmond, Va.



# COMMENTARY

## Border tunnels pose great risk to our national security

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, authorities found the largest and most elaborate tunnel running into the United States along the Mexican border. The tunnel is about seven-tenths of a mile long and contained nearly 2 tons of marijuana. This elaborate tunnel was made from concrete and had electricity, lighting, ventilation and a pump to drain water. U.S. officials are aware of the fact that the tunnel is the handiwork of a Mexican drug cartel, but the idea that a tunnel such as this could be used for much more than just drugs should be enough to scare the U.S. government into forcing new immigration and border policies. If men could carry drugs below the border of our country, there could also be terrorists carrying weapons. While our national security focuses on the movement of terrorists through our nation's forms of transportation, they forget that there are other ways in. If terrorists know that they can walk into our country across the Mexican border, what would keep them from causing harm while crossing? Nothing.

More than 500 million people cross our border each year, of which only 170 million are Americans. The Mexican border receives 10,000 illegal aliens crossing each day. As aid to these illegal immi-



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grants, the Mexican government has considered distributing maps that outline safe crossing areas, cell-phone coverage on the trails and water stations maintained by the U.S. charity Humane Borders. However, the Mexican government reconsidered the maps because they would point out where illegal immigrants would be to anti-immigration groups wanting to capture them. Regardless of the fact that this plan was recanted, there was enough of a population seeking to cross the border that the Mexican government considered it.

As immigrants find their own way across the border, more than 100,000 who cross from Mexico over to America are not Mexicans. Terrorists know that we are vulnerable and that our border security has been nothing short of porous. In 2005, 450 immigrants crossed the border who were considered "special interest"—individuals from countries such as Afghanistan, Angola, Jordan, Qatar, Pakistan and Yemen.

Unfortunately our southern border is not the only one that we should be concerned about. Terrorists are also finding their way into our country across our northern border with Canada. In 1999,

Ahmed Ressam was arrested as he drove into Washington State with explosives and bomb components in his car. That same year, Lucia Garofalo and Bouabide Chamchi were arrested crossing the Vermont-Canada border with plans to terrorize the millennium new year in New York City. Surely such committed individuals are knowledgeable enough to take advantage of the easy passageway across our southern border as well. In fact, it can be empirically proven. In the mid-1990s, a large smuggling ring that worked with Middle Easterners across the southern border was broken up, proving that this practice is not only a possibility, but a reality.

After the discovery of the tunnel in Mexico, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement were quick to admit the possible threat for further terrorism activity, "Whether they are designed to smuggle drugs, people, weapons or other contraband, these tunnels pose a threat to our nation's security." Since Sept. 11, 21 such tunnels have been found.

Our government needs to face the facts and take action concerning our country's inexcusably weak borders. If our national security stays as is, we are ignoring what could become a terrorist attack scenario. U.S. authorities will not be able to ignore the swelling problem much longer.

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## Beating bigotry: Interracial dating a positive step for society

Here among Christians at Liberty University, I have found that the vast majority of students do not regard race or ethnicity as anything more than a box that they checked on their college applications. Students our age don't regard race as any sort of determinant as to how they see or think of another person. Regrettably, there are a select few who think otherwise, specifically when it comes to dating and marriage between races. These individuals are misled and simply incorrect.

In my two and a half years here at Liberty, I have not run across people who are outright racists. I have, however, come into contact with people who have negative views about dating relationships involving people of differing races. Some of those people claim that 2 Corinthians 6:14 backs up their opinions against interracial dating and marriage. The verse states, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For



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what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" Some people say that to be in a relationship with a person of a different race is to be unequally yoked. The verse makes it clear, however, that it

is only unbelievers that a Christian should not be yoked with. There is no verse in the Bible that says interracial relationships or marriages are wrong.

Monica Jones, a junior here at Liberty, has been in a dating relationship with her boyfriend, Carlos Aguilar, for more than three years. Monica is Caucasian, and Carlos is Hispanic and African-American. Monica said, "It doesn't matter to me that Carlos is of a different race, because when I look at him, I don't see him as a color or a race, but I see him for who he is, the man I love and am going to marry."

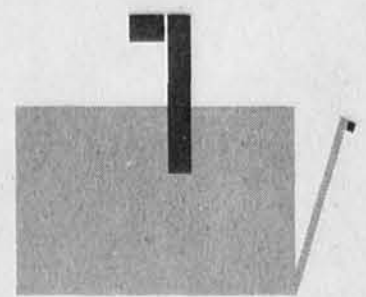
Situations like that of Monica and

Carlos are representative of a much greater step for our society to make. If we truly believe that all are created equal, and that race is not a determinate factor, then it only follows that marriage between individuals of different ethnicities is no different than interracial unions.

Most people this day and age, and especially on a Christian college campus, have favorable views of relationships between people of different races, whether they are dating relationships or friendships. For those who might think differently, I would say that we all came from the same place. God only created two people to populate and govern the earth, and we all came from those two people. Regardless of race or ethnic background, everyone should be seen for who they are individually and also for how God views them—as his creations that are so precious they were worth dying for.

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## Letter to the Editor



I was taken aback by the recent article in the Champion this week, "Changes coming for class of 2006," Feb. 28.

As a graduating senior this year, it was hard to see in print that what I had looked forward to for the past five years will not happen. When we come to Liberty, we look forward to that day when we will walk across the stage and hear our name over the sound system.

True, there are a few that do not care for all the pomp and fanfare, but the majority of the people that I have spoken to about this decision are not very happy. This turns graduation into an impersonal speech for whoever comes as the guest speaker.

Some of us had already made reservations for our families to come in from out of state to see us walk that stage. But my family is not too interested in coming in and not hearing my name in the main service.

Having smaller services with the dean of our individual school is not the same. I see my dean every other day and thank my teachers already for what they have done for me. Finding out with only two months to go to graduation is just short notice to me. If (the administration) would have said something in the fall or last year to give us a warning, that would have been fair.

If you ask the seniors of this class, I am sure that you will find that most want to walk this year. I could understand this type of ceremony if this was Virginia Tech or UVA, but this is Liberty, where things are supposed to be different. I am in the school of religion and my last name starts with an R, and I would be willing to sit for eight hours just to walk that walk.

This bombshell that has hit us will continue to gnaw at the senior class of 2006 and I hope that my fellow classmates will address their displeasure with the unilateral decision of the administration. ... (We should be allowed to shake the hand of Dr. Rist and Dr. Falwell) so that we can say "Thank you" to those we don't see every day at school and are too far above for us to reach on a personal level.

I hope that ... the administration will postpone this action and allow us to proceed with the rite of passage that has been tradition for all these years.

John Wesley Redman Jr.

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# LUPD: Lawbreakers and speeders beware



GOTCHA — Officer Dryden checks his radar.

ADAM BISHOP

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He looks at the people, some stopping to wait for cars to pass, some freezing in the middle of the road as cars drive toward them and some not even caring about oncoming traffic. "They (the pedestrians) really take it to heart."

At 11:30 p.m., the sun is long gone, the air has deserted the springtime warmth and has returned to being cold and windy. Tuttle is done for the day and to take his place is the third shift, working from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Officer Josh Dryden sits in his white car, ready to begin his patrol. The third shift patrols the entire campus and sur-

rounding areas, like the second shift, but now everything is shut down for the night and it is up to third shift to take the late-night investigations and deal with the rush of cars coming in for curfew.

Out of the police academy for less than four months, Dryden has already seen his share of activity on the roads in and near Liberty. He usually sees students wandering around campus late at night and sees cars driving back onto campus toward dorms, speeding because they are late for curfew. The third shift, he said, mostly receives calls about theft and gets the occasional medical call. Amid the obsidian-black

sky lit by dim streetlights lining the main road, Dryden answers calls nightly, helping students with jumpstarts and escorting them back to their dorms. He has had a few instances where he has had to issue preliminary breath tests, which measure blood alcohol concentration.

Dryden is parked in the parking lot to the side of DeMoss, and his radar is whirring and crackling as cars drive up and down University Boulevard. At about 1 a.m. a silver Chevy Trailblazer hurls through the intersection, not tap-

ping the brake even once, and continues to drive. Dryden shifts the car into drive and like a scene from a movie, he takes off after the SUV. The driver of the Trailblazer is driving onto the 460 West

ramp by the time Dryden's car is at the beginning of the circle loop. He follows the car down

the ramp and floors it as he hits open road. The roads are empty save for a few cars here and there, and off in the distance the speck of red taillight belonging to a stop sign malcontent and speed demon takes another turn, this time towards Wards Road. The police car, reaching speeds that would give grandmothers heart attacks, follows. Dryden catches up to the SUV and flips the switch. Instantly, the night sky is lit up by blue and red. The familiar whoop of the siren call blasts through the crisp air. The Trailblazer turns into McDonald's and receives a visit from not only LUPD, but also a Lynchburg police officer that happens to be there.

Some students dislike LUPD, but they don't often see the events that go on behind the scenes. According to Dryden even catching speeders and issuing tickets is important because drivers who don't stop at stop signs may risk hitting a car that is turning, or a pedestrian. Things like this have happened in the past, and it is up to LUPD, and officers such as Tuttle and Dryden to prevent them from happening in the future.

"Most students don't think we're a real police department," Dryden says. "They don't know we've got real police officers."

What is another misconception about police officers that Dryden would like to clear up?

"I don't like donuts," said Dryden, laughing.

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# Sports

A Life in Basketball Indoor Track

Meet Courtney Watkins, sophomore guard of the BSC champion Lady Flames.

Josh McDougal qualified for the NCAA National Indoor Championship.

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## Men fall to number 1 Winthrop

By Joe Watson  
SPORTS REPORTER

On Feb. 28, the mens' basketball squad was eliminated from the Big South Conference playoffs by losing to the number one-seeded Winthrop Eagles 93-52 in Rock Hill, S.C.

Winthrop, who had lost to Liberty seven days earlier, led 17-2 with 12 minutes remaining in the first half, and twice held Liberty scoreless for several minutes.

"We played much better against (Liberty) tonight than last week," Winthrop Coach Gregg Marshall told libertyflames.com. "We were not flat or uninspired."

"They took full advantage of our fatigue and lack of depth," said Liberty Head Coach Randy Dunton.

The Flames had 17 turnovers compared to the Eagles' five. Seven Eagles scored double-digit points, and Winthrop totaled 49 bench points, because Marshall put in reserves early in the second half. The Eagles also shot 56 percent on field goals.

The Flames have finished the 2005-2006 season with a record of 7-23, and were 6-7 at home.

Junior guard Larry Blair, who scored 25 points in the Winthrop game, was named to the first-team All-Big South team for the second time. He ranked second to Coastal Carolina guard Jack Leasure as the conference's Player of the Year. Blair also averaged 22 points and two steals per game, and made 79 percent of his free throws.

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## Nine straight conference titles



ROAD TO MARCH MADNESS — Roll-Ann Nikagbatse drives against a Birmingham-Southern defender in Liberty's 60-47 win Tuesday night.

ADAM BISHOP

By Adam Trent  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames defeated Birmingham-Southern 60-47 on Monday and finished the regular season with a 69-58 win over Radford. The wins put the Lady Flames at a perfect 12-0 home record heading into the conference tournament. Because Liberty won the regular season championship, the Lady Flames will be able to play all tournament games in the Vines Center.

On Monday night, the Birmingham-Southern Panthers came to

Lynchburg looking for their first win ever against the Lady Flames. They will continue looking. Liberty was able to pull away in the second half to win 60-47.

The game was very physical, as both teams tried to attack and draw fouls. Unlike the UNC-Asheville game a week earlier, very few were called. However, that did not stop Liberty from going to the basket and playing aggressive defense.

"They feel more comfortable man-to-man. It defines who to guard," Head Coach Carey Green said.

For the game, Liberty was led by freshman Moriah Frazee with 14 points, and freshman Rachel Hammond had 12. No Panther was able to score double digits, as Stacey Anthony and Ashley Thornton both led the squad with nine points each.

On Saturday afternoon, Liberty's rival Radford paid a visit to the Vines Center. Coming into the game, Radford held a 21-20 series advantage against the Lady Flames. The series record is now tied at 21 each as the Lady Flames downed the Highlanders 69-58.

After a close first half, the Lady Flames ignited and led by as much as 13 in the second. Radford made several attempts to come back, getting to within six at one point, but the Lady Flames remained hot and increased their lead for the win.

"We played hard in spurts. We started the first half flat and had to work hard to get out of the hole we dug ourselves in. I think that the wall we ran into was fatigue," said Radford Head Coach and former Lady Flame Jeri Porter.

For the game, Liberty used a balanced scoring

attack against the Highlanders. Moriah Frazee had 15 points, followed by Courtney Watkins with 11 points and Roli-Ann Nikagbatse with 10. Liberty's bench outscored Radford's 21-6.

"We have a deep bench. (Green) can go to us if he needs us," said guard Michelle Parker, who had five points.

With the win, the Lady Flames finished the season a perfect 12-0 at home. The list of Furnace burn victims includes all Big South foes, in-state rival William and Mary and Southern Methodist University from Conference USA. Green jokingly told Chris Lang of the News and Advance not to print that due to current difficulties of getting home games against quality teams.

The Lady Flames look to stay perfect at home in the upcoming Big South Tournament, facing eighth seed Charleston-Southern on Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

High Point, the only Big South team to beat Liberty this year, is the second seed with a 9-5 conference record. They will host seventh seed UNC-Asheville.

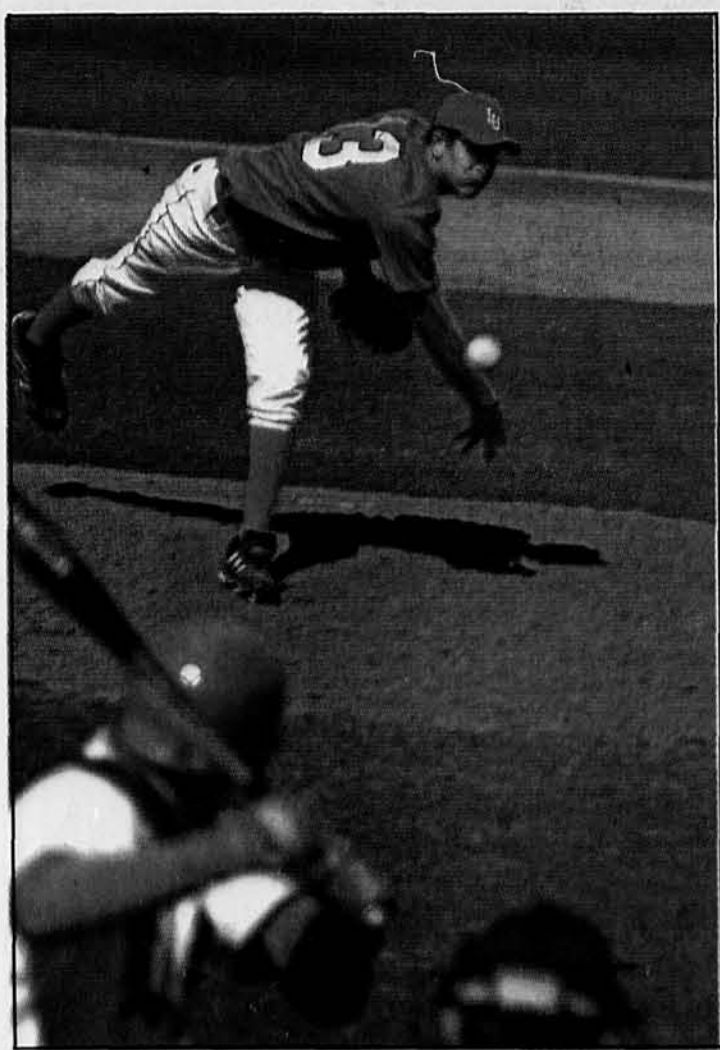
Coastal Carolina earned the third seed and will host sixth seeded Birmingham-Southern. Winthrop and Radford tied Coastal for third, but Coastal had the tie-breaker. Winthrop claimed the fourth seed by winning a coin toss over Radford and will host the Highlanders.

Liberty, providing they win over Charleston-Southern, will face the winner of Winthrop/Radford in the semifinals at the Vines Center on Friday. The championship game will be held on Saturday.

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## Baseball downs Hawks, 32-6 in three games

By David Thompson  
SPORTS REPORTER



COLT FREEMAN

FIRST COLLEGE WIN — Freshman Dane Beakler picked up his first W on Sunday afternoon, going six innings and allowing only four hits.

Liberty's pitching and defense shone in a three-game weekend series against the Hartford Hawks. The Flames outscored Hartford 32-6 over 27 innings.

Saturday began well for Liberty, with a run in the first inning. It only got better, as the Flames exploded for four runs in the bottom of the second and Ryan Page held a shutout through six innings.

Head Coach Matt Royer went to the bullpen after six innings, and Liberty allowed a run in each of the seventh and eighth innings. However, the Flames retained a comfortable lead at 7-2 heading into the bottom of the eighth. Then, in an inspiring show of strength, Liberty pounded the defense for seven runs before shutting Hartford out again in the final inning of play, to finish 14-2.

Page won his fourth decision of the season, though two of his previous victories had actually been in relief. Not knowing much about the opposing team, Page said his main strategy was to "establish a fast-ball early on, and get ahead of the batters. Then I could just pick at the corners, and make them swing at my pitches. (The shutout was constantly) in the back of my mind, but I tried to play inning by inning, pitch by pitch."

His strategy worked well, and might have served to inspire the rest of Liberty's

pitchers to continue their dominance of Hartford's hitters.

"Chip away at the lead" could have been the mantra of the Hartford team, considering the number of times it was heard from the bench in the second game of Saturday's double header. They flared up for two quick runs in the first inning, but the Flames answered quickly and more decisively, coming out with a four-run inning in their half of the second.

The game went much the same way as the first, with LU shutting down the Hartford offense for the next seven innings, holding a 9-2 lead going into the ninth inning. The Hawks chipped again, but only managed two more runs to take another loss, 9-4.

The offense continued its tear into Sunday's game, raking in the only home run of the series off the bat of Aaron Grijalva. Grijalva, Liberty's first baseman, lifted an inside pitch in a monstrous shot over the left-field wall.

"I was looking inside," said Grijalva of his homer, "I'd hit the last one [a double] the other way [into right field]."

He would hit one more, a huge triple, to finish the game 3-5, only a single shy of the coveted cycle, a very rare feat in a baseball game.

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## Life At Liberty

### Baseball

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vs. Gardner-Webb

Wed. 2 p.m.



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## COMMENTARY



Matthew Baer

All of us have had a cold or flu that we just want to get rid of. We usually call it a bug. Well, Major League Baseball has a bug. The weird thing about this bug is that it has a name — its name is Barry Bonds.

Bonds came into the league in 1986 with the Pittsburgh Pirates as a scrawny 21-year-old kid who was known more for his glove than his bat. He hit just .223 with 16 home runs in 113 games during his rookie season.

In 2006, Barry starts his 21st season, and his 14th in a San Francisco Giants uniform. Although he is known for his amazing eye at the plate, he is also known for the latest news involving steroids each year.

Bonds has gained more than 40 pounds since he first broke into the league with the Pirates. Some may say that isn't a lot for 21 years. If you think about it, though, for a player who works out daily — whether during the season or off-season — 40-plus pounds is a lot of weight.

Bonds has sworn that he has been clean his whole career. Yeah, and half the people on American Idol say they can sing. I say anyone that puts on that much weight, and can see a ball as well as he can, has to be on something.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Bonds testified to a grand jury that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was indicted in a steroid-distribution ring, but said he didn't know they were steroids.

He used undetectable steroids known as "the cream" and "the clear," which he received from personal trainer Greg Anderson during the 2003 season. According to Bonds, the trainer told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and a pain-relieving balm for his arthritis.

I could be wrong, but the way I understand it is that steroids not only help your muscle growth, but they "enhance" your senses as well. If that's true, Bonds' eye was helped by the steroids and he could see the ball better than half of the other ballplayers.

I've played baseball all my life, and granted, it is not easy to hit a fastball going 90 miles per hour with a bat that is two and a half inches in diameter, no matter how

good your eyes are.

Bonds really is a good player, I just think his stats are tainted.

Along with my problems with Bonds' stats, I take issue with his attitude about the game.

On February 19, Bonds had interviews with both, the USA Today and MLB.com. Mid-afternoon on that Sunday, the USA Today posted an article written by Bob Nightengale that had several quotes by Bonds saying that he was sick and tired of the game and was going to retire after this season regardless of whether he gets the all-time home run record or not.

"I'm not playing baseball anymore after this," Bonds told USA Today from his home in California. "The game (isn't) fun anymore. I'm tired of all of the crap going on. I want to play this year out, hopefully win, and once the season is over go home and be with my family. Maybe then everybody can just forget about me."

Barry, half of the baseball world would love nothing more than for you to just leave. We're all tired of hearing about you and your tainted baseball career. The sooner you leave the better off baseball is.

He went on to say, "I've never cared about records anyway, so what difference does it make? Right now, I'm telling you, I don't even want

to play next year. Baseball is a fun sport. But I'm not having fun."

My question is this — if you're not having fun, and you don't care about the record, why not leave before this season? Everyone will probably like you more that way anyways.

Now, after the USA Today article, MLB.com put out an article hours later that showed a colossal shift in Bonds' view of his career.

Bonds said, "If I can play (in 2007), I'm going to play..." He went on to say that the new brace on his thrice surgically repaired right knee (a quick aside — when you stop taking steroids, there are negative effects like brittle bone and weakening body function) "feels great. It's awesome. Right now, I feel like I can play for another five years, another 10 years. It's given me a new lease on life. That's how I'm feeling today. I'm ready to get going."

Would the real Barry Bonds please shut-up?

Barry, please take your confused mind, and your steroid-ridden body, and go home. We'll have no problem leaving you and your tainted stats alone. No one wants you to retire more than, well, most of America.

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MATT TRENT

OFFENSIVE — Coach Paul Wetmore said timely hitting would help the Flames.

## Softball drops 4 of 5

By Amy Field

SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames softball team participated in the Pirate Clash Tournament March 3-5 in Greenville, N.C.

"East Carolina is a great team, and we expect to go in there and be tested," Flames Head Coach Paul Wetmore said earlier this week.

Indeed, the Pirates played well, beating the Flames 5-0, giving Liberty their first loss of the season. The Pirates' got an outstanding performance by pitcher Keli Harrell who struck out 13 Flames on the day.

Liberty had five hits in the entire game, owed to junior Jessica Moore who went 3-for-3, and sophomores Ashley Williams and Shannon McKain who picked up 1 each.

"We matched up well against (East Carolina)," Wetmore said after the game. "We just didn't play particularly well against them."

The Lady Flames also came up short Friday, losing 4-1 to Binghamton University. The steady pitching from the Bearcats' Katie Hansen kept Liberty from scoring until junior Beth Hensley scored in the fifth inning. The Flames were unable to score after that.

The third game brought the Flames' third loss of the season at the hands of the St. Francis Red Flash. The Red Flash got a head start in the first inning, posting four runs on the board.

In the top of the first, a hit to left field by St. Francis' Nicole Waligora grazed the head of Hensley when she lost the ball in the sun. That at bat was crucial for the Flames, as Waligora got an inside the park home run off of the shot and Hensley did not return to the game.

In the bottom of the first, Moore blasted her first home run of the year to bring the score to 4-1, but St. Francis was allowed five more runs on six hits in the fourth inning, bumping the score to 9-1.

Liberty's Williams started the comeback attempt, scor-

ing on Courtney Johnson's single to center in the fourth. Then Love and Moore scored on Bennett's single to center in the fifth, cutting the Red Flash lead to 9-4.

After one out in the seventh, Moore, who ended 3-for-4, knocked her second home run. The Flames continued the pressure, scoring four runs on four-straight two-out singles by Bennett, Jessica Leary, McKain and Williams. Pitcher Janelle McCoy struck out the final batter, getting the win over Liberty.

Liberty's only win in the tournament was over the University of Delaware. The teams held each other in check for five innings until the top of the sixth, when Liberty broke loose to take the 3-0 lead. Dawn Jeffs hit a solo shot and Williams' knocked a two-run homer.

"That play just gave us a spark," Wetmore said. "It was the high point of the game."

The Flames fell to Fairfield on Sunday, 6-5. In spite of a 3-0 lead in the first inning, four errors on Liberty's part led to Fairfield's first five runs of the game.

In the top of the first, Moore got a lead-off walk for Liberty, after which Jeffs got a double and Williams slammed her second home run on the year to put the Flames up by three.

Fairfield scored three runs in the second, and one more in the third, taking the 4-3 lead, until Liberty mustered two more runs in the fourth to take back the lead 5-4. Fairfield sealed the 6-5 victory with two more runs in the bottom of the sixth as they fended off the Flames in the top half of the seventh to hold on.

According to libertyflames.com, Williams finished the game with five RBI's, going 2-for-4. Jeffs also went 2-for-4 and scored a run.

"Our 1-4 record certainly could have gone the other way with some timely hitting," Wetmore said, "But our pitching is outstanding right now."

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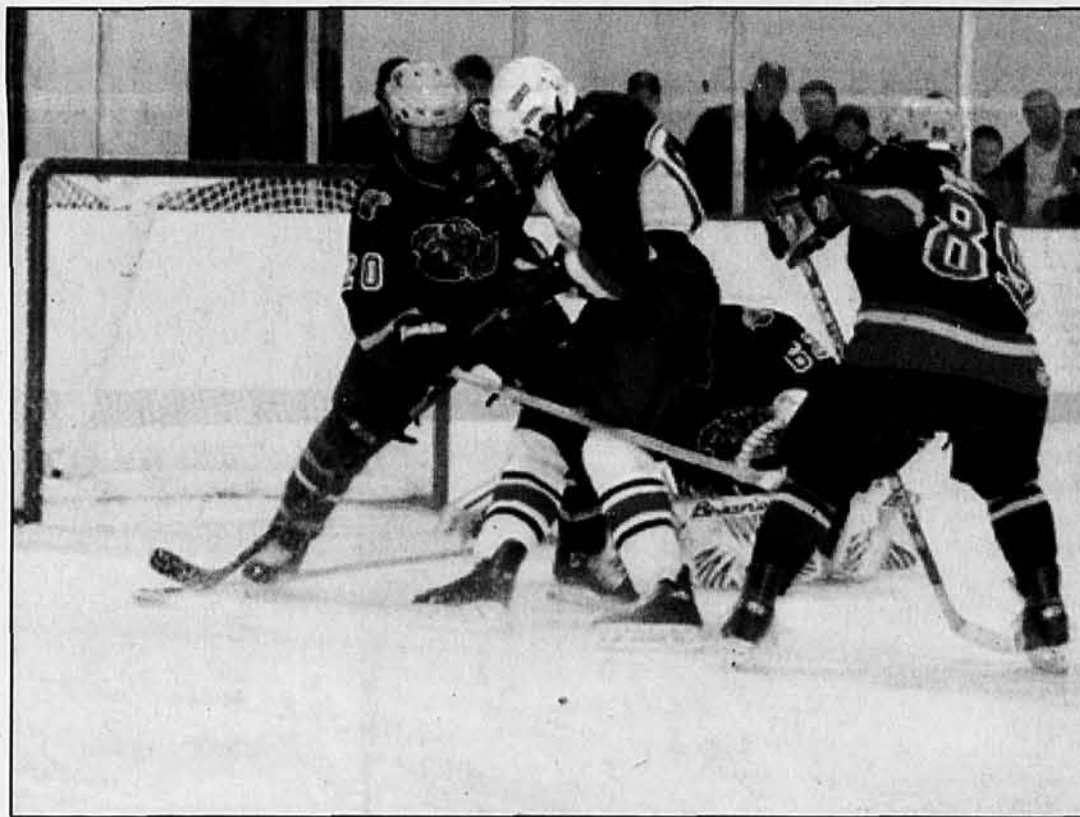
# Hockey prepares for ACHA

The Flames improved their record against Davenport to 2-1 this weekend.

Jordan Wilson dominated the offense on Friday with a hat trick and John Langabeer scored one goal. The Flames were unsuccessful in overtime and were forced to settle for a tie at four all and return on Saturday.

Liberty outscored Davenport 6-5 on Saturday. Wilson put two through the pipes, Kevin Dykstra scored two goals and Aaron Mackenzie scored one.

The Flames will face the first seed San Jose Spartans March 8 at 7 p.m. in the ACHA Division II Tournament.



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# Courtney Watkins: A life of basketball



ADAM BISHOP

REPEAT — Sophomore guard Courtney Watkins and the Lady Flames are on their way to another Big South Championship.

By Amy Field

SPORTS REPORTER

With the Big South Conference Championship a definite go for the Lady Flames, starter Courtney Watkins is prepared for whatever comes with it.

The 5'10" sophomore guard was there last April when the Lady Flames made their mark as the second No. 13 seed in women's basketball to make it to the NCAA Sweet 16. They traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn. where they faced off against the Louisiana State University Tigers. Even with the game ending as a defeat for the Flames, there was an air of pride around Liberty's campus that many remember, for the young women who came so far and had the opportunity to play the 2004-2005 top seed in the United States.

This upcoming championship looks encouraging as well, and with a 12-1 Big South record, the Lady Flames head into this week's quarterfinals.

Watkins has firm confidence in her team, especially with their experience last year at The McKenzie Arena against LSU.

"(Making it to the Sweet 16) boosted team confidence in knowing we can play at that level," Watkins said.

"We know we can hang with the big teams."

Watkins was realistically optimistic about the Lady Flames' game plan for making it to the championship again this year. "We're going to give our 110 percent," she said.

Hailing from Bristol, Tenn., Watkins grew up playing basketball.

"I've played since I was in first grade," she said. "And I was the only girl on the team."

Being the "only one" of something was nothing new for Watkins. As an only child as well as an only grandchild, she has had many great opportunities to shine and make her biggest fans — her family — proud. As an added blessing, they are able to see her play as often as they would like.

"My family only lives three hours away and my grandparents live in Lynchburg during basketball season," Watkins said.

Her parents have always supported her in her love of basketball, ever since she was a first grader. "My parents said I loved it from the start," she said.

Before coming to Liberty, Watkins looked at both Sanford and the University of Tennessee as well. In the end, however, Liberty won out.

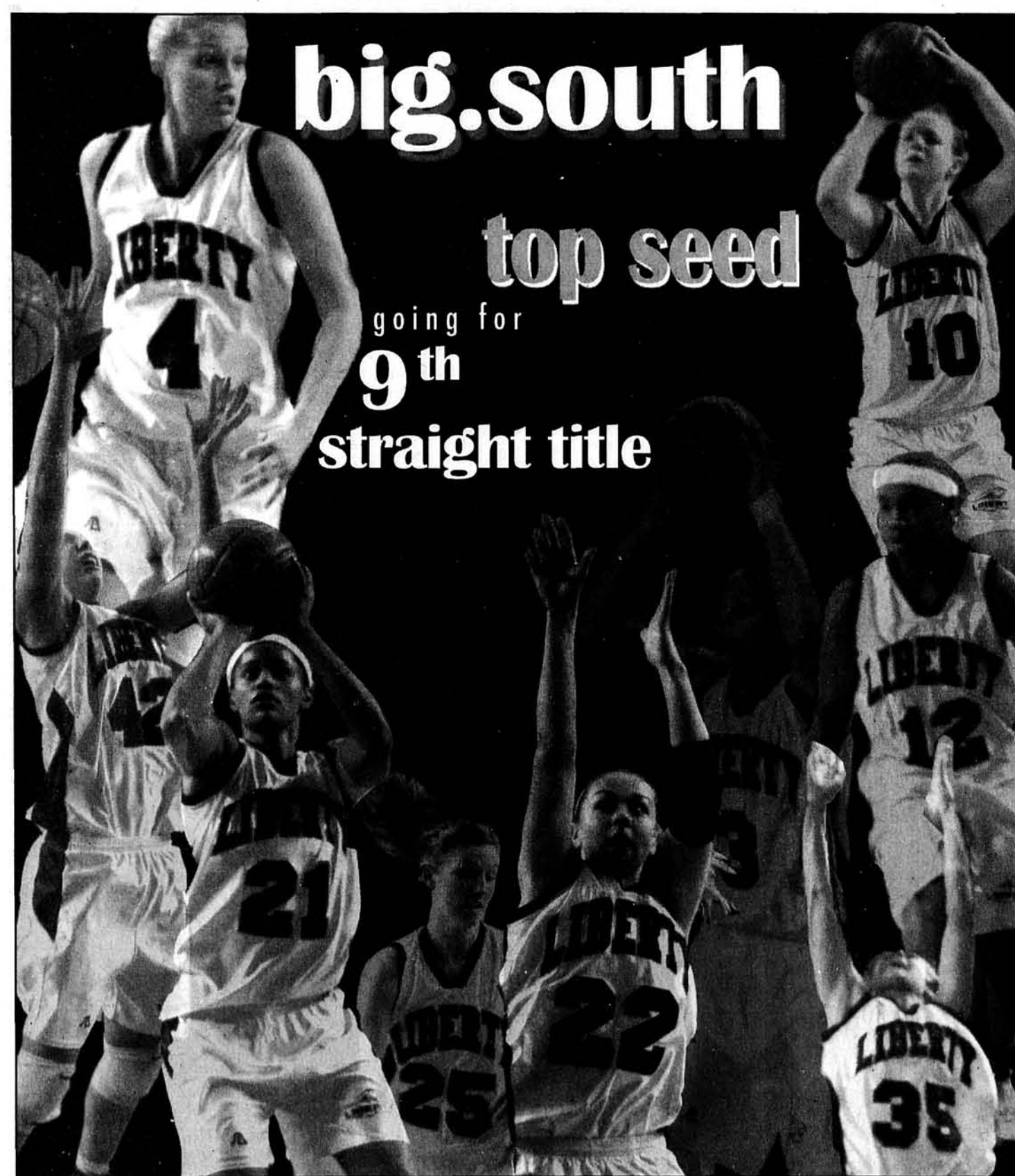
"(It was) the godly campus and the great Christian atmosphere," Watkins said, that drew her to Lynchburg.

She is currently pursuing a degree in psychology, and hopes to have a career as a research psychologist or a sports coach. Working in a career as a high school or college basketball coach is her life's dream.

"(Doing) anything with basketball, of course because I love it so much," Watkins said.

Two Bible verses that have impacted Watkins throughout her life are Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," and Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." These influence Watkins in her life as a student of Liberty and as one of its more visible representatives as a player on the basketball team.

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## Baseball: Homestand pushes team to 10-3 record

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Despite Grijalva's sizzling bat, the story of Sunday's game was the outstanding pitching, namely, of Dane Beakler, a freshman who picked up his first win, throwing six shutout innings, allowing only four hits.

"I was working on some mechanics with Coach [Randy] Tomlin, before the game," said Beakler. Beakler's main asset today was his ability to stay ahead of hitters in the count, and finish them off easily. "I was thinking, 'Keep pumping strikes. Keep getting ahead,'" he

said.

The Flames' bullpen picked up where Beakler left off, always keeping Hartford at least 90 feet from home plate.

The Flames improved their record to 10-3, and will face Virginia Tech, on Wednesday. Beakler feels confident about the upcoming match, telling reporters "I'm pretty confident, but they're an ACC school so..." Liberty will have a lot to gain if they can deliver like they did against Hartford.

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# McDougal qualifies for NCAA Championship



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**ON THE RUN** — Both the men's and women's track teams competed at indoor championships in Boston this week. Standout performances included Josh McDougal's qualification for the NCAA National Indoor Championships, a sixth place finish for the women's 4x400 relay, and a 10th place finish for Kena Butts in the high jump. These photos were taken in January at Liberty's Tolsma Indoor Track Center.

By Evan Falat  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

In December, Josh McDougal missed an NCAA Indoor National automatic qualifying berth in the 5000 meters by less than one second.

After missing some time due to a knee injury, McDougal returned to the track on February 19, running the mile and again just missed an automatic berth, this time by less than two seconds.

At the Big South Championships just one week later McDougal went after another automatic berth and again fell just short in both the 3000 meters and the mile.

Entering this past weekend's competition at the IC4A Championships in

Boston, McDougal had provisionally qualified for three events — the mile, 3000 meters, and 5000 meters — but was not guaranteed a ticket to the NCAA Championships without an automatic time.

Knowing that this was his last shot at qualifying, McDougal delivered as he ran a time of 7:53.16 in the 3000 meters and won that event this past Saturday. His time not only allowed him to capture the automatic time and advance to this coming weekend's NCAA Championships in Arkansas, but also set a new IC4A meet record, besting a 25 year old record that had been set by Villanova's Sidney Maree in 1981.

As of Sunday, McDougal is currently ranked 19th in

the nation in the mile, fifth in the nation in the 3000, and 14th in the nation in the 5000. Currently McDougal has not yet decided what event or events he will run at the NCAA Championships.

Besides McDougal, the Flames also turned in some other top performances at this weekend's meet. Senior Ravanno Ferguson finished sixth in the finals of the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.42 seconds. In the three rounds of racing, Ferguson was 10th in the preliminaries, sixth in the semi-finals, and sixth in the finals. Ferguson also placed 17th in the 400 meters in a time of 48.50.

Also scoring for the Flames was freshman Phil Leinweber. Leinweber finished sixth in the pre-lims of the 500 meters, qualifying him for the finals. In the finals, he finished in a time of 1:04.14, placing him seventh overall.

Also competing at the IC4A meet for the Flames were distance runners Jarvis Jelen and Jordan McDougal. Jelen finished 14th in the mile with a time of 4:12.60 while Jordan McDougal was 14th in the 5000 meters in a time of 14:31.45. Overall the men's team finished tied for 18th place with 15 points.

The Lady Flames also competed in Boston as they saw action at the ECAC Championships — the women's equivalent to the IC4A Championships.

Junior Arlene Zelinskas was the top finisher for the Lady Flames as she finished fourth in the pentathlon. The current Big South Most Outstanding Female Performer finished with a total of 3630 points

in the five-event competition.

Also scoring for the Lady Flames was the 4x400 team of Mynique Robinson, Tra' Screen, Kena Butts, and Jamie Watson. The team finished sixth in pre-lims and then ran a time of 3:47.67 in the finals, which also placed them sixth overall. Butts also placed 10th in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5'05".

Other Lady Flames that competed in at the ECAC Championships were Andrea Beckles and Carol Jefferson. Beckles finished in 22nd place with a time of 7.93 seconds in the 60 meter dash. Jefferson was 11th in the 5000 meters in a time of 17:15.95. Overall the Lady Flames finished tied for 27th place with a total of eight points.

The Flames will start their outdoor season this coming weekend as they travel down to Conway, S.C. to compete at the Coastal Carolina Invitational. The lone exception will be Josh McDougal as he will be in Fayetteville, Ark., for the NCAA National Indoor Championships.

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## Men's basketball: Postseason ends in first round loss

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Anthony Smith made the Big South All-Freshman team, and forward Russell Monroe made the Big South All-Academic team.

On the court, Monroe shot 52 percent on field goals and averaged around one blocked shot per game. One of their highlights was an 84-54 win over Lynchburg College in the heavily anticipated "Battle of Lynchburg" on Dec. 2. Smith scored 18 points in that game.

On Jan. 3, Liberty defeated High Point 83-80 in a down-to-the-wire battle with 21 lead changes. It was Liberty's first conference game.

Feb. 9, they made a comeback from 16 points behind against UNC-

Asheville, and tied the score with nine seconds remaining, only to lose 83-81 in overtime.

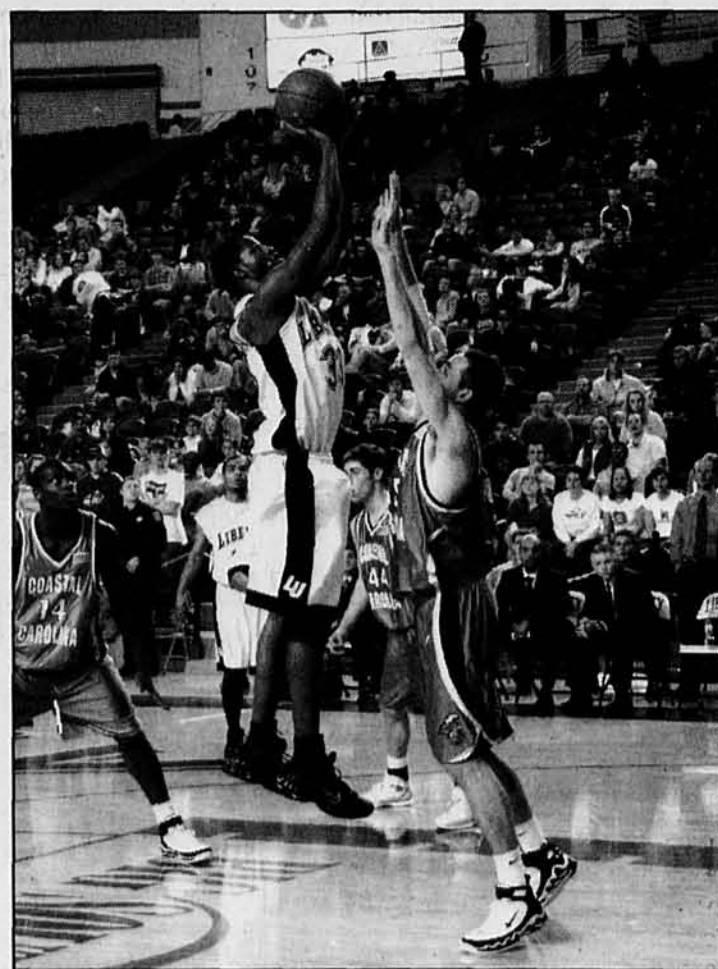
On Feb. 20, the team maintained hopes of entering the Big South tournament with their defeat of Winthrop in a see-saw contest that went down to the final minute of play.

Besides those Big South award winners, outstanding individual statistics this season include Damien Hubbard and Rell Porter's six rebounds per game, and Evan Risher's 2.5 assists per game. The Flames have no seniors on their roster, so all of their starters will probably return next season. Then, they will pull everything together, find a rhythm and play winning basketball.

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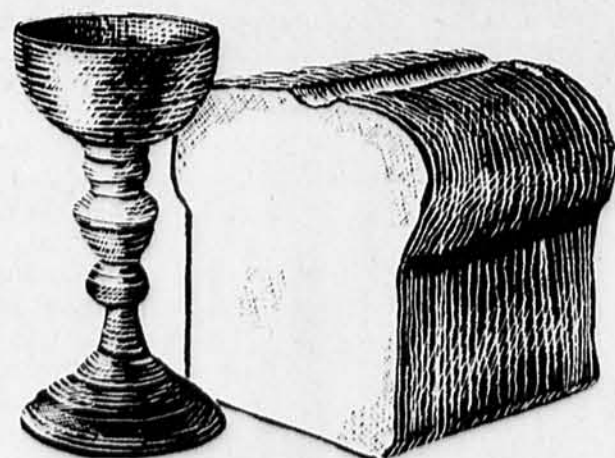


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**GOING UP** — Anthony Smith (upper left) and Rell Porter (above) fought all season to power the Flames to a post-season berth.



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**Quote of the week:** "Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn."

— George W. Bush



By Katelyn Fletcher and MarLiesa Johnson

Spring break is quickly approaching and the student body will venture across the U.S. and other countries on its week off of school. Many students are just going home; back to work for a week or spending some time with their families. Others are going to lay their week off down for Christ by serving in the Mission's field.

Liberty is taking five trips: two within the LU Global program and three with Light ministries. Dr. Ergun Caner is going to take students to Israel for a three credit hour Theology class, as well.

LU Global is sending out two teams. One is highly focused on prayer. The group of 17 is going to Romania for the whole week for only \$1,500 a person. Once they are there they will be praying, evangelizing, worshipping and helping where they are needed. They will be staying in a smaller village of a few hundred.

They want their work in Romania to reflect the way Jesus ran his ministry. Donald Hardison who is co-heading the trip with Nathan Smith, said, "the way Jesus worked: prayer, ministry, prayer" is exactly what their main goal is. Hardison said they will be praying hopefully three to four hours everyday.

The team has already met every Thursday morning to pray for specific things on the trip. All the members of the team have lessons each week they go through and they have all fasted different things every week. They have already or are going to fast: media, sweets, fast food, meats

and caffeine.

Marybeth Dickersons and Ashley Shay are sophomores at Liberty and are going on the trip. Dickersons said she is "not feeling like it's real yet."

The other LU Global Missions group is heading to the beach. They are going to be doing boardwalk evangelism almost everyday on the white beaches of Daytona, Fla. The first two days they will have intense training on sharing the gospel. The rest of the week they are going to walk out on the sand and share.

Some of the students are a little nervous about walking up to strangers and sharing the truth, but they are also very excited. There are about 25 people going. They are driving down and will be leaving on March 10.

On a quite different type of sand, Dr. Ergun Caner will be walking with his group of 250 students in Israel. Caner said along with viewing sites, there will also be a worship team there. He said they should be spending more time at each spot than most tour groups. It will be most students first trip going to the place where Jesus died. Caner said it will be a "Spiritual mountaintop experience."

Caner stated that he takes, "No work to Israel." He wants to spend time one-on-one with students on the buses, planes, etc. As far as it being a class, the extra time they spend at each site will be an interactive lecture. It is a three credit hour class, which counts for either Theology 201 or 202. He said he wants to take another group next year or sometime

soon whenever students want to go. Last time Liberty went in a group to Israel was with Dr. Jerry Falwell a few years ago and there were 1,500 in that group.

"I can't wait to go to Israel, there is no other place in the world I would rather go during spring break. I can relax and go to the beach any other time, but an Israel trip is a once in a lifetime thing," said sophomore Aaron Richards.

Light Ministry is going on three trips: Argentina, Germany and Southeast Asia. The Argentina group is going to be focused on children's ministry, pastoral care, discipleship, evangelism and prison ministry. This trip cost \$2,000 for each student.

The Germany trip will also be \$2,000 per student. They will be focusing on university and student ministry, discipleship and evangelism, pre-evangelism ministry and teach

English as a second language in public schools.

Finally, the Southeast Asia trip will be centered on university and student ministry, discipleship and relationship building. Light Ministry is very focused on training and preparing students for their trips.

Whether or not you choose to go on a missions trip or walk where Jesus walked in Israel, the groups would appreciate prayer for their safety and for God's guidance.

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# INVISIBLE CHILDREN

The truth behind the 50,000 children missing from Uganda

By Hilary Dyer  
LIFE REPORTER

On Feb. 26, hundreds of Liberty University students gathered in a DeMoss classroom to see invisible children. For about two hours, the students watched a film and engaged in a question and answer period.

"Invisible Children" is a documentary depicting the lives of the Acholi children of Northern Uganda. They are being abducted for use as child soldiers by a rebel army known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). The children who are abducted are subjected to violent killings and raping and are forced to commit these atrocities themselves.

The filmmakers had originally planned to film in Sudan, but found their story when they discovered that thousands of children from the Acholi tribe were commuting nightly into the city. They walk hours to sleep in safety and avoid being abducted from their homes by the rebels. If abducted, they would be turned into child

killing machines. As the filmmakers, Bobby Bailey, Laren Poole and Jason Russell, stated in a email posted on their Web site, they felt "...our hearts calling us back to these kids that sleep on the streets" and "that the most effective documentary will be one that is narrower in scope."

The film documents the lives of these children, revealing their hurt and desperation.

"I have nothing. I don't even have a blanket. We don't have anything to do with food. Maybe we can eat once a day ... so it is better when you kill us. And, if possible you can kill us, you kill us. For us, we don't want now to stay. No one taking care of us. We are not going to school..." said one invisible child named Jacob during the film.

He went on to say that at least if he died he could go to heaven to see his brother who was killed by the LRA, and then he began to cry.

Today Jacob is alive, being cared for and receiving schooling. This is a result of Invisible Children. The organization born from the

documentary has set up an educational program in Northern Uganda which matches up children with Acholi mentors. The mentors assure that the children attend school, have the needed supplies and receive food and medical care. They are paid through Invisible Children, generating income for the nationals. The funds used for this program are raised through selling Acholi-made bracelets, which provides additional income.

The United States passed the Uganda Crisis Relief Act in 2004. However, despite this and the efforts of Invisible Children, the LRA is still terrorizing the Acholi people and stealing children to use as soldiers. The Uganda government located in the southern region is ignoring the war in the north, and in the documentary one individual asked that Americans ask their government to pressure the Uganda government to take action.

Invisible Children is attempting to do this through what they call a "Global Night

Commute." On April 29, they are asking people from all over the world to commute from their homes to sleep in the city, without shelter, as many Acholi children do nightly. The purpose is to gain the attention of the American government and ask them to help stop end the violence of the LRA in Uganda.

Liberty University students who are interested in taking

part in this can sign up on the Invisible Children Web site (<http://invisiblechildren.com/>). When asked what else people can do to help, Clint Darrah, said "Raise awareness and act." He encouraged people to do this by informing others and by using their creative abilities to raise funds.

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SHOCKED — Audience members were astounded at the number of children abducted from Uganda.



MarLiesa Johnson

The car saga continues. My poor car is still not starting as often as it should. I am hoping that it can make it through the semester and then I am selling that baby.

In the meantime, I am trying, still, to focus on the qualities that my car has. What could possibly be good about random car failure, or "RCF," as I call it. I also call it other things when I am mad, but we won't go there. Nothing reprimandable, but still not nice. Well, in the times when I have suffered from RCF and have waited for my fiancé (my knight in shining armor) to come and help me get it started, I have noticed many attributes to being stranded. RCF occurs, of course, when the hammer to the starter does not work (although when I do get it started that way, people look impressed).

The first thing that I have noticed is that the nicest guys at Liberty stop and ask if I need help. The not-so-nice ones get mad at me because they wanted my parking place and can't get it. My RCF is a nice guy magnet. So, if you are a single girl who is looking for a nice guy who has a good heart, I could lend you my car. This is one quality I might bring up when trying to sell my car. The value of a good man is more than the value of a good car ... right? Now if I asked some guys if the value of a good car is more important than the value of a good girl, I might not want to know the answer.

The second thing is that when RCF occurs and I have to wait for that knight, I have time to do homework that I otherwise might have neglected until the night before it was due. So, RCF is sometimes helpful for my education. That does not include the times when it has happened and I cannot get it started before a class. But we are only focusing on the positives.

The third thing is that when RCF occurs, I can take time out of my busy schedule and notice everything that is around me. While in the hustle and bustle, the beauty of the world sometimes leaves me, but when I am in my car with the windows rolled down, ignoring the guy who is yelling at me because he wanted my parking place, I can see how beautiful campus is, how beautiful the weather might be and how fortunate I am to be alive and with some way of transportation at all.

It is easy to complain because there are a lot of things we could complain about. The guy, for instance who yelled at me because he wanted my parking place (I am not bitter). It is so much harder to be positive and try to seek the good out of experiences. To be honest, as bad as a situation may be, there might be something positive to be found. Maybe something even funny. Take the higher road and look for it. Even if you are having an RCF day.

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# ALISTAIR MCPHERSON:

## Get to know the "down to earth" Associate Dean of Men

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Driving around the Liberty University campus in Lynchburg, Associate Dean of Men Alistair McPherson contemplates where he wants to sit and chat. As he drives he doesn't turn on the radio, but rather makes sounds resembling a techno song at a night club. He discusses the pros and cons of different locations, all the while speaking in different voices. His antics continue and the passenger in his car attempts to stifle bouts of laughter, but to no avail.

After walking and driving to different parts of the campus, McPherson notes the high sun and pleasant breeze, and decides to remain outside for the interview and simultaneously enjoy the beautiful day. Liberty University welcomed Alistair McPherson as an Associate Dean of Men during the fall semester of 2005. In addition to this title, McPherson is a husband, father, second-degree black-belt, ordained pastor, makeup artist, counselor, friend and writer.



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McPherson was born and raised in Scotland, a fact that reveals itself as soon as he begins speaking with his thick Scottish brogue. He also lived in other countries such as England and Iran. While growing up, his family attended church irregularly. McPherson said, "I had no interest in Jesus at all." In fact, he participated in forms of occult from age 6 until he was 20. "I experienced an Ouija board while in primary school. I felt like a power had come into me at that point, it was the strangest thing. From that point on, I had an interest in that sort of thing."

McPherson was 21 years old by the time he experienced salvation. "Basically, I had an encounter with God when I was staying with a girl in England. I heard a voice say 'get up from where you are and go back to see that girl in Scotland.' The girl was a young woman who had just become a Christian. While in Scotland, I had met her twice and it was apparently enough for her to pray for me at Bible study."

McPherson went back to Scotland to see this girl and she invited him to church. "At this church, I was reacquainted with the gospel,"

he said. "The Lord began to open my eyes to the reality of Jesus and what a Christian life really meant. Within a month I put my head in a pillow and said, 'Thank you Jesus for dying for me,' and that was it, that was my confession."

"The day after was like cinescope; everything was just different; I really knew that something had definitely, definitely transpired ... I guess the Bible started coming alive to me."

Following his salvation, McPherson went to a Bible school in England where he met his wife, Deb. After marrying in 1989, he spent time as a makeup effects artist for Pinewood Studios and Shepherd Studios in England.

In 1994, he earned a B.A. from Moody Bible Institute in Theology and Biblical Languages. Six years later, he went to Beeson Divinity School of Samford University in Birmingham and received his Master's in Divinity.

Between earning his M.D. and being hired at LU, McPherson spent four years as a salesman.

"I pursued the job at Liberty because I wanted to have a wider influence on people besides being a pastor ... My passion is in relational evangelism, healing prayer, how to understand the soul, how healing of the soul comes about."

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JUGGLING — As Associate Dean of Men, McPherson often feels like he has two jobs: counselor and a judicial officer.

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McPherson said the hardest thing about his job is seeing and having to enforce students to take some time off from school when they make mistakes they know are wrong.

"While it is hard to be a disciplinarian, no one in the dean's office is that callous to discipline people with no regard for their well-being. The people I work with care about people a lot, otherwise, they wouldn't be there."

Although his job is hard, he finds it very rewarding. "The name of the game in the dean's office is 'reconciliation and restoration.'"

"I like to make myself available to students in any way I can and to be able to listen and encourage them. I look for an aspect of where God's at work in their life and encourage and point them to that."

This idea is what brought commuter student Joel Furrow into his office. Furrow met McPherson while spending time with other off-campus friends at the Drowsy Poet during convocation this past fall.

When Furrow asked McPherson who he was, the reply came within his usual bright smile, pleasing accent and jovial attitude: "Oh, just some guy from Scotland."

"After we met," said Furrow, "I felt a leading of the Spirit that caused me to believe that I needed to speak with him. I wasn't sure what I needed to talk to him about, but I found out soon enough." Furrow explained that his initial meeting with McPherson allowed him to see how approachable he was and had no problems pursuing further conversation.

When Furrow went to meet with him, McPherson immediately pointed out his necklace. The necklace was made of ivory and was purchased while Furrow served on a missions trip to Tibet. "When I bought it, I was told that the carved symbol was for good luck. When I spoke to Alistair, I found out something entirely different."

As was explained to Furrow by McPherson, the pendant resembled the "OM" symbol universal to many eastern religions. Also on the pendant were two smaller symbols. One being

for the goddess of help, and the other was a symbol having to do with sexual immorality and was used in Baal worship.

"The wild part about the situation was that during that period in my life, I found myself under an unusual amount of temptation dealing with purity issues, issues that I thought I had conquered some time ago," Furrow said.

Once McPherson told him what the symbols meant, he immediately removed the necklace from his person. "As soon as I took it off, I felt as if a huge weight had been lifted from my shoulders, a weight that I had been carrying for quite some time. I felt a sense freedom unlike anything before. Alistair said that he also felt a burning sensation in his hands when he took the necklace away."

Later that day, Furrow crushed the ivory pendant, burned the cord it had been hanging on and disposed of the remaining ashes at a cemetery.

"My experience that day opened my eyes to the spiritual warfare that is taking

place all around us, and don't think that we are protected because we are in the 'Liberty bubble,'" said Furrow.

Over Christmas break, Furrow was signed as a missionary with an organization called ChriStar. He feels if he hadn't met with McPherson that day, then he wouldn't have been ready to commit to the organization. "What I really like about Alistair is that he has a lot of book knowledge, but is very humble about it. I didn't feel like he was the one who had all the answers I needed to know, but he was able to guide me to Christ to find them. Everyone at Liberty could learn a lot from him. Needless to say, I am thankful for the relationship I have with him."

McPherson enjoys being able to mentor students at Liberty, and strives to be a mentor wherever he is.

"We cannot succeed in the Christian life without it (mentorship). Unfortunately, we have substituted mentors for books on certain topics; we have systematized everything and have stripped away all power."

"Relationships are key," said McPherson. "We live in a very individualistic society and we don't understand what relationships are, and a lot of our society's dysfunctions are the result. It is important to have strong relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ. You learn things in that process of sharpening and retain those memories that will help you to deal with sin. Without those memories, we are left on our own and often to make mistakes."

McPherson also places importance on reaching out to those outside of the Christian community. "It's incredulous that we are afraid to talk to non-Christians. If we took a bit more risks, we would see the power of God demonstrated. In 1 Thessalonians 1, Paul says '...our gospel came to you not only in word, but

also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.' There is no power of God in sitting on a seat doing nothing. The best thing for Christians to do at this point in history is to listen and be quick to do it."

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Francis of Assisi once said, 'Preach the gospel to all the world and if necessary use words.' We have descended to abstract answering by giving words, important words, but we have been using them instead of demonstrating God's power."

McPherson's past experience in the occult changed to a positive thing by making him intuitive of the spiritual realm. Something, as Furrow explained, that is largely overlooked by today's Christians.

Associate Dean Alistair McPherson's presence is highly appreciated and known among the student body of Liberty University. Not even five minutes would pass in our interview without someone waving, shouting, greeting or throwing snowballs in his direction.

"I like to involve myself in the lives of the students on campus and to make myself available to talk to about whatever is on their minds," said McPherson.

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