Kennedy Woos LBC Students

By Steve Leer

In a speech punctuated with rhetoric and sprinkled with liberal overtones, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts presented his views on religious tolerance and truth in America on the evening of Oct. 3.

Addressing a mainly conservative audience of more than 5,000, Kennedy was restrained in his comments on the controversial stand he takes on various issues. Senator Kennedy entered the LBC gymnasium to a standing ovation and jokingly remarked, "I always thought it would be easier to calm down than to pass through the eye of a needle, than to have a Kennedy come to LBC.'

Turning to the toping of the evening, the senator began by recognizing the fact that his views clash with those of the colleague. He hoped, however, that "We will always respect the right of others to differ and never lose sight of our own fallibility." He added that he believes there is such a thing as truth, but "...who among us can claim a monopoly on it?" -

Don't Misuse Government

Citing several examples of early American attempts to forge religion with government, Kennedy urged his audience not to mistake the government to impose values which others cannot be persuaded to accept. The end result would be a country in which "everyone's freedom is at risk."

Kennedy proceeded to outline a four-part test by which a line could be drawn among the differences defined between what he called "imposed will and essential freedom."

First, he stressed the importance of respecting the integrity of religion itself. "People of conscience should be careful how they deal in the word of their Lord," Kennedy declared. He rebuked those who have used religion as an excuse to practice prejudice and condem labor unions and public spending for their peers, who suggested that God takes no position on the Department of Education and that a balanced federal budget is a matter for "economic analysis, not heavenly appeals."

Place for Religious Values

The senator was quick to add that religious values cannot be excluded from all public issues, which would not mention any specific examples.

The second test Kennedy cited was respecting the independent judgments of conscience. "Sen. Kennedy explained this as being those persons who treat a position on a public issue as a test of 'rightly to faith.' Regarding to the Moral Majority, he viewed the controversy surrounding the organization as arising from not only its opinions, but from its very name. "In the minds of many," he stated, "it seems to imply that only one set of public policies is moral and that the majority can possibly be right."

Individual Conscience

He emphasized the importance of a respect for one's individual conscience in jeopardy. He pointed out that American society is most at risk when people re-establish a religious test for holding public office. "We must never judge the fitness of individuals to govern on the basis of where they worship, whether they follow Christ or Moses, whether they are called "born again" or "ungodly."

In the third place, applying Kennedy's values, Senator Kennedy cited respecting the integrity of public debate.

The final test that the senator revealed was a respect for the rights of others to exercise their right to disagree.

He questioned the ability of Americans to live peacefully together if they too readily doubt the diehard's integrity. Realizing that it is harder to work at peaceable feelings when moral principles are at stake.

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By Delph Bell

Students reacted differently to the address by Sen. Ted Kennedy during his Oct. 3 appearance at LBC. Many students were im pressed by the senator, but, as might be expected, most of them did not agree with him. Here are some of the comments:

"I really enjoyed it," Tracy Dores, freshman.

"I still think he's pretty libral...nothing much different," Phil Day, sophomore.

"Although I'm not for him politically, I thought he was pretty good," Alyson Brown, sophomore.

"It is evident that Sen. Kennedy does not understand God and the truth of Christianity," Will Honeycutt, senior.

He was a very knowledgeable person. He seems to have his record to talk about," Kerry Freely, freshman.

Kenny was frustrated that he would not commit himself to any issue that I felt was of importance. Basically hollow," John Reeves,

senior.

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Regarding faith as no substitute for facts, Kennedy utilized this foundation to speak out in favor of a nuclear freeze. "There (religious groups) have every right to argue that any negotiation with the Soviets is wrong," he continued by adding, "I do not believe that, but it surely does not violate the standard of fair public debate to say it." The violation occurs, according to Kennedy, when the opponents of the freeze argue they are infallible.

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Academics do not make a student make
By Kim Valcanoff
Academics is a word which has become increasingly important to the aspiring college student.
But what constitutes good academics? Certainly, the quality of professors and the basic structure and position of an institution are major factors; however, the single greatest factor in determining the quality of education is the student’s own sense of responsibility.

In essence, the student is the key to his own education. If he wants good, solid academics, he will get just that. Being goal oriented and self disciplined is the first step to normally-apatheic academics.

Liberty Baptist College certainly places importance on not only the intellectual but also the spiritual aspects of education. President Pierre Guillermian has said, “We consider academic changes and their implications, and we must plan effectively and innovatively for the future.”

It seems as though his words have already been implemented. Liberty now has a student body that is a daily, personal level.

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The students at LBC have been given a chance to prove themselves as responsible adults. There is a warning to be issued, however. If the loosened reigns are taken as an opportunity to step past the realm of responsibility, the reins will be tightened once again. We have before us an opportunity to prove ourselves. The responsibility we learn on campus will now strengthen our Christian testimony in the future.

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Can we prove ourselves?
Beth Beckham
Changes continue to take place across the campus of Liberty Baptist College. A flag waving magnificently; buildings have arisen and expansion is prevalent. But among these massive innovations are changes which are less noticeable, changes which affect the student body on a daily, personal level.

Some are evident, such as the mus­

tees we see. Others are somewhat less noticeable.

These changes are purposeful steps made by the administration and the Student Government Association for the student body. They recognize college students as responsible persons - responsible for their taste in dress, style, and grooming.

A student is not a robot who requires every move, every decision, every action, to be dictated to him. Rather, the student body is an individual beginning his first, faltering steps away from home and the authori­
ty thereof. By this stage in life, an individual needs to become responsible for his decisions and how these decisions will affect his present and future life.

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Conservative Review
Watt mounted by liberals
James Watt is gone and, once again, the headhunters in the liberal press have tracked and lured their game. The only question now is whether the trophy will be awarded to the Washington Post or the New York Times.

Since Watt was widely recognized as a Christian, we need to realize that there is more at stake in this than just a good man’s reputation. This time they have not only discredited a conservative, but a fundamentalist conservative. I dare say, Watt’s religious persuasion was one of the major reasons the papers had him tar­geted since the day of his arrival in Washington.

The liberals are trying to generate negative associations in the public mind: James Watt equals fundamentalist equals fool. Ted Kennedy told us, “I hope for an America where neither fundamentalist nor humanist will be a dirty word.” Perhaps Mr. Kennedy should direct his words at those who have the power to smear and uproot government officials. Of course, the other reason for the attack on Watt was that his policy was conservative. Watt also began to tread on liberal holy ground when he was appointed to handle the environment. If you’re a liberal, you have no regard for the lives of the innocent; how can we expect it to show its own; how can we expect it to show up on liberal holy ground when he was appointed to handle the environment. If you’re the secretary of the interior you don’t advocate nuclear energy, and you don’t open up wasted government land. Neither can you speak your mind freely about abortion, rock music or government advisory panels.

In a recent article in the Fundamentalist Journal, LBC Chancellor Jerry Falwell said that the liberal press seems to consider it, “... a greater sin to condemn sin than it is to commit sin.” The forced resignation of James Watt is simply another example of this double standard.

By Dolph Bell

Murder heads long list
It’s a sad day in American history when the murder of a congressman to wake this lethargic nation from its decades of slumber. It’s a dark world when good men have to die to point out the errors of the wicked.

Why is it, I wonder, that we act as if we are surprised to learn that the Soviets have no regard for the lives of the innocent? Where were the front page stories and the cries of outrage when Joseph Stalin shipped Soviet grain abroad while five million people starved to death in the Ukraine? Where was the coverage while Alexander Solzhenitsyn agonized in the Gulag Archipelago or when women and children were slaughtered in Afghanistan? The Soviet Union doesn’t even care for its own, how can we expect it to show concern for the lives of Americans and Koreans? How many times must Americans see the ugly face of communism before we gather enough resolve to stop it in its tracks? Perhaps the voice of American blood crying from the sea will sound in the deaf ears of liberal congressmen, but I doubt it.

Of course, we should all mourn the untimely and cruel death of a great and godly man like Larry McDonald, but we must also weep for those countless millions who have died at the bloody hands of world communism.

By Dolph Bell
**Falwell Gets First - hand Look At El Salvador**

By Steve Leer

The tiny country of El Salvador, only about as large as Massachusetts in area, has been a focal point of world attention in the last few years. The democratic government has waged war with the Soviet and Cuban-backed guerrillas for four years, gaining victories in some battles while losing others. The United States stepped in within recent months to aid the Salvadoran army, although many conservative Americans claim that the aid has not been sufficient.

For that reason, Dr. Jerry Falwell, along with Cal Thomas, traveled to the Central American nation to get a first-hand look at the circumstances there.

Departing from Lynchburg on Monday, Sept. 12, Falwell and his associates made stops in Nacogdoches and Lufkin, Texas, where they were received.

Falwell said, "Our visit is an attempt to get to know what is happening and to examine his performance on key issues."

Continuing their journey, they arrived in San Salvador, El Salvador on Tuesday morning. They were greeted at the airport terminal by the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, and briefed by Jose Castro, a Christian Salvadoran, in charge of military maintenance.

Casted showed them a portion of the obsolete Salvadoran air force. Antique U.S. and French planes and helicopters lined the runway, many of them with bullet holes and shattered windows.

Yet with such a small defense budget and deteriorating weapons, the army of El Salvador has held off the guerrillas and Sandinistas. With newer equipment and arms, the Salvadorean feel certain they could drive the rebels out for good.

Falwell said,"If we allow them to hold El Salvador to fail to the Communists, the forces of Marxism will eventually move northward to the United States."

With Godwin and Thomas choosing the sights, Falwell visited San Vincente and San Lorenzo. In San Vincente a city once held by the leftist guerrillas, power has been restored and many citizens are returning, following the Salvadoran victory there.

Guerrillas ravaged San Lorenzo and leveled a local church. The scrappy Salavdorans reclimated the city in June and are rebuilding from the rubble a new San Lorenzo.

During his seven - and - one - half hour visit to El Salvador, Falwell was convinced that U.S. leaders need to re-examine the situation there.

As he points out, "We must take a different approach to El Salvador. If we do have to choose between aiding the Lebanese and Salvadorans, I feel that at this point El Salvador would have to be the bigger priority."
Injuries Hamper Football Season

By Tim Brockway

With football season well under way, the Liberty Baptist Flames' hard work has been offset by a plague of injuries. Head Coach Tom Dowling feels that the injuries have played a major role in the team's performance. Both offense and defense have been hindered with major and minor injuries, and after six weeks of play the Flames hold a record of 2-4, exactly the same record as last year.

Probably the most devastating blow to the Flames came in their game against Virginia State University when quarterback Phil Basso was taken out with a shoulder injury that had been the year before. Basso had been doing a superb job for the Flames. He had completed 103 passes for 1,360 yards and seven touchdowns. It is uncertain if he will be able to return this season.

Liberty has done well in other aspects of the game. James Cole leads the Flames in rushing with 601 yards and a 4.8 yard average per carry. Cole had five straight 100 yard games and was replaced by Richard Keenum in the Virginia State game. Keenum was unable to match Cole's 100 yard but picked up the slack by catching three passes for 48 yards.

Kevin Edwards has 27 pass receptions for 471 yards and five touchdowns. Edwards leads the Flames in total points scored with 106. Coach Dowling said, "We need to win a game badly, then the next game will come a little easier."

The Flames now have that crucial win tucked under their belt as they prepare for the next challenge. They faced Delaware State Saturday, Oct. 22, and will face Presbyterian College for Homecoming the 28th.

Dowling Proves Optimistic

By Phil Day

Making the NAIA Division II play-offs and eventually developing a Division I program are the immediate and long-term goals of the Liberty Baptist Flames head football coach Tom Dowling.

"Our goal right now, however, is to be the best football team we can be," stated Dowling in a telephone interview. "Past losses hurt us, but I'm confident that the team will bounce back and win."

The Flames have improved in many areas this year, especially the running game. Tailback James Cole has lead the team in rushing with 601 yards but still hasn't reached his potential.

"We have moved the ball reasonably well on the ground, but we're not as effective with our passing game. Also our defense has allowed too much yardage on long drives," stated Dowling.

To compound the problem of a porous defense, the Flames have also lost many players because of injuries.

Most notable of those injured were quarterback Phil Basso, who suffered a shoulder injury; free safety Steve Clark, who has a plait in his ear; and defensive tackle Bill Gray, who has an undisclosed shoulder.

"We have a problem with depth too, but our attitude is a winning attitude. We have a fine bunch of young men. We have to play smart football and not play over our heads," Dowling said.

Alumni Moves to Big League

By John Peters

The Los Angeles Dodgers found themselves trailing the Cincinnati Reds by one run in the game - tying single into center-stepped up to bat and smacked a triple - A farm club in Albuquerque.

Bream was called up to the major leagues from the Dodgers triple A club in Albuquerque, N.M. at the start of Sept. With two weeks left in the season major leagues from the Dodgers Bream.

Bream, who also plays first base, as the best power hitter and the second baseman. This will make it particularly difficult for Bream, who also plays first base, to make the Dodgers big league team.

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Gentleman Moves to Big League

By Tony Virostko

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Young Team Works Toward Championship

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There's a new excitement stirring on campus over the soccer team. Their season has been a winning one and student support is growing strong.

The team itself is very young; most of the players are freshmen or sophomores, but the quality of the players, however, is at a high level.

The team consists of students from Mexico, Haiti, Africa, Guatemala and many parts of the U.S.

Coach Bill Bell is the man who heads the soccer organization. Bell played professionally for many years and is a native of Scotland.

The players hold Coach Bell in high esteem. "He sets a great example for the team," said one player of Coach Bell. "He works the matter is he hasn't always had such lofty statistics.

Although Bream still holds more than six LBC records and has never hit below .300 in his career, his power has been rather disappointing since his entrance into the pros.

In his first season at single A club Vero Beach, Calif., Bream hit only one home run in 70 games. In his second year he started the season at Vero Beach, was moved up to a double - A farm team in San Antonio by mid - season and finished the season in Albuquerque with only 13 hommers in 136 games.

This year has been different though. With a little hard work and a slight change in his batting stance and swing, Bream has begun to come into his own as a power hitter.

And what does Bream have to say about his chances of making it in the big leagues? "Being here (in Albuquerque) another two or three years could be discouraging," Bream said in an interview with Baseball America. "But if the goofs up, I want them (the Dodgers) to know I'm down here."

The Dodgers seem to be taking plenty of notice of Bream's play, evident by his move from the Dodgers' fine back up first basemen. This will make it particularly difficult for Bream, who also plays first base, to make the Dodgers big league team.

"I may Greg Brock to do the best he can," Bream said in an interview with Baseball America. "But if he goofs up, I want them (the Dodgers) to know I'm down here."

The Dodgers are looking for a championship. They won against Howard 35 - 44; and Central State Saturday, Oct. 22, and will face Presbyterian College for Homecoming the 28th.

BIG WINNERS - The LBC soccer team has a record of 10-1-1, and the players are looking for a championship.

Gary Kramer, the coach's captain. "The unity of the players, the dedication to hard work and the physical and spiritual growth are all factors that attribute to it." "This year's team is special," according to Gary Kramer, the coach's captain. "The unity of the players, the dedication to hard work and the physical and spiritual growth are all factors that attribute to it."

"This year's schedule is the hardest one we've ever had," said Kramer. The team has played against several top ranked teams in the NAIA and NCAA.

The team has one more home game on Oct. 29 against Christopher Newport before the NAIA/ VISA play-offs begin beginning Nov. 5.

The soccer team's activities do not end with the season; they use soccer as a means to spread the Gospel in detention centers, high schools and church youth groups.