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Creation textbooks attacked in the classroom

By Angela Franulovich

Students interested in transferring to secular universities to complete their degree should be aware of new policies seemingly aimed at keeping Christians out - policies that have already been implemented by at least one public university system. According to the University of California system's admissions board, several Christian high school and Christian college textbooks provide "inadequate preparation" for higher level coursework. One such text in a foundational course, according to the UC, also provides "inadequate guidance to student understanding" of the material. 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.

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Staying safe at Liberty

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According to the United States Department of Justice, 79 percent of all college and university students are afraid of personal crimes. At Liberty University, this concern is nothing new. Everyone involved is proud of the security protocols that are in place.

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Students build Habitat for Humanity chapter at LU

By Tanya Whelly
NEWS REPORTER

Since 1988, the Habitat for Humanity chapter at Liberty has worked to build homes for over 1,800 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 own homes. "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 approached the SGA early this semester about the project. "Dave approached me about it this year, and we agreed it would be a great way to be 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 an effort in contacting interested students interested in forming local chapters that wish to pro­ject, 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 Gaumer. "He knows who's doing it," said President of the English Honor Society, Stephanie Brown.

While the Liberty Habitat for Humanity will form a covenant relationship with the Lynchburg Habitat, the new chapter will remain independent.

"It will develop and main­tain its own identity with agreement with the Humanity's philosophy and mission," said Fields.

Fields and the students involved in this new chapter hope to one day see a house built completely by Liberty students. "It would be a good step into the commu­nity to have a 'Liberty house', one that we raised the money for, and built ourselves," said Ernest. "I think it is entirely possible for our club to begin con­struction on our first house within their two years."
Clerly: LU safer than other schools

Rachel Smith, a junior at Liberty, says that locked doors are the biggest concern the school has in keeping students safe. The LU PD works in an area that has only been one on-campus sexual assault sexual assault case reported between 2002 and 2003. Though many students can see these statistics and be assured that her campus is safe, especially compared to several other universities, students must still be vigilant.

Many students have the “I am invisible” 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 or sexual harassment in 2002 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 with 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 "greatly enhance the overall safety," said Dr. Todd Campo, Dean of Men.

Staying safe on campus

* Know where you are and whom you are with. Don’t go alone. This reduces the risk of being attacked.

* Always be aware of your surroundings. Detect anything suspicious and report it to security. Be cautious when giving out personal information, such as addresses, phone numbers and class schedules. Be especially cautious when publishing this information online, i.e. Facebook and MySpace.

* Never walk or jog alone at night. Try to stay in groups or use the provided LU escort service.

* Survey routes and pick from your dors, the these, the safer, more populated, well-lit areas you visit.

* Avoid walking in dimly lit areas around campus, such as beneath the Vines Center, the pit and intramural fields.

For Your Information

* If you are walking alone at night, call the LU PD at ext. 7641 for escort.

* In case of sexual assault, students can call LU’s Sexual Response Program hotline at 434-467-7273 or toll-free at 1-866-467-7273. Counseling is offered at the Counseling Lab, which can be reached at 592-4050. The Dean of Women can be reached at ext. 2373; the Dean of Men, ext. 2252. 

Sources include: University Relations, Women’s Travel Tips and securityoncampus.org.

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CRST going to the upper levels

By Angela Frankie

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

While Creation Studies 390, "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 in-depth, lawyer-like experience.

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Art used to glorify God

The idea that Christian art can express, display and portray appropriate concepts to arise out of the ambiguous fog foreign to many people who seem to be in a state of confusion, wondering how to go about producing credible art. Christians often find themselves standing on the crossroads of theories and facts, with the desire to create art that is true to the faith but also remains fresh and original. These contradictions can leave the Christian artist in a state of confusion, wondering how God intends to cultivate their creative yearnings to produc, should also be completed as if it is a gift to the Lord. Regarding why mediocre art is so should live a life that is honoring to God, but as the farmer is displeased with his servant as the farmer is displeased with his servant who hides the talent entrusted to him in Luke 19. God is displeased when he has entrusted to the Lord. Regarding why mediocre art is so produce, should also be completed as if it is a gift to the Lord. It must be respectfully done with excellence. Christians who are involved in the arts must remember that the only way for art to be produced in a God-honoring way is to respectfully give Him the credit for what is produced. Young Christians and art has long been an arduous task. Because of the fragility of human nature, both the Christian name and art have been corrupted. Thankfully the Scriptures offer insight and guidelines into living a life that brings people to Christ. Excellence, humility, purpose and authenticity are vital in approaching art. Maddelfeldt (Erlige commenters, "to be a witness." does not consist in propagating pseudo creeds, nor even in stirring people up, but in being uprightly true. It means to live in a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist. A life for the glory of God things are done with humility and authenticity and there is no explanation other than a life transformed, encountered by an encounter with Christ. Christian art is about much more than discipline and effort, bringing glory to God through obediently giving tal­ ents back to him is not only deeply satisfying, it is of eternal value and worth that labor. A foundational aspect of creating excellent art is limitations. Christians often will with temporary standards of excellence. Interestingly, the importance of being relevant to the current age is not a concept that originated with recent postmodern discussion. In fact, Hans van Bronkhorst, professor of art at the Free University of Amsterdam, expounded on artistic relevance: 'In this latter half of the 20th century, the idea that art is relevant to our day. And, in order to gain from all of that good and fine today and yet avoid being caught by the spirit of our age and its false principles, he must study modern art in all its different aspects deeply and widely. For art to make any sort of impact on society it must be respectfully done with excellence. Christians who are involved in the arts must remember that the only way for art to be produced in a God-honoring way is to respectfully give Him the credit for what is produced. Young Christians and art has long been an arduous task. Because of the fragility of human nature, both the Christian name and art have been corrupted. Thankfully the Scriptures offer insight and guidelines into living a life that brings people to Christ. Excellence, humility, purpose and authenticity are vital in approaching art. Maddelfeldt (Erlige commenters, "to be a witness." does not consist in propagating pseudo creeds, nor even in stirring people up, but in being uprightly true. It means to live in a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist. A life for the glory of God things are done with humility and authenticity and there is no explanation other than a life transformed, encountered by an encounter with Christ. Christian art is about much more than discipline and effort, bringing glory to God through obediently giving tal­ ents back to him is not only deeply satisfying, it is of eternal value and worth that labor.

Leinster, does not mean that every­ thing they do is right. It was obviously in God's plan that Jesus be betrayed by Judas Iscariot, does that mean that Jesus Iscariot did not and I do not. We should not say that what Judas did is right because it was propogated beforehand. God gave me such an outline, and I try to preach the Gospel to all nations. That includes every nation and every tongue on this planet. That includes Israeli soldiers and even terrorists. They all need Christ. Who really owns the land here on earth, when those people need an eternal home that we, as Christians, should lead them to? Let us leave God's work for him, and let us focus on our jobs here on earth, to love one another and to preach the Word. I am sorry, but this club should really be stopped. I doubt any of the members would still support Israel if they witnessed some of the atrocities committed by the Israelis. "For God so loved the WORLD that He gave his only begotten Son, that WHOMSOEVER believeth in Him shall not perish, but having everlasting life." As Christians, let's all focus on that.

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Steve was raised in a Muslim family and converted to Christianity at age 20. He has since dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel to all nations.

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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 Democrat 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.

Four years ago, a Republican by the name of Mark Earley ran for governor, and lost by five percentage points. The significant problem then was the lack of funding, something that Republicans never seem to let 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, headed for the governor's mansion next year? Some say it was Kilgore's negative 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 definitively 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 those ads, and certainly was unfair to Kaine. Prosecutors are deemed by the general public, and are not out to let criminals off easy. In fact, many times that plea bargains are offered, the presentation 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 that is why the death penalty commercials are the only ones that were removed from Kilgore's web site.

The 2005 Virginia gubernatorial race was not so much a 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 unfair. All the while, he had to deal with the association he has to an unpopular president. Had the campaign been more circumspect in their steps, it is probable that Jerry Kilgore would now have the title "governor-elect."

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Speak Up: What is your favorite part about Thanksgiving break?

- "I look forward to relaxing and spending time with my family."
  - Angela Thompson, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.

- "...all the food I only eat once a year, especially the pie!"
  - Elizabeth Jones, Fr., Lynchburg, Va.

- "...verying sure our favorable voters made it to the polls. I truly thing went very wrong as the election grew closer."
  - Alex Smith, Vp, Williamsport, Ind.

- "...getting to see my family and friends because I haven't seen them in forever!"
  - Kellie Meiloom, Soph, William & Mary, Ind.

- "...it's the last holiday before Thanksgiving break?"
  - David Thompson, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.

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It couldn’t happen to a nicer guy
By Scott LaPeer
SPORTS REPORTER

It is quite a thing for any young man to be starting his first game in the National Football League on his 23rd birthday, lining up in the backfield behind Green Bay Packers legend Brett Favre, striving intently to be the 71,000 screaming fans. It is quite another thing to be able to say, after one grand and greatest experience in your career, that you were the third option for nearly all of four years, you were basically the third option for the last year of college, playing Division I-AA football where, all of a sudden, you are the starting running back in week 10 of this NFL season. Two weeks earlier, he was driving to his Ashwaubenon, Wis., apartment when Green Bay’s director of public relations called at noon with important news.

"At twelve o’clock, I received a phone call and they told me to come to the studio. They said, ‘The Mike and Mike show.’" He was a little bit surprised by the invitation, the call, but he was no less than thrilled by the opportunity. When Green Bay’s starting running back fumbled the ball in their first game, in cane xx, before, and whereabouts, and the Liberty community has been buzzing ecstatically ever since. We all saw the number 26 jersey zagging in green, but how cool was it to watch "Favor," as the media now calls him, cross the field in his first game versus N.C. State, forget his fumbles almost over the power of the moment?

"I..." he said, but whatever he was going to say and that he need to be ready to go on, and if there were any hesitations, I needed to told right there and then. That and that..."

Despite their best efforts, the Big South champions were knocked out of the NCAA tournament by UVa Friday night. The Lady Flames received an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament after winning the Big South Conference tournament. The Flames were seeded as a No. 16 seed in the NCAA tournament, which is four spots higher than their spot in 2004, when they were seeded as a No. 20 seed.

Women’s soccer falls to UVA, 4-0
By Ryan Bomberger
ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

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Senior captain Jon Ziegler just barely put the Flames onto the board, making another beautiful saucer pass to seven different Flames in the weekly conference match of the season.

The Flames returned home after the road trip to face first seed Winthrop. As the final home game of the regular season, Friday night was senior night. Seniors Janell Migeot and Allison Hallock were both honored before they played their last home game.

With just 34 seconds to play, senior forward John Langabeer broke the tie at 2:10 on an even-strength goal scored by Zagler and Mackenzie. The Flamingo Wing scored 92 reminders in the period and scored 10 in the last 12 minutes of play, taking the Flames up one, defense-minded Aires remaining as freshman forward John Longauer headed the tie at 2:10 into an even-strength goal scored by Zagler and Mackenzie.

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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 via 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. "Our philosophy has always been to play a lot of people and develop our young talent early. When I go into homes recruiting, we have been able to say that we’ve had some players averaging double figures playing major minutes, so our philosophy has always been one that will develop our young talent. There are going to be many beats right now. We are very excited, and excited about the talent we currently have on this team," Green said.

Green is not exaggerating when he calls this a young team, as there are no seniors this season. Part of that young talent is returning sophomore guard Alphonso Fann, who scored 18 points and grabbed four rebounds in Liberty’s first round upset of Penn State in the NCAA tournament. Sophomores Roli-Ann Nikhaght, who had eight points and five rebounds in the upset against CSU-Pueblo, and 6’5” sophomore forward Egle Smigelskaite are also returning this season. They are joined by a set of 6’8” triplets, Megan, Mollie and Miriah Freeman, 6’2” guard Rebecca Lightfoot, 5’9” guard Rachel Hammond and 5’9” guard Alexandrina Brown.

Junior Karolina Plvitkivch, Michelle Parker, Janise Pajig and Leslie Jones will be looking forward to another post-season run, the head coach understands that the season may start out slowly. "I have a lot of confidence in the talent we have on the team right now. We need some time now to get to get the chemistry together and learn how to play with one another. A lot of them are coming from different programs and it just takes some time and experience to get where we want to go," Green said.

The Big South Conference may present a bigger challenge than usual in the Lady Flames this year. High Point and UNCG-Ashville voted second and third respectively, return several of their key players. Winthrop’s Lady Eagles found someone who is nearly as tall as the Feenstra twins in the 6’7” entree Lisa Kay from Germany. However, with a tough non-conference schedule designed to prepare an extremely talented young Lady Flames squad, it is doubtful that anyone in the Big South will be able to end Liberty’s four-year reign as Big South champions.

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halfmainstuaiee and the women, "Guys and Dols," the fifth longest running play on Broadway, showcase their classic bat-tlegrounds. The play, which has been called quintessential Broadway musical, began on Nov. 2 and will continue until the December 17. It is playing at Lloyd's 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 theater department, for this comic relief to lift the morale of study weary students. Some of the cast members have referred to "Guys and Dols" as a "light hearted comedy." The musical includes many catchy songs, like "Luck Be a Lady" and "Save A - Soo," and classic period costumes. "Guys and Dols" is adapt-ed from a book was written by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. The lyrics and music were created by Frank Loesser. However, the Broadway show was based on The Idylls of Sarah Brown by Damon Runyon. The musical takes place in 1940s New York and is centered around one group's quest to gamble and another group's desire to "save lost sinners."

One of the main Characters, gambler Nathan Detroit, who is played by Ryan K. Massety, makes a bet with his friend, Sky Masterson, who is played by Justin Thomas Oliver, that Masterson can't make the next woman he sees fall in love with him. "Save A - Soo," Sarah Brown, who is played by Erica Smith, happens to be the next woman that Sky Masterson meets. The differences in the two set the play up for delicious complications with hilarious characters. Then there's Detroit's girlfriend Adelaide, played by Cheryl L. Pesce, who is impatient to get married despite their 14-year engagement. Her character brings to light their plight with dialogue and songs wrapped up in her stereotypical New Jersey accent. The play does, however, have a pretty noticeable meaning to it. "It's a story about accepting and loving people for who they are, no matter their quirks and bad habits," said Smith. Several other cast members said that the show was about change.

Joshua Carter, who plays Arvide Abernathy said, "It shows love overcoming different upbringings... It also illustrates how love can help people become better people."

Throughout the musical, there are several dance numbers. "There are three big male dance numbers with just guys, flipping over each other... as pretty wild," said Katrina Hatcher, stage manager. There are other dance numbers with the "dolls" at the "Hot Box," as well as many more dance numbers with the rest of the cast of "Guys and Dolls."

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LINDA COOPER — Liberty University's Director of Theater

The inspiring story of Director of Theater, Linda Nell Cooper

By Marliesa Johnson

 quotes of the week:

"Thanksgiving is coming upon us. It is the time of year when people turn to their parents and grandmas and every so often, you will hear someone shout the perfect one.

If you are from a traditional, somewhat typical family, you may be bracing yourself for some of those classic quotes that seem to seek all of the family's attention. You will go to the mirror and in your most serious tone, think this time, grandma, time to bring out the cutlery with her kiss, but you will know you have to hold your stick.

You still prepare for that "pull my finger" joke that holiday that has been trying to stir your in you since you were 9, the one you fell for every year since then.

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