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Rehnquist dies, leaves 30 year reign of conservatism

By Matthew Warner
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The conservatives of America lost an ally when Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist died September 3, 2005. "The Rehnquist Court," as it is known, had an undeniable, game-changing influence on the nation's legal and social climate. Rehnquist died at the age of 80, after a long battle with a thyroid condition.

Rehnquist was a conservative in the mold of Justice Antonin Scalia, with whom he once shared a Harvard dormitory. The two men were classmates at the University of Chicago Law School, where they both excelled in a field that would later become known as "originalism." Rehnquist's legal philosophy was based on the idea that the Constitution and the laws enacted by Congress were intended for the people of America, and that the role of the Supreme Court was to interpret those laws in a way that would benefit the people.

Rehnquist was appointed to the Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1972 and served until his death. He was a vocal advocate of American values, and was known for his strong opinions on a range of issues, including abortion, affirmative action, and gay rights.

Rehnquist's death has left a void in the world of politics and law, and his legacy will continue to be studied and debated for years to come. His influence on the Supreme Court has been significant, and his impact on American society cannot be overstated.

Moving on past Katrina: Residents rebuild lives

By Alicia Wotring
EAST HUDSON, La.

Since Hurricane Katrina ripped through the Gulf coast region about two weeks ago, it has affected more than just the residents of the Deep South. In Louisiana, the effects of the storm were devastating, and the recovery process is just beginning.

Louisiana is the southernmost state of the United States, and it is home to a diverse population of people from all walks of life. The state is known for its rich history, culture, and cuisine, and it attracts millions of visitors each year. The city of New Orleans, in particular, is a cultural hub, and it is home to many of the state's most famous landmarks.

The hurricane caused widespread damage, and many residents are struggling to make ends meet. However, the people of Louisiana are known for their resilience, and they are determined to come back stronger than ever.

The recovery process is ongoing, and it will take time for the state to fully recover. However, the people of Louisiana are determined to make a comeback, and they are working hard to rebuild their homes and communities.
Ooops, my bad

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Focus on the Family show hits radio

"I wanted people to get help," said Martha Hadley, host of the successful radio show "Sharing Life Together with Martha Hadley." Dedicated to not only helping people, "Sharing Life Together" is the number one radio show in Seattle for the 25 to 54 year-old audience. The show spans much greater distances, people can experience the same sound in, much farther than just their city. "I'm not a counselor, but I am a friend that people can have one that is distinctly Christian other music but the difference is the lyrics."

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"I couldn't do anything but hang my head and turn away by Dr. Falwell in the back. He agreed after he graduated, and he moved his whole family, leaving his other college commitments. After his first year as a master's student, he worked in Lynchburg Clinical Laboratories. Hawkins moved to Lynchburg in 1983 to 1997 at Central Virginia Community Services, a crisis-relat­

"Actually, I've never really experienced this situation, but obviously the people wearing panshals indoors know something we don't. They go through life not complaining about thing that we don't. We're all secretly laughing in the background.

"Trying to park at Liberty is slightly more difficult than beating a Division I football team and reading something that I don't like... Later in the article, "published in the Sept. 6 issue, the Intelligent Design article was published, incorrectly quoted Dr. David DeWitt as saying that Darwinists insist "we can do everything," and he worked for the American Association of Christian Counselors for 4 years. In 2003 he came back to Liberty as a lecturer in Psychology, and he began his Ph.D. studies. He received his Doctorate in Professional Counseling in May, and he is the chairman of the School of Psychology.

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Discrimination 'should not go unexposed or unchallenged'.

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According to O'Donnell, Abraham's stance on evolution was "incompatible" with a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, which he had received for his research on the "living fossil" H. flexus. Abraham had been asked by WHOI to conduct additional research on the organism and how it triggered Programmed cell Death (PCD) -- a process that eliminated damaged or unused developmental cells. Abraham apparently was not a natural...continues.

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**The Blame Game**

Katrina should not be used for political gain.

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Environment attorney Robert F. Kennedy Jr. took the lead in the blame game earlier this week through his online editorial entitled, "The Democrats think they have at last found the perfect storm to sink the Bush presidency..."

Dick Morris, COLUMNIST, THE NEW YORK POST

The effects of this natural disaster should be a lesson for all of us. Pointing the finger at one man doesn't help solve any problems. It is petty, cynical response to a natural disaster and serves absolutely no one. A city that has its legs broken by the wrath of nature is simply not in a position to be divided, and a city that has its legs broken by the wrath of nature is simply not in a position to be divided.

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**OPINION**

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**SPEAK UP: What do you think about guys wearing pink shirts?**

"Any man can wear pink, but it takes a real man to pull it off." -Clayton King, Spiritual emphasis speaker, Fountain Inn, S.C.

"I think guys should leave pink to the girls, unless they want to be pretty too." -Matt Mikesko, Soph., Emerald Isle, N.C.

"I'm okay with it." -Derek Bennion, Sr.

"I can't stand it when a guy wears pink. It doesn't make him a real man." -Sarah Lott, Soph., Hickory, N.C.

"Some guys can pull off pink shirts, others need to rethink their wardrobe." -Taylor Dodge, Soph., York, Mont.

"Some guys can pull off pink shirts, others need to rethink their wardrobe." -Kimberly Kleing, Soph., Mansfield, Ohio.

"If a guy wears pink, it makes him a real man." -Denise Benson, Jr., Seattle, Wash.

"Any man can wear pink, but it takes a real man to pull it off." -Emerald Isle, N.C.

"I think the broken levee that led to the city's flooded demise was a direct result of blatant disregard from Bush despite pleas from city officials to fix it last summer. In short, Jones writes, "The dollars that could have saved New Orleans were used to wage war in Iraq. Instead, what's worse, funds that might have spared the poor New Orleans had the dollars been properly invested in九年 and modern pumping stations," were instead poured out to the rich, willy-nilly as tax breaks." -Matt Mizesko, Soph.

"I'm okay with it." -Emerald Isle, N.C.
Privatization will save Social Security

During the Presidnetial race of 2000, many political accounts of how we became aware of the new political buzz word privatization. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves on the issues, reasons and applications of the President's plan that will affect our future. We need to recognize the need for reform and not ignore this problem. We need to support our president in the wise choices he is making to secure a future for us, America's next generation.

George W. Bush saw an urgent need in taking presidential action to fix the Social Security system. Our Social Security system affects every American citizen, young and old. It is a sound, logical program for today's seniors and future college students. According to a report on the White House's website, there are 3.3 workers supporting every Social Security beneficiary. Just around the corner, in 2030, today's workplace of "baby boomers" will begin to retire, people will begin to live longer, and benefits will increase dramatically. These factors will make it so that when a worker is 65-year-old, there will be only two workers supporting each beneficiary. If we continue at this pace, there will have to be a 37 percent benefit cut for today's 30-year-old worker if the system is to support itself.

If America's Social Security keeps heading in the same direction, there will be no Social Security in 2033, according to a report by Pew Research Center. The system will be broke, borrow massive amounts of money and make sudden and severe cuts in Social Security benefits or other government programs. By 2017, the federal government will be paying out more in retirement benefits than it collects from the working payroll taxes. The U.S. will have to come up with know whether "muffin" is supposed to be capitalized in "English muffin" or whether you use a hyphen in "right-wing." This is a good resource to check we do have several copies available for reference in the ILRC.

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President Bush is open and willing to work with Congress to come up with the most effective combinations of various reform methods. Many opinions have been offered from both Democrats and Republicans. Among these have been

Kristi Rutzel
Liberty University

"by 2041, when today's college students begin to retire, the system will be completely bankrupt."

LISTEN UP! IT'S YOUR TURN TO DECIDE

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Extraordinary Women's Conference packs Vines Center

By Jennifer Maxfield

"To grow closer to the heart of God," said Julie Clinton, president of The Extraordinary Women's Association. Those words were the call to worship as nearly 4,000 women filled the Vines Center Friday and Saturday for the third annual Extraordinary Women's Conference.

"It was truly amazing to see so many women praising God corporately," said Clinton. Women of all ages, denominations and walks of life gathered to hear messages from such nationally renowned personalities as Shaunti Feldhahn, author of "For Women Only," Renee Bondi, Kay Coles James, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Elisa Morgan, founder of Mothers of Preschool Students, and Vonette Bright, who co-founded Campus Crusade for Christ with her late husband Bill Bright.

A highlight to the evening came when Julie Clinton awarded Vonette Bright the first "Extraordinary Woman of the Year Award" on behalf of Extraordinary Women's Association. A tearful Bright accepted the award as an overwhelming standing ovation filled the auditorium. During the course of their 50 year ministry, Bill and Vonette Bright reached over 5 billion people with the gospel.

The conference hosted a variety of Christian musicians. Recording artist and songwriter Al Denson led the praise and worship music for the conference. What blessed him the most, "seeing the Spirit of the Lord moving in the women's lives," said Denson.

Christian musician CeCe Winans also led a segment of praise and worship, with such hits as, "Alabaster Box," and "Pray," the title cut from her new album.

Radio personalities and founders of Spirit FM, Barry and Linda Armstrong, also made guest appearances. A time of prayer and a large love offering was taken up for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"The response to the hurricane victims was overwhelming, to see so many people giving sacrificially" said conference attendee Leslie Hubbard.

Michelle McKinney Hammond gave an altar call in which about 100 women made decisions for Christ. Across the auditorium, women from many diverse backgrounds joined hands to lift praises to the heart of God. "I have never felt the presence of God so strongly," said conference attendee Rebecca Brito.

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Monarchs rule lady's soccer, 2-0

By Josh Velilla
SPORTS REPORTER

After beginning the 2005-06 season with four straight games on the road ending in varied success, the Lady Flames hosted the Old Dominion Lady Monarchs in their home opener Saturday afternoon in a game that ended in a heartbreaking 2-0 loss thanks to two second-half goals by Old Dominion’s forward Lisa McKenzie.

The Lady Flames came out strong immediately with a chip shot that Katie Watson rang off the crossbar at 12:20. The majority of the period was played in Liberty territory, keeping the Lady Flames defense on its heels and holding the offense to only 3 shots in the first half. The Lady Monarchs had seven shots in the first half, the most successful of which came in the 36th minute on a penalty kick taken by training goal scorer Laura Beeman. The kick was stopped by an incredible diving save by Liberty goalkeepers Co-Captain Sexy Rodriguez.

She was lining up with her head up to Liberty’s newest formation, a 4-1, and a beautiful two-on-one resulted in the Flames’ defense on its heels. McKenzie was assisted on the play by Freshman forward McKenzie in the 51st minute. The majority of the damage on the field was done in the second half by the Lady Monarchs. McKenzie was substituted out of the game halfway through the second half, leaving the Flames one man down. The Flames’ attack was met with a strong defense on the afternoon. While Nick Hursky led the Flames with two goals and three assists, the Lady Monarchs’ first goal of the game 20 minutes into the second half was a well-timed breakaway ending with a chip shot by Katie Watson.

The game finished instead at 0-0, without any major threat coming from either team who were surrounded by the Lady Flames who went on to lose the final 2-0 throughout the course of the game. "It was tough for us to be at home and to lose on our own field for the first time in a very long time," said Rodriguez.

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CAME UP SHORT — The Lady Flames’ attempt to knock off ODU fell short.

Hockey to have home-ice advantage

By Scott LaPeer
SPORTS REPORTER

If you’ve talked about it the past, but still haven’t seen them on the ice, you are now officially out of excuses. For an athletic program that has been achieving national success in its relatively short existence, Liberty Men’s Hockey is a program for a move that will be sure to make them big talk on campus — literally. Becoming known for their unforgettable skill and excitement, as well as for their rowdy and devoted fans, the LU hockey team is taking a huge step into what hopes to be an increasingly promising future of NCAA participation. Beginning in January of 2006, for the first time ever, the puck will be dropped on Liberty University Ice (and yes, it will be called that) at LaHaye Ice Center — a 3,500-seat ice rink presently being constructed on North Campus.

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Different people have a lot of different hobbies. Some guys like foot-
ball, basketball and baseball. Could it be because they have a great
conversation with someone you just met who likes one of those sports?
It might last five or ten minutes. But when two people get together and
make a decision, something incredible happens. They become united
by each other's stories.

Travis Baggett, a student at Liberty University, has been dream-
ing about starting a hunting and fishing club for the past year. After talk-
ing to Liberty professor Dr. William Mullen, Baggett started to think of
many ideas and activities this club could present to potential members.
Baggett also checked out several college hunting and fishing
clubs and studied different ideas they offered in order to transfer some
of their ideas into Liberty's club.

Baggett then asked several students around campus if there would
be a market for such a club. He won-
dered if the students would be willing
to come to meetings and pay dues.
The response was favorable.

Once everything was set in stone, Baggett organized the first meeting.
Over 30 people showed up, and this club is expected to be the largest
at Liberty.

"My purpose for starting this club is to network students together
to hunt and fish," Baggett said.

Many students who have hunted or fished in their hometowns are fort
when they come to Liberty. They do not know anyone around Lynchburg or the surround-
ing areas to assist them in getting hunting and fishing desires.

The club has already started talking with N.C. State about getting a
fishing tournament together and competing against each other.

"This will give us the opportunity to get together as sportmen and talk
about the Gospel to others," Baggett said.

The club has started planning a nonprofit event to raise money for the
hurricane victims. Baggett noted that the first people in the county in New
Orleans and the surrounding areas were sportmen and their boats trying
to help anyone and everyone.

"Is this what we do, help out oth-
ers and enjoy it?" Baggett asked.

There is a down hunt planned for the end of October. Baggett talked
to another Liberty member about the hunt and expressed how interested
she was to go and get things kicked
off.

Hunters are anxious about the arrival of bow season, which typically
starts around October 22. This gives them the time to reflect on
their hunting experiences over the summer. Everyone who enjoys
to hunt on Liberty Mountain, there must be plans for some hunts.

"There is nothing like watching the woods and watching the inves-
tory of birds and wildlife from the first floor of the season."

Baggett wants everyone to experience the hunting season and what
some others love to do.

"You don’t have to be a country
boy or a redneck to come out and
enjoy our club," Baggett said.

"If a student wants to hunt or fish, he or she will be required to take a
hunter safety course and buy hunting and fishing licenses. There is
no room for errors, so it is important to take hunter safety classes
and be safe at all times while handling a
firearm. Students will not be allowed
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**Football mauled by Huskies**

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As limited as the pasting game was, the running game was even more stifled. Running backs Marcus Hamilton and Rajeev Oishi could only gain 37 yards on the ground. Liberty gained 180 yards of total offense in the contest on a mere 44 plays from scrimmage. The shutout was the 12th in the history of Liberty’s football program and the first blanking suffered since a 63-0 loss to Western Carolina in 2001.

Knowing that last weekend presented a new game and a chance to move on from the lopsided defeat, the Flames immediately set about to improve upon their recently exposed weaknesses.

“They were a good team, no doubt about it. We’re just going to look forward to our next challenge and continue to work hard in practice to be ready for our conference games. We’re not going to go down after one loss, we’ve just got to focus on getting better where we need to and improving as a team,” senior offensive lineman Keith Faye said.

Liberty returns to play at home this Saturday against VMI. Focus is at Williams Stadium at 7 p.m. Contact Scott LaPeer at cslope@liberty.edu.

FLAMES GET SHUTOUT — Despite a valiant effort to keep Wisconsin off the scoreboard, the Flames were unable to come away with a win.

**Volleyball — the comeback kids of the Big South Conf.**

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Liberty then faced the Binghamton Bearcats. With the aftermath of losses still in their minds, the Lady Flames dropped game one, 30-27, but were still hungry for the taste of victory and won games two and three, 30-28 and 30-28, and then came back to take game four, 33-30, for the match.

“We went to lunch, and it was worrisome. We had to use up a lot of energy in the first match because they were so close, and I was afraid they would come out a little sluggish. I just told them that we need to find some energy from somewhere to even have a chance. They showed tremendous resolve and fight towards the end, and it was a tremendous win for us,” said Head Coach Shane Pinder. “It was a close match that could’ve gone either way, and we just didn’t execute towards the end, and it was a couple of shots here and there, that’s all it takes,” said Binghamton head coach Glen Kiryma.

On Saturday, the Lady Flames began with a 3-1 loss to the St. John Red Storm. The Red Storm took an early advantage in each match, and was able to cruise to the victorious finish, 30-20, 30-16, and 30-20. Saturday night saw the Lady Flames in action against tournament host Virginia, Albany, and Appalachian State.

The wins have helped the young Lady Flames gain some confidence as they get ready to head into the rest of the season.

“They’ve been a tough group,” head coach Shane Pinder said. “Our match was a great way to start the season and we have a lot of confidence now with some wins under our belt,” said coach Pinder.

The Lady Flames will take that confidence on the road again as they face the Davidson Wildcats on September 15 before heading to Charlottesville to compete in the Fairleigh Dickinson Cup tournament with host Virginia, Albany, and Appalachian State.

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**HOCKEY**

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Looking ahead to the 2005-2006 Liberty Men’s Hockey season, the Flames set out to continue their winning ways and do much more than simply justify their prominent national ranking.

“The goal is to win (the national championship). We believe we have the talent to do it. We’ll have more practice time being so close and we’ll be able to be in much better condition because of it,” senior captain Jan Zeigler said.

The team has practiced and played for the last five years in Roanoke, a lengthy road trip that has engendered many of the no-longer-acceptable excuses alluded to earlier. They will continue to skate there this fall, until the team moves into their recently exposed LaHaye Ice Center itself in January, where they will open their门-

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Marcus Hamilton — another brilliant Flames running back

By Scott LaPeer
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Sam Godf, Dar Bruce, Eugene Goodman. If you are a Liberty football fan, those names ought to be nearly as recognizable as those of your immediate family. All three are recent Flames running backs whom, at different points in the past four seasons, each dominated the list. Introducing, Marcus Hamilton.

Fresh out of Karns High in Knoxville, Tenn., Hamilton arrived on the scene at Liberty in 2005 as just one part of a highly talented crop of running backs that included the previously mentioned players. Playing sparingly his freshman year while getting his feet wet in the system, Hamilton entered spring practice the next year hoping to improve upon his first season and clinical his way up the depth chart. A broken ankle, however, would force him to the sidelines and, after undergoing surgery, he was decided he would sit out the next season as a redshirt.

Back in action the next year, Hamilton continued to play in spurts while putting in the practice. More of the same followed last season, playing in nine games, but the player some coaches and teammates simply call "PK Ham" this fall, Philip, Sr., is a Knoxville native — you can put it together from there. "He offered a glimpse of what many hope to see in fall this season, rushing for a career-best 108 yards and two touchdowns in a win against West Virginia Tech. Hamilton was named Big South Offensive Player of the Week for his performance.

Now, as a fifth-year redshirt senior, Hamilton sets out on his final year of eligibility as the Flames starting running back. Ready for the opportunity to carry the offensive load for Liberty in 2007, Hamilton embraces the challenge with the quiet confidence of an experienced veteran. The job is his for the taking, and Hamilton is eager to show and prove that Liberty football faithful may be worried about a drop-off in the running game with the absence of Godf, Bruce, and Goodman, Hamilton possesses a cool, collected, quiet confidence that gives you the feeling everything is going to be just fine with the ball in his hands. It brings to mind a kind of calm-before-the-storm approach to game breaking. A vociferous athlete who speaks publicly about his talents can sometimes be intimidating, but one who is silent and waits to let his play speak for him is always more effective. This is Marcus Hamilton.

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"Everybody wants the chance to be the forgotten back once in their career," Hamilton said. "It's something I feel like I'm ready for, and I'm excited for the chance," Hamilton said. "I know I'm the only option left at the running back position for the Flames. R.J. Ota, a freshman, has impressed coaches, and wide receiver/cornerback Chris Green has even been mentioned as a possible plug-in at tailback. However, when experience becomes a factor, Hamilton's the man.

Experienced and excited for the challenge, but there is a somewhat frightening possibility that none of these attributes may be Hamilton's most dangerous. While many of the Liberty football faithful may be worried about a drop-off in the running game with the absence of Godf, Bruce, and Goodman, Hamilton possesses a cool, collected, quiet confidence that gives you the feeling everything is going to be just fine with the ball in his hands. It brings to mind a kind of calm-before-the-storm approach to game breaking. A vociferous athlete who speaks publicly about his talents can sometimes be intimidating, but one who is silent and waits to let his play speak for him is always more effective. This is Marcus Hamilton.

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As for the pressure of starting up his running back predecessors, there is none. "PK Ham is just as cool and level-headed in discussing this as he is about everything else he faces," Karcher said. "While making it clear that he remains close to his former back-mates, Hamilton explains, 'I'm not putting any extra pressure on myself. When I'm out there, I'm just Marcus Hamilton. I can't be them. I'm going out there to do what I can. I don't need putting any extra pressure on myself just to be compared to the guys before me.'"

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**The sky is the limit**

What normally takes aviation can come true. Beckles, 19, is a student at Liberty University, has managed to accomplish in a year and a half. "I wake up in the morning and believe it," he says. "I believe I can do anything I put my mind to." His passion to fly, his competitive nature and the support of his family have helped him to achieve his goals.

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Beckles started with aviation in middle school and by high school he was already soaring above the clouds. "I was always the fastest," he says. "I was always the first to complete a task." He started flying at age 13 and by the time he was 16, he had already accomplished some significant milestones. "My first solo was a great accomplishment," he says. "I was able to fly by myself for the first time." He also says that his mother and father always encouraged him to keep pushing himself.

Beckles says that he was never given the option of giving up. "My parents always told me that if I wanted something, I had to work for it," he says. "They never allowed me to be complacent." He credit's his father, Anthony Beckles, II, for encouraging him to pursue his dreams. "He always told me that if I worked hard enough, I could achieve anything," he says. "He always believed in me and he never gave up on me." Beckles says that his father's support has helped him to stay focused on his goals.

As young as 8 or 9 years old, Beckles was already soaring above the clouds in his imagination. His family has supported and encouraged him to pursue his goals. "Even when I was a little kid, every time we flew in a plane, my mom would take me to the cockpit and introduce me to the pilot," Beckles says. His father, Anthony Beckles, II, who has dreamed of being a pilot himself, says that he has always told him that he would want to go anywhere in life, he has to work for it.

According to Beckles, being successful depends on where you want to go. "Your goals won't seem as attainable, once you are surrounded by people who have already accomplished them," he says. "And that is exactly what Beckles did. He created an inner circle of people who have given him advice and support in his aviation and business careers."

While many students are challenged by taking a double major in Aviation and Business, Beckles has managed to accomplish in a year and a half. "I wake up in the morning and believe it," he says. "I believe I can do anything I put my mind to." He believes that his passion to fly and his competitive nature have helped him to stay focused on his goals. "I know I have the ability to fly the aircraft," he says. "I don't need to take anything for granted.

Beckles' advice to others is to set realistic goals. Beckles says, "Your goals won't seem as attainable, once you are surrounded by people who have already accomplished them. And that is exactly what Beckles did. He created an inner circle of people who have given him advice and support in his aviation and business careers."

**Meet Melanie McHaney**

A new professor with classic principles

By Crystal Critzer

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F ern the moment Liberty University was founded, it has upheld a phil osophy to be extraordinary and cutting edge. With the several ethno-sponsored music groups on its campus, it is obvious that music is a big part of the university. The university's entertainment and concert events have been some of the most significant characteristics that set Liberty apart from other colleges. ProdigyWinterfest, to accommodate kick-off block parties, College-for-a-Weekend concerts and New Year’s Eve celebrations, the university has seen some of the country’s most popular and innovative music groups on its campus. However, a certain fact has been overlooked: it hasn’t always been this way. This school year marks the 40th year in a journey that has made these events the reality they are today.

It began all on April 17, 1965, when Liberty sophomore Roy Stewart produced an off-campus concert. The group he brought to town was Truth, a very contemporary band at that time. More than 500 students attended the off-campus concert. One of those 500 was future music leader Roy Stewart, a friend of Morgan’s, who shared his love for music. Stuart joined the band as a music director and co-founder in 1966. The band continued to grow, eventually receiving a record deal with Christian Records. Morgan went on to produce and promote concerts and events.

And when asked how this progression came about, Stewart said, “We started out as a small concept. We knew that year by year we needed to push and work hard to get more acts.” By 1985, Morgan and Stewart brought in more and more music; the students loved to listen to. “We knew we had to keep up with the CCM (contemporary Christian music) industry and movement,” Stewart said. “The times were changing, and music was changing, but the message was staying the same.

Stewart was asked about the now Christian music and artists coming from the mainline. “I remember the first time Jerry Falwell replied; “I don’t have a problem with a Christian who is just coming out, just as long as they keep in grace with their songs.”

With good intentions and determination to see it further, Morgan and Stewart continued to work hard and maintain the university’s entertainment and ministry. They laid the foundation that they would continue to be cutting edge and to make these events the reality they are today.

Twenty-five years after that first off-campus concert, Morgan is now the owner of Premiere Productions, named Pollstar (the world’s biggest and most prestigious concerts and touring magazine) as one of the Top Ten Concert Promotion Companies in the world, and the number one ethno-sponsored Christian concert promoter. Twenty-five years ago, Morgan founded WinterFest and produces that event and dc Talk’s biggest production, Promotions, and Programming, as well as event producing and merchandising. He is currently the two continuous events working together to do this.

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WINTERFEST — (From left) Mike Stewart with WinterFest speaker Justin Lookadoo and Lookadoo’s book agent, Allan Hardin.

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