Creation textbooks attacked in the classroom

By Angela Franulovich

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The textbooks cited by the UC as providing "inadequate preparation" focus mainly on Christian interpretations of science, but literature and history textbooks written from a Christian perspective have also been rejected. The rejected texts are published by Bob Jones University and A Beka Books.

"It is impotent to try to keep this religious and viewpoint discrimination from spreading," said the Association of Christian Schools International in its Legal and Legislative Update for Fall 2005. "If this discrimination is allowed to continue unchecked, it is only a matter of time before secular institutions in other states will join the lawsuit."

The ACSI, along with Calvary Chapel Christian School of Murrieta, Calif., and several of its students, filed a complaint in federal court against the UC system this past August.

According to the ACSI update, the lawsuit was filed following an acknowledgement by officials last May that the UC had no "objective evidence that students from religious schools are deficient in intellect," and that poor student performance did not prompt the decision to reject the textbooks.

The UC representatives (also) indicated that there was no problem with the material facts in the ISU physics textbook — that is if the Scripture verses that begin each chapter were removed, the textbook would likely be approved for the science lab course requirement," the ACSI said.


Staying safe at Liberty

By Joanne Tang

The new student orientation week at Liberty University is designed to make people aware of宿舍 and recreation area security, including how to get the help you need and how to keep yourself safe.

The theme of this year's orientation week, "A Stronger Community through Awareness," has been a focus for students. The theme includes an emphasis on making decisions to avoid risky behavior that could lead to injuries or even fatalities.

"We want our students to understand that we take their safety seriously," said Joanne Tang, public relations manager for Liberty University. "We want them to know that they can always count on us to provide support and resources when they need them."
Students build Habitat for Humanity chapter at LU

By Matthew Holleman

SGA bridges gap for students, administration

Historically, the Habitat for Humanity chapter has worked to build homes for almost 6,000 men, women and children in need. The College Republicans, the Student Government Association and the English Honor Society have recently decided that it was time that Liberty had a part in the action.

Though various students worked with Habitat every semester in order to receive Christian Service credit, the new chapter will allow students to work more closely with Habitat and even own their homes themselves.

"Our goal is to begin the process of chartering a Liberty Habitat Chapter on campus," said Executive Director of the College Republicans Dave Ernest, who appears for the first time this semester about the project.

"Dave approached me in the fall of this year, and we agreed it would be a great way to get involved hands-on in the community," said SGA President Chris Gaumer.

The groups have been working with the coordinator of the Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity, Doug Fields, to raise awareness among students so that the chapter can last after the original students involved have graduated.

"Basically in an effort to increase the involvement of college students with Habitat, I have been making small meetings with students interested in forming local chapters to work on projects, recruit and support the involvement of LU students with Habitat," said Ernest.

"Doug Fields is very helpful and open to do anything we ask to help build and strengthens the chapter," said President Chris Gaumer.

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Bryan Clevenger (author of the story)

"I am definitely looking forward to the next part of that decision process, simply by standing on what students want to see food-wise at LU," said Sophomore Class President Justin Strode.

The SGA is working hard to meet the demands of the student body, a request made by students at SGA's first meeting of the semester. Gaumer said he is working closely with the Lynchburg Habitat, the new chapter will remain independent.

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Oops, my bad

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Textbook: Creationist not allowed at UC

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A UC position paper stated that the "orientation test's criteria" for laboratory science required "criteria for laboratory science students who reject `population-based experimentation.'" Creationist literature is filled with examples of the alleged discrimination, such as the case of Byron Nelson who was denied a Master of Science degree in genetics at a prestigious public university in Georgia. "I had it all set to go through the university years of my Ph.D. program," said Oliver. During his first semester in the program and while making A's in aquatic biology, Oliver said he had his degree in his sights until "they thought there's a good probability that the world may be coming to an end." Consequently the department could not get past A in the course, which resulted in academic probation during his second semester. Oliver said he got A's in the following semesters to even stay in school... not an easy task," said Oliver. "I won't give up. I'm going to finish this class," said Oliver. After the rough start, Oliver said he was eventually bumped by his major professor because "I told that other professor that Oliver was a Christian. And when Oliver found a new professor willing to sponsor him as an advisor despite his different in worldview, Oliver said the new professor was strongly discouraged by one of his grade-deficient aquatic biology instructors. "I had already been given a letter by the head of my department... which said you are going to be terminated at the end of the term," and then, just in the nick-of-time, this other professor took me on... he said, 'Doug, you're going to have to do better than the other Ph.D. students in order to get your degree because of this perception of you being a creationist, and therefore not as good," said Oliver. Oliver said he continued to work until graduation. He emphasized how Liberty is ideal for just a few reasons: "This is a place where a person is surrounded by people `intriguing.'" "And it's so awesome being at a university despite his almost straight "A" years of my Ph.D. program," said Oliver. "I had already been given a letter by the head of my department... which said you are going to be terminated at the end of the term," and then, just in the nick-of-time, this other professor took me on... he said, 'Doug, you're going to have to do better than the other Ph.D. students in order to get your degree because of this perception of you being a creationist, and therefore not as good," said Oliver.

Clergy: LU safer than other schools

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Rachel Smith, a junior at Liberty, says that locked doors are the biggest asset the school has in keeping students safe. The LU Police Web site states that there has only been one on-campus residential sexual assault case reported between 2004 and 2005. Though many students can see these statistics and be assured that Liberty's campus is safe, especially compared to several other universities, students must still be vigilant. Many students have the "I am invincible" mindset, said Dr. Mark Hine, Vice President for Student Affairs. He said that because many students think this way they are less aware of their surroundings. Compared to Liberty, several area colleges reported more crimes. One local college reported three cases of on-campus sexual assault on residential halls in 2004 and two in 2003, and another reported two cases in 2002 and two cases in 2003. Liberty's Dean of Men and Dean of Women sites have extensive information discussing these situations and how best to handle them, not only emotionally but by reporting them and involving the police. The dean also urges students to look out for each other. This "would greatly enhance the overall safety," said Dr. Todd Campo, Dean of Men.
CRST going to the upper levels

By Angela Franulovich

Liberty University will offer a pilot class this spring aimed at incorporating students in an active culture war—"frontline" defenders of biblical creation.

While Creation Studies Prof. "History of Life," resembles a survey course because it is targeted to meet the needs of the general student body, the new CRST 390 class, "Origins," promises a more rebuttal-like front.

"We are going into much more depth than the 290 class... the main idea is to really have students engage the information and to learn to critically evaluate evolution materials," said Dr. David DeWitt, director of LU's Center for Creation Studies.

DeWitt said the new course was developed in response to an "acute need for science majors to have a more rigorous class," as well as general requests for another Creation Studies class.

According to DeWitt, the advanced CRST class will not be a lecture class. "There will primarily be class discussions, debates and presentation," said DeWitt.

Senior Lori Matthews said she registered for the class because, as a science major, she expects to be on the "frontline" of future creation/evolution debates. According to Matthews, she expects the class to provide her with needed "ammunition" to defend her faith.

"A long time ago, I had a conversation with an evolutionist... they asked what about evolution and I had no answer for them... I have an answer now, from 290, and 390 can only give (me) more," said Matthews.

Junior Brittnie Townsend, a biology major who chose to attend Liberty specifically because of its scientific content, said she expects the format of the new class to lead to practical application.

"I think the discussions will help me teach how to speak up and organize my thoughts so that I can verbally defend creation," said Townsend. "The most important part of becoming a Champion for Christ is to be able to defend our beliefs. To me, that is inescapable from science.

While the new CRST course does have a "foundations of biology" prerequisite, DeWitt said some prerequisite overrides will be approved. "Students will need a reasonable science background and a very strong desire for the course," said DeWitt.

Matthews, who meets the prerequisite requirements, expects the CRST 390 course through ABBSET.

Election: Recount in progress

By Angela Franulovich

Senior Matt Warner said Kaine's victory was due to more than the mud that was slung from both sides.

"In my opinion, the mud-slinging degenerated both candidates as being worthy... truth the issues that (Kaine) campaigned on were issues the Republicans ran about. His campaign imploved he was a conservative that was not his history," said Warner. According to majority press estimates, almost 600,000 was spent on the bid for Virginia's governor seat.

In the race for Virginia's lieutenant governor, Republican Bill Bolling defeated Democrat Leslie Byrne by just over one percent of the vote.

The Bolling/Bryne contest was also favored by the campaigns each run. Bolling threatened voters with the prospect of Byrne opening the floodgate to Illegal aliens "to take (our) jobs," and Byrne accused Bolling of being the right-hand man of big health insurers.

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As Christians, let's all focus on that.

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Please do not ever misinterpret anything written there. The message of the Bible is to love one another. Jesus came to the whole world. I think that would include both Palestinians and Israelis. The Bible also says that all have sinned. That would also include both Palestinians and Israelis.

Dear Editor,

Many of us have been seeking for clear guidelines into living a life that brings people

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Letter to the Editor

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largest monument on record, according to a report on ARNNews.com. The 1.420 pound rock

was found with a metal detector over seven feet in the ground.

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GOP candidate loses to bad campaign decisions

Virginia has just finished the 2005 election cycle, and the office of governor was at the top of the ballot. The contest was considered by many to be a litmus test for Republicans as their candidate, Jerry Kilgore, was matched with Democratic Tim Kaine for Virginia's highest office. This election was expected to serve as a precursor to what will transpire next year when a third of the U.S. Senate is up for reelection. Unfortunately, the happenings at the polls last week do not bode well for conservatives as Jerry Kilgore lost in his bid for governor.

Although I feel that this loss was entirely preventable, it offers some key points as to what not to do at a time when the population is looking for a reason to vote Democrat.

Four years ago, a Republican by the name of Blankley ran for governor, and lost by five percentage points. The significant problem then was the lack of funding, something that Republicans never get to happen again, and it didn't. Regardless, Kilgore was unable to pull out a win, and Virginia has been cheated from yet another great man who would have served the Commonwealth well. Why, then, is his opponent, Tim Kaine, heading for the governor's mansion next year? Some say it was the excessive phone calls. I believe it was Kilgore's negative death penalty ads. Some say it was excessive phone calling made by Kilgore because of the frequency of the calls. I thought the goal of the campaign was to mobilize your base, not annoy them. A woman even told me that she unplugged her phone because of the frequency of the calls. I thought the goal of the campaign was to mobilize your base, not annoy them. One of the benefits of working for a campaign is the opportunity to interact with voters themselves. I spoke to many in the final week before who said that they were receiving as many as eight to ten phone calls from candidates, and from recordings by President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Sen. George Allen and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani among others. One Bedford woman even told me that she unplugged her phone because of the frequency of the calls. I thought the goal of the campaign was to mobilize your base, not annoy them. If excessive phone-banking is to be a strategy, it needs to be organized so that multiple unnecessary calls are not being made which cast your campaign in a bad light.

The new "Get Out the Vote" initiative had the right strategy and goals and offered a systematic approach to making sure our favorable voters made it to the polls. I truly believe that the GOTV plans worked, but it was poorly executed.

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Another factor that I do doubt reflected in the outcome of this election is the popularity of our President. I distinctly remember one Lynchburg resident who said that he normally votes Republican, but wasn't going to this time because he felt they were mishandling Iraq, the economy and education. While this certainly isn't the only reason for the loss, I think it still could have been overcome by a solid, positive campaign.

The greatest factor that hurt Kilgore in this election was the death penalty ads that ran on television. I find this to be most unfortunate, because as an ardent Kilgore supporter, I would have to agree that the ads were most definitely skewed. The ad ran by the campaign showed families who had lost loved ones or had been injured by criminals that Tim Kaine, in his time as prosecutor, offered a plea bargain to. It was a low blow to run these ads, and certainly was unfair to Kaine. Prosecutors are beholden to the public's will, and are not out to let criminals off easy. In fact, many times that plea bargains are offered, the prosecution doesn't have a solid case at all. In the interest of seeing an individual serve some time as opposed to none (if acquitted), the plea bargain puts the option of jail time on the table. Simply stated, it was a cheap shot that backfired on the campaign, and I expect this is why the death penalty commercials are the only ones that were removed from Kilgore's web site.

The 2005 Virginia gubernatorial race was no such win for the Democrats as it was a loss for Republicans. Tim Kaine was no extraordinary candidate, and he would have been easily defeated, were it not for several campaign missteps. The excessive phone calling made Kilgore look desperate, and the death penalty ads made him look sinister. All the while, he had to deal with the association he has to an unpopular president.Had the campaign been more circumspect in its steps, it is probable that Jerry Kilgore would now have the title "governor-elect."
by By Scott LaPeer
SPORTS REPORTER

It couldn’t happen to a nicer guy. It is quite a thing for any young man to be starting his first game in the National Football League on Nov. 13, before 71,000 screaming fans. Favre, watching intently as he places the ball in your hands. It couldn’t happen to a nicer guy.

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Women’s soccer falls to UVA, 4-0

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Two minutes later, and Ziegler scored again on a beautiful saucer pass to senior Alex Ziegler.

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The Lady Flames basketball team looks to build upon last season's success that culminated in a trip to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament. Liberty is picked as its sixth straight Big South Conference regular season title, and hopes to win its ninth straight Big South tournament for the 10th consecutive time.

Many in the Big South feel that they can end the Lady Flames dynasty this year, now that four starters, including the 6'9" Katie Feenstra, have graduated. Coach Carey Green begs to differ.

"Our philosophy has always been to play a lot of people and develop our young talent early. When I go into houses recruiting, we have been able to say that we've had several players averaging double figures playing time, so our philosophy has always been one that will allow us to compete. It might not be the year that we end the Lady Flames dynasty this year, but in some areas we are more talented. I do not think we are going to miss too many guys right now. We are very excited, and excited about the talent we currently have on this team," Green said.

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Guys & Dolls

An entertainment gamble worth taking

By Crystal Critzer

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omen. "Guys and Dolls," the fifth longest running play on Broadway, showcases these classic battle-

grounds. The play, which has been called quintessen-
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Theater in the Fine Arts building where the seats

were sold out for the pre-

miere weekend.

The cast has prepared for about a month with the assistance of Mrs. Linda Nell Cooper, the head of the the-

ater department, for this comic relief to lift the morale

of study weary students.

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By Hanze Quantrarps

Every semester, the Liberty University Theater Department works ardu­ously in order to show four different plays for interested persons to enjoy. Although these plays vary, they all mean the results of one individual's efforts, there is still one name that remains highly visible behind the scenes: Director of Theater Linda Nell Cooper.

Linda Nell Cooper is the oldest of four siblings. Her brother, a graduate of West Point Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., has worked for the Special Forces and is currently in the C.I.A. One of her sisters is a high school calculus teacher that completed her undergrad at UD and earned an M.A. in calculus from the University of Florida. Her other sister lives in New Haven, Conn., and earned an M.A. in Russian and earned an M.A. in history and theater into one another.

The inspiring story of Director of Theater, Linda Nell Cooper

Linda Cooper — Liberty University's Director of Theater directs and choreographs most of Liberty's productions. Aside from music, she also has a distinct love for dance. She was in the Norfolk Ballet Company and, at one time, even in Under­ground studied dances at the Martha Graham School in New York City.

Cooper began her undergraduate degree here at Liberty, but during the time in which she was enrolled, theater was not yet offered as a major. So, while taking that as a minor, she still had majored in English and at the same time enrolled as a student at Liberty, the theater pro­gram here has gotten a lot better. Back then, there was only one play per semester, now there are four. Also, Liberty of­fers theater as a major, which Cooper began teaching in 2003. As a UCI student, Cooper was involved with restoration of cathedrals in Europe.

While in college, people should pursue the arts, but worldview needs to be taught. Cooper said that it is important for all students to explore their own faith and make a difference in their major, but neglect this you were seen. Even though the family the what seems to suck all of the life out of your cheeks. You will prepare for that "pull my finger" joke that you have raised, but you will be off guard.

To challenge students, Cooper would like to say that they will have a great deal. Many Christians will have a Christian view, but worldview needs to be true in the world. When you travel, you gain a global perspective and understand a lot more about your faith. In addition to all of these truths, she also said that it is important for every student to explore their own faith and make a difference in their major.

"Pursue art to be excellent in our culture... if we want to change our cul­ture, we need to do it through the arts and support those who are in the arts."