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NEWS BRIEFS

LARGEST STOCK DROP IN HISTORY

Monday saw the largest selloff in stock market history with a 777.69 dip in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The Nasdaq Composite Index finished at 199.61, a 9.14% reduction, to finally rest at 1983.73. Bipartisan disagreements in the House led to the demise of the proposed \$700 billion bailout plan that Wall Street leaders had been hoping would pass. Virginia Republicans voted against the bailout, suggesting that there were better alternatives, according to FoxNews.com.

BEN & JERRY'S SAYS NO TO PETA

A recent letter to Ben and Jerry's founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) requested that the ice-cream titans replace the cow's milk they normally use with human breast milk. The letter comes in the wake of news that a Swiss restaurant owner will begin replacing 75 percent of the milk he uses with breast milk. Ben and Jerry's has already stated that they will not adopt the suggestion, according to wnbc.com.

FILM ICON DIES

Actor Paul Newman passed away in his sleep on Friday night, ending his battle with cancer. He was 83 years old. The Oscar-winning actor and business owner left behind his wife of 50 years, actress Joanne Woodward, and five daughters. The entire value of his company, Newman's Own, which makes salad dressing and cookies, was turned over to charity in June 2008, according to FoxNews.com. This year he planned to give away \$26 million to charity.

PALE IN COMPARISON

Actress Tina Fey of NBC's "30 Rock" made her second guest appearance on Saturday Night Live last week in her role as Sarah Palin. Amy Poehler played Katie Couric, and the pair parodied an interview that occurred earlier in the week on CBS between Couric and Palin. Fey satirized Palin's foreign affairs experience, according to FoxNews.com.

LOST: ANCIENT BIBLE

Missing pages of a 1,000-year-old Hebrew Bible, known in English as the Aleppo Codex, are being searched for on four continents. The Codex has had quite a journey: it has been held for ransom by crusaders, almost burned in fires and smuggled in a washing machine before making it to Israel. Now researchers are searching for the missing pages to make the manuscript whole again, saying they have leads on where the missing pages are, according to FoxNews.com.

SPIRITUAL LIFE STUDENTS PRAY FOR NATION



Thousands of students gathered to pray for Liberty and students around the world the night before See You at the Pole would be held at schools across the nation. Pictured here are Kelsey Huff and Andrew Redd.

Job hunting in an economic drought

By Matthew Coleman
NEWS REPORTER

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In previous generations, all that was needed to be successful in life was a college degree and a good work ethic. With the recent economic slowdown, stock market instability, and a mortgage crisis driving corporate superpowers into bankruptcy, times have become much more complicated. Today's college graduate will need every competitive edge available to be successful in today's job world.

Times are hard, and they are not showing signs of letting up any time soon. America derives 70 percent of its economy from consumers according to Professor Robert Rencher Jr. Recent economic downturns have made it increasingly difficult for consumers to

continue spending money and stimulate the economy. If the consumers are not buying, then the businesses in America start to feel the pinch.

"As companies are not doing as well, they are less willing to hire," Rencher said.

Few workers in America are able to remain unaffected by these circumstances, but college graduates have been hit especially hard. The unemployment rate for 20 to 24-year-olds climbed from 7.4 to 9.8 percent in the second quarter according to the Labor Department. Nearly one out of every ten college graduates cannot find a job in their field.

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O&A

with



Jonathan Falwell,
Vice Chancellor for
Spiritual Affairs

By Amanda Baker
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

What responsibilities come with the title of vice chancellor of spiritual affairs?

Liberty University has always been focused on not only training young people academically, but also spiritually. Dad (Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr.) always made sure that we are on track spiritually. We want to make sure that we stay solid. My responsibility will be to ensure that the faculty members continue to understand that this is a spiritually sound institution. We're not going to let faculty members come here who don't believe what we believe.

How does this position affect or complement your role as pastor of TRBC?

Liberty University was founded out of TRBC. When it was first started, all the classes took place inside the church, and members of the church gave the money to build this institution. And the pastor (at the time), who was my dad, was always the head of the institution. The importance of the relationship is one that we can't take lightly. My role as a pastor here is to help the people stay on track spiritually, and also to make sure that this church will continue to do the same for Liberty.

How do you hope to accomplish that?

I meet often with our campus pastors. We make sure I continue to meet with Dr. Towns, Dr. Caner, Ron Godwin, my brother (Jerry Falwell Jr.) and other vice presidents and deans to make sure we stay on track. The way it is accomplished is the fact that we stay very diligent.

How do you unwind after a long day at the office?

I have my wife and four children. When I leave after an incredibly long day at the church and I walk in the door, I've got those four kids that are chasing me down. I pretty quickly forget what has happened at the office, because I realize that the most important thing I do, besides my relationship with Jesus Christ, is growing in my relationship with my wife and my children. It's not difficult at all for me, because those kids make sure they keep me pretty grounded.

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Extreme makeover: Museum edition

By Anthony Barone
NEWS REPORTER

The Jerry Falwell Museum on the Liberty University Campus will receive a facelift for the school's alumni.

The Jerry Falwell Museum, which features several pictures, memorabilia and videos of the life and the ministry of the late Dr. Jerry Falwell, is receiving

an additional section for alumni returning to Liberty Mountain.

The new area of the museum has been undergoing changes that will be completed by Homecoming.

The room will be an addition to the current museum and will tie the museum closer together with the current alumni center.

Already in progress is a 47-foot mural depicting a

timeline of Liberty Mountain's history and how Dr. Falwell changed the image of the mountain.

The mural, being painted by Paul Dinwiddie, depicts Liberty Mountain from its rural beginnings starting with the Carter Glass Mansion, continuing through Liberty Baptist College history and moving into the formation of Liberty University.

Highlights of the mural include the change in dormitories over the years, the construction of DeMoss, Campus North, the Vines Center, the LU Monogram and most of the other well-recognized structures on campus.

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PICTORIAL HISTORY — The new mural features historical places and events.

Liberty debate grabs gold in first two tournaments of the year

By Drew Menard
NEWS REPORTER

The Liberty Debate team cleaned up the competition at the season-opening Georgia State Debate Tournament and claimed first place in the novice and junior varsity divisions.

The team of Melanie Darling and Beau Troxclair swept the novice division going 6-0 in the preliminary rounds and 4-0 in the elimination rounds. Maria Eller and Jessica Maddox, Joshua Armstrong and Joseph Autry, and Chelsea Thompson and Tierra Thompson also qualified for the elimination rounds representing Liberty.

The dominant Flames went 6-1 in the elimination round. Darling and Troxclair claimed first place overall with Eller and Mattox taking second and Armstrong and Autry finishing in third place. This is the first debate ever for the novice debaters, making Darling and Troxclair's undefeated streak all the more phenomenal.

"It is an amazing feeling to be done with the first tournament," Darling said. "It really inspired us as a team to keep up all the work we have put in so far."

Austin Woodruff and Lincoln Garrett teamed up for the Flames junior varsity division and were awarded first place overall after going undefeated in the preliminary rounds.

The Liberty teams of Amanda Atkins and Katie Jordan, and Jackie Poapst and Ryan Bass both had a 4-2 record going into the elimination rounds. Bass and Poapst claimed victory in their quarterfinal and were then eliminated in a split decision against Florida State in the semifinal round. Garrett and Woodruff defeated Emory University and Louisiana-Lafayette before overcoming Florida State in the finals.

The Flames carried their momentum from Georgia State into the Clarion University Debate Tournament this weekend. Led by varsity debaters Stephanie Dillard and Ross Garrett,

who took first place in the tournament, Liberty won both the novice and varsity divisions. Thirteen of the 15 teams representing Liberty qualified for the elimination rounds.

Dillard and Garrett went 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and joined Michelle Oh and Joshua Turnage, Eddie Fitzgerald and Jeff White, and Amy Boyd and Ben Hagwood in the elimination rounds. Darling and Troxclair extended their unbeaten streak, finishing the tournament 9-0 and claiming first place overall.

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Liberty aeronautics team ready to take to the skies

By Daniel Martinez
NEWS REPORTER

A group of Liberty students, some of whom go by such names as Hawk Eye, Upset, Adlance and Uzzi, will soon be squaring off against aviation students from several other schools in the upcoming Region X flying competition from Oct. 29 through Nov. 1.

Liberty athletic teams may have captured a number of Big South Championships during the 2007-2008 school year, but Liberty's most current competitive dynasty is arguably the four consecutive first place finishes in the Region X aviation contest. The winner of each fall regional contest will then compete in May for the National Championship held in St. Louis.

Recently christened the School of Aeronautics, Liberty's aviation department has been participating in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association competition for six years against 70 of the nation's best aviation schools, including the Air Force Academy, Kent State, Ohio State and Texas Tech. This year, Liberty's regional opponents — including the Virginia Tech Hokies and United States Naval Academy Midshipmen — will be coming to the Lynchburg

Regional Airport for the competition.

"We are very glad to have them back on our home court this year," said Jonathan "Stork" Washburn, a former Marine Corps officer in his first season as coach. "We have been ranked as high as the top 20 in the nation among flight schools, and we are looking to improve that number this year."

All Liberty students with at least a private pilot's license are invited to try out for the team, according to School of Aeronautics Chairman Ernie Rogers. Those who score best on the qualifying tests are chosen.

This year's team consists of 15 members including two captains and features such colorful nicknames as Elvis, Kanye, Chadder, Too Tall and Ski. The team members will be suiting up to partake in a number of different ground and aerial events in the contest.

The ground events, Washburn says, are "multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exams that test team members' knowledge in many areas that typical pilots encounter every day."

From aircraft preflight inspection to aircraft recognition and Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation, these events are designed to prove that team members really know how

to approach, handle and understand aircraft.

Flying events at the competition include power-off landing, navigation and a message drop. These events "test the team on precision flying," Washburn said.

"The pilots must know the aircraft and the weather well enough to fly half the traffic pattern without engine power and then set the aircraft down within 300 feet of a white stripe," Washburn said.

Liberty will enter the maximum number of participants into each event, typically five students. Rogers described the competition as being "like a track meet," where each individual student competes to win points in each event. Two of the flying events, the navigation and message drop tests, will feature two people in the aircraft. Otherwise, students will fly solo as they attempt to outperform rivals and honor their schools.

Entering into these contests will be the 15 aviation students assembled under Washburn. The two captains are Eric Carter (IHOP) and Josh Stadlander (Too Tall). Under them, John Iazzi (Uzzi) is serving his third year with the team, and four people are serving their second years: Beth Partie (Animal), Luke Vander

Wiele (Elvis), Chad McClure (Chadder), Christian Traxler (Junior). The team's first-year participants are Reid Montgomery (Murphy), Lance Welch (Adlance), Jeff Wietholter (Upset), Jonathan McCracken (Hawk Eye), Jeff Schlaudt (MIT), Tom V. (Ski), Austin Wright (Birdy) and Andy Gomez (Kanye). Led by Washburn, they will tackle the events five at a time in an attempt to bring Liberty a fifth-consecutive victory.

The winner will be determined, Washburn said, once all the events have taken place and all points tallied. Individuals can receive trophies or medals for their performances, but the real prize is the regional trophy, which includes an invitation to St. Louis with a chance to compete for the National Championship in May. The fact that a regional championship trophy — let alone a national championship trophy — would be a terrific new decoration to the School of Aeronautics main office is not lost on Washburn.

"This year, we hope to continue the flight team's tradition of success in the Regionals and go on to compete against the top flight schools in the nation," Washburn said.

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JOB MARKET

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"I didn't think it was going to be so hard to find a job after I graduated," Jennifer Seluta, a 2008 Liberty graduate, said. "It is not as easy to get in as you may think, even if you have a lot of experience."

Just because a graduate has a degree does not mean a job is guaranteed after graduation. As the economy stands, there are just not enough jobs to go around. Unless the market makes a significant turnaround, the odds stacking up against college graduates will continue.

Ultimately, any prediction for what the economy is going to look like in May is at best riddled with "ifs" and "maybes." There are too many contributing factors to accurately determine whether or not the job market will be flourishing or declining as Liberty graduates take the plunge into the work force.

However, the future graduates of Liberty do not have to weigh their chances of getting a good job on a "what-if" scenario. The Center for Academic Support and Advising Services (CASAS) exists to better pre-

pare students for their futures after graduation.

"Our job is to provide services to the students to help ensure their education at Liberty is valuable in the real world," said Carrie Barnhouse, the director of the career center.

The business world is competitive, and there are a lot of people chasing after the same jobs. The deciding factor is often how well a potential employee can sell their skills to an employer. CASAS provides a number of programs designed specifically to help students increase their job readiness and marketability for future employers. Everything from resume critiques and mock job interviews to helping students find internships is offered free of charge for every Liberty student.

Time management is crucial for those who will be graduating in May. A lot of work is required to be ready to begin searching for a job and waiting until the last minute to begin is not a wise choice.

"You can never start (preparing) too soon," Barnhouse said. "If you are graduating in May, you should be starting now."

One of the biggest factors involved

in getting the right job is experience before applications are submitted. Employers are not looking to hire employees who have to be nurtured and trained extensively on their dime. It is imperative for students and graduates alike to get as much experience as possible via internships while they still can.

"One of the biggest things I see on resumes is a lack of experience," Barnhouse said. "Instead of taking that construction job over summer break, see if you can volunteer at a place you can count as experience on your resume."

Much of the essential knowledge required to work effectively at a job can only be learned by doing it in the field.

Also, participating in internships allows students to start building an effective network of contacts that can be vital when it is time to search for a paying job. Having a long list of friends who can offer help can be the difference between getting an okay job and getting a great job.

In addition to the numerous programs provided, CASAS also funds on-campus job and networking fairs for students to attend and see what

opportunities exist. CASAS also networks with other universities to gain access to national corporations that are looking to hire college graduates. The goal is to provide as many opportunities as possible to make the transition from student to employee as easy as possible.

LUNetWork, an internet-based job search engine, is also available to every student at Liberty. All that is required is a Liberty student account. The Web site posts hundreds of part-time and full-time job listings and internship opportunities.

CASAS is an effective department that can help those who use it. Of the seniors who graduated after the spring 2008 semester, nearly 50 percent used CASAS in some way, according to Barnhouse. From that percentage, 80 percent had found a job and were hired before graduation.

"Liberty prepared me well," Matthew Pierce, a 2008 Liberty graduate, said. "I feel very prepared and qualified to do my job."

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JONATHAN FALWELL

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What would you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment really has nothing to do with my ability. It's looking back in the last 16 months and being able to be used by God to continue to grow this church, to continue to have people get saved each and every week,

seeing the people that are baptized and people whose lives are being changed. It has nothing to do with me. My greatest accomplishment is willingness to allow God to work in my life and use me in a small way to be able to stand up in front of thousands of people here and millions more by television and continue to do what my dad did for 51 years. I will be the first to tell you that I am in no way near as talented and gifted as my dad was, and I never will be, because he

was a remarkable man and no one will be able to replace him, at the university or the church. He was incredible. It's humbling to be able to look and see that, in all that he did in 51 years, that now God is using me to continue that vision and path. That certainly would be my greatest accomplishment on a professional level.

My greatest accomplishment on a personal level is the fact that I married an incredible woman and was blessed with four incredible children, and I've been able to have a family that is just amazing. To me, that is an accomplishment that far eclipses anything I'll ever do at this place.

What Biblical passage do you go to often to keep you grounded as you go about your life?

Second Corinthians 3:4-6 basically tells us that our sufficiency is not of ourselves; our sufficiency is of Christ. That tells me very clearly that I don't have what it takes to do my job.

I don't have what it takes to be a dad. I don't have what it takes to be a husband. I don't have what it takes to be a spiritual leader. But my sufficiency is not in myself, and it shouldn't be. It should be in Christ. That's why a little over a year ago I put that sign on the back wall of the church that says, "Not I, But Christ." That's what Galatians 2:20 says. The passages that I focus on often really relate back to the fact that all I've got to do is be willing to be used by God, to make myself available to Him, and He will give me and put in me everything I need to accomplish what God has called me to do. What's incredible about those passages is that they're for everyone. It's true to anyone. It doesn't matter the situation or how difficult things may be going at that time. My dad always said, "God will never put more on you than in you to bear it up."

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VICE CHANCELLOR — Jonathan Falwell enjoys the ride with daughter Natalie and wife Shari at the 2007 Homecoming Parade.

New focus on Judaic studies

By Amanda Thomason
NEWS REPORTER

An increased interest in Judaic studies is sparking a new flame at Liberty. Recent work by Dr. Randall Price and his team has developed into the Center for Judaic Studies (CJS) — an effort to familiarize students with Jewish culture.

The CJS is a department formed to give students an opportunity to learn more about Judaic studies and will eventually offer an accredited degree. CJS hopes to become an independent school within Liberty, such as the Helms School of Government.

Price, the head of the department, is establishing CJS offices by forming a functional library from approximately 6,000 personal books. Various rooms will include a main library with general books, references, commentaries, the Torah and history, religion and hermeneutics books. A "rare book room" will be stacked with books and journals from the pre-1900s.

Plans also include research centers with Hebrew and Greek learning tools and an archaeological research center. The library will not be open to all students initially, but when the center is fully established and students begin taking Judaic Studies classes, it will be fully functional.

The CJS was a vision of Dr. Jerry Falwell. According to Price, Falwell wanted to launch a center with the purpose of preparing students

with the opportunity to learn more about the Jewish community, history and the importance of supporting the state of Israel today. In January of 2007, Price and his wife, Beverlee, met with Falwell to discuss the plans.

"The Center's goal is to continue to foster this significant relationship by helping Liberty students develop a positive understanding of the Jewish people by strengthening the relationship between the evangelical Christian community, the Jewish people and Israel," Price said.

Students can be involved in the center right now while accruing Christian Service hours. Their duties will include organizing books and helping set up the library by category.

"Judaic Studies actually has nothing to do with my major. It's freshness and newness is what drew me to it," sophomore Monica Muner said. "I like being involved with building things from the ground up and getting things started. I think that this center is a great resource for students and offers endless knowledge."

An archaeological excavation in Israel will be hosted through the center and is open for students from Liberty and other colleges. The dig will be from Dec. 7-23, 2008, in Qumran (site of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and will give students the ability to immerse themselves in Israel's history and culture.

Three credit hours in BIBL 472, "Field Archaeology," will be offered to those who go on the trip. The deadline to secure a spot is Oct. 1.



JUDAIC STUDIES — The new Center for Judaic Studies Library houses more than 6,000 books.

More information can be found at www.world-of-the-bible.com.

The founding of the Liberty Biblical Museum is another goal that Price and the team are pursuing for the future. Price invited James Fowler to assist in the process of the Center as his Graduate/Research Assistant.

"There was not a lot of planning time for the center at first, but in God's providence it has turned out to be the perfect position for me," Fowler said. "Both Dr. Price and I love books and research, so our personalities mesh very well together."

After postgraduate studies in Semitic languages and archaeology, Price was able to study

under Jewish and Israeli professors while he worked for a doctoral program in Jewish studies. He has met with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Price founded the World of the Bible Ministries, Inc. in 1993, and through it has authored books and produced films for television.

"A goal of the center will be to promote such an understanding in order to set Liberty graduates at the forefront of advancing the support of national Israel and continuing Dr. Falwell's legacy of being recognized as the Jewish people's dearest friends," Price said.

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Sigma Tau Delta to welcome author and C.S. Lewis expert Michael Ward

By Danielle Jacobs
NEWS REPORTER

Michael Ward, a leading scholar on the works of C.S. Lewis, is scheduled to arrive at Liberty University on Oct. 9 to share with students the mysteries uncovered in his book, "Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis."

Ward will delve into the mind of Lewis by presenting his studies and thoughts regarding the symbolic meaning behind the "Chronicles of Narnia" series at 7 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 1104.

Scholars and theologians have tried for years to uncover the secret behind Lewis' popular "Chronicles of Narnia" series. Ward makes an attempt to uncover this with his hypothesis

that the seven books of the series represent seven medieval planets. His book challenges readers to look at a series intended for children and to find the deeper meaning locked within each page.

Ward is an ordained minister of the Church of England and has served as chaplain of Peterhouse in the University of Cambridge from 2004-2008. Currently he is a full-time writer, lecturer and scriptwriter. One interesting claim to fame for Ward is that he handed a pair of X-ray spectacles to the character James Bond in the 1999 movie "The World is Not Enough."

Sigma Tau Delta (STD), the English honor society at Liberty, is hosting this event to give students a chance to examine the "Chronicles of Narnia" series from a new perspective. Ward

will discuss his views and arguments from his book as well as give students the opportunity to ask questions.

"Ward (has) spoken at various Ivy League schools, and we are blessed to have him come speak at Liberty," said Andrew Walker, an officer of STD.

This event is open to all students.

STD President Melissa Madsen encourages students to come and take their understanding of the meaning behind Lewis' fiction writing to a more profound level.

"As Christians, we have many opportunities to study Lewis' theological material," Madsen said. "Ward provides the opportunity to expand our knowledge of Lewis through his other writing venues — such as the beloved Narnia series."

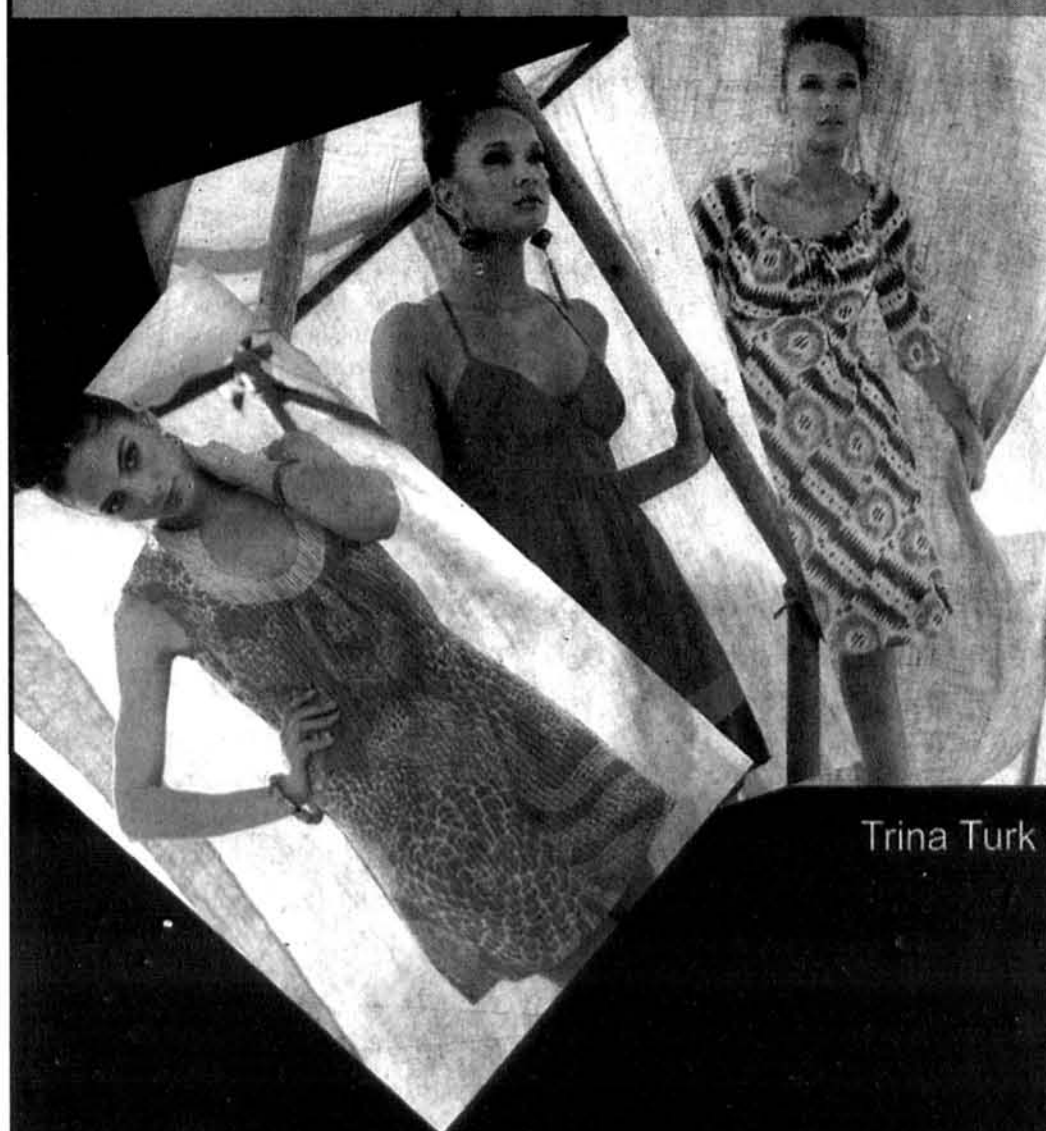
Jill Johnson, an officer of STD, encourages students to come with insightful thoughts and ideas to share. At this event, students can discuss their thoughts with Ward and fellow peers to explore the possibility of an underlying theme connecting the series to the seven heavens.

"I am hoping that students will be forced to think about Lewis' writing as a whole and especially the influences that mythology and astrology had on what he wrote," Johnson said.

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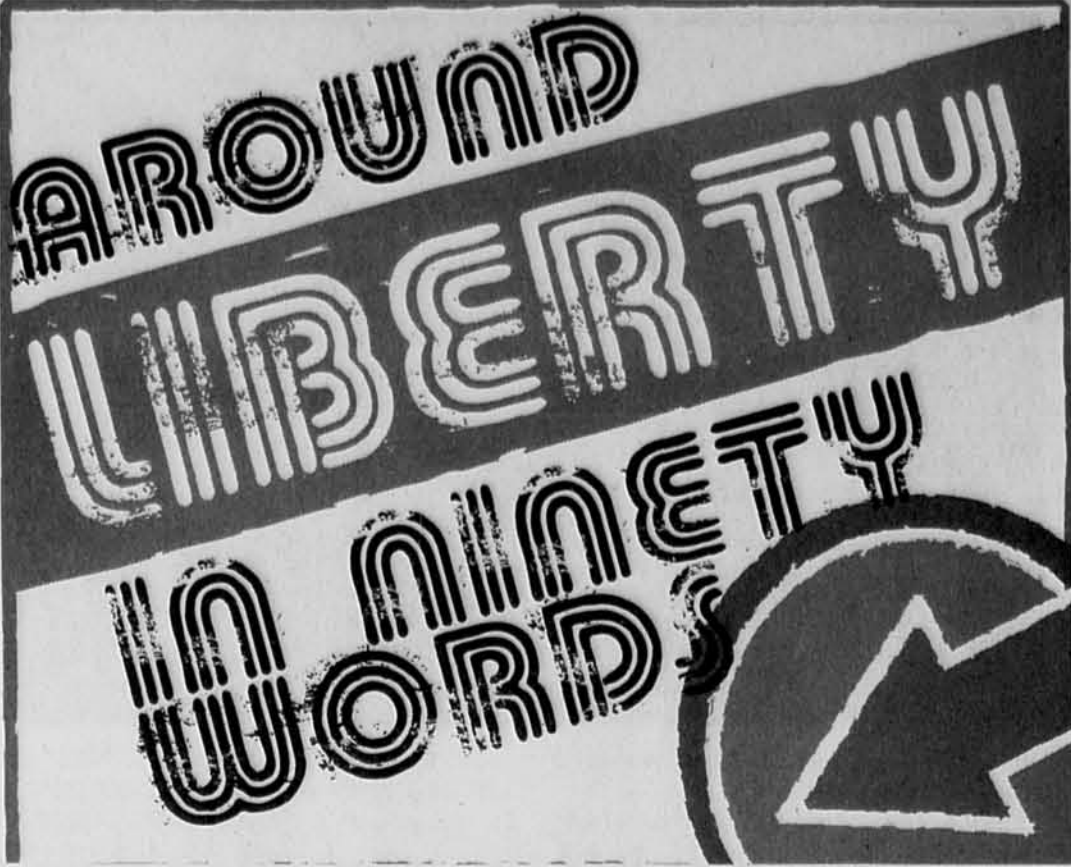
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Ohhhh-bama

Students gathered around what may be the first pro-Obama stand to be erected on Liberty's campus late Monday morning. Throughout the 15 minutes that I spent talking to students at the table, over a dozen signed up for information, others took buttons and a group of four male students began a rousing chant of "Oooooobama, we will overcome." It was a pleasure to finally see the other side represented in this political debate, and regardless of my own or my staff's political affiliations, equal attention for both presidential candidates will foster a better environment at Liberty. Open discussion of the candidates should continue to be encouraged throughout campus. Students manning the station said they received official approval from campus administrators, and that they welcomed further dialogue with McCain supporters. One student commented that they had seen a McCain table in DeMoss more than once in the past few weeks, and they wanted to bring attention to Obama as well. As required by law, the administration has extended no less than four opportunities for the Obama campaign to present to the student body.

Fantastic Fiddler

Having grown up watching "Fiddler on the Roof" almost every month as a child, I was very interested to see what a live production would be like and how it would compare to the movie I had watched so many times. From the sold out shows to the enthusiastic reactions from the crowd, I think it's safe to say that the theater department's debut was a smashing success. Kudos to Director Chris Nelson and his phenomenal cast and crew. We are all looking forward to his next show. Considering how fast the tickets sold out, I think it's a safe time to suggest a larger venue for the expanding theater program. Ever since my first play as a freshman, I've scratched my head at the location of the theater. Such a talented department deserves better and larger facilities. Here's two thumbs up to a great show, and hopes that an expanded theater will be in the plans for the near future.

Webmail Terror

Spamming e-mails have struck Liberty account users yet again. Information Services released a statement warning faculty and students to disregard these messages that state, "We are currently upgrading our data base and e-mail account center. We are deleting all unused webmail account to create more space for new accounts." The small typo where it states "account" rather than "accounts" and a later reference to "convinience" are indications that such e-mails are false and should be disregarded. Upon receiving one of these, you are advised to never supply any of your personal information. The subject line for this particular e-mail reads, "Confirm your liberty.edu webmail details." If you have questions regarding these phishing e-mails, please call the HelpDesk at 434-592-7800.

More Parking for Commuters

While I and my staff would like to claim the credit for the carpooling signs that were recently taken down, LUPD was already planning to adjust the amount of reserved spaces before we ever went to press. This fact was missing from last week's coverage, and we apologize for that. However, we are happy to report that the number of reserved spaces has been significantly reduced thus freeing more available spots for commuters. LUPD has stated that in the future they will add or remove reserved parking for carpoolers as the need arises. Also, approximately 75 spots are now available for commuters in Eagle Run, a parking lot near Schilling and Reber-Thomas. Previously slated for faculty parking, the decision to open it to commuters was announced Monday. The signs will be changed this week.

\$95 Better Spent

For the past few weeks, the Champion has been tracking the amount of money that students have doled out for towing fees. Now that the total is well over \$30,000, I have to wonder when it will slow down. Hopefully students will begin to recognize and abide by the parking regulations since the penalty has become so steep and so immediate (it can't get worse than having a car physically removed). I also hope students begin to consider what could be done with \$95. Students from last year will remember the jeans offering where David Nasser encouraged students to give the amount that they would typically spend on jeans. I could be wrong, but I think that most jeans cost less than \$95. So before parking in the wrong lot, consider for a moment where your money could be better spent.

TO THE DESK

Last week's "From the Desk" editorial garnered much attention from students and faculty at Liberty. These letters are excerpts from comments written by other staff members of the Liberty Champion. To read the original editorial, see the Champion Web site at <https://www.liberty.edu/academics/communications/champion>.

The University of Maryland is running a campaign to inform the student body, as well as encourage them to vote. However, their major difference from Liberty is that they do not have a major platform time like convocation to disseminate the information. Their web site contains links to various voting information resources, with the bulk of them having a bias in favor of the Democratic party. Generally speaking, the age group that has the lowest turnout to the polls is the 18-30 demographic. Senator Obama has been vigorously campaigning to capture that collective vote. If a school with a more liberal political view can do this, then why not Liberty?

Virginia's electoral vote is not secure. On a recent Today show, they were focusing on Virginia as being a battle ground state, and Governor Tim Kaine made comments that the state was in a dead heat for the presidency. Polling maps that they were showing made it clear that Virginia is one of the few key states that will define the presidential race. The show also mentioned that the growing D.C. suburbs in NoVA are going increasingly democratic in their views, stating that it's that section of the state that defined the last gubernatorial race, turning it out to be democratic. Obama is vigorously engaging the young college vote in Virginia, by going after the first time voters. We need to coalesce our evangelical vote with the estimated 15 percent of veteran votes for McCain. The university knows that we may be the influence on not only our area, but the nation. Liberty students have a voice here or at home.

The election party in Vines won't kick off until late afternoon and will showcase election results. The point is to have a positive and attractive atmosphere where students can actually come with their friends grab some food, socialize and watch election results all while listening to local and student bands.

— Alex Towers

I am writing this in response to a published article from the editor in chief of the Liberty Champion. I feel that your characterization of more than 10,000 Liberty students was both unfair and unjustified. By lumping us all into a category of apathy, you seem to have a very low opinion of this student body. Let me illustrate. I don't have Facebook, and I have never watched the Hills. I don't go to Tan State nor do I currently participate in intramural sports.

I am neither comatose and I would characterize myself as very informed and interested in this country's political proceedings. I seem to fall outside of your category of apathetic, comatose, perfectly-tanned, volleyball-playing Facebook addict. I know I cannot be alone as a part of a diverse student body. I agree with you that Liberty may be sending a conflicting message, but their move is not without precedent.

In 2005, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., proposed "Democracy Day." The legislative bill would have made the first Tuesday of every even-numbered year a national holiday so that all eligible voters could cast their vote.

Although the bill was tabled, the move makes sense. We live in a country where voter turnout hovers around 60 percent. Perhaps a day off is the motivation needed to raise that number. To say that an entire student body is apathetic about voting an entire month before a vote seems presumptuous.

I also disagree with the idea that Liberty is walking into the voting booth with us. How is Liberty telling us to vote by cancelling class? It is no secret that we attend what could be termed a politically conservative school. So whether or not they are outspoken about their political views makes little difference. Ted Kennedy, who has a voting record that leans far left of center spoke to Liberty University students in the 80s and both Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have been invited to speak. Just because they did not accept does not mean that the school should take the blame.

If the cost of the defense of Christian conservatism is a day of cancelled classes and the cost of hiring a few bands and food vendors, I fail to see the harm. No, voting should not be rewarded. It is a privilege that many around this world go without.

However, there are two ways of looking at Liberty's decision. One, the administration may indeed feel that students would not vote if they had to go out of their way. Two, the administration is aware of the pressures and time constraints that are placed on students and the voting booth. If you believe that Liberty is characterizing the entire student body as apathetic and take offense to it, are you not doing the same in your column as those who you are accusing?

— Mitchell Malcheff

In their own words

As I said, we've let government get completely out of control. Senator Obama has the most liberal voting record in the United States Senate. It's hard to reach across the aisle from that far to the left.

John McCain

The lesson to be drawn is that we should never hesitate to use military force, and I will not, as president, in order to keep the American people safe. But we have to use our military wisely.

Barack Obama

Coming Soon

With the first presidential debate passing by, it is time for the vice-presidential candidates to duke it out. Make sure to tune your televisions into the action on Oct. 2, as Gov. Sarah Palin goes head-to-head with Sen. Joe Biden. The political stage is set for what promises to be a fiery showdown.



GRAPHIC BY ELIZABETH MORRISSEY

Helping the world one hand at a time

By Elisabeth Garman
OPINION REPORTER

All over the world, people are starving for a helping hand to lift them up in times of hardship. As natural disasters and poverty run rampant across the globe it is important to reach out to our fellow human being.

Twenty Liberty students assisted the local non-profit organization Gleaning for the World (GFTW) on Wednesday Sept. 10. Even through inclement weather, students were determined to help load the 26-foot truck at Thomas Road Baptist Church

(TRBC), with supplies such as paper products, baby products and bottled water.

On Wednesday there was a special collection for supplies to bring to the hurricane victims from both Gustav and Ike in Texas. GFTW also works in over 54 countries, helping in both crisis and poverty relief.

The organization is located just outside of Lynchburg and provides supplies in times of natural disasters.

"Together, we can and have made a difference. We give God all the glory for it," said Ismael LaBiosa, the director of communications at GFTW.

The Bible states in Proverbs 19:17 that "he who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done."

It is our responsibility, as Christians, to give back to God some of what he has blessed us with, whether it is time, talents or finances. There are difficult times throughout the world, yet many people whine about not being able to find a parking spot in the morning or having to wait in line to buy a cup of coffee. These little inconveniences sometimes ruin someone's whole day.

I challenge you to look at those who lost their homes,

vehicles and perhaps every material possession due to the recent hurricanes. Thank God that though your car may be towed, at least there is a possible way to retrieve it. Thank God when you wait in the line at Jazzman's for 20 minutes, at least you have been blessed with food to eat. Over three billion people in the world live on less than \$2.50 per day, and at least 80 percent of humanity lives on less than \$10 per day, according to Anup Shaw of globalissues.org.

In our day-to-day lives many people tend to forget how blessed we are, as we do not typically have to worry

about where our next meal is coming from. This comfort is in stark contrast to those in third-world countries who eat cookies made out of dirt to fill their stomachs to numb the hunger pains. On average 26,500-30,000 children die each day due to poverty, according to UNICEF.

The majority of humanity lives by a much lower standard than any of us could ever imagine. However, many Americans are so absorbed in their own lives that they fail to notice the suffering of others.

It is important to help out in any way we can and not to just fulfill a Christian service

requirement for graduation. By supporting churches and organizations like GFTW, we can stand for positive change in the local and global community.

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By Natalie Lozano
NEWS EDITOR

The number one complaint I hear about the 2008 election is that neither candidate is particularly spectacular. In every election, people of the opposing party find as much as possible to criticize about either candidate, however this year there are significant vices to criticize in each.

I propose putting a fantasy sports twist on your vote; picking and choosing what you like and forming a winning team based on the best principles of each.

For example, maybe you agree with

Obama's foreign policy, but not his ideas about the economy. McCain, you believe, may be weak on his personal beliefs about abortion and instead advocates the position of his constituents.

Because you think that neither candidate has an excellent and feasible solution to the problem of illegal immigration, you decide to draw from a pre-primary nominee who suggested an electric fence border.

Like the different offensive and defensive players of great NFL teams, you decide what positions each person is best in and only allow them to "play" at those moments.

Of course, the situation would only work if, like Fantasy Football, you could trade players who weren't performing at their best. If McCain's sarcasm bothers you, well, trade him for Biden.

If Obama just can't succeed in bringing the economy back around (without a \$700 billion contribution from willing taxpayers), then maybe

the shop-around skills of hockey mom Palin can get the economy back on its feet.

We wouldn't expect them to work together, because, like any football team, that would require not just a good coach, but a wise and wealthy owner such as Cowboy's powerhouse

Jerry Jones, holding contracts and bonuses over their heads.

What would really make this work is the potential passion with which the American population could support it. According to ESPN staff writer Bill Simmons, an estimated 15 million people participate in fantasy football leagues, each week competing with friends and strangers while cheering on players from all across the NFL. Rather than exuding loyalty for their home team exclusively, fantasy football competitors are watching extra games to keep tabs on how their players are faring.

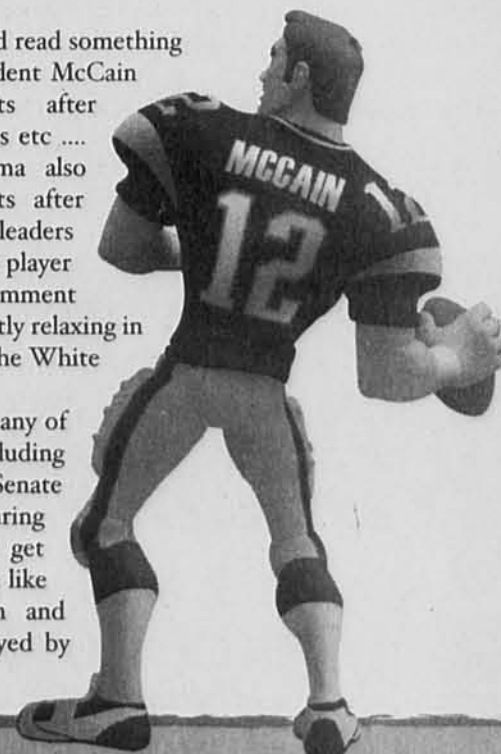
Such in-depth competition requires participants to know the statistics of each player. ESPN gets the information across by scrolling stats across the bottom of the screen. Since CNN already has a scroll bar, we would just have to persuade them to constantly tell us how our political players are faring in their different positions.

I imagine it would read something like this: "Co-President McCain won three points after persuading Congress etc Co-President Obama also gained three points after meeting with global leaders yesterday.... Neither player was available for comment and both are currently relaxing in opposite wings of the White House."

People who have any of the big players, including the members of the Senate on their team during key decisions, will get points for victories like effective mediation and refusing to be swayed by lobbyists.

If you're holding onto a politician who has an off-week, you can wallow in the thoughts of the points you could have had. After all, in America, we like to win.

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FROM THE DESK

By Jennifer Schmidt
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Recently I heard a fellow student argue that God did not intend for women to be politically involved. He supported his claim by stating that women were created differently from men, adding further that the emotional nature of the female gender renders them incapable of making informed and necessary decisions during moments of crisis. Such outrageous claims were echoed by another male student that I spoke to on Monday. He stated that he could not vote for Sarah Palin simply because of her gender.

While women were created differently, they were not created unequally. God designated Eve to be Adam's helper, a statement that I consider to be one of elevation, not degradation.

The designation that Paul makes for women not to serve over men in the church was one meant as a matter of organization — someone has to be the leader and God decided upon men.

I fully support this Biblical instruction and believe it to be perfectly designed by God. The Bible has many examples of women that served in positions of leadership — Deborah and Esther are two women that immediately come to mind. Both of these women served in positions of leadership for their societies and were acting in accordance to God's direction.

I believe that the church is healthiest when the men take their roles seriously and the women support and encourage their leadership. I do not believe that this instruction translates into the social realm nor the political realm.

If a woman cannot serve as a vice-president, then a female CEO should be nonexistent, there should never be a female in management over a male and females should especially avoid situations where they give any instructions to a male. If that were the case then I would not be able to serve as the editor of the Champion since I have male editors and writers that work under me. Such ideas seem preposterous because they are impractical for our society as a whole.

A woman should submit to a man within the structure of church leadership and the bounds of marriage not because she is less competent, but because such roles are necessary for organizational purposes. I also believe that biblical submission is a picture of Christ's humility and submission to God the father. Jesus is equal to God, but their roles are very distinct.

When a woman shows deference to a man, she is obeying the Lord first and foremost. However, submission of the female to the male was never mandated for society as a whole, and with the separation of church and state, biblical rules for church leadership do not jive with the structure of America's government.

In America, gender should not be a qualification that determines which candidates are entered on the ballot. The question should always be one of ability, competence and experience.

MUSEUM

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The painting depicts important events in school history, which includes an early prayer meeting in the snow and concludes with Dr. Falwell's memorial.

The area will allow alumni to come and relive the days they had at Liberty while remembering some of the events in the school and the life of Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Below the mural will be pictures, newspaper articles and magazines, which will be placed within their proper decades.

Each will show major events in school history and will be visible in bullet-point form under each decade.

The room will also feature a six-by-nine-foot map on the room's remaining wall.

The map will be for alumni to place a colored pin, different for each decade, on the map to show where they are from and the years they attended Liberty.

Museum Curator Paula Johnson expressed how many items the museum had collected and the difficulty of choosing what to include.

The room will be secluded

from the main museum by archways to create a more intimate feel for visitors.

The area will also serve as a conference room for alumni.

Dinwiddie, a self-taught painter who specializes in portraits, has already spent many hours on the mural with the planned deadline of Oct. 23.

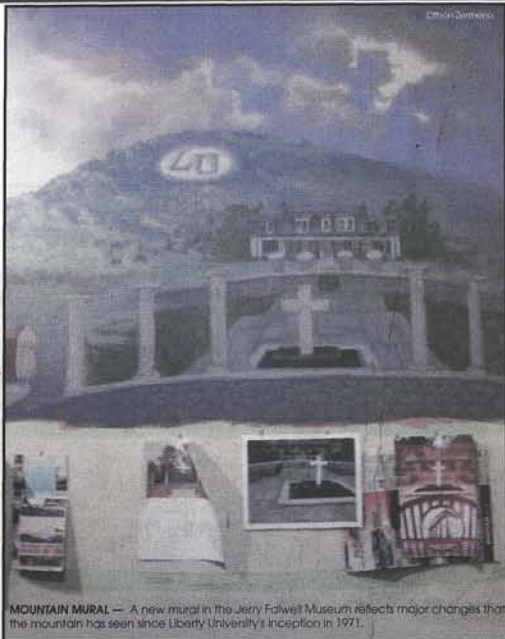
Originally from California, Dinwiddie also painted the portraits of Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Elmer Towns, Dr. Harold Willmington, Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin and Dr. Robert Hughes that hang in the main entrance of DeMoss.

He is currently enrolled in the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, Calif.

When asked about his experience at Liberty, Mr. Dinwiddie said, "I came here (to Lynchburg) to paint portraits," expressing that he is glad he came.

Dinwiddie is currently painting other portraits of well-noted and charitable people in Liberty's history.

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MOUNTAIN MURAL — A new mural in the Jerry Falwell Museum reflects major changes that the mountain has seen since Liberty University's inception in 1971.

DEBATE

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Catherine Hardee and Kate Lacaze finished the preliminary rounds 4-2 and went 3-0 in the elimination rounds to meet Darling and Troxclair in the final, setting up an all-Liberty final round.

Garrett and Woodruff were upset in a split-decision final round, preventing a Liberty sweep in all three divisions. Garrett and Woodruff were 6-0 in the preliminary rounds.

The Flames were also dominant in the individual top speaker awards claiming six of the top ten awards in both the varsity and novice divisions and claimed first through sixth place in the junior varsity awards.

"We hope some of this momentum carries over into the future," Director of Debate Michael Hall said.

Hall noted that the most outstanding aspect of the Debate Team was its commitment to the team, rather than individual success.

"We have a strong sense of working together as a team, and as a coach that is one of the things you hope for," Hall said.

Liberty debate established itself early as a contender for the 2009 national rankings championship, earning more points than any other school in the tournament.

"It was an encouragement to know that our hard work was paying off in our tournaments by our outstanding results as a team," Darling said.

Three governing intercollegiate debate organizations, the American Debate Association (ADA), the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and the National Debate Tournament (NDT) award points based on team performance in each tournament that are used to issue mid-season and year-end rankings, according to a press release by the Liberty University Debate Center.

At the conclusion of the 2007-2008 season, Liberty became the first school to win the championship in all three organizations. Liberty claimed its triple title after the 2006-2007 season. Liberty claimed the ADA championship in 2008 and took second in both the CEDA and NDT rankings.

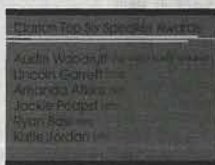
Fourteen debaters have returned

to the lineup this season, six on the junior varsity team and eight competing at the varsity level. There are 18 new debaters competing at the novice level this season.

This year the resolution, or topic for debate, is "that the United States Federal Government should substantially reduce its agricultural support, at least

eliminating nearly all of the domestic subsidies, for biofuels, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, corn, cotton, dairy, fisheries, rice, soybeans, sugar and/or wheat," according to the CEDA Web site.

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SOLID START — Liberty students celebrate their top finishes of a recent debate tournament.



Temporary tennis courts installed in Schilling Center

By Dominique McKay
NEWS REPORTER

Temporary tennis courts are set up in the Schilling Center for recreational use while plans for construction of the new courts are still underway.

Liberty's tennis courts were replaced with a faculty parking lot over the summer and are set to be rebuilt in a new location near the LCA softball field behind North Campus, according to Director of Auxiliary Services Lee Beaumont.

Clearing the land for the first six courts will start this week and should be finished in the spring. The final six courts and the building for locker rooms and restrooms are scheduled for completion this summer, Beaumont said.

"Liberty tennis was in need of a new facility, and this was the first step toward that goal," Tennis Coach Chris Johnson said.

Senior Chad Hasson, who played recreationally on the old courts, expressed his support for the new courts.

"I think it's great that they are building nicer ones," Hasson said. "I am looking forward to playing on the new and improved tennis courts."

Until the new tennis courts and facilities are built, both the men and women tennis teams will be practicing at E.C. Glass High School.

Opinions among the student body were mixed about the relocation of the courts.

"I think it's great for faculty to have their own parking," Hasson said. "Faculty should have the right to have their own parking lot."

"I understand we need more parking, so I see why they took out the tennis courts," senior Jenny Presson said. "I feel bad that the tennis teams have to go through all that inconvenience though."

The temporary tennis courts in the Schilling Center are available on Monday and Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Sundays from 2-6 p.m. The times are scheduled to change next semester depending upon the center's availability, according to Steve Chamberlin, associate director of intramural sports.

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CHAMPIONSPORTS

BEVINS' LAST-SECOND FIELD GOAL GIVES FLAMES 31-28 WIN



CLUTCH PERFORMANCE — Freshman Matt Bevins trails a 24-yard field goal as time expires to give Liberty a 31-28 win.

By Thomas Lourdeau
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Liberty Flames (4-0) secured a crucial road victory against Youngstown State on Saturday thanks to freshman Matt Bevins' game-ending field goal, pushing the squad to a 31-28 win.

The win preserved the Flames perfect season as Liberty defeated a ranked opponent on the road for the first time in 11 years. The Flames currently boast a nine game Football Championship Series win streak that is tops amongst eligible teams.

Rashad Jennings rushed for a career high 220 yards and three touchdowns, highlighting a Flames ground game that rushed the ball 44 times and averaged 5.5 yards per carry.

"The biggest difference tonight was Rashad Jennings," Head coach Danny Rocco said. "Rashad just had his mind made up he was going to take this game under control."

Liberty's defensive unit rebounded from a shaky start to keep the Flames in the game. On the game's opening possession, Youngstown State moved the ball downfield during a methodical 13-play drive that resulted in a touchdown. Youngstown's junior quarterback Brandon Summers was 8-for-8 on the drive and went on to complete a school record 32 passes in the contest.

Four plays into its opening possession following the touchdown, Liberty's offense committed a costly turnover as senior quarterback Brock Smith's pass was intercepted at Youngstown's 32-yard line and returned to the 41. The Flames, however, forced a three-and-out on the ensuing Penguin possession.

After Liberty's offense spurred to a second three-and-out, Youngstown took over on its own 30-yard line before marching 70 yards in 10 plays. Summers capped the drive with an 18-yard scamper for a touchdown, pushing the Penguin advantage to 14-0.

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DOING IT ALL — Receiver Dominic Bolden had a game-high 91 yards receiving and 177 all-purpose yards.

Lady Flames beat CSU and Coastal, start 2-0 in BSC

By Brittany Watson
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty volleyball team opened its 2008 conference season with a 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 25-22) sweep of Charleston Southern on Friday in Charleston, S.C.

Although the score was tied five times with the Buccaneers, Liberty never trailed in set one. Chelaine McCarty put an end to the set with a game-winning kill that led the Lady Flames to a 25-23 victory.

Set one proved to be a game of precision serving and defense for the Lady Flames. Liberty had a trio of aces along with five blocks and 19 digs.

The Lady Flames kept it going by never trailing the Buccaneers in set two. Charleston Southern kept it close, getting it to 18-16 at one point, but Liberty went on a surge that gave it a 25-17 win.

Junior setter Kallie Corbin had 13 assists in set two alone, while McCarty and sophomore Nicki Scripko each had five kills for Liberty.

The Buccaneers tried to redeem themselves in set three by jumping out to a 6-0 lead. However, the Lady Flames did not allow the Buccaneers



BACK IN ACTION — The Lady Flames opened up their 2008 conference schedule with wins over Charleston Southern and Coastal this past weekend.

to hold the lead for long, as they quickly reclaimed the lead on a nine-point surge. McCarty's four kills and .667 attack percentage helped Liberty finish off the match with a 25-22 victory in set three.

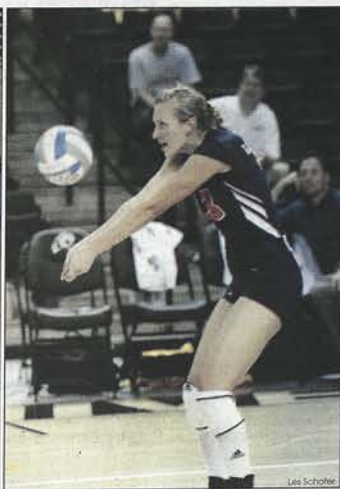
Scripko had her fifth double-double of the season with 13 kills and 11 digs, while Corbin also posted a double-double for the match with 31 digs and 12 assists.

McCarty ended the match with 11

kills and a match-high of a .391 attack percentage. Junior Brittany Pacella followed McCarty with an attack percentage of .381 and eight kills. Sophomore libero Karyl Bacon added 13 digs to the sweep over Charleston Southern.

Coach Pinder was proud that the girls "just played their game."

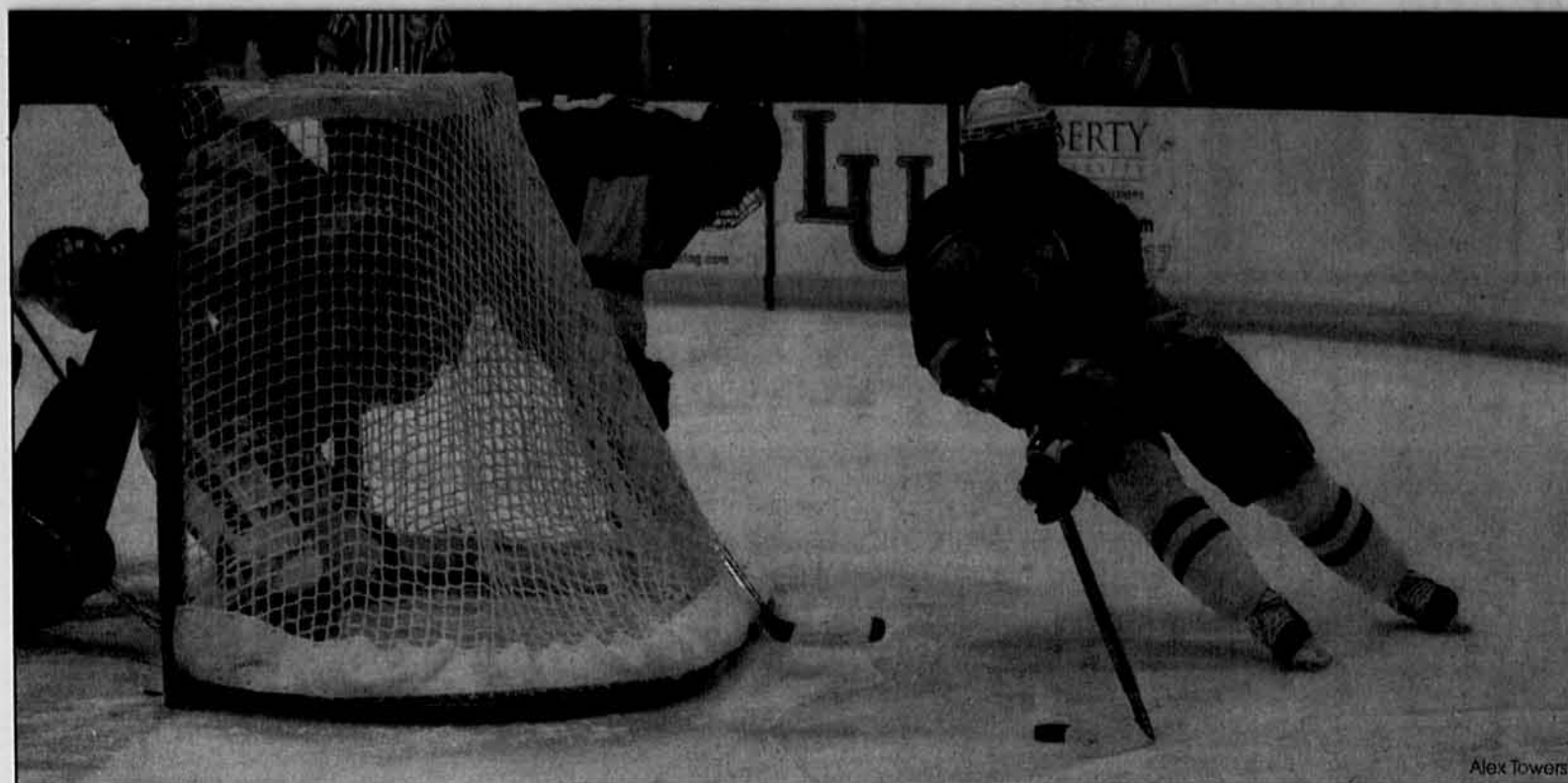
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RED HOT REMINDER

9/30 Volleyball vs. VCU (home opener) @ 7:00 PM
9/30 Men's Soccer vs. High Point @ 7:00 PM
10/4 Football at Coastal Carolina @ 7:00 PM

Vanwynesberghe shines as Flames blast Kennesaw State



DODGING THE OWL — Freshman Kyle Dodgson makes a move around an Owl defender during Saturday night's 13-4 win over Kennesaw State.

By William Armstrong
SPORTS REPORTER

Going into a pair of weekend games against the Kennesaw State Owls, Liberty Flames men's hockey coach Kirk Handy wanted the team to get more players involved with the scoring.

The Flames could not have echoed that sentiment anymore than having 13 different players score and 17 different players collect points in its 12-2 and 13-4 wins over the Owls on Friday and Saturday night.

"It shows the balance we have this year," Handy said. "It's important going into Stony Brook to know you can count on other guys, and they can learn and contribute to the team."

Power plays held a paramount role in the success Liberty had over the weekend, as the team scored six goals on Friday night and seven goals while up a man on Saturday.

Kennesaw State metaphorically, "shot themselves in the foot," after the team compiled close to 30 penalties over the weekend games.

The first night also saw the emergence of freshman Rob Vanwynesberghe, the Flames power play and what the young players of Liberty are capable of.

Liberty jumped out to an early lead in the first period when sophomore Adam Dockstader

opened the contest's scoring and put home a rebound almost nine minutes in.

Junior Dave Semenyna and sophomore Jonathan Chung followed by trading power play goals minutes apart, as Liberty's lead increased to 3-0.

The Owls responded just before the end of the period, as Justin Blais sent shot past starting goalie Colin Way just before the period came to a close.

Semenyna added his second power play goal of the night to kick off the second period, blasting a shot past goalie Ben Powers top shelf, putting the Flames ahead 4-1.

Senior captain Zach Bauman made it 5-1 after he stashed home a rebound while lying on the ice, scoring the Flames second goal in two minutes.

Soon after, freshman Josh Reynolds fed fellow freshman Joe Smith on a mini, shorthanded breakaway, and Smith beat Owl goaltender Ben Powers to the backhand for his first career goal.

Senior John Langabeer also found the back of the net on the power play after Vanwynesberghe's cross-ice pass to the winger, which he sent home for his first goal of the season.

After a Vanwynesberghe goal, Kennesaw State's Jerry Holden secured a rebound and

buried his shot to score the Owls final tally of the game.

Then, Vanwynesberghe flashed his brilliance one more time, scoring the second of his two goals towards the end of the period to extend the Liberty advantage to 9-2.

In the final period freshman Colton Crossley notched his first marker as a Flame, Hendrix sent a power play wrist shot to the top corner, and Vanwynesberghe notched his first career hat-trick as he beat Powers on a quick forehand wrist shot to the top shelf of the net. Liberty dominated in every aspect of the game as the final score showed 12-2 at the end of the third period.

As the Flames did in the first game, the team incorporated everyone when it was even strength and on the power play which created momentum that would never be stopped.

The game featured Vanwynesberghe's second collegiate hat trick and first four-goal game, which puts him among the best in the ACHA D-I level, and saw freshman Luke Aitken record his first two goals as a Flame.

It was Kennesaw who got out to the early lead on Saturday night, as captain Dylan Morrison fired a wrister to the top right corner for the 1-0 lead.

Once Liberty got on the power play though, the Flames took control of the game.

The momentum shifted as Bauman collected a rebound, waited out the goaltender Powers

and roofed his shot for a power play goal and his second of the season. On the power play again, Chung made a steal at the blue line, sent it in to Vanwynesberghe, and Vanwynesberghe set Hendrix up backdoor for the beautiful score, giving the Flames a 2-1 advantage.

Similar to the first period, the Owls opened the second period scoring when Kyle Brodie made his way down the left wing and sent a scorching wrist shot over Colin Way's glove hand to knot the game at two apiece.

Sophomore Kyle Dodgson broke the tie when he took matters into his own hands, scoring one goal (his first of the season) and assisting on another to Langabeer in response to Brodie's goal.

As he did in Friday's game, Vanwynesberghe showcased his capabilities in the second period, notching three of his four goals to put the Flames ahead for good. On the power play, Vanwynesberghe took a pass from Morrison, made his way in alone on the keeper, and fired a wrist shot to the top shelf of the net. Vanwynesberghe notched his second goal of the game on a one timer from Bauman later in the period. Freshman Casey Horvath followed the Vanwynesberghe marker with his first career goal on an individual rush down the left side.

Bauman once again found a streaking Vanwynesberghe, and Vanwynesberghe deflected the pass in the crease to record his second straight hat trick.

But the fabulous freshman was not finished, as Bauman found him one more time on a one-timer in the third period. Smith, Mackenzie Bauman, and Aitken tacked on the remaining goals for the Flames. Bauman's goal was his first as a Flame.

"It took us awhile to see the younger guys produce, but they found a rhythm and chipped in during the third period," Handy said. "It is just really nice to see the guys get their first goals."

In three games played this season, Vanwynesberghe has scored two goals, three goals, and four goals, respectively, and currently leads all ACHA's Men's Division-I players with 9 goals and has compiled 14 points total.

"He's putting the puck on net, taking shots, and playing smart all around hockey," Handy said of Vanwynesberghe.

The Flames will head to Stony Brook next weekend for a two game series, but will return home for a matchup with Oakland University the following weekend. The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m.

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Keydets, Bucs drop Lady Flames soccer

By William Armstrong
SPORTS REPORTER

As it so often goes in sports, a team can out-play and out-shoot another team, but end up on the opposite end of the scoreboard.

The Lady Flames women's soccer team experienced that twice last week, as they dropped matches against the VMI Keydets and the Charleston Southern Buccaneers by identical scores of 2-0.

After the two games, the Flames now stand at 0-2 in the Big South and 0-7-1 overall.

In both games Liberty put on early pressure, but the Keydets and Buccaneers both scored two second half goals to capture victory.

The first game was played on the road against the Keydets at Patchin Field.

Senior Mallory Neff opened the match with a shot that sailed high over the Keydet goalkeeper.

Minutes later, freshman Bekah Moye sent a shot on net that merited a save from VMI's Heidi Beemer.

During a four-minute span, the Lady Flames threw their best chances of the half on cage, including senior Amy Oberlin's blast from the top of the penalty box.

Sustaining the early first half Liberty pressure, VMI scored the first goal of the contest, early in the second half. Christina Gontarski notched the eventual game-winner, when she fired a shot from outside

the 18-yard box to take the lead 1-0.

The Keydets added to the lead six minutes later, when Olivia Moore put away a Christy Beach rebound at 52:14.

Sophomore Maria Owen tested Beemer in the 69th minute, almost cutting into the Keydet lead.

Freshman Silvia Betancourt sent a shot on goal that found its way past an out-of-position Beemer but was swept away by the VMI defense.

Freshman goalkeeper Karen Blocker stopped three shots for Liberty, and Beemer turned aside five shots for the Keydets.

The Flames outshot the Keydets 19-12 and attempted more corner kicks, 6-3.

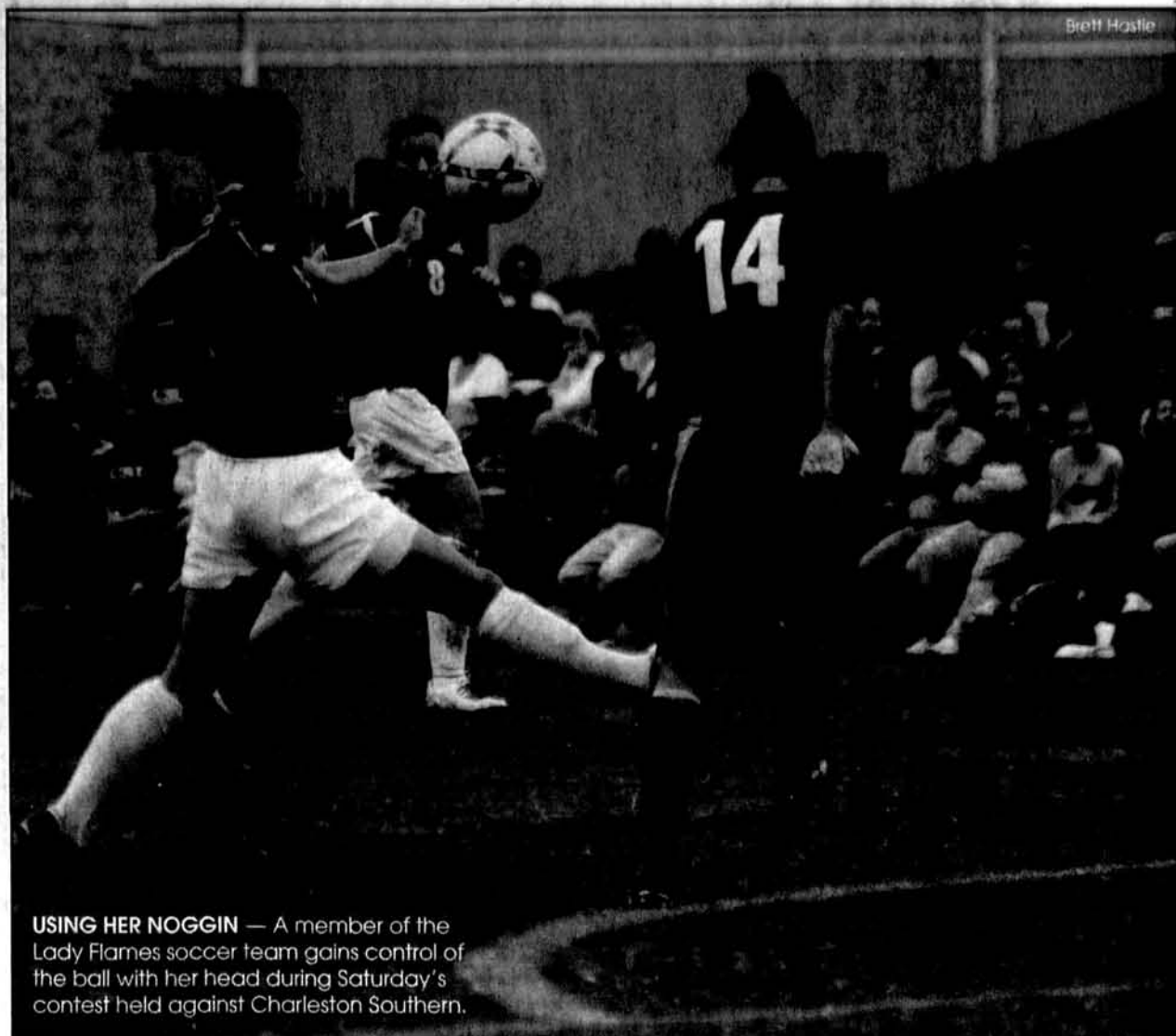
Liberty hosted the Charleston Southern Buccaneers for a weekend match, and finished with another 2-0 setback.

Liberty held the edge in shots 20-14, a 4-3 advantage in penalty kicks and made Buccaneer goalkeeper Alyssa Budros make eight saves, but the team could not find a way to get on the scoreboard.

Early on, Charleston Southern tested Blocker five times, but Blocker was there to meet all of the chances.

Senior Emily House provided some opportunities for the Flames in the 30th minute with a shot from the left side. Budros had to make a spectacular diving save to keep the Flames off the scoreboard.

The half ended scoreless as both teams were putting pressure on each



USING HER NOGGIN — A member of the Lady Flames soccer team gains control of the ball with her head during Saturday's contest held against Charleston Southern.

other.

The Flames just about broke the scoreless tie in the first minute of the second half. Oberlin headed a shot off the crossbar, but Budros was able to deny the rebound attempt, sending it out of bounds.

The Buccaneers responded to the Liberty chance with a goal by Caitlin Wesnesky. Wesnesky was fed

a pass inside the 18-yard box and put her second goal of the year away at 48:36.

Budros held the lead for Charleston Southern, when she steered aside an Owen shot from in close.

Lindsey Trexler staked the Buccaneers to a 2-0 lead when she put home a rebound in the 57th minute for her first of the season.

The Buccaneers withstood a late Flames flurry and went away with their fourth victory of the season.

The Flames will travel to South Carolina to finish off the home and home series with Coastal Carolina. Liberty will play its next home game Oct. 8 against High Point at 4 p.m.

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Frescura nets 15 goals in women's hockey weekend wins

By Chris Wong
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames hockey team opened up its season in dominant fashion by dismantling the University of Virginia away on the road Friday, 17-1 before returning home and defeating the Cavaliers a second time, 15-1.

The team entered the season with high expectations, and did not disappoint as it outmuscled the Cavaliers in every area of the game over the weekend.

Sophomore Katie Frescura accumulated six goals on the Friday, and freshman Meagan Nunn scored four goals at UVa Friday as the Lady Flames rolled to victory.

Freshman Kate Flanders felt the team started off very well and did something Virginia could not do.

"We definitely played with more teamwork than UVa. Playing like a team is a big thing for us and we showed our ability as a team," she said. "We're not looking for anyone to outshine anyone else, because it's about what the team can do."

Frescura had an unforgettable two nights of hockey, accounting for 15 of the Lady Flames 32 goals on the weekend. On Saturday, Liberty started early in the first period with the puck behind Virginia's net, Frescura capitalized by sneaking around the side of the net and sliding the puck right by Virginia's goalie for the first goal of the night.

No more than 15 seconds later the puck was passed to Frescura, who was in front of the goal and tapped another point in. Two minutes later, Frescura raced up the ice taking the puck and crossing up two UVa players for a third straight goal within the game's first seven minutes.

Frescura scored a total of nine goals in the game. She felt confident about the match-ups she was given in the home opener.

"It felt good, all of us were working together and we played

hard. We've been working out hard for the past six weeks, and now we're showing our all as a team."

Team Captain Sara Niemi sees this season as being very productive. "Every team gets new players and changes every year, but I feel confident because we have some good girls," she said. "We have been working out extensively. We want to be able to keep up with teams and complete a whole game. I think as a team we're getting better."

Head Coach Paul Bloomfield is confident that his girls will do well this season.

"The team morale is up. I think as a team we can do a lot. We've been doing quite a bit of working out preparing the team with drills to keep them ready," he said "There is always something we need to work on."

The Lady Flames travel to Grand Valley State on Oct. 17 before making their way to Michigan to take on the Wolverines for a two-game weekend set. Their next scheduled home contests are a pair of games against the Penn State Nittany Lions on Oct. 24-25.

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FOOTBALL

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The Flames responded with a second quarter drive totaling 10 plays and 71 yards. Jennings rushed for 35 yards on the possession before Zach Tarrell found the end zone from the 3-yard line, tying the score at 14.

"I had my mind made up that we were going to stay poised on the sidelines and show confidence in our kids," Rocco said.

The two teams traded possessions for much of the third and fourth quarters before a personal foul pinned the Flames deep inside their own territory at the

5-yard line. Undaunted, Liberty needed just over four minutes to march 95 yards in nine plays, highlighted by a Zach Terrell 51-yard strike to Dominic Bolden on a designed fake run. The drive resulted in the Flames third unanswered touchdown and pushed their lead to 21-14.

Liberty's defense continued its aggressive play, forcing Youngstown to punt and received great field position via a 46-yard Bolden return. Rashad Jennings found the end zone on the next play from scrimmage on a 6-yard run to put the Flames ahead 28-14.

Youngstown State would not go down quietly. With 6:19 remaining in the game,

Summers found a receiver in the end zone from the 4-yard line, capping an eight-play, 50-yard drive to pull within one score.

Liberty moved the ball effectively on the next drive, using eight plays to take several minutes from the clock before Brock Smith was intercepted for the second time at the Youngstown 34-yard line. The Penguins took over with 2:31 remaining in the game and used the sideline to preserve the clock as they marched 64 yards in just over one minute to tie the game at 28.

Liberty was again the benefactor of a crucial special teams mistake by Youngstown when Penguin kicker Stephen Blose kicked the ball out of bounds, giving

Liberty the ball at its own 40-yard line. Smith had four of 15 completions during the drive that set up the eventual game-winning field goal as time expired.

"For us to win is a statement. It really validates our program," Rocco said.

Summers enjoyed a career day in the loss, completing 32-of-39 passes for 334 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for a score and netted 45 yards on the ground.

Liberty's defense employed a "bend but not break" mentality, holding the Penguins to under three yards per carry (32-for-93 yards). Nick Hursky led all Flames defenders with nine tackles, including three for a loss. As a unit, the defense totaled three sacks and an interception.

Liberty continues its road trip next Saturday, facing off against Big South Conference foe Coastal Carolina at 7 p.m. before returning home to face Stony Brook on Oct. 11 at 3:30 p.m.

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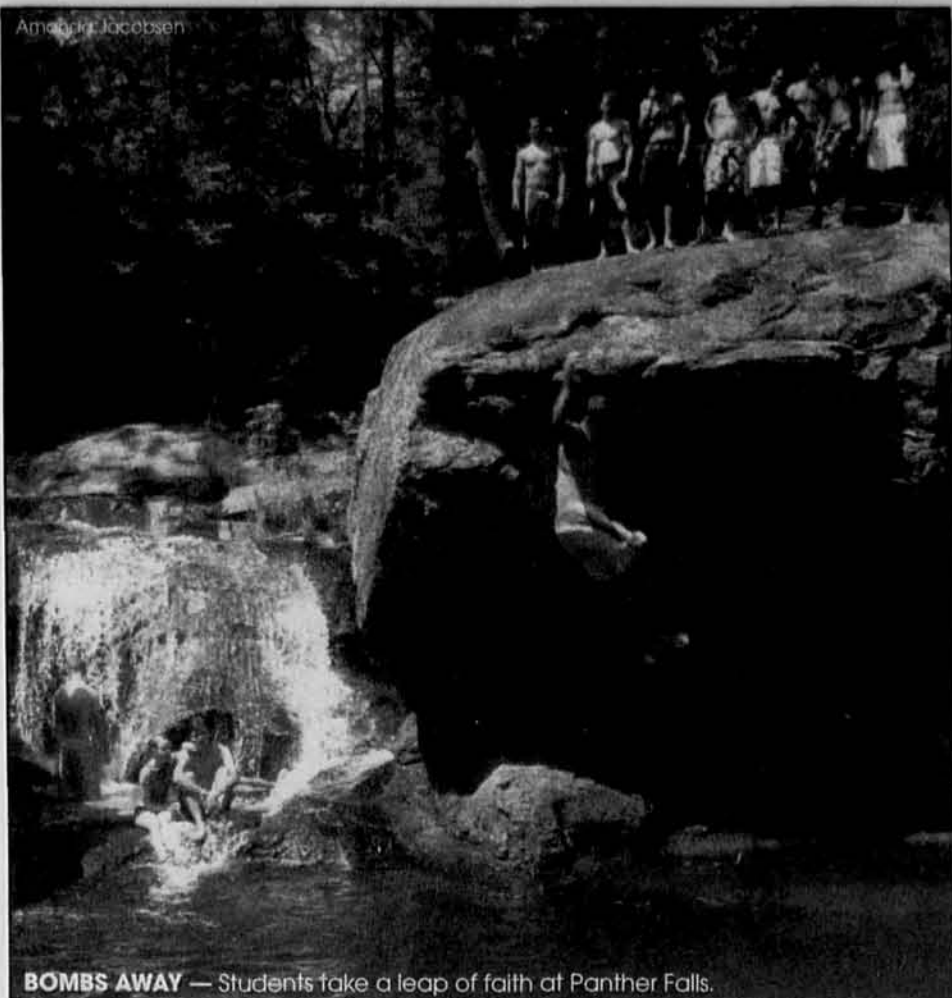
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BOMBS AWAY — Students take a leap of faith at Panther Falls.

By Jake Petersen
SPORTS EDITOR

In the past two years I've been a student here at Liberty, I've always heard people say things like, "Lynchburg is soooo boring" and "There's nothing to do here." Granted, Lynchburg is not really a booming metropolis, but maybe you haven't done a whole lot of searching. Maybe you need to stop pounding snacks at the East Campus Club House or stalking people on Facebook in your dorm room and get out and enjoy God's wonderful creation he has given us. I'm writing this to reach out to you, Facebook stalker, to encourage you to get outdoors and get active. In this column, I will highlight five fun things to do in Lynchburg, or the surrounding areas, that involve actual physical activity. I hope this will open your eyes to what is available in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that you can enjoy your time here at Liberty while you still can. After all, you only live once, right?

5. HUNTING ANYONE?

Whether or not you agree with hunting, it is still a great way to spend time in the outdoors. Many of my favorite memories growing up in Pennsylvania's rolling countryside were spent sitting in a deer stand with my dad watching the sun come up at first light. Even though we weren't too successful (I did harvest an eight-pointer when I was 16), it was those special father-son times that cannot be replaced. Even if you do not want to kill anything or wake up at 4:30 a.m. to sit in the freezing cold in a tree stand, there are plenty of shooting ranges in the area to hone your skills — just make sure you know how to safely handle a firearm. Safety always comes first.

4. FISHERMEN GALORE

Fishing is a great way to pass those long, boring afternoons chock full of potential Facebook stalking. Grab a friend and your fishing rod and head to the mighty James River or Smith Mountain Lake, both of which are stocked with smallmouth

and largemouth bass, sunfish, rock bass and catfish. Smith Mountain Lake is also filled with monster striped bass, crappies, bluegills and walleyes. If you want a little more privacy, find a local pond or lake in the Lynchburg area and spend the day there. Always receive landowner's permission beforehand to avoid trespassing.

3. CLIMB THE PEAKS OF OTTER

The Peaks of Otter offer breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and its surrounding foothills. Comprised of Sharp Top, Flat Top and Harkening Hill, the Peaks of Otter attract countless numbers of hiking enthusiasts each year looking to catch a glimpse of the beautiful Virginia countryside from above. Less than an hour away from campus, hiking to the Peaks of Otter is a great way to kill a Saturday.

2. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF "ULTIMATE LU" OPPORTUNITIES

Anything you want to do is right at your fingertips with the creation of Ultimate LU. Hiking trips, fishing trips, horseback riding — even white water rafting — have Liberty students abuzz as Ultimate LU has made a successful debut in its semester of existence. With the new SnowFlex ski and snowboard mountain set to open in February, physical activity will be at a premium here on Liberty Mountain. Check out www.ultimateLU.com for upcoming activities.

1. SPEND A DAY AT PANTHER FALLS

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So there you have it — five ways to make your experience here at Liberty more fulfilled. I can only hope you take advantage of the beauty that Virginia has to offer by participating in at least one of these activities. Be safe!

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VOLLEYBALL

Continued from B1

Even though Charleston Southern had great defense, the Lady Flames were just "more physical and able to take the match," said the reigning Big South Coach of the Year.

Liberty remained undefeated in Big South Conference play and 11-4 overall with a 3-1 victory over rival Coastal Carolina (27-29, 25-16, 25-21, 25-20) on Saturday night in Conway, S.C.

Set one proved to be a battle, as the teams exchanged leads five times and he score tied a total of nine times. The Chanticleers fought hard against the Lady Flames six set points and pulled off a stunning 29-27 victory.

McCarty had a strong .444 attack percentage to go with her four kills. Redshirt senior Jessica Nelson contributed seven of Liberty's 23 digs.

Set two started out close, but Liberty strung together a six-point surge, putting the score at 21-13. Nelson's game-winning kill put an end to set two giving Liberty a 25-16 victory and tied the match up at one set apiece. Scripko and Nelson each had five kills.

The Chanticleers late rally in the third set was not enough to defeat the Lady Flames. Liberty fought off Charleston Southern with a 25-21 decision. Scripko had seven kills and an attack percentage of .400 as the Lady Flames pulled ahead 2-1.

Coastal tied up the score 11-11 in set four, hoping to send the match to a deciding fifth set, but it was Nelson who responded with a kill that put the Lady Flames ahead for good. Scripko's final kill, her 22nd, not only gave the

Lady Flames a win, but it also notched a new career high for the sophomore.

Scripko completed her third double-double in a row with her 16 digs and 22 kills. Nelson also had a double-double with 13 kills and 15 assists. Corbin added the third double-double to the team with a season-high of 48 assists, 12 digs and seven kills.

McCarty's 11 kills and .360 attack percentage helped Liberty's team attack percentage of .304. Bacon led the team with a season-high of 21 digs.

Coach Pinder said the girls played well, consistently and never got rattled.

"The girls put the pressure on and had a great win on the road to start the conference," Coach Pinder said.

Senior Ashley Webber noted that the team is always able to come together under stress, which has not only helped them already but is certain to help them as they begin to face tough competition throughout the season.

"It's great to start the conference play at 2-0... because of the preseason schedule we had, we are in a better position going into the regular season really strong," said Webber.

Bacon said she is excited for Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on Tuesday and to finally play at home.

"Playing against VCU is always good volleyball, so it should be an exciting first home game," Bacon said.

After being on the road for the previous 15 games, Liberty will finally have their first home match Tuesday as they host VCU in the Vines Center. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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Students utilize new Tilley Center to showcase talent

By Kerah Kemmerer
LIFE! REPORTER

Students crowded into the Tilley Center, Liberty University's newest hangout, last Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. to watch live performances by unsigned talent on campus.

The Campus Artist Series is an event designed to showcase talented musicians from bands consisting of current and previous Liberty students. The event has been held for several semesters and is sponsored by Student Activities.

"There are tons of musicians around (here) ... so during our planning process we thought, why don't we have an event to accommodate the student musician?" Associate Director of Student Activities Alese Chandler said.

The stage is open to solo artists as well as bands and is willing to showcase any genre that students may wish to perform.

"This show booked a few months ago," Chandler said. "October is already filled, but there is room for one more band. November, our last show for the semester, has not been booked yet."

The three bands that performed were Stay Seventeen, Get Up Soldier and Oh, Captain.

Stay Seventeen opened up the night with an eclectic set of rock, pop and punk-infused songs. The band consists of members Patrick Howell, Davis Branch, Josh Spencer and Aaron Marks.

Howell and Branch played in a band together previously for about five years and met the rest of their current band members this past spring semester.

"We've been playing since this summer," Howell said. "Davis writes the main chord progressions and the words, and we just write our own parts based around his ideas."

Oh, Captain performed next, and its members include Ryan Gerber,

Brian Soule, Levi Coates and Lance Welch.

The band is in the stages of recording and will be traveling to Harrisonburg, Va. to record at James Madison University. The band has previously played at Hyland Heights Baptist Church and after this year's block party in the LaHaye Ice Center.

"We all just kind of started jamming together," Soule said. "We were like, 'alright, let's turn this into a band.' We played our first show in May."

Get Up Soldier is comprised of Brad Evans, Adam Knapp, Jared Brown, Daniel Lowery and Trey Falwell.

"We've been jamming since early June and this is our third show," Evans said.

"We don't try to put on any gimmicks or anything, it's just straight up rock-and-roll. We don't want the metal kids to hate it, or the pop kids to hate it. We want everyone to enjoy it."

The constant stream of students indicated that the event was well received, and although there were several complaints about the decibel level, it did not diminish the size of the crowd.

"I liked it and I would come again," freshman Courtney Grenke said.

"I think it is really cool how they are letting students participate in events," junior LeighAnna Renstrom said. "It is a really good atmosphere."

The series provides some exposure for these up-and-coming bands. My Epic was a band that formed at the university and participated in campus artist events. The band is now signed under Dreamt Music/Facedown Records.

"When you have a venue of this size and you know you can get good attendance at this university, why not have an event that appeals to the student musician?" Chandler said.

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LAMP seeks student submissions for upcoming fall publication

By Brandon Gallagher
NEWS REPORTER

For those students or alumni who enjoy creative and thought provoking writing, LAMP, the bi-annual school magazine, is seeking submissions from current and former Liberty students who are looking to have their talents and ideas published.

LAMP is a publication that showcases literature, fine arts and critical essays produced entirely by students and alumni. The magazine is published once a semester and is distributed throughout campus and the Lynchburg community in various churches, coffeehouses and other points of community interest.

"The goal for LAMP Magazine is to provide a much needed outlet for students to display their creative and critical abilities for the benefit

of their fellow students and the Lynchburg community," Assistant Editor of LAMP Nick Olson said.

Currently the magazine is seeking submissions.

"LAMP Magazine aims to challenge 'status quo' Christians to think more critically and to develop

Olson said.

Members of the English, philosophy and graphic-design departments all work together to make LAMP a reality under the supervision of Dr. Karen Swallow Prior, chair of the English department.

LAMP was previously published under the name LAMPLIGHT. The name is not the only thing that has changed. The magazine will boast a more diversified audience and authorship as well as having a completely new format.

Students are advised to avoid submitting negative pieces and works critical of others.

All interested students should submit their work to Ryan Knight, LAMP editor at crknight@liberty.edu.

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— Nick Olson

a greater appreciation for the arts. To accomplish this goal we will seek to strike a balance between thoughtfulness and accessibility,"

Break an egg: New ministry effort raises money to feed the homeless

By Megan House
LIFE! REPORTER

A new ministry has launched on campus, started by four residents of Dorm 8 called At the Gate, the ministry serves people in need — the homeless, the sick and the poor.

According to Phil Wagner, one of the founders, the members of the group went through 15-dozen eggs and raised \$450.54 at their fundraiser last Wednesday. The fundraiser was held in the DeMoss courtyard after convocation. Dorm 8 was represented and if a student gave a donation, he or she was given an egg to throw or smash on the Dorm 8 participants. All donations were used to buy food for the homeless.

The fundraiser went exceedingly better than we could have ever imagined," Wagner said. "God did an awesome work, and showed us that if we just trust him, he will bless."

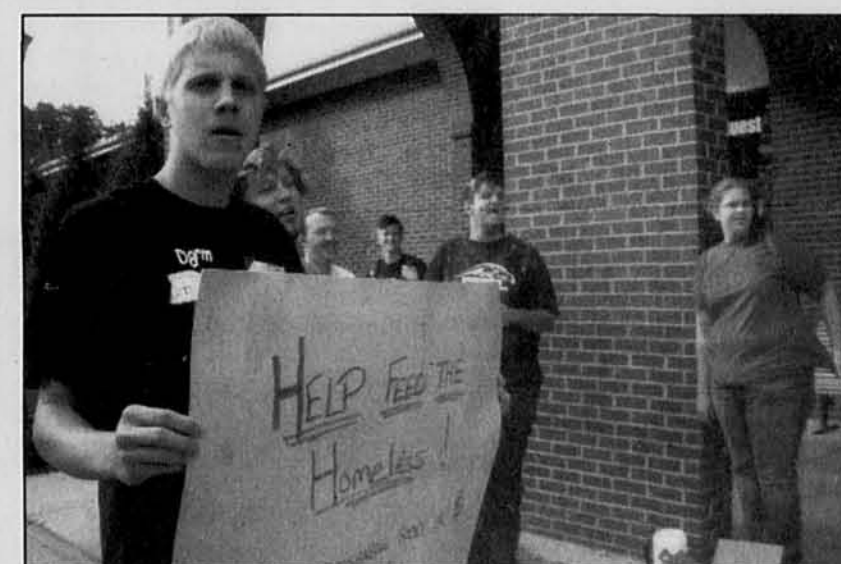
Last Sunday, At the Gate went to Roanoke, Va. with eight students to hand out bags of food to the homeless with the money raised.

"We plan on making 50 bags of food to hand out to the homeless and underprivileged," Wagner said. He said each bag contains a large amount of non-perishable food, bread, milk, a Bible and a hand written letter from At the Gate that explains the purpose of the ministry.

"Each letter includes several forms of contact so that the person can have a direct line to one of us if a need ever



FEEDING THE HOMELESS — Chris Dietsch helps Dorm 8 raise money to feed the homeless by paying for the privilege to break eggs on the residents.



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arises," Wagner said.

He said they already have other projects planned for this semester. The next outreach event will be buying school supplies for needy children and their families in the surrounding area.

"We had a request come in for this and after looking into the issue, we decided there was a significant need and this would allow us to minister not only to children, but also to their

families and to school officials," Wagner said.

Wagner said the organization has had a large response from students who would like to be involved. If you would like to get involved, please send an e-mail to atthegateministry@live.com or look the group up on Facebook by searching for At The Gate.

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Bill Fortney focuses students on photography

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NEWS REPORTER

Nationally recognized photographer, author and speaker Bill Fortney recently came to Liberty to talk to students. Instructor Tim Isasacson invited Fortney to speak to Liberty's photography students in class.

He shared his thoughts on what it takes to be a successful photographer and some of the lessons he has learned throughout his career. He also showed a slideshow of pictures he has taken, showcasing scenery from across the country.

Fortney said the four things that make a great photograph are a

definable subject, appropriate light for the subject, workable conditions for the image you hope to make and control of the elements within the frame.

"You should always know that the best shot you're ever going to make you haven't made yet," Fortney said.

Photography became interesting to Fortney when he was working as a high school football coach. He bought a camera, started to take pictures and after taking some photography classes, eventually became a newspaper photographer.

Fortney said one of the things he has enjoyed the most about his career is the great people he has met throughout the years.

He went on to say that beginning photographers may think about winning a Pulitzer Prize, but many times the importance is when your photography makes a difference, when somebody is touched by a photo or when it moves them to action.

"You just have to be open to see it," Fortney said.

Regarding the success of his books and the awards he has won, Fortney said, "Truthfully those things are not as important as the memory of the people you know your photography has touched ... You're just thankful that you've had the chance to do that."

One of the highlights of Fortney's

career is that he used to be the photographer for the Washington Redskins and the National Football League.

Currently, Fortney enjoys using his powered parachute to take aerial pictures he could take before. He also owns his production company, Fat Chance Productions.

Fortney posted a video on YouTube.com called "Heartland Flight." The video is taken from his powered parachute as he flies over an airfield and the surrounding countryside.

He has also released some material in his books, "The Nature of America," "American Vision," "America From 500 Feet," "Bill Fortney's Great Photography Workshop" and the soon-to-be-released "America From 500 Feet II," which is due out in October.

"I don't think that you should ever hoard something that you have learned from the fear that if someone else learns it they can do better than you did ... I love to learn from others ... that's how you grow, seeing what other people do," Fortney said.

More information on Fortney along with several photographs he has taken can be found on his Web site, BillFortney.com.

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Liberty students serve the local community from the Inside Out

"Instead of thinking about what we thought our community needs, we sat down with our mayor, had meetings with city council people, school board members and parks and recreation... We asked them what the needs of our community were." —Tim Grandstaff



LOVING PEOPLE — A truck is used to collect and distribute provisions to the local community.

By Emily DeFosse and
Amanda Baker
LIFE! REPORTER, EDITOR

Liberty students are working together with Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC) to reach the local community with the gospel one service project at a time. The effort to impact the community for Christ occurs through the Inside Out program, which has developed out of Pastor Jonathan Falwell's 12-week sermon series on the heart.

One of TRBC's mission pastors, Tim Grandstaff, is heading up the initiative that focuses on giving TRBC members and Liberty students the opportunity to serve within the community in practical ways.

"Instead of thinking about what we thought our community needs, we sat

down with our mayor, had meetings with city council people, school board members and parks and recreation," Grandstaff said. "We asked them what the needs of our community were and how we as a ministry could help meet those needs."

According to Grandstaff a large list of projects was compiled that has the potential to keep the church busy for years. The wide variety of projects gives everyone the opportunity to get involved in something.

Projects include a seven-week food drive, supplying school bus drivers with coffee, and teachers and school administrators with doughnuts and thank you cards, making college care packages for local students, renovating playgrounds, gas buy-downs and home repairs.

"We work with CampusServe and

the block party, so there have been between 200-250 Liberty students who have been involved weekly in some type of ministry," Grandstaff said.

CampusServe is a campus ministry that meets every Saturday in DeMoss 1114 at 10 a.m. to go out into the community and serve in various ways. It has been actively helping with the Inside Out project.

"We've been operating on an on-call agreement with Tim and the different crews with the Inside Out project," Director of CampusServe Kevin Mahan said. "When they need people in an emergency or in a tight spot, we've been able to help them out."

Dr. David Wheeler is a professor of evangelism, the associate director of the Christian Ministry Training



LARGER THAN LIFE — Pastor Falwell uses a model to illustrate his sermon.

and Church Planting Centers and the director of all the applied ministries for the seminary. He leads a team from the seminary that has been involved with the Inside Out project through the gas buy-downs and block parties.

"People have to realize that we really do care for them and that we are not just trying to get notches in our Bibles or get people to church," Wheeler said. "This whole movement has been about us going out into the community and being the church out there with them so that the church is the organism rather than just an organization."

According to Wheeler, there are around 850 undergraduate students and between 70 and 80 seminary students who have been involved with the block party ministries. In

fact, so many students are involved that they have more volunteers than they can physically take each week.

The Inside Out project's vision is greater than a 12-week program for students to get involved with the church and reach out into the community. The intent behind the project is to act as a springboard that will provide students and church members more opportunities to serve throughout the year. For more information on how to get involved with the Inside Out project, e-mail Tim Grandstaff at tim@trbc.org.

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