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Students in the Service:

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LIFE'S A BATTLE — National Guardsman Bobby Walker will celebrate his 25th birthday in Afghanistan this Friday.

National Guardsman Bobby Walker

By Chelsea Franklin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bobby Walker, 24, of West Chester, Pa., just finished his last three classes needed to graduate from Liberty through the Distance Learning Program. There's only one thing holding him back from his undergraduate degree in government: his Christian service.

Walker can't complete his Christian service hours because he is currently in Afghanistan in the U.S. Army National Guard. Though an unexpected turn of events led to his delayed graduation, Walker admits that he was tested in a much-needed way.

"Scripture is right when saying that we Christians always need to be ready to give a reason for the hope that lies within," Walker said.

Walker joined the U.S. Army National Guard as a freshman to help fund his college career. With only three classes until graduation, one day changed his life forever.

A normal class day had gone by for Walker and he got in his car to go home to his apartment. However,

when Walker picked up his phone to check his messages he realized that this day would change his life forever.

"When I got to my car and checked my messages there was a soldier telling me to pack my bags and be ready to go by the end of the week," Walker said.

On March 1, 2004, Walker was deployed to Afghanistan. Looking back on the experience now, after over a year after his activation and only three months left to go, Walker realizes that God had a purpose for that day and every day that would follow. He recalls some valuable lessons he has learned along the way.

"Sometimes we get so caught up with being in the world that we do not take time to listen to the Lord. I really think that is a big reason why I am here. I believe that God has put me here to teach me how to listen without all that distraction, so I can hear him better," Walker said.

Taking every opportunity he has to count this time as ministry, Walker shares the ways that God has used him and impacted him through others as well.

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LU hosts Creation Mega Conference

By Angela Franulovich
NEWS REPORTER

What do you get when 25 of the world's top creation researchers and apologists converge to equip Christians to defend the truth of God's Word in a culture saturated with naturalism and marred by compromise?

History in-the-making, according to Answers in Genesis founder and CEO Ken Ham.

Ham said the 2005 Creation Mega Conference, scheduled for July 17-22 at Liberty University, is an "important event in Church history — in the history of this nation — at a time when even the secular world is recognizing that creation/evolution is at the heart of the culture wars."

Every major newspaper in the country has covered the origins controversy during the past six months, spurred by court battles over textbook stickers, state science curricula revisions and most recently the decision of several IMAX theaters to refuse to air documentaries that allude to evolution.

The Washington Post reported in March that policy-makers in 19 states are currently weighing proposals that question the science of evolution. According to Ham, if Americans would take a vocal, uncompromised stand on creation, it would "change the entire nation — you'd see

people come to the Lord like never before. It would affect the whole world."

Quoting the prophet Hosea, Ham said it was a "lack of knowledge" that God's people suffer from. And knowledge, imparted by some of the best known Creation apologists in the world, is what the conference is slated to provide.

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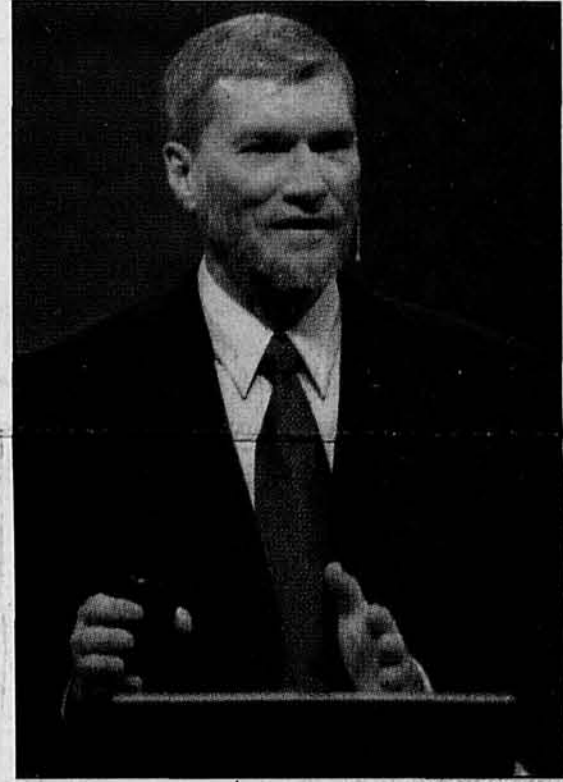


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KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Noted creation author and lecturer Ken Ham will speak at the 2005 Creation Mega Conference.

Diversity celebrated at awards ceremony

By Joanne Tang
NEWS REPORTER

The festivities at the 10th annual Center for Multicultural Achievement Awards began with the grand entrances of many multicultural students and staff. The occasion was akin to an Academy Award celebration, as formal wear was a must and many

arrived in elegant dresses and suits. The grand lobby of DeMoss Hall featured tables with ornate arrangements and a four-piece orchestra playing in the corner. Among the faculty and staff attending were Dr. Karen Parker of the School of Education, Dr. Mark Hine, vice president for Student Affairs and founder of the Center for

Multicultural Enrichment, and Dr. Fabio Freyre, professor of psychology. Reverend Keith R. Anderson presided as Master of Ceremony. Anderson is also in charge of campus and community relations and spiritual affairs.

The program guide included letters from Dr. Jerry Falwell, Executive vice president Dave Young and Lynchburg Mayor Carl B. Hutcherson Jr.

"We want to truly celebrate that we're different but at the same time we're unified in Christ," said Hine during his speech discussing the history of the center and the awards. "Yes we may be different on the outside but we have a unifier and that is Christ."



ADAM BISHOP

BANQUETING — Guests gather at the banquet for the 10th annual Multicultural Achievement Awards in the Grand Lobby.

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY JULIET LEE

CROWNED — Liberty University junior Juliet Lee is crowned Miss Central Virginia on March 12.

Student crowned queen

By Aja Burden
NEWS REPORTER

While most Liberty students fled for warm weather this spring break, junior Juliet Lee was competing for the title of Miss Central Virginia. Lee contended against 10 girls on March 12 for the glamorous title. Her platform was Music Unleashes Strengths In Children, which encourages the continuance of music in school curriculums.

For Lee, the charity was a comfortable and familiar platform. She is a member of the Liberty chamber singers and a vocal music major and worship minor. Lee used her voice as a talent in the contest as well.

"Music is my passion. It teaches self-discipline, self-confidence, teamwork, responsibility and allows you to use both sides of the brain. I love that I can touch children's lives through music and that is what I feel called to do," Lee said.

Lee has participated in pageants since high school. She is originally from Seattle, Wash., where she once won fourth runner up for the Miss Washington State pageant at the age 18.

Lee enjoys doing pageants but admits that they can be stressful. "You really just need to concentrate on doing your very best and try not to think about the other contestants," she said. Lee participated in the Miss Central Virginia pageant last year but won second runner up.

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Bahamanian and oompa-loompa tans AT THE CANCER BOX

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"You know that's why I love this industry. Everything I do, hair, nails, tanning, clothes." I've never considered the workplace of a beauty salon as an industry until I overheard that conversation. After some consideration, and a few compromises on my definition of the term "job," I have concluded that there is in fact an entire, thriving industry dedicated to the manipulation of both people's minds and bodies.

We cut our hair because it's long. Guys trim their nails and girls paint them. We all wear clothes. Any qualms

I may have with the so-called cosmetic "industry" can be traced to the tanning bed alongside its future cancer patients.

Some friends of mine have recently confessed to visiting these fluorescent coffins all over town. They were enticed by words like "tropical," "oasis," and "Bahamanian."

For my part, I will readily admit I went on impulse once. But I had the will-power to stop. They were not so lucky. With each passing day, they resemble more and more the species of Oompa-Loompa. The look isn't so bad. It's the constant singing that bothers me.

Really, people who frequent tanning beds could be considered among the most deceptive people in the world. They want to have the appearance of loving the outdoors when in reality they are retreating into a dark room the size of a port-a-potty while falling asleep to the sensational rhythms of Yanni and Enya.

Two hours later, when asked how they spent their afternoon, they lie

and say things like, "Oh! Yes! I spent the afternoon in the park" or "I did some yard work for an elderly couple. I do so love to go swimming." The truth is not in them. Let this be a warning when you encounter

"They want to have the appearance of loving the outdoors when in reality they are retreating into a dark room the size of a port-a-potty while falling asleep to the sensational rhythms of Yanni and Enya."

these people.

In high school, my friends and I decided that we would cash in on the tanning bed craze, and open a tanning salon dubbed "The Cancer Box." I suppose I am not the only one who has fantasized about becoming rich off of the several thousand mindless drones who would trade 75°F weather for a few minutes under the same type of heat lamp used to warm their fries at McDonalds.

Just for kicks, we'll also sell them 20oz. bottles of Fiji bottled water at \$1.50 a pop. Is it manipulation of the system, or just plain genius?



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SLD SMILES — SLDs Nina Matone of 300-13 and Pamela Wright of 33-5 celebrate at the SLD banquet.

SLDs honored at banquet

By Annamarie McCoy
NEWS REPORTER

As the school year approaches its end, so does a chapter of leadership. A banquet held last Tuesday marked a time of appreciation to all the Spiritual Life Directors for their work.

A dinner was catered by Charley's Restaurant and the entertainment for the evening was given by DJ Cronrath, who impersonated campus pastor Dwayne Carson. The night moved into a time of praise and worship led by David McKinney followed by a challenge given by Carson.

"In the many of losses and trials that most SLDs faced this year, they still ministered to others despite their

hard times. This banquet was a time to appreciate them," Carson said.

"The SLD banquet was just one of those nights that seem to continually come back and refresh all of us. People gave themselves fully to this cause, and it showed that people had been changed forever because of it," said Kevin Mahan, an SLD on 22-2.

Every year a gift is given to Carson by the SLDs. The one thing that has been on Carson's heart for the last couple of years is the chance for his wife, Donita, and his oldest daughter, Kristi, to accompany him to Argentina. This year over a \$1,000 was given to that cause and more is still coming in.

"The SLD banquet was a great time of fellowship and reflection. In part, it was a way to say thank you to Pastor Carson for the dedication and work that he contributed in leading the spiritual leadership teams. The banquet allowed the SLDs to relax and enjoy a wonderful meal while reflecting on God's working throughout the year," said Adam Bowers from the Center for Global Ministry.

One of the highlights of the night were the testimonies given by SLDs. The first three guys that stood up were all from the lacrosse team. Each one thanked the SLDs for their prayers and what God miraculously did over spring break involving the

accident.

After a short time of testimonies, Carson had each SLD open a letter that they had written in August stating their goals for the year. Along with these letters, RAs and prayer leaders sent letters to the SLDs to thank them for all their hard work. Phil Biega, an SLD from dorm 300-3, said, "At the beginning of the year we were supposed to write our goals we had for the year. Looking at them at the banquet, I realized that God had a different agenda for me this year. He was glorified and that's all that matters."

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Disconnected youth: Kairos unplugs from media

By Aaron Bennett
NEWS REPORTER

In a day and age where constant Internet updates and ever-proliferating 24-hour news channels seem to be the new cultural norm, the campus organization Kairos is challenging students to get "unplugged" from it all. The self-titled media fast will begin on April 24 and last through May 1.

Kairos is an organization headed by graduate student Chad Kennedy, which focuses on Christianity and its relationship with culture.

While Kairos is spearheading the campaign, other sponsors include Student Life, Spiritual Life, LU Theater and local churches, among others.

The event promotes a three-fold purpose. The first is an unhindered level of communication with God, followed by an emphasis on community with others, as well as community through art. Students are encouraged to choose the media they wish to deny themselves of for the week. Some possible suggestions include instant messenger, surfing the Internet (going online for homework is okay), TV, movies and video games.

The campaign doesn't merely ask students to refrain from taking part in activities they would normally enjoy. According to Kennedy, Kairos has organized a number of events that will reflect on the goals of the event as well as encouraging students to participate in art, "in a face-to-face community, as opposed to on a screen."

The fast kicked off with a Sunday night concert at David's Place featuring local bands. The week's main event was similar to "Culture Shape Live," which is an event Kairos has hosted in the past. This semester's "Culture Shape Forum" featured a guest panel composed of Liberty professors Dr. Lynn Beavers, Dr. Terri Cornwell and Dr. Michael Graves. In addition to the faculty, the event featured Liberty alumni Nic Carver, who is currently serving as the worship pastor of Brentwood Church. The

final member was Dr. David Breckenridge, pastor of Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church.

The events are scheduled for every night this week. On Tuesday night DH 1113 will house an Evening of Performance in Literature, and the following night students are invited to a Theater Arts Night of Worship with the theme: Audience of One. The Night of Worship will be held in the Lloyd Auditorium.

Other events include a jazz ensemble concert in Fine Arts 101 on Thursday beginning at 7:30, and on Saturday night Tree of Life at 7:30. On Saturday night Poetry Slam: Expressions of Spiritual Rhythms. The event begins at 10 p.m. The week winds down on Sunday, May 1, with Open Mic Night at 9 p.m. at David's Place. Those who pledge their participation will receive buttons bearing the slogan "unplugged."

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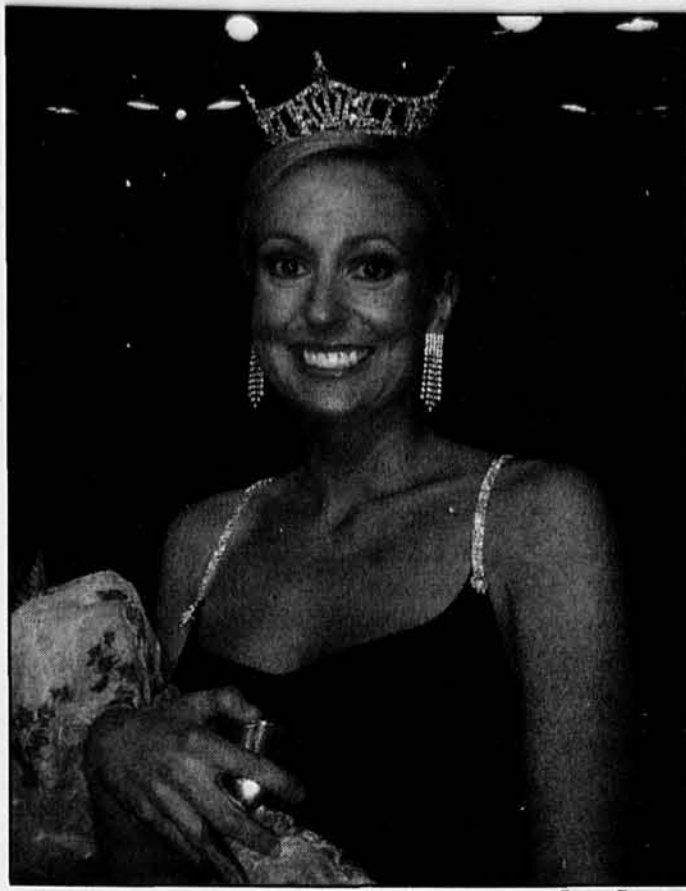


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THE WINNER — Juliet Lee beams after winning Miss Central Virginia.

Lee: Enjoys competing

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"It feels great to win, because I feel like all of my hard work paid off. My family has been very supportive. My brother and sister-in-law live in Lynchburg and have come to every single one of my pageants. My boyfriend, John Powell, is also very supportive as well," said Lee. Lee's parents were the first to convince her to try a pageant for the experience. Once she tried it, Lee was hooked.

"I do it for the experience and to challenge myself," she said.

Contestants for Miss Central Virginia are judged in five critical areas: poise, health, community service, interview competence and talent. Poise, better known as the evening gown competition, is worth only 10 percent of the pageant, as are the health/swimsuit competition and the on-stage interview. Talent, worth 30 percent of the total score, is such a subjective part of the contest that in some pageants, those who do not win the crown can still be awarded a small prize for having remarkable skills. The remaining

40 percent comes from a personal interview paired with the quality of community service that was performed.

The five judges rate the contestants on a scale of one to 10. The highest and lowest scores are tossed out, giving a balanced average for the contestant. Winners of the Miss Central Virginia contest receive a monetary scholarship along with the chance to compete for Miss Virginia. The winner of Miss Virginia continues on to the Miss America contest.

Lee says her favorite

part of the competition was the talent. She sang "If you can't sing it, you'll have to swing it Mr. Pagannini." The song was a jazzy change from the classical piece she performed last year.

"Being in pageants has been a great experience for me. I have been able to push myself and speak in front of (many) people," Lee said.

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Care packages for our troops

For those wanting to send care packages to friends and loved ones serving in the military overseas, here are some basic suggestions for things every service member can use:

- Pictures of family, friends and home
- AA Batteries
- Sunblock
- Lip balm
- Wet wipes
- Eye drops
- Calling cards
- Disposable cameras
- Pocket-sized tissues
- Decks of cards
- Handheld electronic games
- Powdered drink mixes
- Beef jerky
- Breakfast bars
- Crackers
- Cookies

According to ArmyWives.com, practicality is the main idea when sending care packages.

As for food, make sure your service member has a way to prepare what you are sending and that it won't spoil or damage in transit.

You may want to consider taping the edges of the boxes you send, as they have a long way to travel. Check your local post office for any mail restrictions.

All mail must be specifically addressed.

Compiled from *ArmyWives.com* and a letter from Sgt. Paul Baker published by the *Roanoke Times* at *Roanoke.com*

Walker: Learning God's grace

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"I do not take this deployment in vain. I have learned so much, met so many people with whom I have gotten a chance to share my relationship with God, and many that share their relationship in Christ with me," Walker said.

Walker has also had amazing experiences of God's grace. "We recently had a chopper crash that killed 18 people. I was to be on the flight but last minute I was taken off the manifest," Walker said. Liberty DLP student Chrystal Stout was among the soldiers that died in that crash.

Walker testified that God worked a miracle in his life as he does in the life of every believer. "It is good to know that God has complete control of my life, and that when you give your life to Christ there is nothing to fear," Walker said.

Walker petitions the student body for their prayers concerning the families of those who died in the crash.

"One thing I did notice is that there is power in prayer. If you all could pray for their families and friends that would be great," Walker said. Since Walker's deployment he has experienced much, including this incredible loss.

Though leaving home wasn't easy, it is apparent that Walker has grown much since the day he



PHOTO PROVIDED
ARMY MAN — Bobby Walker poses with his gun as he prepares for battle in Afghanistan.

left for Afghanistan. He now has gained insight that allows him to give a message to others. "I was so ready to finish school and graduate all on my time. Remember that when you give your life to Christ, you are then on his timing for everything. All things work for his glory, not our own," Walker said. "In God's timing," as Walker himself put it, he has had a year to learn and

grow, away from his family and outside of his comfort zone.

Walker admits that it has been hard to be away from his home and his family, especially since he will have had two birthdays overseas. On April 29, Walker will turn 25 but his daily emails bring him joy if nothing else. Though he misses his family, including his sister and mother who are afraid for his safety,

Walker has truly gained an experience in this year that will shape every other year of his life to come. The image of "the mountains, and the beautiful people we helped here" will forever be embedded in his mind, Walker said.

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Awards: Achievement rewarded

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Freyre prayed before dinner was served. The students dined on baked chicken cordon bleu, yellow squash, rice pilaf and there was dark chocolate cake and turtle

cheesecake for desert. During dessert, Parker went to the podium to announce the TEAM Scholars.

These awards, sponsored by the School of Education, awarded three special contributors to the academic community in the field of education.

The Center acknowledged many students of excellent academic caliber, including many graduating seniors. The first award, the Freshman of the Year Award, was rewarded to Angel Badillo-Gessa, a student from Mexico.

Astrid Mota from Maracai, Venezuela received the Community Service Award. She is a volunteer with CampusServe as well as a member of the Center's ASSIST program, dedicated to peer mentoring.

The nominees for the most prestigious award of the night, the Student Achievement Awards, were all graduating seniors. All three nominees received a certificate of excellence. The biggest prize was awarded to psychology major Luzdelia Correa. Better known by her peers as Lucy, she is a member of Psi Chi and the Psychology Club.

Speaker Anthony Beckles, Associate Vice President of Finance, gave an inspirational speech about choices. He spoke of the difficult decisions in life and how everyone must heed God's call.



ADAM BISHOP
HONORED — Education majors are awarded for their service at the Center for Multicultural Achievement awards last Saturday evening.

"Learning is a lifelong experience," he said. "Keep on learning." He also told students that they should not allow their diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds to be a hindrance to them. Instead, they should be an asset.

No matter where they are from, no matter what their first language is, the students involved with the Center for Multicultural Diversity have built up

friendships and ministries at Liberty and have excelled despite obstacles. Many of these students have hopes of returning to their native countries to begin ministries and build churches. They have made Liberty a place to not only call home but to build futures and hope.

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BIG WIN — Senior Astrid Mota walks to the stage to accept her award at the 10th annual achievement awards.

Commentary

Illinois pharmacists have right to refuse

A battle is raging this month in Springfield, Ill. No, this is not the typical battle with soldiers and insurgents. This is a legal battle over the belief that two pharmacists hold that certain birth control drugs are ethically wrong because they induce abortion.



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care industry must be protected. The pro-life pharmacist who chooses not to dispense abortion producing drugs should not face punishment and discrimination for abiding by these convictions."

There are just a few flaws in this battle against the pharmacists. The first and most obvious flaw is that the woman went to a small, privately owned pharmacy. Yes, they did refuse service to her, but she could have taken her business to a larger company that had no qualms about filling her controversial prescription. If the small company made the choice to refuse service, they also made the choice to lose unwanted business. They did not require her to keep her business with this one company.

Second, Gov. Blagojevich got involved in something he had no business getting into. This one emergency amendment violates three separate acts according to the ACLJ legal team and the Business Wire article. The Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Illinois Humane Rights Act and the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 are all government acts that are in place to protect the rights of American citizens. On what grounds does Blagojevich think he can take over?

Two women on separate occasions entered the small-town, locally owned, private pharmacy and requested what is called the Plan B birth control or "morning after" pill from one of the pharmacists. To her disbelief, the pharmacist refused to fill her prescription on grounds that this pill is just another form of abortion and against his religious beliefs. The outraged woman's story reached the ears of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who passes emergency amendment requiring any pharmacist in Illinois to fill any prescription given to them.

Now, that pharmacist and another who has refused to fill such prescriptions have been joined by the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) to fight for their right to say no. They are fighting against the governor of Illinois as well as women who insist on making them fill the morning after pill scripts.

On April 13, 2005, the ACLJ filed suit against the governor's emergency amendment. According to Business Wire, they contend that this amendment would violate the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act. This would make the emergency amendment unlawful and reinstate the right of a health-care provider to refuse "to participate in any way in any particular form of health care services contrary to his or her conscience."

Frances J. Manion, the senior counsel of the ACLJ, feels strongly about this issue. "The religious beliefs of those in the health

"If the small company made the choice to lose unwanted business, they also made the choice to lose unwanted business."

morally opposed to. Since when is this a crime? All people have choices to make. The pharmacists made a choice, the women who want this drug made a choice, and the governor made a choice. There is no reason that the governor and the women should have a greater right to choose than the pharmacists.

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LISTEN UP! IT'S YOUR TURN TO DECIDE

- The Independent Online reported that scientists in Japan have inserted a gene from the human liver into rice to enable it to digest

pesticides and industrial chemicals. The enzyme produced by the gene is helpful in breaking down toxic chemicals in the body, and has the same effect in plants.

- NASA announced on their Web site last week that it has delayed the

launch of the space shuttle Discovery until May 22. The reason for the delay is to allow for extra security checks on the shuttle. This will be the first launch since the shuttle Columbia disintegrated during re-entry in 2002, killing all seven astronauts on board.

Stop illegal funding

The Associated Press reported on April 18 that the North Carolina legislature was considering allowing children of illegal immigrants to receive in-state scholarships for college. With this bill now under consideration North Carolina joins Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska who have proposed similar pieces of legislation. This new legislation is another example of the government, this time at the state level, not enforcing the current immigration laws.



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born and raised in America from being able to attend college. The schools will literally run out of room and money leaving many Americans behind.

Supporters of the scholarships say that if the government does not provide these scholarships the number of uneducated Hispanics will grow out of control. I believe

that everyone has the right to an education, but there are certain means of obtaining that education. These students and their parents have broken the law and should not be rewarded for it. Immigration laws are in place to protect Americans. There is no point in even having them if we do not enforce them. Citizens from other countries can attend United States schools after requiring a student visa. The students who have entered the country legally should be allowed to be educated, but immigrants who cross illegally should be jailed until they are deported.

This country was founded by immigrants. With the exception of Native Americans, everyone who lives in the U.S. is a descendent of an immigrant. But these are different times. With the threat of terrorism we cannot chance someone crossing the border, attending school and then begin a terrorist network in the states. We must stop giving incentives to people who break the law. Keep the scholarships for Americans first.

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By offering these scholarships to students who should not be attending public colleges anyway, North Carolina will encourage more immigrants to cross the borders illegally. With things like this, there are no incentives for immigrants to enter the country legally anymore. States across the country allow illegal immigrants to attend public school, provide job training and even allow them to get driver's licenses. Why would someone want to go through the naturalization process when they can gain all of the benefits of citizenship by riding in the back of a truck across the border of Arizona?

"Why... when they can gain all of the benefits of the citizenship by riding in the back of a truck across the border of Arizona."

With the creation of these new policies, it will also take money away from natural born Americans who wish to attend college. The influx of illegal immigrants applying for college will cause much of the scholarship money that is appropriated to be used up. This will keep students who were

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Integrity is honesty in the little things of life

At Liberty, we are taught to think big. We are taught to have dreams, plans and expectations that reach beyond our scope, vision and perspective to where our goals are only reachable through the help of God. We are taught to fill our resumes, minds and memories with experiences and facts to further our profitability, marketability and value. We learn to show up, speak up, stand out and perform.



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All of the major goals that we have for our lives are important. God has a specific purpose for each of our lives, and it is up to us to work hard at what we do, to be good stewards of what we have and to use the gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. Seeking the large things of life, we have to be careful that we do not forget about the common and constant factors in

our lives. God cares about the large and important decisions that we make, but he also cares about how we treat other people, the conversations that we have, the way that we spend our time and money, and the appreciation that we have for the people in our lives.

In pursuing our large goals and dreams, we all have the potential to overlook what seem like the minor and everyday areas. We care about missions, going out into all areas of the world to preach the gospel, but we leave bad tips for waiters, are rude to people and criticize those who are not like us. We major in government, law and talk about being the leaders of tomorrow, but we disrespect the leaders and laws that we have now, such as RAs, Deans and the Liberty Way. We major in communications, but we

give people the silent treatment, pass up opportunities to tell the truth and yell at people on our cell phones. We major in education, but we talk during class and are rude to our professors.

These are only examples, not generalizations or statements that apply to all Liberty students, but it is just as important to understand the irony of forgetting about the smaller aspects of life. Our generation has been taught to step on anyone, cheat in any area or cut any corners necessary in order to gain personal success. That is why it is so easy for us to forget, in our quests to go out and change the world for God, that we are out and in the world now. We have opportunities for ministry and missions everywhere, and we have to be faithful now in the small areas of life in order to gain worthwhile success.

If we want to be great someday, we have to have integrity now. This applies to very practical matters. Don't wear flip flops to class even though you might get away

with it. Do not be rude to people. Do not sleep during convocation. Do not always try to break the rules and get away with everything. This is not legalism, it is faithfulness. Stop complaining, dig in and prove that you can handle life by living up to the standards that are set for you, and not by asking for the bar to be lowered to a level that is comfortable for you. We will never grow enough to be ready for the future unless we allow ourselves to be broken, challenged and stretched now.


This all might seem slightly harsh. But I have learned in such incredible ways this semester that nothing in life is certain. Our circumstances can change so quickly and none of us know whether or not we will be able to actually live out the dreams and

plans that we have for the future. We have to be prepared now to leave this earth, lose everything or have our lives completely changed at any time. Because of the unpredictable nature of life, we should make every effort to be found faithful in the circumstances that we are in, whether we are happy with them or not. That is true peace and contentment. To know that Christ is in us, that our family and friends know

that we love them and that we have made every effort to have integrity in all that we do. Success is not always found in our hopes, dreams and plans for the future, but in the ways in which we deal with our current circumstances.

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CONFERENCE: Creationist to speak at LU

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The five-day series boasts two tracks within a comprehensive array of scientific disciplines. A basic track will be provided for ages 12 and up to incorporate families, while an advanced track will offer more in-depth lectures.

"The depths to which these topics will be approached is far beyond our (CRST) class," said Center for Creation Studies director Dr. David DeWitt. "These are the world's leading experts. I don't think there has ever been a more impressive line-up...so I'm humbled even to be included among the speakers."

Among the lecturers will be Dr. John Witcomb whose book "The Genesis Flood," is considered by many to have ignited the modern creationist movement, as well as

scientists who have authored the mainstay of modern creation apologetics, such as "The Answers Book," "Refuting Evolution," "In the Beginning Was Information," "Stones and Bones" and "One Blood."

Also slated to speak is Dr. Russell Humphreys whose proposed cosmology, outlined in the book "Starlight and Time," is considered by many to be "ground-breaking." Buddy Davis, another speaker, heads the team which uncovered unfossilized dinosaur bones in Alaska.

Creation evangelism is considered important by advocates because a creator is foundational to the gospel message, and dismissing the historical accuracy of Genesis undermines biblical authority.

"It comes down to this,"

DeWitt said. "If you can't trust the Bible's history - what's your basis for John 3:16?"

Ham said that the conference offers LU students the ability to become "equipped beyond measure - like we've not been able to (do) in 200 years. When I went to (a) university, we didn't have these answers."

LU students are eligible to register for the five-day conference at a discounted rate of \$50. Registration can be made online at www.creationmega-conference.com.

All evening sessions during the event are free and open to the public.

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HAM IT UP — Creationist Ken Ham speaks at Liberty University on one of his previous visits to convocation.

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NFL Draft

Paul Troth gives his thoughts on the NFL draft and how it will affect the future of the NFL.

The Bottom Line

Pat Doney breaks down the NFL draft, NBA playoffs, and a long day in front of the TV.

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Softball sweeps Charleston Southern



MATT TRENT

NICE PITCH- The Lady Flames softball team scorched the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in this past weekend's Big South Conference play in Lynchburg. The women continue to improve their spot in the standings as the tournament draws near.

By Jesse Houk
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Flames softball team had a weekend of highs and lows. A barrage of home runs led the Lady Flames to sweep Charleston Southern on Friday night. But it was a lack of hitting that led to the Lady Flames being swept on Saturday by Coastal Carolina.

The Buccaneer's of Charleston Southern came to Lynchburg not at all expecting the hitting display that they would see. The first game was a game of season highs for the Lady Flames. They hit a season-high 16 hits and scored a season-high 15 runs. That strong hitting performance propelled the Lady Flames to a convincing 15-6 win in the first game of a double header.

The Flames opened the game with three runs in the first inning when Beth Hensley smashed a two-run home run scoring Jessica Moore. Ashely Williams would later score on a wild pitch and a throwing error.

The game went back and forth and the Buccaneer's were actually leading 5-4. And then the barrage began. Then the Lady Flames opened up the game by scoring 10 runs on 11 hits in the final three innings.

Jessica Moore led the way for the Lady Flames with a 4-for-4 hitting performance. Hensley also had a strong first game as she was 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

The second game of the double header against Charleston Southern featured the same

strong hitting performance displayed in the first game by the Lady Flames that led to a 7-3 victory. It was a game, like the first match up, that saw the Lady Flames fall behind early and then fight back to claim the victory.

The Lady Flames fell behind 3-0 when Charleston Southern's Jennifer Pardue smashed a home run over the center field scoreboard. That was the last run that Charleston Southern would see for the rest of the day.

The Lady Flames came back to win the game on three homeruns. The first one was a solo shot by Jessica Moore in the bottom of the third. Jessica Moore struck again in the bottom of the fifth inning when she hit a three-run homer that scored Erika Rasmussen and Sarah Love. The Lady Flames continued the fifth inning by adding three more runs on a home run by Shannon McKain. Friday was a day that showed the Lady Flames ability to hammer the ball.

Saturday was a day that showed a lack of hitting for the Flames. It was as if they used up all of their hits on Friday. After sweeping Charleston Southern, the Lady Flames would find themselves swept by Coastal Carolina. "We are coming off a day when we had 24 hits in two games with seven home runs," Coach Paul Wetmore said. "We killed the ball yesterday. Today we lost the first game 2-0 and the second game 7-6 with a lack of hitting. I just don't understand it."

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Golf competes in Big South Championship

By Jesse Houk

SPORTS REPORTER

At the beginning of last semester, Coach Jeff Thomas set some lofty goals and expectations for him and his golf team. Some of those goals were met, but the goal of reaching regionals fell short as the Liberty men's golf team was not able to capture the Big South Championship.

The three day Big South Championship golf tournament was a challenge. Each athlete must play strong and consistent every day of the tournament or risk dropping down the list.

The Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina defended their Big South Championship title as they dominated the conference. The nearest team was Charleston Southern who was 35 strokes behind the Chanticleers.

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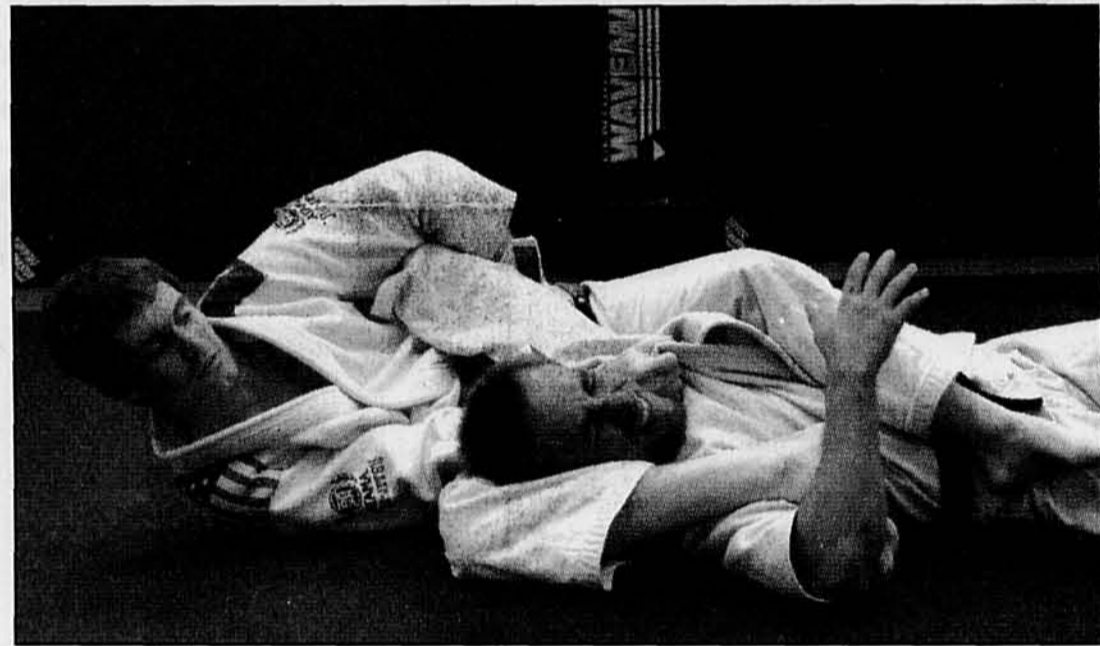


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TAP, SNAP OR NAP— Michael Troxel controls one of his training partners and locks in a combination choke and armbar.

Mike Troxel: World class Jiu-Jitsu fighter and Liberty student

By Brian Chidester

SPORTS REPORTER

Michael Troxel resembles your average college student. He works in the video production center between his class schedule, acts as a sports editor and photographer for the school paper, and on the weekend he cheers for his favorite Nextel Cup driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr. However, Troxel is anything but ordinary.

"I love (Liberty University) for so many reasons, especially because of all the people I get to meet and all the friends I have made here," Troxel said. "I just regret that I get so busy with everything that sometimes I don't have time to see them."

While attending Lynchburg Christian Academy in Lynchburg, Troxel wrestled every year of his high school career. He claims that his wrestling career prepared him for Jiu-Jitsu by giving him better balance and awareness. While participating in the middleweight divisions, he stayed competitive and wanted to continue; however, Liberty had no wrestling program at the time. Ironically, he only began wrestling because one of the team members told him he would never be able to do it.

In the winter of 2002, with the help of Wil Dorsett, Troxel made the transition from wrestling to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He made the leap to Jiu-Jitsu after finding passion for the sport while participating on a demonstration team for a church ministry.

"When I met (Troxel), he didn't have the greatest athletic ability, but he had a heart the size of Texas," Dorsett said. "I would physically condition the class hard all the time, and he would always come back asking for more so I knew I had

a champion on my hands."

This past March Troxel achieved one of the greatest accomplishments of his career. While competing with 1,200 opponents in the North American Grappling Association (NAGA) World Championships, he recorded a third, fourth and fifth place ranking in three separate events. Even more impressive, Troxel managed this while nursing an injured left ankle, left knee and three left-hand fingers which became dislocated two days before tournament.

"I think I should have done better. I just got impatient and that cost me the title for one division. And I made a mistake in my bronze medal match for submission grappling that cost me the win there. But, it's a learning experience and it won't happen again."

This competition was not the first that he negotiated at less than full physical potential. In January 2003, Troxel placed in the Dale Earnhardt Jr. Tournament after being unable to train for three weeks due to a strained patellar ligament. Then in March of the same year, he placed in the NAGA World Championships after injuring his wrist and ankle six days earlier.

Now that Troxel has engaged in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for over three years, he gives back to the younger students beginning their careers in the sport. Every weekday at 4:30, he teaches a class of aspiring champions at the Renaissance Academy of Martial Arts.

"The biggest thing that he has helped me with is his attention to detail because no matter what the problem is or how long it takes, he will stay and work with you until you get it perfect," Davey Kan, one of Troxel's students said.

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2005 LU football schedule released

By Jesse Houk

SPORTS REPORTER

According to www.LibertyFlames.com, Liberty University's Head Football Coach Ken Karcher has announced the 2005 football schedule. The schedule features six home games and the first Thursday night game in school history.

"In our case we are kind of unique because we are in a conference that only has five teams," said Karcher "Having a small number of teams does not allow us an automatic playoff bid."

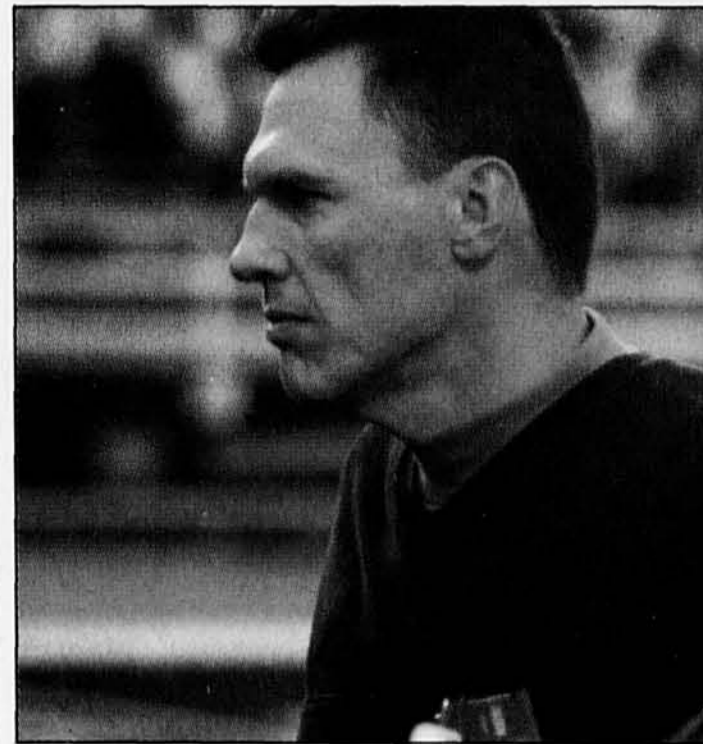
"So what we try to do strategically is play enough quality opponents outside of the conference who have a good name and then we try to play at least one Division I-A team a year, and sometimes two which allows us to raise money and also have another quality name on our schedule. So if we win seven to nine of those games a year we give ourselves a better chance of getting a playoff bid. Right now we can win our conference and still not get an automatic playoff bid because there are not enough teams."

The Flames will open their season at home against Concord on Sept. 4. Karcher and his team will then travel to Storrs, Conn., to face Big East Conference member Connecticut on Sept. 8.

"This game is a chance for our players to see what it looks like to be a Division I-A football team," said Karcher. "It is also a chance for our guys to see what it is going to take to get there which is ultimately Dr. Falwell's goal and our goal."

"It is also chance to compete against a high quality opponent when you are competing for an I-AA playoff bid."

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MATT TRENT

HEAD COACH— Coach Ken Karcher is ready to lead the Flames football team against a very impressive 2005 schedule.

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**Baseball
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The Bottom Line



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By Patrick Doney

What a wild and crazy weekend. I would normally describe most guys that spend 11 hours of their Saturday in front of a TV screen worthless, but considering that the NFL draft and NBA playoffs all conveniently began on the same day, worthlessness is considered acceptable I guess. Here's what's been going on since you last read this column...

* Wow, I didn't realize how passionate some of you were towards intramural junkies (both good and bad). I had emails from coaches that couldn't talk long, because "practice is getting ready to start," while others' thoughts would be more fitting for an 1800s burning at the stake ceremony. Whether or not you consider intramurals a "step towards your career" doesn't matter to me. It's still intramural basketball. I would love to meet the guy who is going to put "extracurricular basketball coach" on his resume, with his 350-lb point guard as his reference. Please take this game for what it is.

* I was shocked that Aaron Rodgers fell all the way to number 24 in the draft, where the Packers got their "next B.F." No pressure. In fact, enjoy making the transition from warm, sunny California to the frozen tundra of everlasting pain that is Lambeau Field. The highlight of the draft: Mel Kiper's hair. The second highlight of the draft: Cedric Benson crying as he walks toward the stage after being selected by the big, mean, Brian Urlacher-filled Chicago Bears. He's never going to hear the end of that. One bonus, though; lots of possibilities with a Kleenex endorsement.

Has anyone else noticed that the NFL draft is like the American-

male soap opera? With each pick, the entire arena full of face-painted, big, tough, jersey-wearing fans screams, "Oooooohhh," with the same surprised facial expressions and reactions that occurs each week on "The Bachelor." No, there isn't any crying involved (except for Cedric Benson), but the high-drama of it all is female-ing (invented word). I may just have to watch "As the World Turns" a few times, just for the experimental value, of course.

Stupidest move of the day: Minnesota taking Troy Williamson over Mike Williams. Best move of the day: Detroit taking Mike Williams. Think with me for a second. Imagine a formation with Roy Williams and Charles Rogers on one end, Kevin Jones lined up behind the Tedford-diseased Joey Harrington and the 6 foot, 5 inch Mike Williams lined up one-on-one with the other team's third-best cornerback lined up against him on the other side of the ball. That's right, your defense is going to have to put a third-string cornerback on a top-10 pick wide receiver.

Most interesting-yet-it-might-come-back-to-get-you-fired-if-it-doesn't-work-pick: the Jaguars taking Matt Jones with the 21st pick. I like Jones because he's got that freak-type of athleticism, but let's remember one thing: he's never really proven anything at wide receiver, or anywhere other than quarterback, for that matter. But, on the other hand, neither had Hines Ward, Antwaan Randle El or Eric Crouch. Okay, forget the last one. All in all, a very talented draft that should eventually have many stars (and Maurice Clarett even got drafted!).

* So the NBA playoffs began Saturday night, and I'm proud to say that I did not hop on the Indiana Pacers bandwagon. Reggie Miller is old, Jermaine O'Neal isn't healthy and Stephen Jackson looks like he should have some type of sharp, pointy, deadly object in his hand each time he shows that I'm-a-psycho smile (Seriously, what goes through his head when he looks in the mirror?). So what happens over the weekend? Boston takes out the big stick and everyone gets a turn (even Gary Payton) to hit the Pacer piñata. The Celtics use a tough defense that really was more of a bad Indiana offense, and used the fast break to put up 100 points in the win by 20.

* The funniest moment of the night: Reggie Miller getting frustrated. Have you ever seen a 75-year old man get angry at a cashier for not taking back his already-used nose-hair trimmer? Neither have I. But if I did, it would be hilarious. Old people angry at the world is just funny. Well, Reggie got a little upset at Ricky Davis and decided to shove him and get a technical. Only Davis didn't really do anything to deserve the shove. It was like Reggie was saying, "You're better than me, and I hate you." My NBA finals prediction: Phoenix over Miami.

So there you have it. Some would say that sports ruined my weekend. I would go more along the lines to say that sports allowed me to enjoy some peaceful time with my friend, the television. There's nothing quite like spending time with that special someone that doesn't talk back to you, and that's the bottom line.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE BASEBALL STANDINGS

	Big South		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
COASTAL CAROLINA	13	2	33	9
WINTHROP	13	2	29	13
BSC	11	4	25	15
CSU	8	10	22	21
LIBERTY	7	8	23	14
Highlanders	6	9	11	27
PANTHERS	6	12	18	25
WK	5	10	19	22
SPARTANS	3	15	11	28

*Standings are as of 4/24/05
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Softball: Liberty sweeps Charleston-Southern

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The first game was a combination of a bad hitting performance by the Flames and a strong pitching performance by Coastal Carolina's Meagan Johnson. The Flames were puzzled by the pitching of Coastal Carolina and only managed to get one hit in the entire game. The Chanticleers only scored two runs, but it was all they needed.

Wetmore saw his team's lack of concentration as the reason for defeat in the first game of the double header on Saturday. "The home run hurt us and we couldn't lay off the rise ball. Wetmore said. "We let her establish that strike to the umpire and then we had to continue swinging at it. We just needed to be more disciplined."

The second game was a game that

showed the fight of the Lady Flames as they came back from being down three runs. "It shows a lot of character to be able to come back from a deficit like that," Wetmore said. The Lady Flames Tiffany Johnson tied the game up at 5-5 in the bottom of the fifth with a solo home run.

The game stayed tied until an extra inning when Coastal Carolina's Kelly Feely hit a two-run home run to give the Chanticleers a lead that the Lady Flames could not come back from.

"The catcher from Coastal had no home runs all season and then she has two of them today," Wetmore said. "How does that figure? You can give up one in extra innings because I'm pretty confident that we will also score one, but you can't give up two. That's what we did and that's why we lost."

The Lady Flames begin to get ready

for the Big South Championship that takes place May 12, 13 and 14. "I think anyone of the top six teams can win the Big South when the tournaments come around," Coastal Carolina's Coach Jess Dannelly said. "Liberty still has the capability of winning it. I think we do, Radford does and so does Winthrop. It's all a matter of who's hot when the tournament comes around."

Coach Wetmore is also confident in the potential of his team's ability to find success in the Big South Championships, but knows what they must do to reach that goal. "This is a good team," Wetmore said. "This is still a very good team. For us, we have to come in and beat Radford on Wednesday and then beat Birmingham Southern so that we get better seeded in the tournament. And then we need to have consistent pitching."



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49ers make Alex Smith first pick in 2005 NFL draft

By Paul Troth
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The San Francisco 49ers decided to pick their quarterback of the future on Saturday. Alex Smith from the University of Utah became the fourth straight quarterback in as many years to be drafted number one overall.

After tons of trade rumors and questions throughout the week leading up to the draft the only drama that filled the 2005 NFL draft was where the second best quarterback in the draft, Aaron Rogers from California, would be drafted.

It was anticipated that Rogers would be picked in the top 10, but in a surprise, the young signal caller dropped all the way to the 24th pick of the first round and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. "I had already prepared myself for things not going my

way," said Rodgers, who was invited to New York along with Smith, Braylon Edwards from Michigan, Carnell Williams and Ronnie Brown from Auburn, because it was believed he would go much higher on draft day. "Things get a little screwy on draft day. We all know that."

After Smith went number one, the draft followed through as many had predicted. The Miami Dolphins, who were in the second spot, the highest draft position they had been in since their first year of existence in 1961, picked running back Ronnie Brown from Auburn. Brown improved his stock after the combine in which he ran a 4.3 forty, the fastest time among running back in the draft.

With the third pick, the Cleveland Browns with new Head Coach and Lynchburg native Romeo Crenell decided to take

wide receiver Braylon Edwards from Michigan. Edwards, who was believed to be the best overall player in the draft by many, will definitely add excitement to the Browns offense in 2005.

The Chicago Bears took running back Cedric Benson from the University of Texas with the fourth pick who will add balance to an offense that already has quarterback Rex Grossman and wide receiver Mushin Muhammed at receiver.

Rounding out the top five was Tampa Bay, who also decided to improve its running game by taking running back Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, also from Auburn University.

In fact, officials should have considered renaming the first round of the draft to Auburn University, as four players from the school were taken in the first round. Three were taken in the

top five. The afore mentioned Brown and Williams went two and five respectively and the Washington Redskins took two Auburn players as well. At number nine they chose cornerback Carlos Rogers and at number 25 they picked quarterback Jason Campbell.

In all, three running backs, three cornerbacks and three players from Auburn were picked in the top 10 spots. Rounding out the top 10 was wide receiver Mike Williams from the University of Southern California. Williams sat out all last year after being rejected by the NFL for early entry into the draft. Had he played last year many believe he would have been the top player taken.

On a day that is normally filled with smoke and fire General Manager Phil Savage from the Cleveland Browns said, "There's

a lot of smoke this year, but very little fire." The only fire that may have come was late Saturday night when the Denver Broncos used the final pick of the third round to take Maurice Clarett, the running back who led Ohio State to the National Championship as a true freshman. A year ago, Clarett challenged the NFL rule that required a player to be out of high school for at least three years but was eventually turned down by courts. One year ago Clarett was expected to be taken much lower after slow 40 times and bad workouts.

The only surprise next for football fans will be to see whether their team improved on draft day or stayed the same. They'll have to wait until September when the 2005 NFL season kicks off.

Troxel: Plays for the love of the sport, teaches future champs

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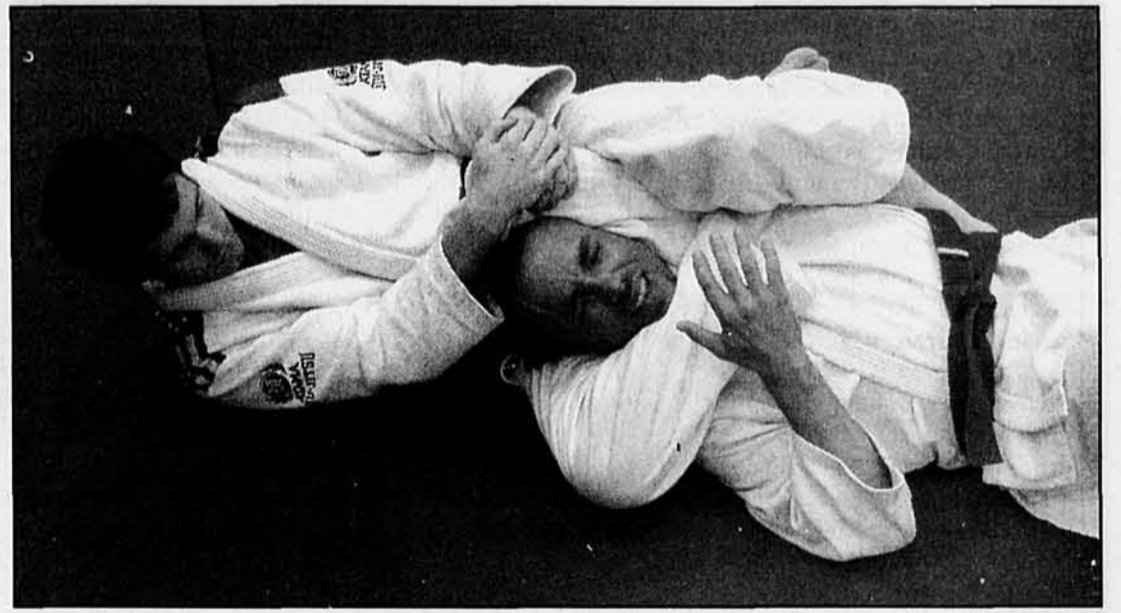
Kan is currently ranked 35th in the North American Grappling Association point standings for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. "He is just a great role model for us, and he has certainly made a big impact on my career and success."

One of the teens that Troxel works with is currently on top of the NAGA point standings for Submission Grappling and is also fourth for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

With some hard work and just an ounce of the perseverance and dedication that Troxel has shown in the sport, his students will no doubt achieve the success that he has.

"Michael is still progressing through the Coaching Candidate's Course at the moment," instructor Jamie Ridgeway said. "However, the thing about him is that he already has the character of a great coach."

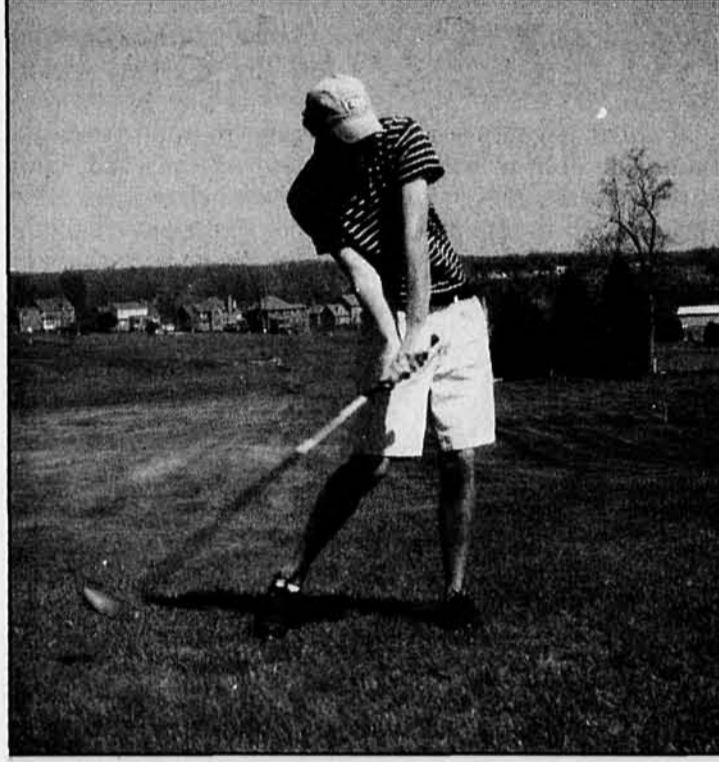
"The biggest thing I want to bring to these kids growing up and learning the sport is that it is worthless to be a black belt on the mat and a white belt in life," Troxel said. "I, along with all the other coaches at the school, want to make sure that when they go away from this place that they are all black belts in life because then we will have been a success."



TROY CHAMPNEY

DREAM LAND - Michael Troxel puts the reverse triangle choke on one of his training partners. The triangle choke is a basic choke, but can put an opponent to sleep in only a few seconds.

Golf: Big South Championship considered a success



SUSAN WHITLEY

FORE!—The Liberty University golf team put forth a valiant effort in the Big South Championship.

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The Liberty Flames came in a respectable third place in the Big South, only four strokes back from Charleston Southern. The Flames, as a team, finished 32 over par.

Rounding out the rest of the Big South were Winthrop, with a 36 over par; Radford with a 40 over par; Birmingham Southern, with a 45 over par and High Point with a 49 over par.

The Flames had some strong individual performances. Andrew Turner, a junior from Lititz, PA, led the way for the Flames. Turner finished tied for eighth place in the Big South with a six over par. Parker McKoy, a freshman from Raleigh, N.C., finished with a seven over par and tied for 11th place in the Big South.

Johnathan Dickenson, who had a strong first two days and led the Flames for those two days, fell to 15th place in the Big South with a nine-

over par. Eric Klinger, a senior from Overland Park, Kan. finished in 19th place with a 13 over par.

Coach Jeff Thomas was a little disappointed with the overall team performance, but he pointed out some of the strong individual performances that helped the Flames still have a good showing. "Andrew (Turner), Johny (Dickenson) and Parker (McKoy) played good. They were probably the three main reasons why we were able to finish third. And then Eric Klinger, on the last day, came through with a pretty good round. That helped us out a lot and probably kept us from losing our third place position."

For some, this last Big South Championship was the last they will ever play. "We are losing two seniors this year," Thomas said. "John Dickenson and Eric Klinger will be done after this year. They will be greatly missed."

The season comes to a close on May 1 and 2. "We are finishing up with one more tournament in Delaware," Thomas said. The members of the Flames golf team will work on their games individually over the summer. Thomas said that each one will play in tournaments across America similar to AAU for basketball.

Thomas reflects on his team's performance for this last season and also looks towards the future of Liberty golf. "We haven't played quite as good as I hoped in the beginning of the season, but I'm happy with our improvement," Thomas said. "We keep getting better. I just hope we keep getting better the rest of this year and see what we can do next year. I think the underclassmen had a lot of opportunity to get a lot of experience and a chance to grow. I hope that they will be able to come back next year and excel at a greater capacity."

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 Men's Golf

Coastal Carolina's Dustin Johnson Named Big South Men's Golfer of the Year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Coastal Carolina's Dustin Johnson and Zack Byrd were named Big South Men's Golf Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year, respectively, by the League's head coaches and sports information directors, it was announced Sunday evening at the League's annual Championship banquet, held at The Patriot Golf Club at Grand Harbor in Ninety Six, S.C. CCU head coach Allen Terrell and Charleston Southern head coach Howard Vroon received co-Coach of the Year honors, while Liberty's Jonathan Dickinson garnered Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Johnson leads the Conference in scoring average at 72.67 strokes per round, ranking 10th in the region and 70th nationally according to GolfStat, as well as the fifth-best in Coastal history. He is the top ranked player in the Big South according to GolfStat and GolfWeek, ranking 53rd and 57th in the country, respectively. Johnson posted a League-best eight top-10 finishes in 10 events, including tying

for second at the General Jim Hackler Invitational, leading CCU to its second straight team title. A two-time Golfer of the Week selection, Johnson also had top-five finishes at the Furman Intercollegiate (t-3rd), Landfall Tradition (t-4th), Club Glove Intercollegiate (t-4th) and Mercedes-Benz (5th). He carded a low-round 68 twice this season, which ties for the 10th best single round in school history.

Byrd played in all 10 events for Coastal this season, ranking third on the team and 10th in the League with a freshman-best 74.53 scoring average. He owns a pair of top-10 finishes, including leading CCU with a tie for seventh at the UNCG/Forest Oaks Intercollegiate to help the Chants to a runner-up finish. Byrd also tied for seventh at the General Jim Hackler Invitational and totaled five top-20 finishes on the season. Byrd's top round of the year was a 70 in the final round of the Raines Development Group Intercollegiate event of 2005.

Terrell and Vroon each capture their third Coach of the Year honor. Terrell led his squad to seven top-five team finishes this season, including back-to-back team tournament. Coastal Carolina, which secured the No. 1 seed in this week's PUPS Big South Men's Golf Championship, has been ranked in the top-50 all season,

ranking as high as No. 31. Vroon's CSU club finished in the top five in all 10 of its events this season, including four-straight team titles during the Fall campaign. The Buccaneers are the No. 2 seed in the League championship.

The Big South also announced five of its All-Conference honorees at the banquet, which serves as the kickoff for the annual tournament. These selections are based on regular-season play and feature Johnson, Charleston Southern's Shawn Hall and Paul Reed, Radford's Aaron Summers and Birmingham-Southern's John Quinn. The remaining All-Conference members will consist of the top five finishers (and any additional ties) in the championship that were not among those announced at the banquet. Joining Dickinson on the All-Academic Team are Reed, Birmingham-Southern's Alex Krempa, and High Point's Chase Wilson.

The first round of the 2005 PUPS Big South Men's Golf Championship begins Monday morning at 8:30am ET at The Patriot Golf Club at Grand Harbor. Second round action will begin Tuesday morning at 8:30am, while final round competition is slated for Wednesday morning at 8:30am ET. The men's champion will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA Regionals. The event is free and open to the public

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Football Schedule: Flames have big plans for upcoming season

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The Flames will then return home to host four-time I-AA National Champion Youngstown State on Sept. 17. Liberty will then travel across the state on Sept. 24 to play William and Mary.

The Flames will play four straight home games in the month of October starting with Big South Conference opponent VMI as part of Liberty's homecoming weekend on Oct. 1. Liberty will then host Chattanooga on Oct. 8, Towson on Oct. 15, and defending Big South Champions Coastal Carolina on Thursday Oct. 20. The game will mark the first Thursday night game played in school history.

"Playing that game on a Thursday night was a conference suggestion," said Karcher. They were looking for us to try as a conference to try and play some weekday games and try to get a television offer which they are working on. For

us it is a great opportunity and it will be fun for our players. "Playing Coastal will be a nice challenge for us because last year we did not play very well at all down there. They are the defending champions so I think it will be a great move for everybody."

The Flames will conclude their 2005 slate with three-straight road games, beginning with back-to-back league games at Gardner-Webb on Oct. 29 and Charleston Southern on Nov. 12 while finishing off the year at Norfolk State on Nov. 19.

"I think if you are a good enough football team you should be able to win at home and on the road," said Karcher. "Obviously at home you have a better chance, but I guess for us the positive is six of our first eight are on the road. You would like to probably not finish with three on the road but you just have to be able to play both places home and away."

"For us it is a great opportunity and it will be fun for our players."

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Past to present: Meet RA Gini Matz

By Megan Joiner
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Those who see Gini Matz on campus at Liberty University might not give her a second glance. She is quiet and unobtrusive. She tends to blend into the crowd. However, to the girls of dorm 2-2, Gini Matz is not only a close friend, but a terrific RA.

Gini, a red-haired junior from

Blackwood, N.J., was adopted when she was a baby. Both of her parents were involved in drugs, and Gini and her two brothers lived in hotels and homeless shelters with their parents. The children were soon removed from that home and went to live with the people Gini calls "my mom" and "my dad" today.

Although Gini found a family that loved and cared for her, her life remained difficult. Mr. Matz suf-

fered a heart attack when Gini was 6 and a stroke and another heart attack when Gini was 8. Her husband disabled, Mrs. Matz began substitute teaching to support the family. Money became scarce, so Gini was taken out of her Christian school to be home-schooled. During the summer between her sixth and seventh grade years, Mr. Matz passed away in a nursing home. After that, Gini's home became

more stable and life was a little easier. She was able to return to her school, Victory Christian.

"It's not that my childhood was bad or anything, but most of what I remember from my childhood was being in the hospital while my dad was sick or in rehab centers," Gini says.

Gini grew up in a very legalistic Independent Baptist church. She was saved at the age of four, when her mother led her to Christ, but she says she did not like a lot of "church things."

"By the time I got to ninth or 10th grade, I was kind of sick of it," she says. "People can't come in unless they have the right clothing on. That, and other stuff, made me really bitter."

Raised under the church's legalistic practices, she did not know of freedom in Christ until she attended Liberty. She only came to Liberty to spite her pastor, because the university was on the church's "bad list" of schools.

"Christianity was just a rule book. 'You can't do this' and 'If you do this, it's wrong.' But when I got to Liberty, my roommates were both amazing Christians. They enjoyed a relationship with Christ, and I knew that was something I wanted. I watched them and followed what they did. Through that year, I was able to rededicate my life, and I've been able to grow from there," Gini says.

When Gini's roommate decided to be an RA the next year, she chose

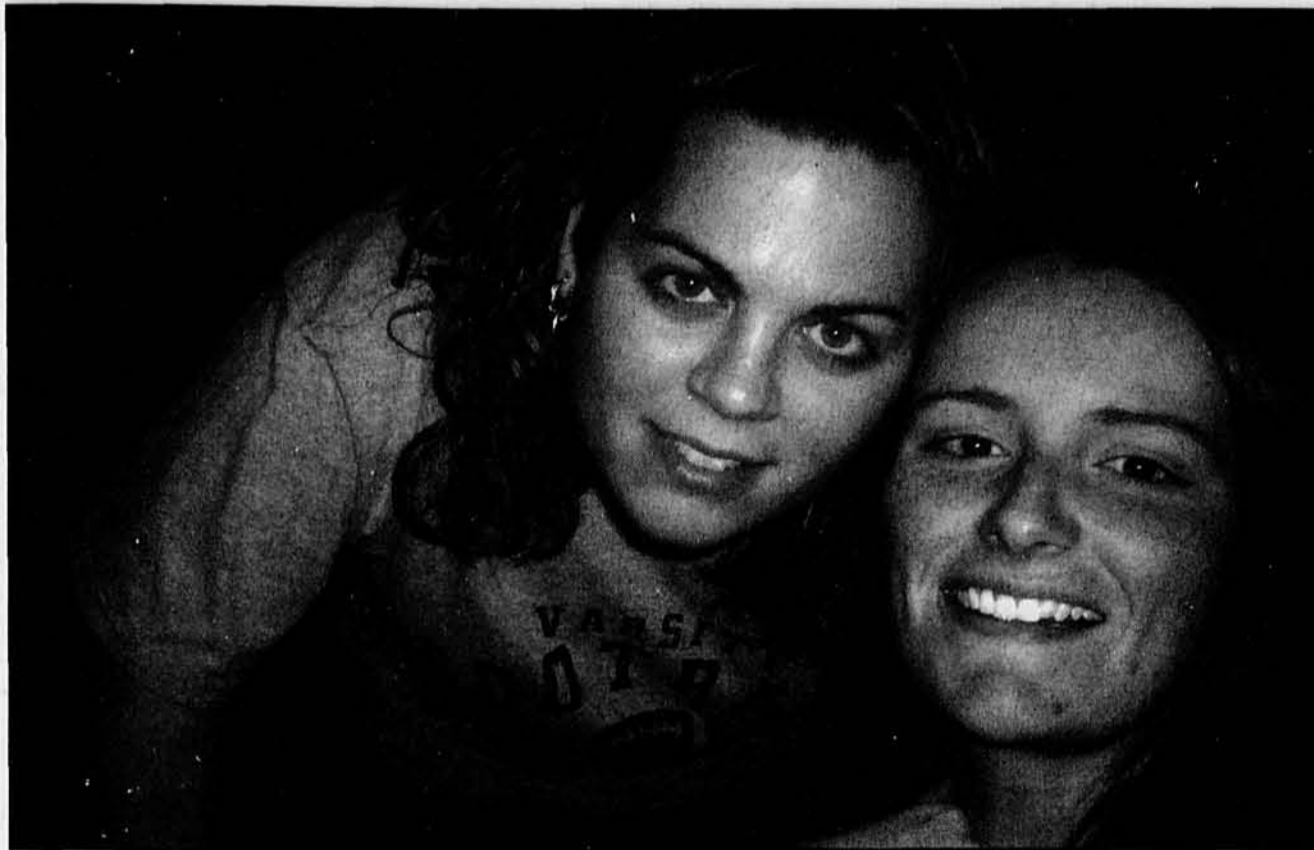
Gini as a prayer leader. Gini admits that, at the time, she was not the best person for the position because she "was not anywhere near where I needed to be" with Christ. However, being a prayer leader challenged her to have a deeper, growing relationship with God.

After being a prayer leader, her RD convinced her to be an RA. "I'm so glad I did it. I've grown so much this year. There have been times when I'm like, 'I'm not doing this anymore. I'm not being an RA' but overall, the good times outweigh the bad," she says.

She says the hardest part of being an RA is managing one's time. "I want to always be available to help people. Girls wanting to come in and talk happens on a regular basis, and I love it, whether they just want to tell me about their day or talk about something bigger. I have trouble saying, 'I have to do my homework now.' I have to realize, 'I'm not Super Woman,'" she says with a grin.

She cites confrontation as her other trouble, saying she "stinks" at it. She worries about ruining someone's day and that that person might "always hate me forever."

It is clear from the number of girls waiting by her door or running down the hall yelling, "Gini! Gini!" when she emerges from her room that she is far from hated. She is the belle of this ball, the Cinderella who rose from hard times and difficult struggles to be a leader for Christ.



PREPARED RA — Resident assistant Gini Matz (Right) smiles for a photo with her younger sister, Faith.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Monica Rose: Showing passion and drive

By Joy Abbott
LIFE REPORTER

Walk into the office and you will forget you are in a tiny hallway stuck between classrooms in the religion hall. The animal print rug, burgundy chairs and various trinkets decorated in high heels, make visitors feel like they are in a comfortable living room rather than an office. The office belongs to Miss Monica Rose, a women's ministry professor at Liberty University.

Rose, 27, grew up in a Christian home. Her father served as a pastor for many years, and now trains pastors in third world countries. Rose's mother was a full time pastor's wife and mother while the children were younger. She then became the principal of a Christian school and now works beside her husband in his current ministry. When asked to describe her childhood, Rose says she grew up with a "godly heritage."

After graduating in 2002 with a B.S. in education from North Greenville College in Tigerville, N.C., Rose enrolled in Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where she entered the women's studies program. Unlike many who enter Seminary to teach, Rose had no such ambitions in mind. "I never once thought that I would be teaching at college," says Rose. Her aim in seminary was simply to study God's word on a deeper level.

With a year under her belt at South Eastern, Rose was recruited by Liberty to move to Lynchburg and help write curriculum while finishing her master's at LU. Her first year at the college, Rose wrote curriculum, worked part time in the Campus Pastor's office, part time for the FACS department, wrote curriculum and taught algebra part time at a local Christian school.

One crazy, hectic year later she was asked to work full time at the Center for Ministry Training. While working there as the office manager, Rose was approached by Dr. Stevens. "He said he was looking for Monica Rose, and I asked him if he wanted coffee," says Rose. "I was always the one making the coffee." Stevens, however, was not looking for coffee, but for a Women's Ministry teacher.

This Spring semester, Rose taught Survey of Women's Ministry (CHMN 220) and Professional Orientation of Women in Ministry (CHMN 403). This fall she will be adding Liberty's first ever women's only Christian Life and Evangelism (CHMN 101). Though she loves all of her classes, she admits that her favorite one to teach is CHMN 220. "We cover everything in that class," she says with a smile on her face.

As she leans back in her chair her loose blond hair and flowing purple blouse strike a noticeable resemblance to the painting behind her desk. Though the woman in the painting is bowed in prayer, and Rose is talking animatedly, there is a common sense of reverence and prayer between the woman in the painting and the woman conversing in her chair.

Rose is a passionate, driven woman. Since coming to Liberty, Rose earned her MAR in women's studies and is working on her doctorate. She is currently working on her thesis which will discuss why Liberty University needs a women's ministry major. Rose was actively involved in creating the women's ministry minor now available to Liberty students. When asked what her future plans hold, Rose has a ready answer, "Whatever God puts in my path."



WOMEN'S MINISTRY — Monica Rose plans to add the first ever women's-only Christian Life and Evangelism Class to Liberty University.

ADAM BISHOP

Final Thoughts on the Liberty Experience

I still have a summer left, but my Liberty experience is rapidly coming to an end. Amazingly, I've succeeded in passing all the requirements to receive a degree. Sure there were times when that was in jeopardy and all hopes seemed gone, but with hard work and a lot of luck I have not seen an F yet. Of course, this semester is not over yet.

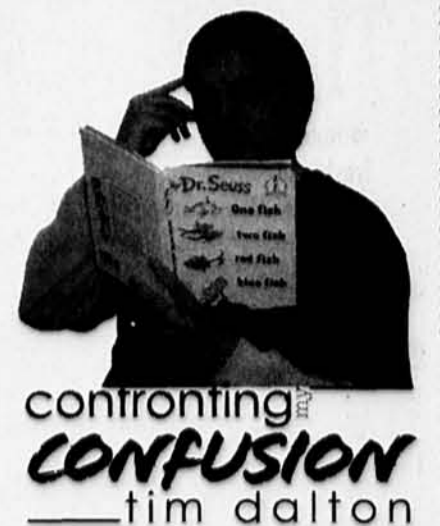
Anyway, as tradition has it, I'm writing my final column for the Champion. I am supposed to be a little emotional and maybe a little stressed. I am supposed to

be reminiscing about my time here and letting the tears roll. I am supposed to tell everybody to cherish your time here because it is short. I am supposed to send out personal thank you's to everyone that has helped me make it this far, especially Mom and Dad.

Tears wouldn't be an appropriate farewell to the great memories, so I will smile. Time is short, quit worrying so much and cover yourself in the fellowship of friends and classmates. Never forget where you are from

and who helped you get there. Take pride in your past, even if it was a learning experience full of mistakes and heartache. It has taught you the path that trips you up and now you can avoid it.

To the many teachers along the way that did not let me fail, thank you. To the friends and classmates that made the gloomiest days bright, thank you. To Mom, Dad and the rest of the family, I'm as proud of you as you are of me. I'd never given myself a chance without your encouragement.



Life!

Surviving the Summer Sun

By Joy Abbott
LIFE! REPORTER

The courtyard is packed with them, the grassy spots by dorms are covered in them, and a few have even found their way to local parks. In various shades of white, brown or, in some cases, red, Liberty students are looking for any means possible to expose their skin to the warming rays of the

sun. That sun may feel great on your skin right now, but it can cause everything from sunburn, to sun poisoning, to skin cancer. So, be careful.

Sunscreen is your friend. The most obvious way to protect yourself is Sunscreen. The best thing you can do to avoid skin damage is slather on a little SPF.

Remember, just because you don't get a sunburn, doesn't mean your skin

isn't being damaged. If you have fair or sensitive skin, reach for that SPF 30. If your skin is less likely to burn, you should still use a little SPF 15.

SPF 15 blocks 93 percent of UV rays, 25 blocks roughly 96 percent and SPF 30 nearly 97 percent. Sunscreen does nothing if you only put it on once. Make sure you keep reapplying especially if you are sweating a lot.

Web-MD gives three basic princi-

ples when it comes to Sunscreen. Use 15 or higher, use a sun screen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays and keep re-applying.

While some anticipate the warm weather and the possibility of turning their skin a nice dark brown, others cringe when spring comes, knowing they are in for five months of painful sunburns. Whether you fall into the first group, the second group or some-

where in between, here are a few more tips to remember as you head to the park, the beach or the court-yard.

Though not an immediate danger, too much sun exposure can cause skin cancer. According to Web-MD you don't have to get a sunburn to increase your chances of skin cancer. Which means people who tan are as much at risk as those who burn.

Here are some other things to do to avoid being sunburned:

Wear a hat.

Drink lots of water.

Don't over do it. Your skin isn't used to all this sun. So remember, don't stay out too long the first time.

Don't fall asleep in the sun.

Avoid peak hours. The University of Missouri's student health page recommends staying out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Obviously this is hard to do when walking to and from classes. So remember those other tips.

You can burn when it's cloudy out. If you do get burnt, use aloe within the first 48 hours. Do not use lotion in the first two days, it will retain the heat, according to the University of Missouri student health page.

The sun is a good thing. Exposure to the sun increases your vitamin D levels. This helps you absorb calcium better. The sun also improves your mood. So don't avoid it, just be smart and use lots of sunscreen and keep a bottle of aloe on hand in case of burns.



SITTING IN THE SUN — A Liberty University student sits outside in the sun during the first hot days of the year.

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By Natalie Mayer

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Getting a Job Starts With A Good Resumé

Some students may think getting a college education will be enough to get them their dream job. But the ticket to getting that job is to have a resume that sells them.

Trisha Tolar, Liberty's Career Center director, said that some of the most important things to focus on while developing a resume are the format, content and how memorable the resume will be to the potential employer.

"A lot of people throw something together using a template and many

times it is not formatted correctly or it is not memorable," Tolar said. "An employer may not even consider the person if it is not formatted correctly and easy to read."

While the Career Center and other resume help-guides offer convenient templates, the resume should not seem generic in its format or content.

Developing a resume that is specific to each reader is vital to making the resume appeal to the reader. Tolar suggests having one core resume with general information. Then, depending on the interview with a specific company, add additional information to the resume that would be of interest to the potential employer. This will help eliminate the standard feel of the resume.

While seniors are the ones that will be searching for a job the soonest, it is never too early to begin a resume. Starting as a freshman to write and build a resume can really be helpful later on.

"Each year, the student can add new experiences and have it critiqued so that is ready to be sent out by the time they are a senior," Tolar said.

If a student doesn't start their resume early on, by the time they are upperclassmen, it may be a struggle to recall enough relative information to fill their resume.

As a younger student, getting an internship or having field related experience are two key items that an employer looks for on a resume.

"Internships are one of the best tools to get into a job," Tolar said.

Besides an internship or job experience on a resume, community

service is another area that shows a student's diversity.

Liberty University requires Christian service, so automatically students should include that on their resume.

Though potential employers put a lot of weight into the resume, the cover letter is often the selling feature.

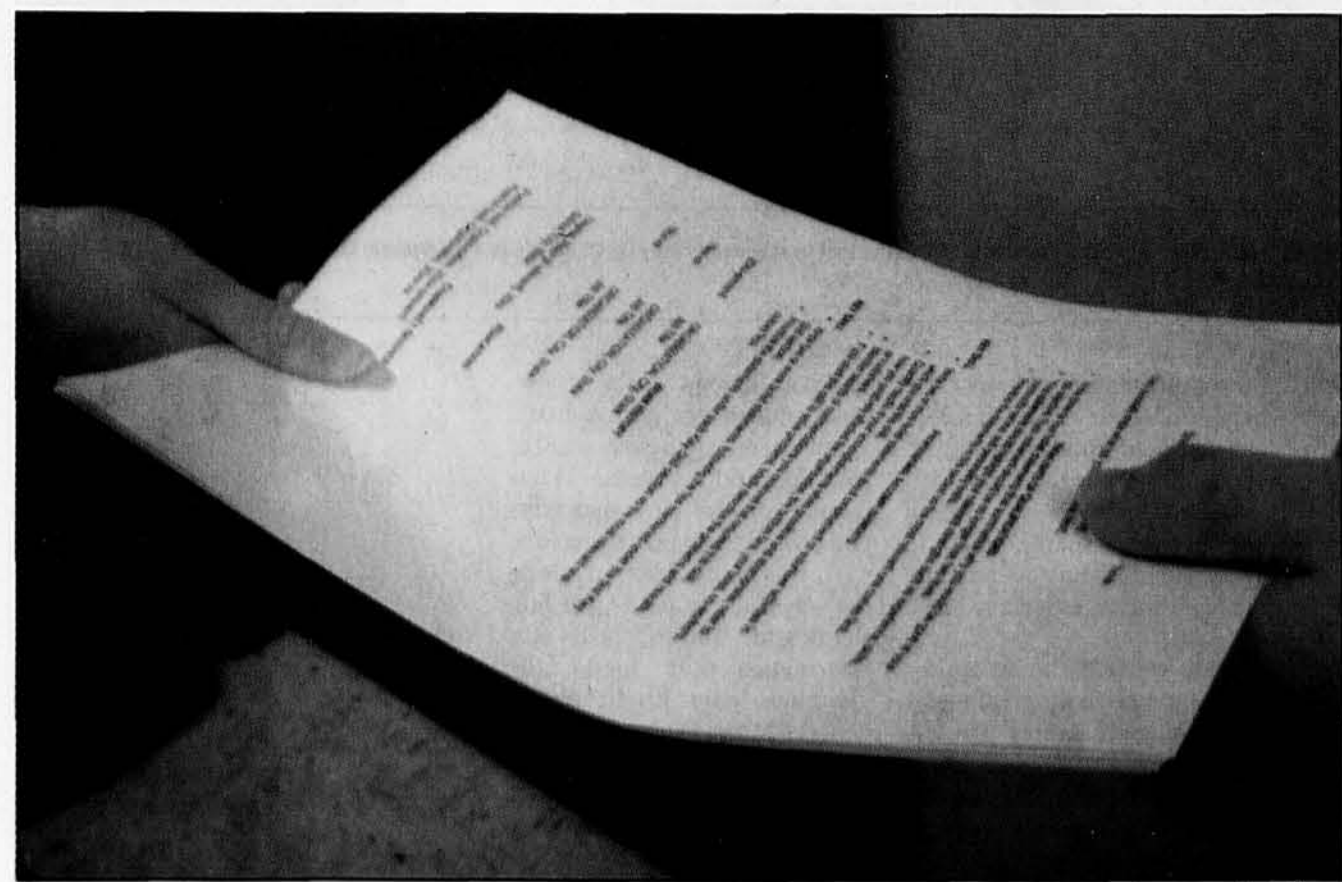
Dr. George Buzzy, a business and government professor at Liberty, has been involved in reviewing resumes for prospective professors. When he was the state drug prosecutor in Halifax County, he was also responsible for hiring administrative staff. After seeing numerous amounts of resumes, Buzzy says that one thing in particular stands out to him: the cover letter.

"Make sure the spelling and the grammar is right. The cover letter should impress me that you want the job," Buzzy said. "But if I read the cover letter and it isn't even proof read, I am going to push it to the side and look at other resumes. If you are going to be a manager or administrator, and you lack the ability to review your own work, how are you going to be able to review my work?"

Tolar agrees that having someone else review both the cover letter and resume is important.

"We all make grammar mistakes and sometimes we do not catch them. It is important to have one person or more to look over it," Tolar said.

For more information on how to create a professional resume, stop by the Career Center. By starting early and getting the help needed, the Career Center can help your resume sell you to your future employer.



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