Wet leaves are sticking to shoes and many students’ mood has already dropped. “For many, the strong winds. Some students are soaked to the knees, a sign that they have stepped in one or two puddles deeper than they thought.”

“Suddenly, the hurricane season awoke. Until last week, there had been much hurricane activity in Virginia. Tropical Storm Alberto struck the Florida coast the first weeks of hurricane season in June, bringing with it heavy winds and downpours. In July, Tropical Storm Beryl breezed by in the Atlantic Ocean near New England. Among the storms so far to have left the nation, Ernesto is said to be the closest to Lynchburg this year. The Associated Press reported on Aug. 27 that Ernesto had become a Category 1 hurricane and was heading toward Haiti. By Aug. 29, when it made landfall in Florida, Ernesto had been downgraded to a Tropical Storm and moved up to the National Hurricane Center. As it made its way up the coast, it battered North Carolina and Virginia and caused torrential downpours and flooding in many areas. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine called for a state of emergency Thursday, Aug. 31, in light of the approaching storm. At Liberty, it was business as usual. Getting around was difficult and traffic was horrendous. The halls were deserted and Campus North could not be drenched fast enough before another onslaught of wet shoes and dripping umbrellas would turn the floors into an indoor Slip ’N Slide.

In Lynchburg, the rain was a welcome sight for many for months they have been, dripped by a long-standing drought. In all, Lynchburg received more than six inches of rain. So much water was drainage reported, though there were many downpours there. In Richmond, there were four facilities and several hundred residents lost power. Wednesday, Sept. 2, a brought a surprise as the rain emerged from the storms and Ernesto left Lynchburg. It was the last vestigial rain doing the height sunlight and halcyon, 68-degree temperature.

Overall, the past hurricane season has had more forecasters previously predicted. Among the six storms that have passed through the Atlantic Ocean, all but Ernesto were Tropical Storms at their peak. In the west, there has been a smattering of hurricanes, including John, which peaked at a Category 4 and is currently downgraded to a Tropical Storm. It has caused extensive flooding and damage throughout Mexico, California and Arizona. For an animation showing the effects of hurricanes at different strengths, see http://hosted.ap.org/special/interactives/national/hurricanes/hurricane_info.html.

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Butler said the aviation student, he is required to pay to fuel the aircraft he and log more hours with my flight time, but I'm not able to chasing gas or getting lunch.

The sky is falling! The world's going to end!' Today, we yawn at it."

White House and we have two interns in congressional offices," Ron Murphy said. "Internships may become a graduation requirement for gov-

Before applying, students should note that positions in the fall and spring are the widest varieties of opportunity. Currently, only juniors and seniors are eligible for the program. Those interested in internships may contact Ronda Godwin to discuss their goals, and then meet with academic advis-

During their internships, students are provided housing and receive six to nine hours of academic credit. On their

An added value of the program, he said, is the opportu-

"There is such a need for well-trained, high-educated, well-motivated kids to come up and want to work," he said. "In as little as 15 minutes we can test your speedometer for accuracy and your speedometer calibration"

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Students like senior Andrew Franus, though, still desire a little more co-ed socializing. "I'm in college and I want to have some fun, but I can't afford it when gas is so high," he said.

Not the price of gas is dropping, freedom may not be so far off. With a good dose of responsible spending, the money you save might just buy a little bit of fun after all.

Contact Joshua King atjking@liberty.edu.
I laugh to myself when I get phone calls from people wanting to speak to the Editor-in-Chief, "Is he there? Can I speak to him?" They ask. Well, he is a she. Why is it that we make these gender assumptions? We do it all the time, even using words that are called "politically incorrect" such as poisoners, farmers and mailmen. We know that women can also hold these positions in today's society, but yet these titles are still widely accepted.

There are many jobs we tend to associate with a particular gender. Are our assumptions based on different gifts that God gave each of the sexes when He created them? Or are our assumptions based on society's definitions of masculinity and femininity? There are mixed emotions on the matter, especially when choosing gender roles in the church. Should there be any at all? A woman has been given a gift, and she wants to use it for the glory of God. She should not be turned away or discriminated against because of her gender.

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Beth Moore, the founder of Living Proof Ministries, which has reached over 421,000 women through conferences, books and Bible studies and teaches a 700-member Sunday school class. Joyce Meyer, who has been in full-time ministry since 1980, has since then created her own ministry that reaches people through radio, television and magazine. According to her Web site, www.joycemeyer.org, Meyer considers herself a practical Bible teacher who shows people how to apply God's Word to their everyday life. Both of these women have used these gifts to further the Kingdom of God.

I went to one of Meyer's conferences not too long ago. She is one of the most influential speakers I have ever heard. Her messages have personally touched my life as well as the lives of countless others. God has given her a very special gift. However, many people criticize her ministry merely because she is a woman. Her response: "God knew I was a woman before He called me," I guess that's all that matters.

According to Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus." People should understand that we are all in Christ, regardless of race, gender, age or anything else that may make us different from our neighbors. God has entrusted each of us with distinct spiritual gifts, and as long as every individual is using their gift to glorify God and bring unity to the body, I believe that God will reward the faithful.

SpeekUp: What do you think a woman's role in the church should be?

"The church must have women who are godly examples to girls for their self-esteem, modesty and passion to serve God."—Tommy Parke, Jr., Bowling Green, Va.

"If it depends on what is needed, it is appropriate for a woman to take that position."—Summer Foley, Jr., Gualmaca, Honduras

"I don't need to be equal, just as a man. I believe in women being in charge of things, just as a man should."—Christopher Grant, Miami, Fl.

"She can be anything she wants to be except for a preacher. Say hey, that's just my opinion."—Morgan Jefferson, So. Salvador, Brazil.

"In the early church, women held high offices in the church — why not now? It's a woman's been blessed with a gift she should use it."—Carla Prata J., Elgin, Il.

"Most people take a negative view, and the positive verses about women in leadership and teaching are ignored. Sadly, this hurts the body."—Nathan Brown, Sr., Wheelersburg, Oh.

Speaker: Kari Mitchell
Have today's children forgotten the joy of reading?

As students at Liberty University, we have often heard the phrase, "If it's Christian, it must be better." The word Christian means "of, pertaining to, or derived from Jesus Christ's teachings," according to www.dictionary.com. If so, music labeled according to "Christian" ought to be better.

"If it could make it in the secular scene and settles with a Christian label, then it's not better."

If it's Christian it ought to be better. Change the phrase to, "If it's truly Christian it's better."
Liberty makes headlines in news and broadcast media

By Joanne Tang

With a winning debate team as well as new hype and recognition with the addition of head football coach Danny Rocco, the last few years have thrust Liberty into a new role within media. This new role has given the university more attention and recognition as a leader in Christian college education and the university hopes that prospective students are paying attention.

Publications are interested not only in the spiritual side of Liberty, said Don Egle, Director of University Relations, but in also the immense growth it has experienced in the last few years.

The growth includes the LaHaye Ice Rink, the football operations center next to Williams Stadium, new dorms and a plan for a second tunnel near the baseball field, which will allow cars more direct access to Ward Rd.

With record-breaking enrollment in the fall semester approaching 10,000 students, according to the Lynchburg News and Advance, there is more buzz than ever about what makes Liberty so different. Egle also reports that DLP enrollment is projected to reach 15,000 students this semester.

"People want to know what you're doing," Egle said.

Jumping onto the bandwagon are various big-name publications such as Rollingstone.com, the New York Times, which ran a Sunday-edition story about the debate team, U.S. News and World Report, which recently profiled the university and its students, and a new article in Forbes Magazine, looking at Liberty's financial side.

The article in U.S. News and World Report, titled "They Pray as They Go," is especially interesting because it is published in the 2007 edition of America's Best Colleges. Also profiled were Cornell and UCLA. Egle pointed out that whereas photos for the other two universities portray students smoking or at parties, the photos for Liberty show students praying in hall meeting and on the steps of DeMoss.

The Forbes article, titled "Prophets of Boom," is a journey through the financial history of Liberty from its roots as a struggling college in the 1970s to the multi-million dollar contributions that have allowed for the construction of the ice rink, student center and other big projects.

Also influential are the concerts Liberty hosts and the festivals such as Winterfest, which was recently mentioned in a Rollingstone.com photo slideshow about Christian music.

"Liberty University has a great story to tell," said Egle.

According to Egle, there are hopes that prospective students who are considering going to Liberty may get more information through these articles. There is also hope that students who would have never thought of Liberty previously, can be convinced through the attention given by the recent media.

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Men's Soccer defeats in overtime

By Jennifer Schmidt

Coming into their 2006 season, the men's soccer team at Liberty was ranked fourth in the Big South pre-season polls — a ranking that allows them the freedom to define what kind of team they will be. Kevin Mahan returns as goalkeeper and manhandled the visiting Tigers from St. Paul's college in Lawrenceville, Va., giving the Flames their first win in the past 11 games by a score of 27-0 and giving Liberty its first shutout victory since 2000.

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The Lady Razorbacks started the second half much the same as the Lady Flames started the first, with an onslaught of offensive attacks. The string worked better for Arkansas, however, when Burger shot a 14-yarder straight into the net. The Lady Flames (2-0) have made their most important goal at the Virginia Tech tournament. They will challenge the second-ranked Wake Forest Demon Deacons on Friday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. Liberty will host the first-ever Virginia Tech Rebels on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9 p.m. Contact: Jeneth Thruman at jethruman@liberty.edu.

The Lady Flames eked out a victory against Longwood, but it is critical that we have a strong second half of the season. The team wanted to be in the lead at halftime, but they didn’t have the energy to take the lead. The Lady Flames are excited to get the conference started and really want to get to a strong start. The game will be played in a hometown atmosphere. The team is excited to play in front of its fans.

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FOOTBALL: Flames tame Tigers in opener

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"It was stiff out there, it was wet, it was blowing," said Rocco. "We became a little bit one-dimensional. I think that kept our point total down."

Perhaps most disappointing for Liberty was the effect that the wind had on the kicking game.

"I hope that was the factor," Rocco said. "That's something we're going to address in detail tomorrow."

Liberty missed one field goal after pressing to the St. Paul's nine-yard line, missed one point-after-touchdown attempt, and had one PAT blocked. A missed 37-yarder in the fourth quarter was nullified on a penalty and the resulting 32-yard attempt was good, giving Liberty its final score of 27.

Rocco, as has been typical of him, credited the students with generating the environment needed to put on a good show.

The "Fire Drill" planned for Wednesday night, which was rained out, was supposed to bring an excitement to the student body. On Thursday night they proved they did not need any planned activities to generate enthusiasm.

"They created an atmosphere the way college football is supposed to be... It's the pageantry of it, it's the fans, it's the excitement of it, and they didn't disappoint," said Rocco.

In all, it was a satisfying performance by the revamped football squad and a crowd-pleasing one at that. This was just the kind of game that Rocco and Barber needed to boost the students' morale and generate excitement for the upcoming season.

"A lot of good things are happening here," said Rocco. Judging by the appearance of Thursday's game, there are a lot more good things to come.

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COLT FREEMAN

TORCHED — Manny Rojas (51) and the Flames defense teams up to snuff out a run. The LU defense stifled the Tigers all game, giving up only 57 yards of total offense, with only 37 coming on the run. Liberty's defense will look to dominate again next week as Glenville State comes to Williams Stadium.

YOU'RE COIN' DOWN — Senior defensive lineman Jason Horn (91) takes down the Tigers quarterback. Horn finished with two sacks on the day on top of seven tackles (three solo).

I SEE GREEN — Redshirt freshman tailback Terron Lawrence (34) has running room ahead. He finished with nine carries for 41 yards in a limited role.

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND, ROUND, ROUND — Rashad Jennings (3) runs off left tackle as a St. Paul's defender tries in vain to bring him down. Jennings finished the day with 25 rushes for 160 yards and two touchdowns. He was pulled about six minutes into the third quarter to give some of the backups more reps. Zach Terrell along with Jennings teamed up for all three touchdowns the Flames offense produced on the day.
The Lady Flames volleyball team was swept this weekend by some tough opponents Washington and Ohio at the Davidson Mizuno Wildcat Classic.

The first opponent to face Liberty was the Portland Pilots, a team from the West Coast with a rich volleyball tradition. The Lady Flames opened the match ice cold, falling 30-13 in game one. With the start of game two, competitive sparks started to fly from the Liberty side of the net.

Midway through the game, however, the Pilots took control and won 30-22. In game three, the Lady Flames caught fire early, scoring the first four points on route to a 2-2 lead, but Portland was able to extinguish the fire and take the game 30-22 for the match.

Liberty's attack was led by sophomore outside hitter Kendall Nichols, who tallied eight kills, and sophomore Alyson Sanders, who had seven.

Defensively, the Lady Flames were anchored by junior libero — Lara Bartolomeo who collected nine digs. Equally as impressive was freshman setter Kallie Corbin who had seven digs, a solo block, and two assisted blocks to complement her 13 assists.

The competition did not get easier the next day as the Lady Flames went up against defending NCAA Division I national champions and third-ranked Washington Huskies.

In game one, Liberty kept pace in the beginning, but the Huskies began to live up to their ranking and won 30-15. The same story played out in game two with Washington winning 30-17. In game three, the Huskies quickly pulled away by jumping out to a 4-1 lead and never looking back to win 30-21.

"We watched Washington the night before and came up with a game plan," said Liberty head coach Shane Pinder. "I told them (going into the match) we can only control one side of the net and make the plays that we can execute. We wanted to limit long runs, slow them down as much as possible and play aggressively."

The aggressive play came from both the offensive and defensive sides of the net. Junior right side hitter Mary Alice Pike led the offense with 12 kills while Corbin had 20 assists. Bartolomeo led the defense with 11 digs.

"Washington is a very physical team with their serve, and they had runs on us," said Pinder. "Fifteen kills against the Huskies' serves proved accurate as they recorded 12 service aces. However, several positive things did not go unnoticed."

"Because all of our starters had positive numbers. We hit in positive numbers in all our games against them."

In game one, Sanders set the tone by getting Liberty's first kill and then serving the next six points to help the Lady Flames jump out to a 7-1 lead. Unfortunately, the Wildcats came roaring back and were able to win 30-24. In game two, both squads battled back and forth, but it was Davidson that came out on top 30-28. Game three saw the Wildcats take control early and go on to win 30-23 for the match.

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Senior middle blocker Rachel Denton also had nine kills.

The next match pitted the Lady Flames against their second nationally ranked opponent in as many days. This time it was the 15th-ranked Ohio Bobcats.

The Bobcats quickly bit Liberty in game one with a 30-22 win. Game two saw the Lady Flames routed 30-11. By game three, Ohio was in full control and won 30-25 for the match.

Liberty's offense was led by Pike, as she recorded six kills, and it was run by Corbin who tallied 31 assists. As they were the Bobcats' first opponent in as many days, this trend continued.

The Lady Flames return to action Friday afternoon at the Hokie Invite against Appalachian State at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, the Lady Flames play host to Virginia Tech at noon and George Washington at 5 p.m.
A TRIBUTE TO LASTING FRIENDS

By Nicky Sarazinotto

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By several accounts, Adam Bishop was one of a kind. He was the sort of person who left a lasting impression on those around him. His stories, his memories, and his impact are still remembered today.

**ADAM BISHOP**

Colt Freeman, current photo- grapher for The Liberty Champion, met Bishop in high school. "He was always the back of the chair and his forearms on the airplane to look at a moose below."

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"He was probably the oldest and best friend you could ever know," Freeman said. "He was being loyal to his friends and we knew that it was perfect to try to help him out and he was always there for us with a hug if that's good, then Freeman says.

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FROM FLAMES FOOTBALL AND LU ATHLETICS

To our outstanding student body for providing the punch as our 12th man.

We appreciate you and look forward to seeing you at the game this Saturday night against Glenville State.

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