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Former LU student makes bid for Congress

By Annie Tang

Dressed sharply in a blue suit, Nebraska state Senator Adrian Smith seems to be the all-American guy, born and raised in Gothenburg, Neb., a town of about 7,800 residents. He came to Liberty in 1989 and spent three semesters at LU before transferring to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is the first former Liberty student to make a run for the United States House of Representatives.

Sunday, Sept. 15, Smith and his staff held a rally in the shadow of Nebraska, inviting people from campus and Thomas Road to meet the man who is in the race for a seat in the House. Dr. Ron Goosby, head of the Helms School of Government, was on hand to introduce Smith. Godwin described him as a "pioneer, a pathfinder for many, many more leaders like him in the days ahead."

Virginia Senator Steve Newman was also in attendance and praised Smith for his work in one of Newman's campaigns. Smith spoke at the podium, telling the audience his views on hot button issues such as abortion, immigration and taxes.

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Summer is coming to an end and that can only mean one thing for sports fans: football season. Between college bowl games and the Super Bowl, there are many football games to watch on TV. When I do watch, it's usually through my college's student discount. However, as I get ready to hit the books in preparation for a culminating exam, I couldn't help but wonder, haven't I seen enough of football? It's one of the most redundant TV shows. After seeing the opener, "Friday Night Lights," I couldn't help but wonder, haven't I seen enough of football that still had hope at making the big money? At the same time, I was excited to see if you know, the new American way.

It turned out not to be much of a surprise. "American Idol" itself has its fun moments, but when the judges were the same. The winning Brit is a British bloke who hated everyone, the wannabe "I'm a singer!" crowd. It's a shame the winner will be the one that I would never work out for me. I only saw my football career with 'America's Got Talent' — more like "America's Got Nothing Better to Do.

I started hanging out at Monk's Cafe because I thought that it was time to move on. So I did just that. Every last one of them. After seeing one after another through the books in preparation for a culminating exam, I couldn't help but wonder, haven't I seen enough of football? I don't need to be reminded of it every year. Each geographic region has its own sport, so we don't the network think outside of the box and work on something new and creative. How about a show about developing in Northern Saskatchewan sweater? Rumor has it that some of the Iditarod dogs are dancing. "America's Next Top Model" is familiar reality TV, and we even '"Making of the Moosehead' in Northern Wales. All of those ideas are watching in common — they just can't last for more than one season, which is what makes them even more great.

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"I hope to be in the House for a good long time," said first-year law student John Katzeis. "You need to make sure you can get to the bar exam."

Third-year law student Joey Hamrick said that although the bar exam would be challenging, he was not nervous about whether or not he would pass it.

"I'm planning to take a few weeks off after graduation to go to Washington, D.C. As a business student, "he said. "The bar exam won't be a cake walk, that's for sure."

In recent years, the Society of American Law Students has been advocating for a more realistic bar examination. According to www.saltlaw.org, the organization "is the voice of law students who do not attend Liberty University School of Law. Students also interact with a 'client whom they represent.'" Professionals in the legal field, which means lawyers are unlikely to have the necessary knowledge of the law is of utmost importance they represent.

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The ABA told us that Liberty Law was the only law school they had seen that was comparable to the McGeorge Report, which lists the types of skills law school students need to pass in law school."
IMAX: Big theater experience

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Palfreim also believes that an IMAX theater and museum would be financially self-sustaining. "I see the potential theater and museum constituting as an additional facility that could help determine if Lynchburg would be able to support such a project."

It is hoped that this study will help LU find a developer or investor to fund the construction of the theater.

"The IMAX will be used by school groups within driving distance for field trips during the day and by the LU and local community in the evenings," continued Palfreim.

"We believe that it will become a recruiting tool for the university, an extension of student life at LU and an asset to the Lynchburg area."

According to Lee Beaumont, head of Auxiliary Services, the theater would not only be a place for entertainment but simply showing movies. It would play IMAX educational films and also be a venue promoting LU, and appropriate Hollywood and independent blockbusters filmed in IMAX, said Beaumont. This facility can also be used as a conference room to preview upcoming TV shows, and as a private parties and screenings.

Beaumont is confident that an IMAX theater would be a sound financial decision.

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Are Christians really living out their beliefs?

"The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians, who accommodate Jesus with their lips and then walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." — Brennan Manning, author of "The Ragamuffin Gospel"

"What if I stumble? What if I fail? What if I lose my step and I make fools of us all? Will the love continue when my walk becomes a crooked one?" — DC Talk, "What If I Stumble?"

While I disagree with a lot of the theology in Manning's book, his quote — which some of you may recognize from the DC Talk song referenced above — has more truth in it than the 21st century church cares to admit. Inevitably, if a person is serious about the things of God, he gets serious about contact with individuals who choose to tamper the sweetness of Christ but don't change the fruit. That person will walk with a bitter taste and a story to tell — one that usually involves hypocrisy.

Why is that such a recurring theme among athiests andagnostics? It is not that they have a problem with God, although some do. It is that they have a problem with His followers. Mahatma Gandhi put it best, I think: "I dislike your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christ are as unlike your Christ." Even some people within the church — which is supposed to be the "body of Christ," get fed up with professing Christians who have no qualms about performing actions that are completely anti-Christ. They matter little to the one who makes it hard for the people that you would know, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But he who keeps my word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him, who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked," 1 John 2:3-6 admonishes.

Let that passage of the living word of God divide your joints and marrow. Does anyone whose eyes may fall on this page recognize the implications of that statement? We might, if we highlight some key terms.

First, "His commandments." Anyone who tries to tell you that we don't know the commands of Christ is filling his pulpits with nothing from the keyhole. Here are nine of His commandments as they are found throughout the Gospels (taken from www.billgohst.com): "Chose the narrow way... Feed my sheep... Deny yourself... Honor your parents... Forgive offenders... Honor marriage... Render to Caesar... Love your neighbor... Be a servant... Make disciples."

This not only refers to His explicit commands, but also the outworking of those commands as evidenced in the rest of the beast-hated New Testament: abstain from every form of evil (Rom. 13:12). Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers (Eph. 4:29). Etcetera.

Second, "perfected." The context indicated by the passage is the outworking of those commands with the fruit of God. "As we more fully obey Him because we use the power of the Holy Spirit, our official reality check?" — Michael Bream, Jr. Pittsburgh, Pa.

It has been found difficult and left untried." — GK Chesterton

Don't be a hypocrite

Do you believe that you are the one who makes it hard for yourself? It depends on the people that you surround yourself with.

"No, I have not had trouble finding committed Christians on this campus. I'm continuing this with my secular high school."

"Yes. There are Christians who want to see me succeed, but finding genuine Christians who want to seek identity with Christ is hard." — Michael Brown, Jr. Pittsburgh, Pa.

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"It is more than likely you'll be sent to prison for the past five months. The Iraqi native was calling on the U.S for either charges to be filed or the immediate release of Hussein, He is one of an estimated 13,000 detainees being held by the U.S. in Iraq.

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Coercive interrogation techniques a necessary evil

I must confess that I am a borderline obsessive fan of the Fox television drama "24," which features the infamous Jack Bauer, a field agent for the Counter Terrorist Unit in Los Angeles. For five seasons I have watched Jack save the world from deadly nerve gas, nuclear bombs and power plants, a potential presidential assassination and a lethal virus, all in the span of five real-time days. Jack is faced with numerous situations in which the fate of humanity rests in the interrogation of a single terrorist suspect. When precious seconds are literally slipping away, Jack is forced to use cruel physical and psychological techniques to get the terrorists to confess.

While Jack Bauer's extreme interrogation methods seem downright appalling, reality tells us that situations may arise in which brute force is necessary to extract information from terrorists who threaten the safety of America. Interrogation techniques were brought into the limelight this past week when the Pentagon issued a new Army Field Manual, which bans a laundry list of interrogation methods. While there is a good chance that some critics will claim that this year's controversial Supreme Court case, Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, is necessary to extract information from terrorists argue that the method is immoral. Critics of using physical pressure to obtain information from terrorists argue that the method is immoral.

The new Army Field Manual prohibits eight previously approved interrogation techniques, preventing interrogators from using any physical force to obtain information. Professional interrogators have been left with techniques such as verbal abuse and physical exhaustion to break down the world's most fierce terrorists. While these restrictions seem more humane in theory, what happens when a terrorist highly trained in resisting conventional interrogation methods holds crucial information about a planned terrorist attack on American soil? I would label this as a serious injury to the American people and a crime that is slowly being avenged through the war on terror. Coercive interrogation techniques are an unfortunate but necessary evil that must be used to protect our country from future terrorist attacks.

In pondering how to handle such a dilemma, I can't help but wonder: "What Would Jack Bauer Do?" Exodus 21:23-25 reads, "But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise." I would label this as a serious injury to the American people and a crime that is slowly being avenged through the war on terror. Coercive interrogation techniques are an unfortunate but necessary evil that must be used to protect our country from future terrorist attacks. Although most Americans don't like to stomach the thought, succeeding one terrorist so that millions of innocent people can live is a harsh but necessary decision to make.

Citizens of using physical pressure to obtain information from terrorists argue that the method is immoral. However, an article that appeared in The Charlotte Observer stated, "Many veteran interrogators believe that the use of such methods to extract information is justified if it could save lives—whether by forcing an enemy soldier to reveal his army's battlefield positions or forcing terrorists to betray the details of an ongoing plot." When thousands of innocent, civilian lives are taken into consideration, the momentary pain and discomfort of a terrorist who feels no remorse for the murders and atrocity's he has committed presents a morally sound means to an end.

A scenario in which a nuclear bomb will be detonated in 15 seconds unless the terrorist gives up the reprogramming code is a dramatic and terrifying hypothetical situation. In pondering how to handle such a dilemma, I can't help but wonder: "What Would Jack Bauer Do?" Exodus 21:23-25 reads, "But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise." I would label this as a serious injury to the American people and a crime that is slowly being avenged through the war on terror. Coercive interrogation techniques are an unfortunate but necessary evil that must be used to protect our country from future terrorist attacks. Although most Americans don't like to stomach the thought, succeeding one terrorist so that millions of innocent people can live is a harsh but necessary decision to make.

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Chills and thrills await at Scaremare house this October

By Linda Laferriere

Do you want an excuse to scare people, stay out past curfew and take part in a Liberty University tradition? According to www.scaremare.com, the purpose of the outreach is to present the salvation message of Jesus Christ by displaying several scenes of death.

Scaremare will be held once again in a rambling house located on Carroll Avenue, off the James Street exit on U.S. 29. Every year, the house is transformed into a haunted house of nightmares and thrills. Costumed students, eerie music and elaborate scenes are a standard for this production.

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The first weekend of Scaremare will be Thursday, Oct. 12 through Saturday, Oct. 14, and will continue the following two weekends. The house opens at dusk each night, and the line will close at 11 p.m. Lines are often long, snaking out past the field next to the house and out into the street.

Every year, some scenes are modified or completely changed. Some popular ones in the past have included a scene of a car crash, a funeral room, a clown room and a dungeon. Some old reliable ideas from years past have been brought back.

Each room of the house is run by a room leader, who works with the volunteers, the “cast” of Scaremare. The cast wears costumes, wears ghastly makeup and when the house is opened for its guests, the show is on. With all that goes on at Scaremare, hundreds of volunteers are needed each year to make Scaremare a success.

One of those students is senior Mike Sandal. He has been running the “stairs” portion of the house for three years.

“I tell my friends about Scaremare every chance I get. I always tell them that it’s fun, it’s effective, and you’ve got to appreciate a ministry that has pizza, free ice cream and stage blood on its shopping list,” said Sandal. “More than that though, Scaremare intends to point people to Christ. We put Jesus at the end of the tour for a reason.”

Jeremy Sluss is another contributor to the success of Scaremare. Sluss, who is a floor leader, and is from Richmond, Va., has been attending Scaremare for most of his life. Sluss recalls coming to Liberty and “longing to be a part of Scaremare. Being touched personally by Scaremare and having friends whose lives were touched by Scaremare made me want to be a part of Scaremare.”

According to Sluss, what takes place at Scaremare is much bigger than Liberty University.

“It’s not about us, it’s about Him and reaching a lost world for Him,” said Sluss.

“Working at Scaremare is an awesome way to see God work. It places you on the front lines with the community and gives you an opportunity to see the various views and lifestyles of the various groups of people. It is a very humbling experience,” said Chris Pope.

Steve Vandegriff, Executive Director of the Center for Youth Ministry and Associate Professor of Youth Ministries, has been heading up Scaremare for the past six years. He has been a part of other Scaremares, and believes that it exists as an “outreach tool to reach a lot of teenagers in a very unusual setting.”

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The Flames put up another strong defensive showing, but it was not enough to overcome offensive problems brought on by an injury to starting quarterback Brock Smith.

Defensive struggle puts Flames on losing end against Towson

By Dave Thompson

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Houston Texans trade for Gado

Men defeat VMI on road

The men's soccer team traveled to VMI on Tuesday to play the first of their two games in the Big South Conference.

Pack Your Bags — Samkon Gado gets a fresh start in the NFL as the Houston Texans traded for him this week.

Lady Flames win two of three over weekend

By Adrian Trent

The Lady Flames volleyball team captured its first two victories over weekend.

The Lady Flames improve to 16-5, maintaining their position as the top team in the Big South Conference.

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Both starting goalies, Rhett McGibbon for the white team and Dalton Stoltz for the blue team, were stellar. Despite the fact that both sides scored a high amount of goals, the defenses were solid and line changes were crisp. Though it is only mid-September, there was very little early season sloppiness.

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FOOTBALL: Flames drop heartbreaker at Towson

By Jennifer Schmidt

The Lady Flames women’s soccer team came off a tough non-conference schedule where they played top-ranked teams such as Wake Forest, Virginia and Arkansas. Playing these previous non-conference games allowed the Lady Flames to develop as a squad and push their game to the next level.

Saturday’s game against Charleston Southern, which was ranked fourth in the Big South pre-season standings, provided Liberty with plenty of opportunities to see where it stood this season. Ranked first in the conference, the Flames faced a non-conference match on Saturday against the Buccaneers.

The Lady Buccaneers were not able to rally against the Lady Flames’ strong defensive unit, which was led by the outstanding performance of junior full-back Tanya Payne. In the 67th minute, senior midfielder Alayna Hohensee made a corner kick for Liberty that curved around, which prompted Price to state, “Our midfield was creative and having played the tough pre-season that we did our minds and our plays were fresh.”

Price added that it is a different type of game in the conference. “We keep taking one game at a time,” he said. “We just want to repeat this performance once again in our next game.”

The Lady Flames will travel to Old Dominion next for a non-conference game. Following that game they will have five conference games, three of which will be at home. They currently have a 1-0 conference record and a 3-4-0 record overall.

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On the next play, Smith passed the ball up the middle to Jennings, who took the ball half of bounds. However, a late hit by a Towson defender after Jennings caught the ball furthered the down further.

On Towson’s 46-yard line, the Flames offense stalled. Smith threw three incomplete passes and was sacked, and Liberty faced two simultaneous penalties. Forced to punt, Liberty’s defense stepped back out and the defensive struggle resumed.

Towson’s next drive marched them 78 yards down the field from their own 9-yard line, but they were unable to reach the end zone. Instead, they were forced to settle for a field goal, which extended their lead to 10-3.

The game ended with Smith throwing a touchdown pass to junior Brandon Rocco on Tuesday.

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"A nation, like a person, has a duty to improve itself. Nothing must be kept from us," said Salameh Nematt, Washington Bureau Chief for "Al-Hayat Daily" and author of "The Last Arab World," a book about the Arab-Israeli conflict. "Nothing must be kept from us as long as it is in our interest."

According to Nematt, the media is the main way to communicate with the public and the most direct way to influence them. "I believe that the Arab media is very important," he said. "It can create a bridge between the East and the West."

In his book, Nematt stresses the necessity of improving U.S.-Islamic relations for the sake of the world. "It is the many failed attempts to promote peace which set the stage for the current war in Iraq," he wrote. "It is the many failed attempts to promote peace that have led to the current war in Iraq."

Nematt is a former journalist for "Al-Hayat Daily" and has been covering the Arab-Israeli conflict for nearly 20 years. He is now the Bureau Chief for the newspaper in Washington, D.C.

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He also believes that the media has a responsibility to inform the public about the true nature of the conflict. "The media has a responsibility to inform the public about the true nature of the conflict," he said. "It is not enough to just report the events. The media must also try to understand the root causes of the conflict."
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