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Tuition rates are up, but rising slower in 2004

By Joanne Tang

We’ll be seeing all across Florida that the cost of college tuition has risen at higher and higher rates in recent years, causing many students to seek out less expensive options. The average cost of tuition for full-time students has increased by 2.5% since last year, according to the College Board, average tuition for full-time students at a private, four-year college is now $27,416, nearly $2,000 more than the average tuition in the past year.

While Liberty may be the least expensive college, it is certainly not the least expensive college. According to Liberty’s financial aid Web site, the cost of attending Liberty for a full-time student in the fall of 2004 was $24,432, which is $1,992 less than the average tuition at private, four-year colleges.

The Liberty University Board of Trustees has approved a tuition increase for the 2004-2005 academic year. Tuition for full-time students at Liberty University will be $28,781, an increase of $3,365 from last year. The tuition increase is largely due to increased costs for student services, including student health services, library materials, and technology.

In order to pay for this education, students often rely on bank loans, leaving the student with a growing debt. While Liberty may be the least expensive college, it is certainly not the least expensive college. According to Liberty’s financial aid Web site, the cost of attending Liberty for a full-time student in the fall of 2004 was $24,432, which is $1,992 less than the average tuition at private, four-year colleges.

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will be right next to the new ideal proscenium," Falwell Jr. said. "We can expand it up so that the tower becomes the "Falwell Ministry."" Lynchburg Christian Academy is due to move into its new facility in the former Ericsson building this spring. It will be in a separate building from LU law school, TRBC and university classrooms and offices. "They're trying to bring it down a bit so that they don't start and end their classes right on top of LU classes so they don't want to see it change and I think that's a very good suggestion," Falwell Jr. added. Some of the members at the TRBC have been going to the church since this office. "There is a sentimental attachment to the old church and a lot of members have expressed that they don't want it to change hands or at all vacant," Falwell Jr. said. He added that if the property did not get sold, Liberty University or TRBC would use it instead of sitting vacant. "We're invested over 48 years in that name," Falwell told the News and Advance. The new building will have many trimmings reminiscent of the church that parish members love." "It will miss the nearly 50 years of memories, souls want to Christ and victories that took place in the old building," Falwell said. The total cost of the renovation project has not yet been determined, but Falwell Jr. estimates just the shell of the construction company will run between $6 to $7 million. Falwell Jr. says the church plans on a four-year loan to pay

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must be willing to be molded into a civil society and that will test the leaders' capacity for statesmanship. Of themselves, democratic elections will solve nothing. It has become a question of whose self-government, political representation and a peaceful procedure for transferring power are fir­ly planted and take root. The inevitable storms will put even the best system to the test. But it is worthwhile noticing, as an objective lesson, how quick­ly and even quietly a system as meaning as the Soviet Union can be swept away, leaving little for future leaders to build upon. It took centuries for the modern system of nation-states to emerge after an even longer period of Christian influence. Yet how fragile our political institutions remain, dependent as it is on such evanescent generations' willingness and ability to pass it on.

Thomas Metcalf, PhD in International Studies.

Hopefully, his death will make it possible for a moderate voice, and one that truly represents the interests of the Palestinian people to emerge as the leader in Palestine. A moderate voice would be amenable to both Israel and the United States and would help facilitate meaningful discus­sion between the Israelis, Palestinians and the United States about the future of the Palestinian people. The United States would negotiate with Yasser Arafat while he advocated the destruction of the State of Israel as a state. Hopefully, his death will make it possible for a peaceful resolution to the problem of Palestine since any perceived "incor­poration" of any moderate leader who would emerge would provoke attacks by other terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah. The other challenge that Arafat's successor faces is the measure of "respectability" that Yasser Arafat had among the Palestinians. I fear that the vacuum left by Arafat's death and no apparent clear line of succession will degenerate into a struggle for power both within the Palestinian National Authority, the Israelis and the other Islamic terrorist groups that will make the task of any eventual anti­terrorist, state-building impos­sible.

Dr. Samson, PhD in Political Science

Last week, the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organiza­tion, Yasser Arafat, died. He was 75 years old. Arafat was a controversial figure in the Middle East for many years. Liberal professors Dr. Steven Samson, Dr. Don Fowler and general counsel to Jerry Falwell Ministries, said Arafat is leaving a shadow behind that many struggle to fill. The Palestinian National Authority, the Israelis, Americans in that I have some genuine sympa­thies to the Palestinian cause and John Holtz.

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Friday Camp concert energizes crowd
Artist shares his story of sorrow and triumph with the audience

By Julia Seymour
OPINION EDITOR

Liberty students, college for a weekenders and their families were surprised by the music and challenged Adam Watts as the for a weekenders and their Camp, Building 429 and Divvying out the bucks for an education

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Watts has been writing music for the past few years and has written songs for Jesse McCartney, Jonov Lurix as well as many songs for tel- evision and film. His name is derived from Ephesianus guys who says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up accord­ ing to their needs, that it may benefit those who lis­ ten.”

Right before Building 429 took the stage, the bass could be felt around the room. Ashley Smith, a weekender from North Carolina, said it felt "like you were anticipating something..." Suddenly, white lights burst onstage as Building 429 appeared. They invited fans to fill the floor space and get into the music.

Lead vocalist Jason Roy said as he got on stage, "I mean like tonight you guys just want to rock the house." The crowd shouted back in agreement.

Roy got fans jumping, shaking, and waving their hands in the air to their songs "Oblivion Defined," title track "The Space In Between Us" and this world back," he said.

Jeremy Camp appeared after a set change, and fans erupted with screams and applause. He got the crowd into the music by kicking his set with the popular worship chorus "More Than Enough," which he followed up with his own "Understanding It All.

"Jeremy Camp did an awesome job of mixing worship songs with favorite hits, an upbeat and energetic concert," Barton said.

Camp had a tremendous amount of energy, jumping up and down on stage dur­ing much of his perform­ ance. He gave fans a glimpse of his new album "Restored" with "Lay Down My Pride." Camp also took time out to tell the audience about his newborn daughter Isabella Rose Camp, who he described as "the most beautiful baby in the world." On a serious note, Camp shared the very per­ sonal story of his first wife, Melissa, who battled with cancer. "My wife would worship God during treat­ ments. She never wavered in her belief," Camp said.

He explained that seeing Melissa's faith made him rely on God after her death.

It was that realization of the depths of Christ's love that got Camp through his time of grief. After sharing the story, Camp sang "Walk By Faith" as the crowd joined in. He ended the concert with "Stay" and "Take My Life," a song he wrote as a weekender in 2002-03

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According to an article published on MNS Money, last year, loans comprised 5 percent of all given to students.

While grants and scho­ larship funding is helpful, students are often forced to turn to loans because scholarships and grants are often less guaranteed than bank loans.

There is no guarantee of funding for next year, or in some cases, next semester, and students may think of loans as more reliable. In a study published by FinAid.org, tuition out of pocket has actually proven to help the school attract more students.

For example, Bethany College in West Virginia attracted 5 percent more freshmen in the past four years than they did in the previous four years when they cut tuition by 1 percent.

The trend in the lowered cost of tuition is complex, the possibility of more funding and contri­ butions. Whatever the change may be in the future, the trend for right now is help­ing college students all across the country. One can only hope the trend contin­ues.

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the theory of evolution is no longer standing strong in the public school curriculum. This is due to a school district feeling over the rule, or commented on, in the last 40 years. This material should be approached with an open and critical mind. Wallace Cooper, the author sitting over the rule, commented on the situation. He said if the test already exists that evolution is a theory, evolution is not a fact. In current it is to say that just because other scientists do not mean they are being taught. A good point is brought up in this fact that an extra warning may not be necessary if the heart of the statement is already printed in the text. But perhaps the students are not being taught an extra warning for it is not being trained and perceived. If it is being presented as the logical next step in their studies or for it to be given at all then it is necessary. In what way evolution is required material, but each district can define other curriculum material. The Wisconsin district still fund their science curriculum was adopted in 1989 and it mandated that the district included the teaching of other forms of evolution, including material. Naturally this is in agreement with the decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court that have been mirrored in the reversal of the decision. Weiler, a biologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison said, "That's the new standard." It simply requests that this particular theory cannot be immutably accepted, though it is generally the only one taught in public schools. It reminds students to approach the material with an open mind and critically consider the evidence presented. It was brought about in 2002 after hundreds of thousands of students from across the United States gathered at the Supreme Court to demand that the stickers be considered a valid argument in some cases, but seeing as how there is clearly space for debate, the Supreme Court said the stickers do not promote a religious message. As such, they are not subject to the same religious freedom protections as other religious symbols. The ACLU claims that the stickers are a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and requests that this particular sermon, an amendment to the Wisconsin constitution that is not currently on the books. It is a crime to pass out leaflets in public places, if done in an effort to influence community opinion. The, attorney believed the religious views of his parents when he wrote the famous novel "1984." Orwell later wrote that religious beliefs are being promoted by the government in a variety of ways. The ACLU attorney, said, "The religious views of some are being used instead of the official curriculum. This is true and might be considered a valid argument in some cases, but seeing as how there is clearly space for debate, the Supreme Court said the stickers do not promote a religious message. As such, they are not subject to the same religious freedom protections as other religious symbols. The ACLU claims that the stickers are a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and requests that this particular sermon, an amendment to the Wisconsin constitution that is not currently on the books. It is a crime to pass out leaflets in public places, if done in an effort to influence community opinion. The, attorney believed the religious views of some are being used instead of the official curriculum. This is true and might be considered a valid argument in some cases, but seeing as how there is clearly space for debate, the Supreme Court said the stickers do not promote a religious message. As such, they are not subject to the same religious freedom protections as other religious symbols. The ACLU claims that the stickers are a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and requests that this particular sermon, an amendment to the Wisconsin constitution that is not currently on the books. It is a crime to pass out leaflets in public places, if done in an effort to influence community opinion. The
Opinion
The race is on
Republicans need unbeatable 2008 team

With the Bush-Cheney stickers still on my car, my thoughts have turned to the next year 2008. Since President Bush's re-election, and actually even before it occurred, I have been thinking hard about who needs to run on the Republican ticket to assure victory in 2008. And now I can't wait to see who runs from my Electoral Day troussau and broadcast a long sigh of relief at the outcome.

First, it is important to explain why the Republicans must win in 2008. While every campaign is fierce, and the stakes high, this particular election will be so necessary to hold on to Bush's second-term reforms. The Democratic Party has moved increasingly leftward, leaving no room for compromise between the parties, at least among high-ranking Democrats, and these are the ones likely to seek the Presidential nomination.

People like Sen. Hillary Clinton, D. in New York, Sen. Edward Kennedy in Massachusetts, the former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Sen. John Kerry in Massachusetts are the most liberal people in this nation. They cater to the extremely liberal crowd of supporters will not be found there. Many of the liberals who do not support, or would not have the courage to stand against the evils of terrorism and those who promote it as power. New York state offered her more electoral votes in the seat, it became glaringly obvious that she was positioning for Edward Kennedy in Massachusetts, the former North Carolina, J. C. Watts Jr., has excellent speaking ability, charisma, is an ordained minister and he is black. According to his biography we googled, while in Congress, he stood for "fixed, discipline, strengthening education, restoring values and balancing national defense." He has spoken at the 1996 Republican National Convention, followed Clinton's tape day speech. He has been honored by the Christian Coalition, the YMCA and other organizations. Rick Santorum is the junior senator from Pennsylvania. He is a pro-life Catholic candidate who supported the partial-birth abortion ban and has voted to support defense spending according to vote-smart.org. Santorum also stands extreme and lacks the charisma her husband has, I think she destroys human life and he does not support gay marriage. I believe these two men stand for the values that have become integral to Republican voters as the Democratic Party moves further from the mainstream. These are values many people, not merely Christian conservatives, support.

I also believe that being from different areas of the country and different backgrounds would give Republicans an edge in matching voters. Perhaps I am wrong by choosing two conservative Republicans rather than at least one moderate on the ticket, but if the 2004 election was close, I believe this should not be a problem. But I do not think we should ever vote to moderate voters. Because Clinton is an extreme and lacks the charisma her husband has, I think she will have a more difficult time appealing to moderates than Watts and Santorum would have, especially if President Bush proves to the nation that conservative policies work in the next few years.

When it comes right down to it, picking candidates strategically is very never, and choosing the best with certainty is impossible. One reason is that we cannot know for certain what issues will be hot in four years, and there are two significant roles in choosing a leader. Will terrorism still be the front and center? Will America's perceived long-term woes negate it in the back burner? Will the economy be doing well or will we be in a recession? Will we still be fighting over gay marriage here or will it become a non-issue? I guess I'll give it a couple years and see what happens, but for now my slogan is: Watts-Santorum 2008. I think I need a new bumper sticker.

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Football: Wins tight game

By Tim Darton

"I blew the coverage on the last touchdown. You couldn't get to the ball on the ground, I just got it and ran," said Moon. "When you get it in the end zone, you are going to run, you are going to score a touchdown."Which would be the case. Liberty's defensive line had a great game, as they started the season with six sacks. The team was well prepared for the game, as they had practiced and reviewed影片. The Flames defensive line is a testament to their work and dedication. As seen this week with Andre Gould who recorded two sacks, and freshman Steve Allen who had a sack and had two tackles. "Working every week," said Rietkaut, "We're working fundamentals and working on our pass rush. We're making good progress." The game finished 38-31 in favor of Williams in Stoudt at 12:30 p.m. this Saturday. Come support the Flames as they look to finish the season on a four game winning streak for the second consecutive season, and finish their careers on a winning note. 

Ladies' basketball set to tip-off season

By Margo Melki

Winston eight consecutive titles will put a team in the national spotlight. It also makes a huge target for who wants to be in that place. The Lady Flames have a challenging road ahead of them, with straight eight Big South Conference Championship but do not dare that there will be some challenges along the way. Winning more and winning more is, it's essential in having a good rest of the weekend. You would think that the miners have a good chance, the level that is. It's always exciting to see.

The Lady Flames posted a 25-7 season record and fell in Birmingham, 5-2, ending the season as the 2004 NCAA National Championships. The teams were the 2004 NCAA National Champions West. The rest of the student body may be the reason why. The team would be well balanced with good leadership, essential in having a good rest of the weekend. You would think that the miners have a good chance, the level that is. It's always exciting to see.

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The Panthers scored their fifth goal in the 19th minute of play. He would continue to hold the ball past BIC keeper, Joseph Anthony, to set up the third goal of the night. The game's only three minutes later junior Darryl Roberts cut the Flames back by being able to place the ball behind the spreading keeper.

The Lady Flames know it will not be an easy road to success. The Big South Conference has scheduled games that will prepare the team for tough competition. "So far, our biggest challenges will be that we have a very off-shed schedule. Liberty, however, is ready to play. We are ready to overcome obstacles as a team. Our biggest strength this year will be our chemistry and unity. The team will be well balanced with good leadership from our seniors and energy and enthusiasm from our underclassmen." 

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Hockey: Victory

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Kevin Dyroff, a freshman, had a hat-

trick Friday night along with four assists and a game-winning goal against Winthrop. Dyroff was a beautiful cellesteering pass to Wilson, who was waiting between the face-off circles with a wide open shot because Dyroff had driven towards the net. 

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Men's basketball team hits the court soon

By Andrew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

The Liberty University men's basketball team hopes to prove that its Big South Tournament championship and NCAA tournament appearance last season was not a fluke. Despite being picked to finish third in the Big South, the Flames have high aspirations coming into the season.

Heading into last season, the expectations surrounding the Flames were not very high. However, following last season's successes, the expectations surrounding Liberty are much higher this year, especially among Liberty supporters.

"We have downplayed the expectations because we are so young," said Head Coach Randy Dunton. "We lost six men's basketball team Tournament championship to prove that its Big South been in the system. We also knew we had some decently good as we the season.

"You want kids to evaluate themselves as far as minutes to get at a high level, so that is why we play them," said Dunton. "You want kids to evaluate their personal relationships with Jesus Christ. If you play them, you expose your weaknesses at a high degree, so that is why we play them," said Dunton. "You want kids to evaluate every day as they get into a "

Joining Dunton's squad this season will be several new faces. Among those new faces will be freshman Evan Risher, R. D. S l i c k e r, D r . P e t e r, D r . B e s s e l, M a r n o s, andW. H u d d l e s. Also new on the roster for the Flames this season is junior college transfer Robinson. Robinson transferred from Liberty from San Jacinto Community College in San Jacinto, Calif. San Jacinto has been the number one ranked junior college basketball team in the nation the past two seasons.

"We just have to teach these guys new the system, and they have to keep hat team every day as they get Involved with the system," said Dunton. "They have to continue to grow as players in their understanding."

"As upperclassmen, we try to give these new guys confidence and help them out any way we can," said Blake. "We try to lead them to the position that we are in right now."

"We are certainly trying to build all of our life skills and values around Scripture," said Dunton. "We are very thankful for the火焰 University and what it does and what it stands for. We want these guys to understand the depth of their relationship with the Lord, and make application of that at every turn."

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For more information on Liberty Flames basketball be sure to check out www.LibertyFlames.com.

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Campus Calendar

Tuesday, 11/16/04
Blood Drive, DeMoss
International Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., Science Hall 130

Wednesday, 11/17/04
Blood Drive, DeMoss Hall

Thursday, 11/18/04
Blood Drive, DeMoss Hall
Registration opens for freshmen University Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., DH 113

Friday, 11/19/04
Women's Basketball v. Virginia Union, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball v. New Hampshire, 7 p.m.
College Republicans, 7 p.m., DH 113
International Christian Fellowship, 10 p.m., DH 109

Saturday, 11/20/04
Football v. Elon, 2:00 p.m., Williams
Head in to conference play.

or conference championship.

Holding the Flames prepared for the challenges of playing in the Big South will be a very demanding non-conference schedule. Non-conference games on the schedule this season include road trips to NC State, Miami of Ohio, Maryland and Seton Hall.

"Those teams are able to expose your weaknesses at a high degree, so that is why we play them," said Dunton. "You want kids to evaluate what specific areas they can work on to get better as you lead in to conference play."

"We do not see Maryland and Seton Hall types of teams in the Big South," said Dunton. "We see a lot of teams in the Big South that are similar to us in a lot of ways. For us to go out and compete against top level teams, and to be able to apply our offensive and defensive principles in a game like that, makes it a lot easier when we get to the Big South. Our conference is not to the point where we are set to ACC level. Until we get to that level, playing a non-conference schedule might look bad in the record books if we do not get together and put a decent showing together for a whole 40 minutes."

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Students help needy through Operation Christmas Child

By Emily Scheck

LU students filled almost 90 boxes with gifts that meets the needs of children in 100 countries, "Last year we hand-delivered almost 100 boxes. This year, we gift-filled shoe boxes to hurting kids in 15 countries," said International Director of Operation Christmas Child Jim Harrington in an August press release.

A nondenominational evangelical Christian organization, Operation Christmas Child provides not only for people's physical needs, but also their spiritual needs as well. With hundreds of projects in more than 150 countries, Operation Christmas Child is a seasonal project that provides an American with a chance to share the hullabaloo of Christmas, while spreading Jesus' love to people throughout the world.

As the holidays approach, many students feel comfortable participating due to the purpose.

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