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Cindy Sheehan puts her son's honor on the line

LU's dress code changes to casual

Creation experts flock to mega conference

LU goes 'nuts': Theater brings 'Charlie Brown' to life

Campus safety: Security at LU and what you can do to help

Block party kicks off semester

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Before you begin reading this, you don’t even have to worry about it. I am not going to ask you the dreaded question about your summer. In fact, don’t even care about the past three months of your life. Instead, I choose to write about things that are much more fun to talk about. Freshmen. You, the younger on campus think they are new and exciting (you play guitar too?!!!). What they don’t understand is that they’re just part of a vicious cycle that reoccurs with their entire lifestyle will change. All of you new and exciting (you play guitar too?!!!). The freshmen have never been

 Cunningham? I think not. The girls if a guy introduces himself and is old enough to talk about the good old days before they were required here, stop, drop and roll out of these as fast as possible.

 Speaking of the dance rule, it’s also that we can finally wear jeans to class. It’s beginning to be some merely sorting the school trying to find different ways to have Friday blue jean spirit days on campus. I loved memo like this on the LU Web site.

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 MA STATE TOWN, BLUE JEANS ALLOWED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE

 PROMOTE SCHOOL SPIRIT. I don’t know about you, but that always got me way excited! But I digress.

 Every year, the freshmen think that they shouldn’t have to park in the pit. That is, until the next year when they hop on the bus, “Then the freshmen cars at the stadium.”

 The freshmen have been the biggest. Don’t be that person.”

 Can’t afford to do the laundry, you’ll wear clothes that stink. Just accept it. Back the daily planner, change of scenery in their life means that this, until the next year when.

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 “It is a great achievement for the players by being closer to the players and gaining us more practice time. We will practice four times a week—earlier, as we’re expecting to start around 9 or 9:30 p.m.”

 “I have waited a long time, it is going to be a great day for an ice rink to be built on campus,” said head coach Kirk Handy. “The new rink will benefit the players by being closer and gaining us more practice time. We will practice four times a week more than double what we currently are. Games will be earlier, as we’re expecting to start around 9 or 9:30 p.m. According to Handy, Liberty will be the only Christian university to have its own ice rink on campus.”

 “Now that it will be on campus, it will be easier to make it to the games. It will be in a place not associated with Liberty and is exciting for Lynchburg,” said out Liberty alumus Jeremy Copenhaver. The closest proximity has won over students.

 This, LaHaye, and wife Beverly made the ice court possible through a donation. “We owe a great deal to the Laurents and their generosity. It has been a long time coming. It has been a long time coming.”

 Future uses of the facility will include intramural, skating, female hockey league, instructional hockey, intramural hockey, and skating and will also be used to continue to educate the students. The university has already planned onICE CENTER — Construction should be finished by December, in time for a January home game. by Tanya Whelly

 LaHaye ice center skating onto Liberty campus

 by Patrick Doney

 THE BOTTOM LINE

 Sweet Tooth — Two new places to fill your coffee and ice cream needs.

 by Matt Robinson

 Cold Stone and Starbucks show Libery the sweeter side of life

 By Tanya Whelly

 "The freshman free flow is inevitable. The freshman get to be hilarious. Don’t be that person."

 Campus is now a new addition to the landscape with the near completed construc-

 tion of the new Letters for Curm.

 The 2,000 spectator capacity ice center is expected for completion in December, 2006, and will be home to the Liberty men’s hockey team, as well as opening to the public.

 “It is a great achievement for the hockey team. There is an opportunity to bring more people from the community and to the university,” said head coach Marty Bore.

 The team is planning on its first game in the new center in January 2006.

 Currently, students are the closest rink available, however it is about an hour drive from LaHaye. The new facility will keep the hockey team at home, and also provide a fami-
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observed in the fossil record. The author’s interpretation of the evidence has allowed it to persevere evolutionarily despite the fact that many evolutionists have not agreed with it themselves.

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Highlights of the conference included posters, videos, and a website that can be viewed at www.creationmagazineconference.com. More information will be available soon at www.answersingenesis.org.

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It’s the pits: Parking woes and hassles

By Chelsea Fratello

“Where are we supposed to park?” That’s the question on the mind of many campus residents. The answer may come at an inconvenient time but must be found soon. Research in inconveniences to have the parking areairkindy。

“We may not have anywhere to park now but when the parking area is completed, we will have a place to park the cars that are currently stuck right here,” Professor Bonawitz said. “It’s been paved before classes started,” said Sarah Morse, senior and resident of Dorm 13.

The majority of folks for students comes in the fact that students have earned to parking everywhere imaginable. Students have been parking in roadways, on sidewalks, in garages and in any other open space they can find.

“I have been working with the Police Department, Liberty University Police Department for 15 years and I have never seen students leave their cars parked on the aforementioned before this,” said LPD Lt. Terry D. Bonawitz.

The police department first began warning drivers of the need to move their vehicles to a designated parking area to avoid being ticketed. On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the Police Department began ticketing, once that violated the emergency rule which states that cars cannot cross block roadways. Bonawitz also warned that now cars left in the roadways will be towed at the owner’s expense, and that all other vehicles breaking parking regulations will be towed at the owner’s expense. He also recommended parking in P1 or Dr. David Pavich’s parking area as altern-

BULLDOZER — Paving for the pit continues.

Show: Snoopy is top dog in ‘Charlie’

Theent are veteran LU sitters, and either have a major or minor in theatre. When asked how rehearsing went, Koster said, “It is small, and really close-knit, which makes rehearsing smooth and a good deal easier. Of course each character has an individual script. The other characters are played by the entire cast. The show has a slight Greek influence, and the puppets are all hand-crafted.”

Theatre: Snoopy is top dog in ‘Charlie’

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“The great show on Saturdays!“

Bull Bucking in Boomsburg

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“Great place to hang out and enjoy the last days of summer!”

BULL RIDER — Cheryl Pesce plays the lovable pooch, Snoopy.

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Cost: Adults $7, Kids 2-12 $4

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**In the early-morning hours of April 21, 2003, an Army convoy just outside Baghdad, Iraq, came under attack from a hit-and-run militia group using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms. Eight soldiers were killed. Among them was Specialist Casey Sheehan. He was 24 years old. However, it is not Casey's sacrifice that has spotlighted his political beliefs, but rather his mother's anti-war protests.**

In the name of her son, Cindy Sheehan is demanding a meeting with President Bush. She is camping outside Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, saying she won't leave until he agrees to meet with her or returns to the White House. She wants the meeting for two reasons: The chance to tell him "how much this hurts," as she stated in a television ad, and to persuade him that the United States should immediately withdraw its troops from Iraq.

Cindy Sheehan is a grieving mother, and no one can deny that this protest isn't about Casey: it's about her political agenda. The bottom line is that this protest isn't about Casey; it's about her political point of view. If anybody questions her, she simply plays the victim and then accuses the questioner of being insensitive. Cindy Sheehan has turned her son into her cause. She is using her son's death to further her own political motives and publicity tactics of Cindy Sheehan. She now appears to be promoting her own personal agenda and not the war. There are people all over this world, especially in America and Iraq, who are thankful for her son's sacrifice. To them, he is here.

Cindy has repeatedly said in the Army in Iraq with the knowledge that he would probably be sent to Iraq. According to an editorial in the Los Angeles Times by David Gelernter, he volunteered for the mission where he lost his life. He had no obligation to go, no obligation to take part in combat, but he chose to do so. He willingly gave his life for it. Would Cindy Sheehan be demanding immediate withdrawal from Iraq were he alive today? No. He believed in his cause. But his mother is distorting herself wholly heartedly to send the message that there is no cause. Wouldn't her efforts be put to better use promoting her son's cause, honoring his life and his death by supporting him? Regardless of her feelings about the war or about President Bush, she should have an obligation to her son to share his views.

In an article published in the Vacaville Reporter three days after Casey's death, Cindy said, "He told us, 'I'm trained. I'm ready. Don't worry. He was always ready to serve.'" In the same article, family friend Kara Kennedy said that he really believed in what he was doing. Two months after Casey's death, Cindy met with President Bush. According to an article in the Washington Post on Aug. 13, Sheehan described the President then as being "sympathetic." But now, 16 months after Casey's death, she's not even talking to him. Cindy should be told is this protest isn't about Casey; it's about her political point of view. If anybody questions her, she simply plays Casey's death like a political trump card.

Cindy Sheehan has every right to be upset over her son's death. But she does not have the right to disregard her son's opinions and use his death to her advantage. Nobody would be listening to Cindy Sheehan if it weren't for the fact that her son was killed in Iraq. She would be just one more anti-war protester in a group of many. She should instead be honoring her son by telling the world what he believed. Casey's patriotic beliefs would have an obligation to her son to share his views. Cindy Sheehan has turned her son into her cause. She is using her son's death to further her own political motives and publicity tactics of Cindy Sheehan. She now appears to be promoting her own personal agenda and not the war. There are people all over this world, especially in America and Iraq, who are thankful for her son's sacrifice. To them, he is here.

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A new perspective on environmentalism

It seems to me that when in the Christian, or even the non-Christian, circles, anytime the issue of environmentalism is raised there is a rush judgment to tone it down to being a tree-felling, anti-radical, tree-hugging perso­nality. Global warming is merely a construct of extremists, which is red sold for the greater good of the greater part. Unfortunately, this attitude has helped to foster the attitude that any public opinion comes to issues revolving around the environment. This is not the right way to present these issues. The truth is that as conservative Christians, we ought to be more concerned about the environment and elect government officials who share this belief.

A great theme of Christianity is that of stew­ardship. God grants man things to use and take care of for his glory. Whenever stewardship is spoken of in a sermon, it often refers to money or various other temporal commodities that God has given us. It seems that even though we are created for this, we should give the environment consid­eration. This is how we go about our lives.

While it is a great theme, a more current, objective approach to environmental issues, I do believe that considering this world an object for stewardship justifies radical, reckless activism and policy decisions. Instead, we should make pragmat­ic, thoughtful changes when han­dling these issues, instead of trashing­ environmental concerns aside. For instance, if we should consider this mindset guide our policy? Simply stated, we must objectively weigh the alternatives and make the best choice. Our policy is to take or take not action because the dangers in warming are unjustified.

Environmentalism is raised anytime the issue of environmentalism comes to issues revolving around the environment. However, looking at these issues from others' perspectives will present that truth. The truth is that as conservative Christians, we ought to be more concerned about the environment and elect government officials who share this belief.

Do you have something you would like to say?

Then send us a letter. Please email dwernest@liberty.edu or drop your letter by The Champion at 1035 Liberty Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 and ask for Daye.

Stem cell source debate a matter of life and death

Recently, Tennessee Senator Bill Frist went before the U.S. Senate to argue for embryonic stem cell research. Frist spoke in great lengths of the potential use and the great promise of embryonic stem cell research. He argued that the Senate should pass a bill expanding federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. He believes that more money given for research on embryonic stem cells might result in the discovery of cures for people suffering from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and a variety of other ailments. However, closer examination will show that not only is stem cell research unnecessary, but it yields no better result than adult stem cell research.

The debate of life is the issue of stem cell research, I need to first define what a human embryo is. Many people are confused about what an embryo is. For example, an embryo becomes a human being. Some think an embryo is only a potential human being or just a blob of matter. This could not be further from the truth. The first time a sperm meets its egg it is referred to as a zygote. When the zygote divides into two cells, the egg is said to be 24 cells. When 24 cells are created, the embryo begins to grow.

According to the National Academy of Sciences, a human embryo is: "a developing human from fertilization...until the point in time at which an embryo becomes recognizably human. This point is reached when cell movement has occurred within the zona pellucida and an embryonic heartbeat can be detected." And according to the University of California, "by the end of two weeks, a functioning heart can be heard by auscultation." Does this mean that Jesus was or was not a human being? Does this mean that He was or was not a count? If so, what is the length of time it takes to become a human being? The question is, "What constitutes human life, and at what point is the human embryo a human being?"

"What constitutes human life and humanity is not reducible to a stage of development." As Christians, we need to be aware of the major issues of our day. We know for a fact that God has not abandoned the cause of the oppressed and needy. Once we come to the realization that the issue of embroyic stem cell research is not an issue of who is right and who is wrong but who is right and who is wrong by God's standards, we need to rethink the issue. As Christians, we need to be aware of the major issues of our day. We need to think through each ethical and moral issue we face. There is no excuse for any Christian to be igno­rant or unaware of an issue that deals with the sanctity of life. We need to be aware that there is more promise in using taxpayer dollars to fund adult stem cell research rather than embryonic stem cell research that kills life. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

L I S T E N  U P !
IT'S YOUR TURN TO DECIDE

• On Sept. 19, Iranian government officials will be meeting with the International Atomic Energy Agency to discuss the nation's nuclear program, Financex.com reports. Iran insists that its aim is peaceful, but not to use its power, and not to catch uranium that would be used for an atomic bomb.

• ABCNews.com reports that Dr. Perry Bennett, a neurologist at the University of Pennsylvania, is "a medical director who has been re­sorted by his state medical board for suggesting that his patient lose weight. Dr. Bennett told his patient that she was "fat," and justified it by saying there is "no clinical reason to tell the truth." If you're noticeably obese, I am going to tell you that you will have future health problems." Bennett was facing possible charges in NY, CA, and possibly in other states. The new 26-year-old female has been smoking 15-20 cigarettes a day up until recently. The new 26-year-old female has been smoking 15-20 cigarettes a day up until recently. The new 26-year-old female has been smoking 15-20 cigarettes a day up until recently. The new 26-year-old female has been smoking 15-20 cigarettes a day up until recently. The new 26-year-old female has been smoking 15-20 cigarettes a day up until recently.

• Alabama's NWS site, a mission to a send a space shuttle to the International Space Station, is a mission scheduled for the fall. The mission, STS-115, is the next flight to continue building the space station and putting the space shuttle that was retired in 2005.
As students filled the hillside, GRITS took the stage and burst with energy, jumping around on stage with their blend of Christian philosophy and rap music. They performed their popular hits "Ooh Aah" and "Here We Go"; songs many students heard for the first time. The group caused controversy when one of the lead rappers, while lauding the racial diversity on campus, said the campus was becoming "blacker" every year and commented that the campus was finally becoming racially diverse.

There was a visible wave of discomfort as students stopped to contemplate the comments made during the concert. Many took offense, while some simply shrugged it off and continued their night.

"It was a weird thing to say," said junior Amy Sublett. "I don't think he meant it in a bad way."

"I thought they could have said it in a more polite way," said Lacon Burns, junior.

Anberlin provided an alternative rock crunch to their set, blazing through several of their most popular songs and even covered The Cure's classic, "Love Song." They took students off the hills and into the crowd as they finished the night strong.

"Anberlin was great live, and I can't wait for them to come later in September," said Tracy Foss, junior.

As the block party drew to a close, the grand finale of fireworks shot into the night sky with a loud whistle and exploded with a pop, showering purples, greens, yellows and blues into the sky.

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