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Liberty's new billboards will increase communication to the public.

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Vines fills up on Jars

Audience swoons to old lyrics and rocks to contemporary beat

By Angela Frankenstein

The 1,500 guests who convened on Liberty Mountain Friday night to hear the multi-Grammy and Dove Award-winning band, Jars of Clay, experienced some unexpected treatments that resulted in several generations of fans. The concert was, with special guests Torus Morgan and Frank Kelly, featured hits from Jars of Clay's most recent release, "Who, We Are." In addition to the album's nostalgic 1970s sounds such as "Happy Days" and its remake of the group America's "Lonely People," the show included influenced nostalgic visions of Clay style. Guests stood to shout the credits of Clay's debut radio hit "Love Song for a Senator." Jon Vines Center was almost too many majors to study. According to US News' 2005 Edition of "America's Best Colleges," the Liberty's University of Government was officially named and dedicated to Sen. Jesse Helms on Oct. 6. Dr. Jerry Falwell honored Helms, who turned 83 on Oct. 30, with a sellout crowd. It was a sellout in politics. Helms retired in 2003 after serving 30 years as one of the most influential senators in America's history.

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Helmles challenged the student body to pick up the baton and run the race he began many years ago. “The trouble with this country is not understanding the meaning of freedom,” Helms said. “What we are are people who don’t have the gumption to stand up for it.”

Cashing in on the best college majors

According to US News' 2005 Edition of "America's Best Colleges," the most popular majors at Liberty University are Business Administration/Management (19 percent), Psychology (15 percent), Liberal Arts (14 percent), Religious Studies (14 percent), Communications (13 percent), Political Science (12 percent), and Social Sciences (11 percent). Many students may argue with sophomore business major Brent Jenkins when he said, "I can't wait to find out what I'm going to study with my major because there are a lot of things that I can pick from with so many different majors, but I don't want to be stuck in the industry," said Ollie Bland, a junior fashion major.

Honoring Helms: School of Government dedicated

By Nicole Lundy

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One of the reasons the city is paving the lot is that it will not be prone to erosion. We are proceeding in that direction. "Chairman of the Freedom Curtain," Falwell said. "They provided the leadership to the free world during a crucial time in the 20th century." LU may pave all gravel parking lots

By Alicia Worthing

Rocks shift beneath the feet of guests in the gravel lot just off Campus East. For many students, especially the select freshmen who are not allowed to pack in lots by the dorms, the gravel lot has been a challenge, but the school will soon remedy the problem. The administration is planning to plant grass more than $40,000 to give the lot according to Director of Field Operations J.O. Renalds. Renalds said the lot will be paved within the semester and will contain more than 700 spaces.

As long as we get only minimum rainfall, the challenges should be minimized," Renalds said. "One of those lots is more visible from the Highway and both lots are on a slope and not easily read," Falwell Jr. said. "The new lot at Campus East is practically flat and would not be prone to erosion. We offered to paved or both of the existing gravel lots on campus if the city planner would allow the new lot to be paved when completing is complete. "It's like driving through sand," sophomore Daphne Stites said of driving through the large rocks.

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Love Me Tender: Tommy Nelson teaches students true romance

By Mitzy Harpold

Tommy Nelson challenges singles and married couples to reevaluate their stance on love, marriage and sex. Nelson, a pastor for over 20 years, heads Denton Bible Church in Dallas. Married for 30 years, with two grown children, Nelson said about the marriage of singles, "It’s a seven act play in my mind. " Nelson said that many people and entire lives are without hearing Song of Solomon, but he stressed that students should attend and consider the experience. "It will affect the most important years of their lives, it’s going to speak to their future and their marriage. " For the rest of their lives they’re going to have a treasure that will continue to study. Nelson emphasizes that the university is presenting the Song of Solomon at a time when students are facing decisional problems and questions. "It is a seven act play in my mind. " Nelson’s presentation is both entertaining and educational. It is presented, with average crowds now at $2,000 to $3,000 people. Campus Pastor Donald Snelson said that the university will allow the Liberty student body to attend the event for free.

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I’m going to do my best to be creative with this one, but it’s running out, so it puts a damper on the situation, not to mention the fact that I am wearing a green striped shirt and white striped shirt which makes me look more like a mint bone in a red house than a college student. Some of my friends are perhaps more fashion savvy than I am. Some people simply don’t care and I commend them. For example, some wear suspenders that are in the style of men’s and women’s ties. Whether you wear it or not, you are a trendsetter. Perhaps one reason I could care less about the whole dress thing is that all the extra details are cyclical. Pull out those old suspenders from your closet that you are going to come back soon. Then, the pending arrival of Valentines will once again fill us with endless delight. For some, that is a good news because triple-knotting shoelaces takes too much time. If I may deter from this point and move on to something outwardly trivial for a moment: suspenders. They really are fancy creations, especially on campus and more, recently, in campus. I faced out of the building a few weeks ago. I’m not sure on how you can call it chasing, though, because he didn’t move until I was next to him. They are brave and courageous and if the student is even to change its ma­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
Helms: Challenges future leaders

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During his years in Washington, Helms never faltered on his pro-life, pro-family position. All the chair-<0.0000001>man of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee for several years. Helms was one of the leading voices against communism. "My core strength, comes from my faith in God," Helms said. "My goal has always been to do what Jesus told me." Helms never intended to make a career in politics. The desire of owning a small newspaper with his wife and "best friend," Dorothy. After serving on the Raleigh City Council in the 1960s, his friends tried to persuade him to run for office, but he would not hear of it. However, "one evening, and told me that she wanted to be in politics she could vote for someone who was as conservative when they got to Washington as they said they were when they were running for office," Helms recalled. "I could resist everyone but her."

Dorothy Helms was by her husband's side throughout his visit to Liberty's campus. "So as they said they were when they were handled and be prepared to act courageously as they serve our country in the future." The Helms School of Government is now under the leadership of Dean Donald R. Godwin. Ph.D. "Senator Helms is a distinguished leader in the modern conservative movement in America," Godwin said. "We're very grateful that he's allowed us to use his name." Godwin was the senior vice president of the Washington Times from 1987 to 1991 and was president of Moral Majority for its years and President of Jerry Falwell Ministries for the past seven years. "This generation faces chal-

Challenges of increasingly secular society and increasingly adversarial mainstream media," Godwin said. "We're going to train our graduates to unapologetically Christ as a vital part of their public service.

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Champion wins several awards

By Misty Maynard

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VP Dave Young: Leading by example

Liberty gets to know its new Vice President

By Misty Maynard

A leader, a follower, an administrator and a servant: Dave Young had all the qualities Chancellor Jerry Falwell was looking for.

After Dr. John Boren, former university president, left Liberty last fall, Falwell selected Young as the new executive vice president to take on the onerous responsibility of leading Liberty University.

"My goal in my position is to carry out and expand the mission of our institution and support our Chancellor," Young said. Young had many specific goals, to create a university that is a living and learning environment. He is focusing on maintaining financial stability and making sure that Liberty remains an integral part of the Association of Colleges and Schools (ACS/C) Reaffirmation.

"If I've made any contribution, I think it has been to enhance communication, to strengthen our team and to enhance the planning process," Young said. He also noted all of the capital enhancements during the summer, the construction training center, the new athletic complex and additional parking and the former Erickson house overlooking Campus North—a place for offices and classroom.

"The administration has actually gotten stuff done since he's come here, they've finished the dorms in time for us to live in them. They've made us feel like we're going to have a student center next semester," senior Mark Reeder said.

"Every year, A.A.'s have to go out and look at the whole picture of the college, the beginning of this year Dave Young spoke to us and told us that Liberty was going to reimburse us for the fee we paid, he just said he was sorry," Missy Matteis said.

I appreciate that. It's one of those little gestures that make a great impact on students.

With nearly 30 years experience in the Air Force, Young, a reserved brigadier general, never imagined himself working at a Christian university.

"I think God has a sense of humor quite often, you know," Young said. Then one day Young received a call from what he termed an "executive boardroom" in the Air Force. It appeared that maybe doors were going to open to him.

"I never retired, to give him a call and tell him about the position. "I appreciated that. It's one of those little gestures that make a great impact on students."

After three years of marriage, the Young's marriage was then strengthened by the birth of their first child, a son named Michael. Later, Christopher was born. Young said that becoming a father was cutting in, even as he realized the responsibility attached to that role.

"I've been a follower and a leader, a man who has made a lot of mistakes in life, but I've learned from my mistakes," Dave Young said.

Young aims to sustain Liberty's standard of academic excellence, a standard that has garnered him the wisdom to understand his dedication.

"It's so nice to see people more mature, a continuing growth, a maturity, a continuing walk, a continuing relationship with God is a continuing walk, a continuing relationship with God," Young said.

Young said he has made a lot of mistakes in his life, and that he chose to walk away from God.

"It didn't mean to pursue the position so thoroughly, but once he started the process, he continued to see what doors would open to him," Young said.

"He had not been selected for a job or filled any administrative position. But he had not been selected for executive vice president of the University," Young said. Falwell had met Falwell about a year earlier when he spoke at a fundraiser at Young's house. Young that he had not been selected for the job continued, he called to give him a call and Falwell would give him a job.

After his experience with Falwell about the Family, Young recommended Falwell's offer. He returned out of the door to come to work. Young had not done a job title or description, Borek assigned Young projects and Young went to work.

He ultimately assumed the position of Vice President for Finance and Administration. Seven years in that position at Liberty gave Young the experience he needed to ascend into the position of EVP seven months ago.

The Chancellor saw this as an opportunity for the organization and have an executive vice president," Young said. Falwell asked Young if he would accept the position.

Before his retirement, Young was the commander of the second Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. During his illustrious military career, he served in several capacities as an aircraft commander and as a faculty member of the Air War College in Washington, D.C., the Air Force Personnel Center and the U.S. Air Force Command, according to Young's profile on Liberty's website.

Young also earned several distinctions including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross and eight Air Medals.

With degrees in business from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Central Michigan University, Young's versatility and experience helped him in his position at Liberty.

"The capability to lead and make plans and to enhance the planning and make decisions," Young said.

"You've learned from your mistakes. That's my personal motto." Young said.

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Liberty competes in flight contest

By Megan Lauer
TOMMY NELSON
Fifteen Liberty students will take to the air this weekend to battle it out in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association’s Region Y Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference, hosted by Liberty University at Lynchburg Regional Airport.

The competition will begin Thursday at 7 a.m. and wrap up Saturday evening with a banquet in the grand lobby of Dinkins Learning Center.

The competition will include spot landings, precision navigation, aircraft recognition, preflight inspection and simulator flying. Students will be judged on their performance, and individuals placing first from each event will compete in the national competition.

The national competition is scheduled for May 2005 at Kansas State University in Salina. Winner of the national competition receives a $1,000 scholarship.

Liberty will host 80 students from Virginia Tech, U.S. Naval Academy, Hampton University and Averett University, as well as Central Virginia Community College and Technical Institute, Community College of Albemarle and Greenville Technical Community College and Lee County Community College.

“Guilford normally wins. It happens every year,” said Professor Robert Mateer. “They were selected as the chairman of the aviation department, and in 2000, it was my wife’s birthday. So they said they were going to name the competition after her.”

The competition was named in honor of Professor Guadalupe Vines, who is the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate in aerospace engineering.

“Professor Vines is a great lady. She was the first African-American female to fly a commercial plane,” said Mateer. “She was a business woman, a teacher, a historian, a pilot and a professional pilot. She’s a role model for us and for all women in the world.”

The competition will conclude with a banquet and interviews with recruiters from the business field.

Students attending will include BB&T, a subsidiary of the First National Bank of Maryland, and Aeronautics, the largest domestic nuclear waste management company.

“It’s really never been done before,” said Professor Robert Mateer, chairman of the School of Business and Economics. Ryan Robertson is a senior business student and one of the people responsible for the event. He is an avid golfer who, along with Mateer, sought to create a new kind of environment for recruiters and students alike.

“Students can start networking with recruiters while pursuing a career. Many young men and women will meet recruiters from various firms, all looking for hardworking young people who are ethical and committed to doing things ethically correctly,” Mateer said.

“Most other out in the industry have a formal setting in which students associate it with a group of large firms, all looking for good students and good work ethic. But we’re trying to do something different,” Mateer said.

The conference is for everyone! Recruiters are not only looking for business students, but not all schools have to attend the conference. Students are not just looking for business students, but not all recruiters have to be business majors, and have a bachelor’s degree in business.

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Mama T. causes trouble for Kerry's campaign

Teresa Heitz Kerry, or "Mama T," is the senator's gay and lesbian delegates at the Democratic National Convention to call her, has become "the jewel of the campaign." Kerry's campaign. She is full of fiery energy and winning charisma that constantly gives her good press. Over the last few months, many in the media have portrayed her as a normal woman, but this could not be further from the truth. Her language and personality is soocking and spirited, that people from normal as you can get.

Mama T. has constantly startled fresh supporters and has gone as far to call them robots, scumbags, and some other phrases that are not suitable for print. Name calling of this nature is pollutants. People have called American's feel uneasy. Of course she has the right to speak out, but it is times it is more to have someone in who is willin to say what is on his mind. To go so far as to come to political campaigns, this topic is not to be avoided, and name calling is political suicide.

Mama T. also does not stand by her man in the tra-ditional manner. She wants to be more than just the mother of her children, and is more than just the mother of her mind, but this could not be further from the truth. The reason is that she is more than just her man. Kerry's campaign is also ready to answer questions about her words and phrases that are not suitable for print.

Now to give Heitz-Kerry her credit, she has been successful in reaching voters. She started many charitable foundations with the money she inherited after her hus-band's death. She is still alive and well, and has continued to make public appearances. During the same time, when asked about clothing for Kerry, she said, "I am not sure." That was some good press right there.

The most interesting thing about Mama T. is that she is not only a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, she is also a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Mama T. is both a Democrat and a Republican. She has never before seen politicians from the two parties together. She said that because we have a system where two parties are nati onal, the riling party "tries to econ-omize as many voters as possible." Well, that's how politics works. The Republicans would not be so interested if they had the riling party right now if they had not just done that. I would understand that reasoning if we had two riling parties that were ideologically on the same page and together they could totally shut out opposite positions. But the way things are now, there are two dominant parties that are ideologically different, and even each party has a wide spectrum of pos-i tions within itself. So it doesn't stand to reason that variations of those two par ties are going to be the third parties.

Third party politics are very healthy, think. Remember, it is believed that Gore won the 2000 election because Bush's electorate e-lected votes if it had not been for Blair, who basically took votes away from Gore. So we had a relatively unpopular third party, we would have a different presi-dent today. I should add to the thought. For years, Americans do not have enough choices for representation, but according to Political ran, there are too mi nor parties. It was also pointed out that Democrat hold the majority of elected offices until the Reagan years, but this was not because there were not enough third parties on the ballot, it was

Ben Walker
Music is the pulse of life. It makes us laugh, cry, and it also makes people feel. Many people feel that music can make or break us. It is a source of comfort or pain.

Mama T. has consistently been vocal about her views on music. She has criticized the music industry for what she believes is a lack of diversity and for not representing the voices of American women. Mama T. has also called for more women to be involved in politics, and she believes that music can be a powerful tool for this purpose.

Mama T. is also known for her passionate and sometimes controversial views on music. She has been known to use music as a means of expression, and she has often been vocal about her opinions on different genres of music and artists.

Despite her critics, Mama T. remains a powerful voice in the music industry, and she continues to use her platform to advocate for music that speaks to the experiences of American women.
"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

**Personal politics**

My manifesto of conservative thought

I am a dyed-in-the-wool conservative Republican who was born and raised in a Democrat-run New York State. My father listened to Rush Limbaugh, hates Liberals and their rhetoric and yells at the television. My mother took me with her shopping for coursebooks, was involved in Operation Rescue and always has some cause she is working hard to promote.

I try to believe that God created each person with a unique personality and other through that innate self or through growing up, we find that thing that drives us. Something we can live for, that gives us a motivating passion and as long as we ignore that we are miserable. My driving passion is politics. It is for these people that I devote this editorial. I would like to explain the difference between conservative and liberal thought

**Leo's notes**

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- Reggie Cook, Jr.
  Newport News, Va.
  "Play Madden '05 or basketball."

- Wing Sa Ng, Soph.
  Hong Kong
  "I pray to God and talk to my Christian friends."

- Joe Paullet, Jr.
  Easthampton, Mass.
  "Like to hang out with my little lady and I also sleep as much as I can."

- Jessica Hudgins, Soph.
  Clearwater, Fla.
  "I usually try to exercise because that is the only time I discipline myself to do it."

- Michal Houch, Sr.
  Shalohs, N.C.
  "Take a one to two hour walk and talk to God."

- Candace Freeman
  Lincoln, Del.
  "I get off campus and go to the movies, the mall, etc."
**Hockey smashes Pittsburgh**

By Andrew S eminent

After an hour-long drive to Roanoke on Saturday night, LU students revved up for another hockey game. The atmosphere at the Ice Station was unlike anything the NHL has to offer.

The small and chilly rink looked like something out of Disney's "Mighty Ducks." As the time neared 11:30 p.m., a rowdy Flames-friendly crowd had filed into the Ice Station.

Once the puck dropped and the game was underway, the Flames didn't waste time getting on the scoreboard. Just four minutes into the game, freshman Eric Costanzo scored his first of two goals in the game. The early lead helped to fire up an already raucous crowd.

Costanzo commented on his immediate impact to the team saying, "It's a team effort. My line mates really help me out, I get in the right spots, they get me the puck, and I put it in the net; that's what I do." A flurry of goals held fans' attention as the Flames took 4-2 lead into the locker room for the first intermission.

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**Ladies beat defending champs**

**Ladies win two straight**

**Beat Birmingham and Radford**

The Lady Flames took the Highlanders of Radford in dominating fashion. The girls continued her consistent play by leading the Lady Flames with 11 digs. Kristen Colson led Flames with 17 kills, contributing eight aces as well. Becky Rudnick also stepped up her immediate impact to the team saying, "It is a team effort. My line mates really help me out, I get in the right spots, they get me the puck, and I put it in the net; that's what I do." A flurry of goals held fans' attention as the Flames took 4-2 lead into the locker room for the first intermission.

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You've never quite felt the way I have this semester. I think I'm going through the right kind of change. As I look back, I'm optimizing my ability to make my readers mad. While they say that bad poetry is still good poetry, this past week I've discovered that's not always the case. Now I'm ready to share what happened.

The Liberty men and women cross-country teams won the Open Division at Saturday's North Carolina Collegiate Championships. Competing against teams primarily from North Carolina, Liberty won the "open" race which consisted of all teams outside of North Carolina. The men's team won the five-team open division with a total of 29 points, finishing in tenth place ahead of Big South Conference rival Coastal Carolina. Michael McDougal led the men's team as he completed his phenomenal freshman year and won his fifth consecutive race. McDougal set a new course record and school record as he won the race in a time of 23:43:26. Junior Evan Pinder was the Flames second runner as he finished in sixth place overall with a time of 25:14:46. Jason Brown and Drew Ponder were the third and fourth runners for the Flames respectively.

The Liberty women's cross-country team had a solid showing as they placed 11th out of 15 teams. Senior Samantha Pelleriti was the third Lady Flame to cross the finish line and she did so in 26th place in a time of 28:11:61. Melinda Blackstone and Asia Ramey rounded out the scoring places for the Lady Flames as Blackstone finished in 70th place and Ramey in 74th.

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The Florida Panthers are a team that has been struggling in recent years. Despite having a talented roster, they have failed to reach the playoffs in several seasons. However, they have shown signs of improvement in recent years, and there is hope that they can make a push for the postseason in the near future.

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With football season started and the baseball playoffs in full swing, it may have slipped the regi- ular sports fan’s mind that basketball season is just around the corner. October means changing leaves and the start of minimum survival mode. With the winter season this year is filled with high anticipation due to the addition of new teams to the legendary ones in new places and a revival of old ones.

After the Detroit Pistons won the NBA title over the Los Angeles Lakers last summer, it marked the start of the Shaq & Kobe dynasty in LA and started a cross-country battle in the present.

Fed up with the Lakers management and the organization in general, Shaquille O’Neal requested to be traded. The big guy got his wish and was involved in a three-for-one player deal with the Memphis Grizzlies and Lamar Odom to the Lakers in exchange for leadership and athleticism in Grant and Odom, as well as the most unlikely trade to the World Champion Detroit Pistons.

The Lakers didn’t even hesitate to trade Shaq due to the fact that he had made it very clear that he did not want to play for the organization after the previous season. He was still unsigned, and the player was likely to sit out the year filled with high expectations due to the addition of new teams to the legendary ones in new places and a revival of old ones.

The additions to the Lakers are all for their main man Kobe Bryant, who after a long legal battle wanted to complement the silky smooth talents of last year’s MVP Tracy McGrady. The Lakers traded their most valuable asset in O’Neal, while the Lakers picked up veteran leadership and athleticism in Grant and Odom, as well as the most unlikely trade to the World Champion Detroit Pistons.

Quarterback's view

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In 1979, shortly after becoming a Christian, Edwards left a calling to attend the Liberty Bible Institute. The young family man moved his wife and two kids to Lynchburg because he felt that he needed to understand the Word of God better. The plan was to stay for only two years and go back to broadcasting. While attending the Bible institute, Edwards worked in radio and was happy, but never thought he could one day be a sports analyst by his own voice and by his own feet.

Edwards would get a blessing when the Flames were once again led by sophomore forward Toby Lewis rounded the corner and collected his third hat trick of the season. The Flames dominated the Panthers in the 107th minute of the game. Flames goalkeeper John O’Hara made a shot after Marsen and clipped the ball for the Flames to make the final score 1-0, at Patriots Soccer Stadium.

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Talking about the ‘Voice of the Flames’

By Paul Troth

Many Liberty University fans may say that they are the number one fan and that they attend every football or basketball game, but only one person can say they have seen every game these teams have played for six years. That distinction can only be made by one person, and that is Jerry Edwards, the ‘Voice of the Flames.’

Growing up in Canton, Ohio, Edwards loved listening to athletes compete over the radio, and ever since he could remember, felt a desire to be on the radio. Edwards recalls being told by his older sisters that even as a young boy he would pretend to be a disc jockey and play records to his house as if he were on the radio.

After high school, Edwards knew he had two options, either go to college or go into the military. Edwards chose the latter and enrolled in the Marine Corps. Serving his country for three years, the young Edwards came home looking for a place to call his own. Knowing that he wanted to do something that he loved, he wanted to go into broadcast-
Larry Blair prepares to lead Flames

By Andrew Stevens

Sophomore Larry Blair did more than meet expectations last season, as he helped lead the Flames to a Big South Championship, and an NCAA tournament appearance.

As a freshman, Blair averaged 13.4 points per game, including a 29-point performance against High Point in the Big South Championship game.

Blair was recruited by several major Division I schools before deciding on Liberty. "I felt like God was calling me to Liberty, and I wanted to stay in the center of his will. I felt like Liberty was a place where I could go and grow."

During last season's Big South Championship game as Larry hit up High Point for 29 points, Liberty students chanted "Larry, Larry," and "MVP, MVP.

Blair commented on how much the support of his fellow students meant to him. "Knowing I have the support of the 12 other guys on this team means a lot, but to know my friends and fellow classmates support me is huge. Anytime the student body is behind you it really feels good."

Those who follow college basketball and the NCAA tournament know that seemingly every season some team pulls off a "Cinderella" run through the "Big Dance." Liberty's first round exit from the NCAA tournament last year was not enough for Blair, who hopes to take the Flames deeper in to the tournament this season.

"We just have to keep working to improve, and continue to bring guys in who can help us do that. I think eventually we can get past the first round, so just have to keep working hard."

Head Coach Randy Dutton does not shy away from playing some of the tougher teams in the Big South Division I has to offer. Last season the Flames took on non-conference opponents such as Miami of Ohio, Seton Hall, Iowa State, Duke, Arizona, and NCAA tournament opponent St. Joseph's.

This season the Flames are slated to battle such non-conference opponents as Old Dominion, North Carolina State, Miami of Ohio, Maryland, and Seton Hall.

Blair commented on how the non-conference schedule prepares the Flames for Big South play. "Our non-conference schedule really helps us get ready for the Big South. Not to take anything away from any team in our conference, but we just do not face the toughest competition in the Big South."

Blair has had tremendous success in his brief career at Liberty. Last season he became the first place in school history to be named Big South Rookie of the Year. Just recently he was named to the 2004 Big South Preseason All-Conference team.

Knowing he still has a year away to go to reach his own personal goals helps Blair keep his success in perspective.

"I do not really think about my success too much. When a game is over, I might talk about it with a few of my friends, After that, I really do not think about it too much. I know I still have a long way to go to reach my peak. I am not yet to the point I want to get to in life," said Blair. Pressure and expectations come early and often for Division I athletes and they each have their own way of handling it.

Larry commented on how he handles pressure by saying, "I handle pressure by staying humble and just realizing that pressure comes every day, you just have to be able to handle it. Pressure prepares you for other situations as well. I take all the pressure situations as opportunities to prove myself."

Along with providing Larry a place to shine on the hardwood, Liberty has given him an opportunity to grow in other ways as well.

"Liberty helped my spiritual life grow. I was spiritual anyway, but when you are around this type of atmosphere everywhere you can not do anything but grow spiritually. That is no problem with me that is what makes people better all around. I am glad I made the decision to sign with Liberty and come here."

Blair has learned a lot since arriving at Liberty, and it has not all been about basketball.

"I have really learned the importance of hard work since I have been here, I have also learned a lot about the Bible that I did not know. I have learned comes from speakers we have here, especially from ministers I can talk to about my faith. That is why they help us get past the things from speakers we have here, especially from ministers I can talk to about my faith. That is why they help us get past the things that happen in the Big South.

Liberty is more than just the games on the court of Larry's jersey; it is a special place for him. "Liberty means a lot to me, because it is the school I represent. I take pride in everything I do that represents Liberty. I see it as an opportunity to build our school up, and get a nice reputation for our school. Hopefully people will want to know more about our school and maybe come here and get saved," said Blair.

When his time at Liberty is done Blair "just wants to be remembered as a hard worker. I am just like anybody else who has a gift; I am just trying to use it to the max right now. I hope people remember me as a great athlete who gave all he could give to the school," said Blair.

Blair also commented on how he feels about the team this year. "I hope to get drafted in the NBA, or play professionally somewhere. I also want to grow in other ways as well. I am just trying to use it to see what makes people better all around. I am glad I made the decision to sign with Liberty and come here."

Blair realizes that getting drafted from a school such as Liberty, is quite different than getting drafted from a school such as Duke or North Carolina.

Larry added, "Schools like Duke and North Carolina have a winning tradition. People don't see the ACC as tough as the Pac-10 or anything like that. It is going to be a fun challenge to overcome. It all depends on my hard work and my determination to get there."

To learn more about Larry Blair and the Flames upcoming season check out www.LibertyFlames.com.

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Runway is clear for take off!

October 15, 2004

THROW IT DOWN!... Last Friday night, the Liberty men's basketball team got the season going with a "bang" as the team hosted the annual Midnight Madness in the Vines Center. While activities took place for a few hours and the crowd was into the action all night long, the fan favorite dunk contest stole the show.

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A. Eaton received a trophy for his 1,446 pound pumpkin this October, setting a new world record for the heaviest pumpkin grown in Canada, Ontario, Canada. Widely affiliated with fall festivities, varying sizes and types of pumpkins are used for food and fun. Considered a staple for Native American Indians, pumpkins have gradually become a tradition associated with the fall months. According to the University of Illinois, 80 percent of the U.S. pumpkin supply is available during October. Mothers, daughters, and children continue to carve the scariest jack-o-lantern constituting a large percentage of seasonal pumpkin consumption. "I love this time of year. Dad helps me carve a pumpkin and mom makes me a costume for trick-or-treating," said 10-year-old Zachry Martin.

Pumpkins can be purchased at stores and stands throughout Lynchburg. "Kids will be kids," said Woodall. "This is for US messy people. In fact, I don't think we could pull it off. We'd also probably never get organized, which would make it even messier."

PUMPKIN PICKLES AT THE PATCH—Children can help out for the perfect pumpkin at the patch on Tabernacle Road. Pumpkins can be purchased at patches or at grocery stores.

VERSATILE ARTIST SHOWS HER HEART THROUGH SONGS

By Andrew Whinkle

She's a concert violinist, an orchestra director, and a Grammy-nominated drum player, just to name a few. Melissa Woodall humbly expresses praise through song. As a senior worship and major music and music major, Woodall has recorded two albums and won the Virginia Music Madness Championship through 90.9 FM. Currently, she serves on the Exodus music ministry team and assists the church performing arts team here at LC. Woodall first voiced her interest in music at the age of three. "I need to make my relatives sit and listen to me sing," Woodall noted. Since then, Woodall has become acquainted with many instrument. She began playing violin at the age of 5, guitar at twelve, piano in her teenage years and is currently learning to play the drums. Perhaps most impressive is that she recorded her first CD, "Who I Really Am," while still in high school. As a senior at Heritage High School, Woodall was able to record her CD through friend Brian Mercklin, of Unseen records. Three years later, Woodall was back in the studio recording her second CD, "This Real Life." However, this time Woodall recorded for more than two days in California. "It was a bit tiring," Woodall noted. Woodall is not or- nate of a career in music, but she is trusting God to lead her in the future. "I know that I love to sing and I love singing and I love people... this is all I know for certain," Woodall said.

Woodall has written all of the lyrics, with the exception of one song—"Jesus Song" and most of the music from her albums. Her lyrics include metaphorical phrases and deep themes that demonstrate wisdom. "I have noticed that sometimes my lyrics usually come when I am extremely thankful for something or when I just don't understand God. Most of my songs come out of a crying for help, a questioning, or a begging for something more," said Woodall. Woodall's talent does not merely lie in her music but in the way she uses the gifts God has given her to impact others. Ephesians 5:15-16 states that Woodall reached out to "be in at first a great need for some companionship. Calland came to Heritage High School as an energetic teen who had known only homeschooling. Not surprisingly, Calland found herself in an awkward period of adjustment. Calland was not the only one feeling suffocating and staring for anything that was not "Calland said. Calland befriended her. "She was sweet, interesting, and importantly also she was real, and with that came a real and passionate love for her earlier," Calland said of Woodall. Calland cherishes her relationship with Woodall highly. "I'm truly honored to have known someone so humble, so passionate and so real that highlighting that stuff is for us messy people. In fact, sometimes I feel I'm being outright oppressed. So, this is a call to everyone like me: Messy people unite!"
Covering up is the latest fashion for fall and winter

By Rachel Jones

Covering up is the latest trend for fall and winter. While most students have their own sense of fashion, it is also good to know what is hot and what is not for this coming season. From the runway of Versace, Donna Karen and other designers, comes a style unused for the past three decades. Loose clothing, fitted at the bottom, but loose on top. Short skirts and mini skirts are being replaced by twirled blouses, chubs and flowing long length or longer skirts.

Senior A.T. Dunn is a FASCI major and has been a fashion consultant to the Miss America pageant and to Liberty's "pagent." Dunn is changing this season, "Twirled hats and scarves are a popular look right now. Black lace is a frequently used fabric combination. Finally for men the insanely模式ed moustache is making resurgence. I am growing one not right now. Bad Dunn. For women, the hairstyles have not differed much. Angles and long layers are still big.

The problem for many college students is how to pay for those Versace styles on a student income. Senior Zaneta Collins uses shopping savvy to find her clothes. "I shop at discount stores. We have enough of them around here. The only clothes that I just have to have." Dunn offers other suggestions for finding discounted prices on their favorite fashion. "I shop at H&M. It is just like Neiman Marcus, but way cheaper. It has high quality items as well." H&M's Web site offers a look into their mission to clothe people in the best of style. "H&M has a wide range of styles and new goods are delivered to their stores everyday. They offer fashion basics as well as clothes with a higher fashion content within each collection, so you choose as well as the choice of different garments and find that person personal style." The averaged H&M stores are in such a small city. It is easy for a driver to ride by without even noticing the one, I would never buy the one, but they are cool." Cooney loved riding his bike, it is easy for a driver to ride by without even noticing the one. Contact Rachel Jones at rjones@ liberty.edu

POCKET BIKES—LU students Jordan Wilson (right) and Chris Pearce ride their new toys during the Homecoming parade.

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