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MEW draws Wildfires worry students from California

By Sara Lesley

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LU hosts Evening of Literature

By Riley McAmis

"Jabberwocky," "How Did You Die," and "Blow, Blow, Then Winter Wind" were only a few of the selections performed February 19th during the Evening of Performance in Literature. Though some students came for extra credit and some came because their friends were performing, the majority of the crowd was there to enjoy the dramatic readings and performances.

The Evening of Performance allowed students to experience literature in a more intimate setting. Selections ranged from serious to light-hearted pieces.

"I really encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and go to these events," said Professor Rhodes, who helped organize the event. "It's a way of getting a different idea of reaching the unreached."

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Texas Inn still draws students

By Brooke Anderson

Sitting comfortably at the corner of 422 Main Street is a little white house with a blue roof and a sign that says "Texas Inn." Serving its unique style of chili and hamburgers, Texas Inn, affectionately nicknamed the T-Room, holds special place in the hearts of its customers.

"It's just so different from anything else on the entire plateau," said Matthew Frankley, junior. "He idea of putting a scrambled egg on a burger... it's a fun experience." The "cheesy wonder," featuring a scrambled egg and a slice of cheese on a hamburger, is the most popular item to order at Texas Inn.

"It's comfort food... it's like a home away from home," said Daniel Davis, third-year seminary student. Davis has been working at Texas Inn for 20 years. Later in 1972, and has been there ever since.

Although Lynchburg's downtown area has developed around Texas Inn, the thing that has changed is the appearance of the restaurant. The old building has been replaced by a new one, and the business has been relocated to the same location until 1996 when it was decided to rededicate the restaurant.

The restaurant reopened two years later in 1998, and has been there ever since.

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La Boheme hits center stage

Life! announces premier of world-class play at Liberty

By Misty Maynard

"I think that the missions conference is fantastic," said Carl Rees, Richmond Associate for the Middle-America Region of the International Mission Board. "It gives us a chance to mix with the students and kind of see where the students are going. It always gives us a time to talk with them and ask any questions that they have.

There were a total of six booths, three in front of the bookstore, and three in the hallway of DeMoss. Some of the tables were worked by church members, many missionaries who had just returned from the missions fields. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about missions experiences firsthand.

There was also a time of questions and answers on Monday night where the students were able to get more information about the missionaries and the International Mission Board. The missionaries formed a panel and students were able to ask questions.

The journeyman missionaries were very impressed with the enthusiasm that the students showed.

"Our experience here has been very good," explained one of the journeyman. "We've had a lot of students who've showed a lot of interest in missions, especially the freshman.

Most of the journeyman stayed in different parts of the world. Some were from Asia, Africa, and Central America. They were able to share a lot of their experiences and joys of serving on the mission field. Some of the journeyman started out as students who wanted to work for a few years as missionaries before they started off on their career paths.

"The conference is really good," said Ryan Murnane, a freshman. "It's not mandatory, but my parents who go they don't be influenced by the people who don't want to go." Last Tuesday, students were able to go to performances to hear topics such as ministering to Muslims and Roman Catholics, and different ideas for reaching the unreached.

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Commentary brings faults of "Reagan" movie to light

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The Price is Right

By Ashley Rappold

Profession Profile: Bruce Kirk's credentials are his experience

Bruce Kirk, News Director for WSTE-TV and professor at LU, has had the reputation of being both President Bush, Sr. and President Clinton. He has won five Emmy awards for his work in television news reporting and has traveled overseas to cover events in both domestic and international reporting.

Professor Kirk is what you would call a well-rounded individual. He has a strong sense of credibility, “He brings a depth of knowledge and understanding to his students,” says senior Sara Lesley. “He knows his stuff and is able to convey it to his students in a way that is easy to understand.”

Kirk would choose a famous historical figure, “I would choose Winston Churchill,” he says. “He was a man of action, a man who could think on his feet and make quick decisions.”

Kirk’s passion to have an impact on journalism students led him to apply to WSTE-TV, “I believe in the power of the press and the importance of a free press. I would love to mentor my students in journalism and help them develop the skills they need to succeed.”

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Shepherd Ministries makes disciples

By Kathy Faulconer

Their goal is to make disciples who make disciples who make more disciples. Who are they? Shepherd Ministries.

Our mission is to work alongside the local church and help encourage, equip, lead, and equip the local church body to become more like Christ," said Monica Rose, the Coordinator of Shepherd Ministries and founder of the "True Identity" ladies ministry. "That's discipleship," she added.

According to Randy Spencer, Director of Center for Ministry Training, Shepherd Ministries began eight years ago when Dr. Jimmy Lovett took some students traveling to give them ministry experience. At the time there were about four people, and it has grown every year. Currently, it has anywhere from 15 to 20 students participating. There are 11 teams and they represent a number of different specializations.

Three "Vision" teams do drama, music, and Arts. Shepherd Ministries also has a "Powerhouse" group of guys who are available for pulpits whenever needed. A team that goes on mission trips on Friday nights and a ladies ministry team called "True Identity." There are seminary leaders assigned over each team, which mostly consists of undergraduates, who schedule and coordinate their ministries. Rose said that the teams do depend on the churches they visit. The majority of their weekend activities are called "Shepherd weekends," where they will spend the entire weekend doing ministry that will carry over into the Sunday morning.

Training for the ministry depends on the team and what positions are available, but Rose said that there are plenty of opening.

"What we look for is the heart of the person and their desire to do ministry," Rose said. "This whole thing is about giving people opportunities to share Christ." The team leaders meet every Thursday and Tuesday every month, involving all members of the group. In the fall, KDP is planning a formal Learning Center that they are eager to get in this quarter. "We will be doing a mini-camp to do ministry at least twice a semester," Rose estimated.

"The interesting thing about KDP is that people are not restricted to just college ministry but are able to serve in any ministry that they choose," Rose said. "Our team entrance into a battered pregnancy center." Rose is the vice president of the team and the True Identity ministry goes into pregnancy centers. Rose is currently trying to get the team entrance into battered pregnancy centers. Rose and her team have about 25 ladies participating and Rose said she is looking for more girls interested.

Anyone wanting to get involved should contact the Office in the Religion Hall and Rose personally before Christmas. The application process is very short and easy and all that is needed is a heart for ministry. "I've never met ministers who are willing to do anything to share the Gospel even if it's not something they like," she said. Shepherd Ministries is also willing to take on new student ministers and will provide food and gas expenses.

"Two aspects of Kappa Delta Pi for two years and went to church when I was up North but it didn't matter because our goal was to whatever was needed," senior Angela Botto said.

Last week was probably my favorite week of the semester: A 1MB conference whetted my appetite for missions. I attended missions seminars in the evenings and I met with people who are working full-time missions and I attended one of my last missions seminars. As I did all this I felt like a kid on Christmas morning. I compare a missions conference to the excitement of Christmas morning. I was a part of Shepherd's Missions Conference. I was upgrading their Basic Life Support classification and I was happy. The Champion reported the story.

"I feel guilty for not going abroad. You are fulfilling the purposes of the missionaries who brought the gospel to America years ago. You are fulfilling the purposes of the missionaries who brought the gospel to America years ago. The students involved are from all of Lynchburg and the True Identity ministry goes into pregnant women's lives. Many have the exit strategy of becoming..."
Mel Gibson pays short visit to LU

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"I could just picture my family in a room, looking up at the ceiling, thinking every possible thing they could think of," she said.

In the anticipation, the whole fire shifted and the fire went everywhere in the room. "No houses in the immediate area were burned," she said, and that is how we allowed to move back into their house later on.

Smith said she finally decided to return to a relief of people. "I don't know what the future holds for her, her family, or what happened to her house. I felt out of control," she said.

Senior Dana Cashion from Victorville, Calif., also had a family that were forced from their home last Monday. They were able to go back to their house Monday, but some of the people she knew had not been able to go back. "My former volleyball team, it was really hard for them," she said.

Joshua Butcher from Riverside, Calif., who was involved in this event, also wrote a letter to his grandparents out last weekend after the fires were pretty much contained within 10 miles of their house.

"The hardest part for my family is the main roads leading out of town," said Cashion, adding that if they did not want to evacuate, they would have to pay for a towing service to get their car out.

With the help ofify weather this weekend, firefighters were able to get most of the fires under control. Full containment is expected this week. California is spending millions of dollars to fight the wildfires, which could result in over $200 million in damages.

Current Liberty students and even graduates make their way in Liberty while they can. "You have to be inside once more than on "Our Life to Live," Cash said.

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Texas Inn: LU face

"I call this place "The Cove,"" Cash said. "It's a place you can go, you can drink, you can smoke, you can eat." It is a place where you can't drink your "Our Life to Live," Cash said.

"That's when we knew some-thing serious was happening," said Cashion, who was one of the students who submitted his story for the contest. "His signature Gibson film," he said, "is a place where you can't drink your "Our Life to Live," Cash said.

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Because Fox reported that Scott Switzer was suspended for drawing a "patriotic" Marine/Taliban war scene, I initially presumed that Tinton Falls Middle School had a problem with such depictions of government-sponsored war activity, despite its relevance to Switzer. As Fox reports, both Switzer's dad and stepdad are in the military. This is a strange position for a school to take considering that any depiction with such depictions of government-sponsored war activity should especially understand the necessity of an active crisis communications plan based on his past run-ins with the courts. The courts have more clearly defined what we can and can't do as far as religious freedom in the schools," he said.

Dr. Robert Lyster, Associate Professor of Communications at Liberty University, submitted a written statement concerning the issue: "Once the parents made the incident public, the school should have been very proactive in explaining exactly why the student was suspended. This should have included making the picture available so the audience could make their own decision considering whether or not the picture was appropriate.

It does not take a public relations professional to know that kids seizing the issue in an ineffective way to deal with conflict, especially in media relationships. Explanations were also confiscated. The Rutherford Institute, a religious freedom organization based in Charlottesville, Va., defended the child's action in a legal battle. In 2002, the school won when a federal judge ruled that the burning of the child's religious philanthropy was in order. Reportedly happy with the ruling was then superintendent of the Egg Harbor school Leonard Kelpsh. "The courts have more clearly defined what we can and can't do as far as religious freedom in the schools," he said.

Immediate response and certainty are vital for optimal pub-
ic impression and positive reports. Fox should not be blamed for the confusion surrounding this case. Neither complete information nor clarification was thrust onto the stage when the media spotlight found Tinton Falls Middle School. Instead, they lashed behind a subsequent effort. Had the school given due information to the public "The courts have more clearly defined what we can and can't do as far as religious freedom in the schools," he said.

Dr. Robert Lyster wrote, "This was a very poor public relations effort by the school; it was very tight-lipped and then after the huge outcry trying to give their side of the situa-
tion. Don't be afraid to dig past the first source. You might find the whole story.

"I don't know whether or not the school was correct in suspending the student but I do know the school deserves an 'F' in the handling of the news coverage." Dr. Robert Lyster

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"...Kelpsh's comments lend the reader to believe the level of patriotism was disdained. It is probable that I would not have gotten the whole story had I not personally emailed the school's principal and asked for clarification. In a speedy 11 minutes I was forwarded a copy of the school's official press release written after the Fox interviews. It was a detailed description of the drawing and a defense of the five-day suspension.

The press release claims that the drawing "is merely two stick figures, one with a helmet and one with no markings. The figure with the helmet had a pistol and is attacking the other figure. It is quite graphic and bloody. Moreover, above the head of the stick figure is the name of another student at the Middle School, not the Talibans." The language continues to discredit Switzer's testimony of patriotism: "It is quite evident that the drawing depicts one student attacking another student, who is named. It is not an attack by an American soldier upon the enemy, as represented by the offending student." A defense of the punishment continues, explaining that the suspension could have been 10 days, but was reduced to five. It says that "in the post-Columbine, post-9/11 era we must be very careful, address all threats, and protect all students. That is the message we attempted to convey to the news media, and the message that should be addressed to all parents, students, and interested parties. The wrong message in question may think this was a joke or a prank, but actions of this nature are taken very seriously and there are conse-
quences that must be assigned." Information like this is important factual must for making value judgments. Whether it changes minds or not, this press release should have been produced and published prior to national media coverage to hit the news-head on. -Dr. Robert Lyster, Associate Professor of Communications
Being 'Jesus Freaks' at home and abroad

While it is generally acknowledged that "you can't change history," that doesn't prevent CNN from creating a new mini-series, "The Reagans," later this year. But while the net- work can't succeed in changing the reality of the past - that's safely out of reach - it can succeed in changing something nearly as significant - the memory of the past.

Though the producers of the film claim it gives a balanced portrayal of Reagan's presidency, many who have previewed the script judge otherwise. The New York Times reports that the series depicts Ronald and Nancy Reagan in a largely negative light and expresses a "morning-rose" view in relation to Ronald's handling of his staff and Nancy's supposed meddling. The Times also notes that many of Reagan's key accomplishments are not given much time or attention, largely because of the absence of both "economic recovery and the creation of wealth during his administration." 

Even more disturbing, the writers took the liberty of creating situations and dialogues that didn't exist. In one scene, for example, a dis­ turbed and starving man is shown with a feeling that he may be the antichrist, giving the impression that this is something serious in the glor­ ious fanatic. In another, Reagan delivers rather cavalier commen­ tary to those with AIDS, "They that live in sin shall die in sin." Of course, there is no evi­ dence of either event tak­ ing place, they are mere­ ly assertions made by the scriptwriters to buttress their interpretations of Reagan and his views.

The balance of the series appears to be on historically question­ able and uninventive moments rather than on the momentous shifts that Reagan provided over. This is not surprising considering that the pro­ ducers of the film, Mel Mann and Stephen Schnetzer, are both youth pastors who are theologically un­ balanced. Reagan, James Earl and Jerry Falwell, all admit to being politi­ cally liberal. Even so, it is disappoint­ ing that they take such a light view of history.

When Ronald Reagan took office in 1980, America was floundering. Inflation and unemployment were at record highs, confidence and thinking man strongly com­ mented. "They that live in sin will let me discuss is absti­ nence to those with AIDS. None of these accomplishments were the result of a means, alone. For­ tunately, I would balk at the message in the TV am I the threat male who would stick to the only thing the school education. She says: "Today's world. The last thing that they need is a source that teaches them what we are doing. Whether you never your individual­ cations. No matter what your personal-­ ly about the mindset that unless we are serving God in the jungles of Africa, we are responsible to reach out to those around on right now. We cannot follow the path of Jesus as much as we can explain what's there right under our noses. Many Christians are ques­tioned because they have not decided to become full-time Christian communicators. I'm not walking away from serving the Lord with his message. Whether there is something wrong with me, with the world - with the news and is a news importer for Fox one who isologi­cal, the great commis­ sions was to take the Word of God to the people, all men to those who want it.

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Get connected with Commuter Prayer Groups

By Laura Beaton

Light, camera, action: This year's Coffeehouse takes LU students to the movies in a light-a-up, crowd-pleasing song.

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Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

“Lights, Camera, Coffeehouse” takes LU students to the movies

By Brit Engbrecht

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In the 17-6 win for the Flames, DeBerry added two more records to his repertoire. He became the all-time Liberty sack leader with 19.5 for the season against CSU.

Also in the game, running back Darreus Barnes achieved a season total of 1,007.

Last season, Barnes set the all-time Liberty record for yards gained on the ground in a season with 1,304. His 1,000-yard mark for the campaign propelled his career and he also set the all-time Liberty sack single game record with 12.5 sacks. That total put him third behind former leader Rodney Degrate, who finished with 16 sacks. That total put DeBerry in the elite status when he broke the 1,000-yard mark for the second straight year.

He topped 15.5 yards against the Boise defense, giving him a season total of 1,017.

With his four sacks against the Buccaneers, he added to the .5 sacks from the previous week, giving DeBerry the record on the road.

His game total of four sacks passed the previous record of three sacks in a game, held by many players. The latest was Jason Wells, who tied the record in 2000 against Western.

Two records fall during game against CSU

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The BOTTOM LINE

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K.J. Sabotchick, senior goalkeeper for the Liberty Flames men's soccer team, has been facing this obstacle since he was 10 years old. Asthma has kept him out of a lot of things and has slowed him down at times. Although he could never tell by the way he tends the net, it is an impairment that he has had to deal with daily.

Sabotchick grew up in Elysburg, Pa. He was raised by his parents with his younger sister. The Sabotchick family is a very active family, always on the go.

Every season meant a different sport that the Sabotchick's were involved in. From second grade through high school, Sabotchick focused on playing basketball. It wasn't until the latter part of his high school years that he decided to play soccer year round and focus most of his energies on the soccer field.

Sabotchick's parents are both the biggest inspiration and support in his life. His father, Kevin, was always the assistant coach on the teams Sabotchick would play for and was a good role model and example for him to follow.

Sabotchick's soccer career began at the early age of five years old, participating in recreational youth leagues that friends encouraged him to become a part of.

Since making the decision to solely focus on soccer, Sabotchick has made quite an impact on the field. During the high school days, Sabotchick was a four-year captain, defensive most valuable player, and named to the second team All-Conference as a senior. At Liberty, his playing credentials continue to be impressive. Sabotchick is a good goalkeeper who has had valuable game experience: This season one of his best, allowing only 12 goals in the net.

As a senior, he understands the way the team operates and recognizes his role on the squad this season. "I have a great defense in front of me. The more I communicate to the guys and stop the way better I'll be able to play. I want to be a consistent player. I want to be a good example on and off the field."

Sabotchick first heard about Liberty University through an acquaintance's mailing, must-have-produced and resulted in thousands of high school seniors every year. He then heard about Liberty's athletic programs through a friend and decided to make some serious inquiries about the school. "I talked to Coach Alice and he offered me a position on the team if I wanted it. He said

I should pray about it, no into."

Sabotchick's teammates are unequivocally his favorite aspect of playing soccer at Liberty. "They are such a great bunch of guys. I have 20 brothers on the squad and, it's like they're my family."

Sabotchick has no doubt had his fair share of immaculate soccer moments, but one in particular stands out in his mind. "It was my first shut-out at Campbell. It was one of our second game of the season and I was a tough one. Our defense played well and the offense and midfield helped me out a good deal and led to the shut-out."

When he's not thinking soccer, Sabotchick is spending time with his fiancee Michelle Blair, whom he will marry in June of next year. A great deal of his time is also devoted to the books and completing schoolwork.

Sabotchick is a biology major and applied to medical schools, but is sitting in ballroom where he has been accepted. In the future, he plans to study politics and will pursue a career in some way that God directs him with, which is something he is currently praying about.

Not only is Sabotchick an athlete and a dedicated student, but he is more importantly a Christian whose faith impacts the way he plays. "My faith definitely affects the way I play. I have to stay positive all the time, knowing that no matter what I've done or the field, it is exactly what God wants to happen."

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The last line of defense-Goalkeeper KJ. Sabotchick is the last line of defense. Flankes coach Frank Landry said. "We lost our edge and faltered some coming in the final 18 to garner a second place finish in the Old Dominion/Seascape Invitational."

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Cross Country falls in championship

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Conway, S.C. Runners were forced to
run Windy countryman Terah Kipchiris
tation reigned fierce. Liberty's men team
the last 1000 meters to pass two opposing
runners from High Point and one runner
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Signatures Evan Fatel was the Flames second runner finishing in 16th place overall in a time of 16:58. Fatel was striking kick in the last 1000 meters to pass two opposing
runners from High Point and one runner
from Coastal Carolina to secure a place in the
10K. Both Molly and Fatel were named to the All-Big South Conference team because of their top 10 finishes.

Aaron Gogain also ran extremely strong for Liberty as he ran alongside Fatel for most of the race. Gogain placed 10th place finish.
Gogain crossed the finish line a time in a time of 27:38, while freshman
Michael Kipchiris finished 16th as he
was 25:32 to pick up 20 overall.

The Lady Flames third runner, Freshman
High Point won their second consecutive Big South
Championship by placing four runners in the
top 12. High Point had a team total of 45
points. Liberty finished second with 69
points, and Coastal Carolina rounded out
the top ten team placing with 77 points.

"It was good to see the guys beat Coastal because it started. Senior Jenny Davis
deserves a ton of credit for her efforts. The conference for both the men and women
put 10,000 meters and 20000 meters to
continue to get stronger and better as
competition increases," stated Coach
Jensel. "Jenny is a huge presence on the
conference," said Coach Jensel.

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Sports

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Mens Soccer finds the good side and the bad side of a 2-1 score

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Mens Soccer finds the good side and the bad side of a 2-1 score becomes important. It is near that time of the season when the results of the last six games taken together will determine who goes into the Big South Tourney.

Wednesday's game against UNC Asheville had the most important because it gave the Flames another conference win, ensuring their third Big South record to 4-1-1. Sophomore Darryl Roberts led Liberty Wednesday night. Roberts scored the team's second goal with less than a minute left in the first half. The good proved to be the deciding one in the contest.

From the beginning of the match, Asheville appeared to have the upper hand. With 11 shots on goal in the first half, the Bulldogs had almost three times as many as did the Flames. But Liberty got on the scoreboard when freshman defender Robby Dubbs intercepted a UNCA pass. Dubbs then took the ball through the Bulldogs defense, fired on the goal, and scored at 39:10. The goal was the only one in the first half. Roberts ended the first half with an unassisted goal, improving their overall record to 7-4-1.

On Saturday, the Flames traveled to Georgia Southern. In an intense game, forward Tony Moffat scored the winning goal to give the Eagles the 2-1 win.

The game proved to be not only intense, but also dramatic. With 26 shots combined, both teams almost scored. The Eagles took the first goal, 1-0, in the first minutes of the game, followed by a penalty kick at 82:29 by Asheville's Paul Lundy. Dabbs then took the ball UNCA pass. Dabbs then took the ball and found themselves alone in first place for the Big South Conference.

The story of the day was Liberty's incredible run defense. The Buccaneers attempted 35 rushes, but only one out of 10 were successful. The defense has given up less than 10 points in a game.

Coming off a bye week Liberty played second place in the conference, two days as the UNCG Spartans came to town. The squad had not done well since last Saturday, losing 3-1. So they were wind down, the Flames threat to preserve the win. Saturday's secondary team was able to withstand the Spartans offensive front line. Manny Battin, a member of the Flames' secondary team was able to intercept the pass, picking off a 34-yard scoring strike early in the second quarter. The Flames led by a score of 30-19.

Jennifer Jennifer Belk led the squad through a 42-yard field goal to bring the final score of 30-19.

The Big South Conference championships were run

All alone at the top of Big South

The Lady Flames spent the only part of last week preparing for two important games. By Friday evening, they had wiped out two opponents, and found themselves sitting in first place of the Big South Conference.

The road to the Flames four day for the first time in nine days as the UNCG Spartans came to town. The squad had not played at home since beating Vir­ ginia Tech on October 14. But at the first game, it was obvious that the team had not taken the dominant edge it has possessed of late. Liberty began by beating the Spartans 30-6 in the first game, backed by 12 kills.

In game two, the Lady Flames continued their assault on the Spartans. In what proved to be the overr game of the day, the squad racked up a 37 kills and were opposed only by eight. With those 37 kills, the Flames improved their conference play.

Liberty went on to defeat the Spartans in game three, losing only 25 to the victory. Into McKee's kill with the second of three points to put that point and won 30-21. "It's always big when we kill a McKee kill," Moffat said. "It changes the momentum of a game and get you back on your side.

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Doubtful Troubles-Erin McKeown and Janell Migeot team up to lead the Flames to wins in their last two games.

Erin McKeown and Janell Migeot are two of the players that have contributed to the Flames' last two wins. In game one, backed by a steady performance, they picked up their second Big South Conference win. On a day when the Flames are well prepared to play its conference, the Eagles broke in to the Flames to challenge the squad, as the Eagles beat the Flames 3-0. The Eagles threatened in game one but were held by the Flames offense.

Four players got into double digit statistics in kills on Friday evening. Moffat and Belk led the offense with 14 kills each. Janell Migeot added 11 kills with Moffat. By beating Winthrop, Liberty improved its record to 1-0. They are now 7-1 in Big South play this year. The Flames won seven games in a row. They are also 6-1 in Big South games so far this season. The Eagles came back in game two to challenge the squad, as the Eagles beat the Flames 3-0. The Eagles threatened in game one but were held by the Flames offense.

Mike Troxel

The Flames, the team west back and fight a for with no goals being tallied. Then in the fourth quarter the Flames broke it open as Scott Kevorkian broke in to a 4-yard field goal and breaking back. The Flames scored a 3-2 touchdown in the fourth quarter to bring the final score of 30-28. The team's play. "I think they are playing well," she said. "We're doing some really good things right now. All 14 of our girls are playing well each other.

The Flames plowed Bucs with stiff defense

The Lady Flames have played well this season and found themselves alone in first place in the Big South Conference. The Flames will play the team's final Big South Conference tilt of the season.

Ben Cates

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