Remembering our fallen comrades

Proctor was deployed out of Lynchburg, wore pressing formation, held the expected support unit and fired a great sound on the people's behalf.

While her husband, Bruce, spoke to the students of their experiences during the past three years, she shared with them her thoughts about the impact the local community was making on his life. He was moved to tears by their words, and Vicki said that she was grateful to them for their support and walked away with a bouquet of flowers.

Those who would like to send letters of encouragement to Vicki and Nate can e-mail victoriastrong@juno.com.

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Lynchburg grows, full steam ahead

By Erin Fitch

We need to build civilizations," Bill Bryson penned in his 1991 book, Neither Here nor There. "Now we build shopping malls." And though that image may be far out for Lynchburg, college students do not seem to mind.

When Kohl's Department Store and Old Navy opened their doors last year, they added more light and excitement to the area, known as Lynchburg's "shopping area." As a result, many Liberty students are content to stay in Lynchburg for their shopping trips, rather than make the long commute to other cities.

"The growth around the school is good for LU," said Vice-Chancellor Jerry Falwell II. "I think the development... is evidence of a strong and vibrant local economy and I think LU is a major contributor to the strength of the local economy."

"I have shopped at both the stores," said junior Jordan Franco. "I used to drive to Roanoke before they opened here."

But while many at Liberty are excited about the new stores, the proposed development of one in particular has been a source of bound controversy everywhere else.

The drawback to the location of the stores on Words Road is the high amount of traffic in the area, much of which is headed towards... you guessed it... Wal-Mart.

"If you have been to Wal-Mart (what LU student can say he or she hasn't?), then you know how long it is."

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Ice and wind storms into town, more anticipated in Feb.

By Fernando Rosado

The winter has finally hit Lynchburg. The mix of snow and freezing rain on Sunday, Tuesday in the first day of winter forced many people to stay at home. In addition, all classes before last minute of classes and new semester were canceled.

Within the varied student body at Liberty, there are students who are used to the cold weather.

Tatiana Almeida, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, said that the winter in Sao Paulo is very cold, and not resembles the winter here in the U.S.

Laura Colón, from Puerto Rico, said that she felt a "temperature shock" in her body when she arrived in the U.S. "As soon as I stepped in the airport, I began to sneeze," she said. In preparation for the cold weather, Almeida bought many heavy coats from Brazil. "I was even afraid that my luggage would exceed the weight limit," she said.

There are also those students who had never seen snow until they got here. A Kenyan freshman spoke excitedly about her first experience with snow, telling how she and her Kenyan friends played with it, and even ate it.

Americans are also affected by the harsh weather. Kevin Klous, a junior here at Liberty who enjoys riding his motorcy­cle, a three and white Yamaha R1, does not ride it very often in the cold weather.

By Jennifer Tang

After the Christmas gifts were opened and the holi­days had passed, several headlines captured our attention.

Here are some of the events that kept the American people glued to the television and the Internet.

**Dec. 28, 2006**


**Dec. 29, 2006**

Former dictator of Iraq Saddam Hussein is hanged for his orchestration of the ruthless massacre in Dujail.

A town in the northern region of Iraq, Dujail was the site of an assassination attempt on Hussein's life. In retaliation, Hussein ordered his troops to attack the residents of Dujail and 148 men were killed.

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Spring '07 SEW kicks off with a downpour

By David Thompson

For Liberty students, both new and returning, the upcoming spiritual emphasis week offers oppor­tunity to walk in the Word — literally.

James MacDonald, whose radio program, "Walk in the Word," is broadcast weekly across the nation, arrived last night to kick off spiritual emphasis week as the his­torical speaker.

MacDonald's ministry began when, as a teenager, he entered and won a procurement competition, at the advice of his youth pasto­r.

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No more late-night lattes: ILRC changes hours

By Matthew Hoepfner

When the clock strikes midnight this semester, the computer lab that was bustling with student activ­ity last semester will be silent, the only occupants the staff that work there.

Instead of remaining open 24 hours a day for most of the week, the ILRC now closes at 11:45 p.m. on the nights it used to remain open. The 9 p.m. closing times for Friday and Saturday nights are still in effect. Despite some less-than­positive response from stu­dents to the weeks leading up to the new semester, ILRC Dean David Barnett said that students have seemed to accept the change. "So far, (the transi­tion) has been very smooth," he said.

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Barrett recalled the days when the ILRC was a reli­able "quiet study area." We started back in 2002, when we opened this facility, to extend our hours to Sunday night through Thursday night," he said. "The room that serves as the electronic hub of Liberty's lab has been expanded and upgraded countless times. What we offer technologically for students is pretty robust," Barrett said. However, as the level of technology available to students began to increase, so did the sheer number of those students.

With nearly 9,000 stu­dents on campus for the spring semester, facilities such as the computer lab has become quite crowded, whether in between classes or not.
To begin, let me just say that I’m not entirely at the right temperature. It is the first day of Welcome Back, Liberty, or ‘It’s back to school time’.

So I’ve reworked Brooks & Don’s attic to appease the prevailing student demand of students in the fundamental capital of the realm. But come up at Lynchburg City Commuter students in a traffic jam! Starting on the line in front of them! Wishing they were back at Starbucks or sleeping in! One kid dreams of leaving from Center! One kid thinks that Globet had it right! One could end up feeling theology! They might just end up in Liberty!

Only at Liberty! Dreamin’ in GNED/ Only at Liberty! Plansin’ in Humanities/ We all get it/ Nobody’s allowed to dance/ Only at Liberty! Sun going down over Dorm 27/ Roomsrearranging, doing their own thing/ A true class of leaders/All they want is to get a ring/ All they want is to get a ring/ The only other lives on canned beef stew/ They just might be pajamas also/ A true class of leaders/ Distinguished with the guys chooled with Falls/ Only at Liberty!

Only at Liberty! Where we dream of a parking lot in America/ Liberty, Where Wars Rend All is all we go/ We all have a place choling a fascinating Grace/ Only at Liberty!

Well, with that said, welcome back to school. If only indicators are only, any —

indication, this should be a dooney of a semester.

For those contributing to early confis, the Patriots losing their third consecutive game is just a reminder of the fact that I actually write this column hours after the fact. I just want to open up by letting you know that there are six things you won’t see in this column:

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If there are any demands, who am I to demand my day away?

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, norovirus is actually the genome for a whole group of viruses, like norovirus. These viruses are responsible for stomach and intestinal viruses such as norovirus, resistant to antibiotics. However, highly contagious nature also means that the objects infected people touch also become infected.

Any person can become an infected substance, whether it be a phone, a bed or another surface, especially eating utensils. Norovirus is spread through ingestion, most commonly through food, though its highly contagious nature also means that the objects infected people touch also become infected.

Because of norovirus, they should clean all surfaces, especially eating utensils. Clothes or towels should be washed in hot water and soap in order to clean all infected surfaces. Also, if the infected person in the family has a fever, they should stay home. Regardless of their situation, whether it be a phone, a bed or another surface, especially eating utensils.

Norovirus is spread through ingestion, most commonly through food, though its highly contagious nature also means that the objects infected people touch also become infected. In addition, it is recommended to take precaution against the norovirus.

Symptoms generally start within 24 to 48 hours of exposure. People who develop these symptoms should stay home. Contact your doctor or local health department if you have a fever and gastrointestinal symptoms.
Senior Becky Williams does not know the long line for her shopping list. "I go to Target. Sometimes there is a huge line, very busy," said Payne. "There's enough activity that Wal-Mart is going to be able to put in another store to absorb the activity."

But the Lynchburg developer already found a potential site at the Forest Plaza West Shopping Center on Old Forest Road, several chains protested the pending deal. In an editorial titled "Memo to Wal-Mart: Please Don't Do This," published by the News & Advance earlier this month, the writer encouraged the city to take a "hard stand" against the proposal. The editorial opened with a "strong statement against the Wal-Mart expansion in Lynchburg." Several community groups oppose the development, including popular eateries such as Isabella's, the Madison Avenue Deli and Jazz Street Grill. "It makes me upset," said Brucker. "I feel bad for the businesses owners. I don't even see how a Wal-Mart would be in that area."

Several store owners and shopkeepers are also worried that an existing Wal-Mart development in the Forest Plaza West, the existing small businesses would be forced to move, including popular eateries such as Isabella's, the Madison Avenue Deli and Jazz Street Grill. "We're all for the city. We're all for the city, but we're concerned," said Brucker. "I feel bad for the business owners who have to relocate."}

Will politicians learn to respect one another?

In my naivete I was beginning to believe that the domestic policies were being well accepted by both sides of the aisle. After all, President Bush reached across traditional partisan lines by offering such agendas as lowering gas consumption by 20 percent in ten years' time, and even mentioning the problem of global climate changes as a valid concern. But it seems Junior Senator Jim Webb, a man I'm proud to say makes me ashamed to be a Virginian, couldn't have disagreed more. He talked down the President's mention of economic growth, citing that those benefits were "out being properly shared," and went on to retrace much of the other policy initiatives the President had offered.

"This distinction was made much more evident by the change in the majority of the congress, and subsequently Nancy Pelosi's sharing of the dais with Vice President Cheney. It almost appeared to be some sort of game of musical chairs, as one stood while the other sat."

When politicians are willing to rise to the occasion, that fits that description, but heroes can be made in a single defining moment. Whether it be in 2008, 2012, again. As I look toward 2008, I don't yet see a candidate that fits that description, but heroes can be made in a single defining moment. Whether it be in 2008, 2012, or beyond, I'll be watching and waiting for a hero.

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SpeakUp: Are politicians respectful of one another?

"I think politicians definitely have a right to differences of opinion. Raging politics is hypocritical and not broadened by their political campaign or personal charac­

"It's still all smiles and compliments when the introductions are made. Or, even more germane, a welding where both sides of the aisle would be at each other's throats, were it not for the flowery ropes that cordoned them off to their respective sides of the room. Like a wedding, the proceedings were almost royal in nature, as the officials made their way through the invisible seas of tension between those aisles.

"No! Absolutely not - politicians should vote for me because my opponent eats small children' or something."
Obsession with celebrities unhealthy

There is just not enough time in the day to be beautiful, and balancing one’s time often becomes a challenge. So why is it that the American public creates so many precious moments on the high altar it is quickly becoming much more than the “fandom” of previous decades.

Slowly but surely top-of-the-line fans have become inflamed by much more than just the movies of their favorite stars. Not just fans, some people in the public have created a soapbox from which the high and mighty stars may preach their own personal opinions. This may be unavoidable but it is detrimental to the ignorant portion of the population.

In being as wrapped up in Hollywood, people begin to see so much less the ability to think through issues for themselves and how there are so many more options to do so. Political preferences become more an issue of celebrity than of the 21st century morality and correctness.

The influence of some key figures is more recognizable than that of others. Oprah Winfrey, for instance, has become a spiritual guide to many of her viewers nationwide. Through smooth-flowing words and a soothing approach, she endorses what Oprah endorses is uplifting and personal insight to wield powerful influence across the country.

As a native of the great state of Virginia, I applaud legislation that does not end in divorce. As a result, the nation begins to view Virginia’s citizens to vote on smoke-free dining and stop a burning building and taking a big gulp of air. It makes no more sense than that of anyone else. Baptist clergy are the millions of people that opposed Senator Bell’s needed bill. I couldn’t think of any reasons to allow smoking, and neither could theاخبارية. ith an air that comes out is 250 toxins, including arsenic. We’d never think of any reasons to allow smoking, and neither could theaxòr: ith an air that comes out is 250 toxins, including arsenic. We’d never

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Barnett affirmed that, in recent semesters, the ILRC staff had seen a shift in the usage of the computer lab from primarily student-related to more social activity. He said that, on more than a few occasions, ILRC workers had to call LUPD to come resolve altercations that occurred during the early morning hours.

Then began to rebuild its original mission for having a 24-hour lab space. In so doing, the ILRC administration had approximately a dozen of Virginia's schools. They discovered that, among the schools they studied, Liberty was the only school to have a 24-hour computer lab for its students.

Student response to the change was mixed. "The good side is, it encourages students to do decent sleeping habits," said junior Bob Bannister. However, Bannister also mentioned some potential downsides, like off-campus students who do not own computers and the fostering of a sense of idleness in the dorms.

Connecting other possible solutions, Barnett said that the ILRC staff had been exploring the possibility of utilizing secure parking.

He also said that the ILRC would probably not attempt even a 2 a.m. closing time unless other university facilities were simultaneously open.

He said called on students to remain in their motivations for disagreeing with the change. "In the same issue, the lab's not available, or, 'the lab's not available at the time that I'm used to it'" Barnett said.

He reminded those who were concerned about using the Mor and Aver labs for lab-specific projects that they would most likely be allowed to use the computer lab during specified times. He said that was already in place with several professors for lists of the affected students.

"We're trying to be sensitive as to how our resources are made available," Barnett said.

He exhorted Liberty students to pursue their studies. "Students are going to have to make some choices about managing their time," he said.

Barnett admitted that it did clear, that to facilitate students, there would still be two times this semester when the computer lab would still be open for consecutive 24-hour periods — namely, the week before spring break and finals week.

Barnett admitted to observing the fallout on Facebook — from a distance. "There are multiple groups out there on both sides of the fence, and it's been interesting to watch them except when they call me names," he said with a wry smile.

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Jan. 3, 2007 — The U.S. military announced that a large military field in the war on terror reached 3,000. As of Jan. 3, 1011, CNN reports, there have been 3,000 casualties, including 2,000 American soldiers.

Jan. 10, 2007 — President George W. Bush addresses the nation, announcing to ε change strategy in Iraq, and hold Iraq's government accounting and democracy accountable for its new strategy, part of which includes a "surge" of troops into Iraq. The president's speech has since drawn much criticism.

Jan. 16, 2007 — Democratic Illinois senator Barack Obama announces his intention to take a step toward the White House for his bid to become the first African American president. The says he will make an announcement from Chicago later on whether he will run. He attended Harvard Law and was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

Jan. 20, 2007 — Democratic New York senator Hillary Clinton throws her hat into the ring. The former first lady was re-elected to the senate last year by 67 percent of votes. Many critics and pundits say she is the front-runner in the election.

Jan. 21, 2007 — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson announces his intentions to bid for the Democratic candidacy. If elected to the White House, he would become the first Hispanic American president. Richardson was born in California, and his mother is from Mexico. Former President Bill Clinton chose him to be a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. According to Professor Lape, Liberty would probably not attempt even a 2 a.m. closing time unless other university facilities were simultaneously open.

Jan. 22, 2007 — President Bush addresses the nation in his 26th State of the Union address since the beginning of his presidency. He begins by addressing the new Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, with the words "Madam Speaker," which drew some applause. In his speech, two key points included Social Security and medical care for all citizens.

Jan. 25, 2007 — President Bush delivers the State of the Union address in his 27th State of the Union address since the beginning of his presidency. He begins by addressing the new Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, with the words "Madam Speaker," which drew some applause. In his speech, two key points included Social Security and medical care for all citizens.

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SPORTS

BY WILL LUGER

The Liberty Lady Liberty Lady Flames moved into a tie for first place in the Big South Saturday night, snapping off a flawless two-week tie with two signatures in the win column.

Strong team-based play gave Liberty a 54-42 win over the Winthrop Eagles on Monday night and a 76-64 win in state rival Radford University.

Last Monday night, Liberty looked to junior Allisen Farnscht when senior guard Michelle Parker got into early foul trouble.

Farnscht answered the call with a 13-point first half and followed it up with strong defensive play in the second.

When asked about how she felt coming into the game, Farnscht said, “I shot it well in warm-ups, and that helped to boost my confidence.”

Getting into the second, one thing that Farnscht wanted to focus on was getting the ball to her teammates.

The finished with strong defensive play, a few steals and several blocked shots in the final half.

“This time, Allisen wanted to play some defense,” said a smiling Lady Flames Head Coach Claire Cowan.

When asked about the game, Winthrop University Head Coach Bud Childers also gave Farnscht a lot of credit.

“The dangerous player on their team is Farnscht,” he said.

Winthrop’s senior Barry also had a strong first half, but she barely saw any time in the second, as the game was only her second back after suffering a broken thumb earlier in the season.

Despite her injury and only against five points, Drake was easily the Eagles’ best player in the first half. She also controlled the play, serving as Winthrop’s main point guard.

Children came into the night with their young team not concerned about the Lady Flames’ dangerous freshmen.

“These three don’t worry me,” he said.

However, the Flames played a game with Virginia, Molly and Moriah turning in quality defensive play and a powerful presence in the paint.

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SPORTS OF CHOICE: Students decide LU’s next sport

The Liberty athletic department will be conducting a survey in an attempt to give students the opportunity to decide what sports will be offered by Liberty in the coming years.

The Athletics Interests and Surveys will be appear in the Eagle, Monday, Jan. 21, and will run through Friday, Feb. 1.

The survey will require the students to answer six questions about their interest in 10 different sports, each with five options.

There is a great opportunity for students to take sports that they would otherwise play with a group of friends next to a dorm and begin to form teams that could compete with other universities.

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Please see MEN’S BASKETBALL, page B3.
On Sunday, February 4, a matchup of two of the stingiest defenses in the league will face epic proportions will take place.

Both teams have stepped up in those categories throughout the season, and if they maintain that - as they have so far in the postseason - the Bears offense could be in for a long day.

The Indianapolis run defense was the best throughout the season, giving up a 100-yard rusher in each week. The Colts average 205.1 yards per game. Yet Indy surrendered only 159.2 yards in the air during the regular season, and if they maintain that posture in the playoffs, the Bears offense could be in for a long day.

Manning's load will be lighter as that unit gets some support from the run game, while the Bears have taken the Seahawks rushing per week. While that would look to be an advantage for Chicago, things have changed in the playoffs, and that may not be the case.

Both teams have stepped up in those categories. In the playoffs the Bears have averaged a whopping 300 yards per game, but the Colts have made huge strides, allowing just 17.7 yards per game in the playoffs. They are also out-rushing their opponents by 65 yards on average this postseason.

Despite Grossman's woes, the Bears' defense gained 324.9 yards per game. The Colts will try to keep those numbers up if they want a shot at victory.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL: After solid week, Flames look to keep momentum going against UNC-Asheville

INTO THE LIGHTS—Junior Alex McLean (21) elevates for a basket against UNC-Asheville in a game played on January 26. McLean had 22 points in Liberty’s 122-117 victory.

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体育记者

本周，Liberty的室内田径队和田径队在On-Track公开赛中表现出色。

By Eric Brown

The Liberty University men’s and women’s track teams competed in the On-Track Open this past weekend at the Tolena Indoor Track Center. Several of Liberty’s top athletes competed, setting and conference records, as well as putting up some of the best times in the nation.

Junior Josh McDougal competed in his first race since the Olympic trials and set a new national record in the 3000-meter. He finished in 7:55. However, McDougal’s performance set a new track record, breaking his previous record by three seconds.

With his time, McDougal is now ranked second in the nation among collegiate athletes in the 3000-meters and currently holds the fastest time run on a flat surface this season. “I was kind of all over the place when I started running, much faster than I thought I could have,” said McDougal. “I just tried to stop thinking and let my body try to find a pace for itself.”

The pace felt good for a while. Once I get some workouts in and my body try to find a good speed, I will be able to get a much faster speed throughout the whole race.

McDougal still has another chance to earn an automatic qualifying time at the Big South Championships in three weeks. However, his task will be a little tougher with more runners competing in the event. The junior from Seattle, Wash., where he will compete against some of the top runners in the country.

Senior Arlene Zelinskas also turned heads over the weekend. She posted the third-fastest score in the nation for the women’s pentathlon with a total of 5,982 points.

Zelinskas also set a new Big South record, surpassing Danielle McNally’s record of 5,982. With a time of 8:15 in the 600-meter hurdles, she set a new Big South record. “I was really excited and pleased with how I was doing,” said Zelinskas. “I had a personal record in the hurdles, high jump, and long jump. Going into the Seo I knew I would do a lot better than the last meet I had competed in. I was just looking forward to finishing the pentathlon and seeing how it ended up.”

Zelinskas qualified for the East Coast Championships and hopes to improve her performance in the Big South Championship and the events to follow.

Sophomore Philip Leineweber, who normally runs the 800 and 1,600-meters, placed third in the 1,600-meters with a time of 4:34.25. “I felt really good enough that I would be running him at Big South,” said McCall Brown, Tolena. “I think we are going to run him in the 800 and the 1,500 as well as the 4x4.”

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Josh Edwards, who placed first in the men’s 5000 with a time of 15:12.18, and Rayna Curtis, who was runner-up in the women’s 5000 with a time of 16:32.36.

Cailyn Sutterfield set a new school record for the women’s 800-meters and showed she qualified for the East Coast Championships with a time of 2:05.40.

Both the men’s and women’s 4x relay teams took first place. The men’s team, consisting of Brandon Edwards,Willie Toblin, Chris Ward and Karl Graves, qualified for the IC4A’s with a time of 3:30.81.

Despite all of the outstanding performances by some of Liberty’s finest, Tolena’s men’s and women’s teams still have a long road to travel.

While some athletes performed well, there were others who were unable to compete due to injury.

“The reality right now is we are really pretty beat up,” said Tolena. “We certainly want to get the team put back together for next three weeks. It is going to be a challenge.”

The Flames now look forward to the Big South Championships, which are only three weeks away.

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL:** Liberty propels itself into a tie for first in Big South Conference with nine games left

Jamie Frazee, the Lady Flames were not flawless Monday night though. "It wasn't definitely a little bit of a push to get those points," Frazee said.

Liberty had 27 total turnovers during Monday night’s game, which gave them a few things to work on during the week before they faced the Highlanders of Radford on Saturday.

The Lady Flames came into Saturday night’s game looking to end Radford’s seven-game winning streak with strong defensive play and a controlling offense. Megan Frazee, after a low point total Monday night, rebounded Saturday and ended up being the game’s high-scoring. Her total was 27 points, had a career-high five steals and complemented it with seven rebounds.

On Monday Frazee was announced as the Big South Player of the Week. It is the fourth time this season that she garnered the honor and is the sixth player in her career.

Sophomore Rebecca Lightfoot also had a strong game with 21 total points — 10 of which were scored in the second 20 minutes of play — and had two of Liberty’s 14 total steals of the game.

The Highlanders spread out scoring during the game, as four players had in or more points.

Men’s tennis gets bounding start against George Mason

**By Adam Trent**

The Liberty Flames men’s tennis team downed the George Mason Patriots 6-3 in Fairfax, Va., on Saturday night. The win came just two days after the Flames were picked to finish last in the Big South Conference.

"Tonight’s win was about preparation and heart," said Liberty Head Coach Chris Johnson.

"Our guys have been working very hard to get ready for this spring season and have a strong desire to win. I feel they have really come together as a team and will prove very difficult to beat."

The Flames began the evening by winning two of three doubles matches to take the doubles point and a 4-0 lead heading into singles play.

As number one doubles, sophomore Jaris Virgins and freshman Chad Simpson defeated George Mason’s Jay Friedman and Jordan Lipstock 8-2.

Liberty was also victorious at number three doubles where junior Sebastian Pena and freshman Franco Valdez beat Matt Snyder and Martin Brown 8-4.

The only setback was at number two doubles, as George Mason’s Don Schaeffer and Anastasios Iliadis won over the moose duo of Luis Olivera and Juan Reyes 8-3, but the wins at number one and three secured the doubles point for Liberty.

Winning the doubles point is something the team is focusing on this season. Last season, Liberty lost several matches 4-3 and in each loss did not win the doubles point.

With the doubles point secured, the Flames and Patriots began singles play. Trojans drew first blood for Liberty by defeating Iliadis in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4 at number one singles. Playing number two, Simpson found himself down early, dropping the first set to Schneider 6-4. Down but not out, he battled hard to win the second set 6-4. From there, Simpson un须本ized his opponent in the third set 6-4 for the match.

"I didn't let that (first set) get me down," said Simpson. "I kept fighting and won the second set 6-4 and he had no more energy so I gave it my all and won the third set 6-1."

At number three singles, Liberty’s Reyes found himself in a tough battle against Friedman, but managed to pull out the win in three sets 7-6(3), 3-6, 7-6(2).

At number four singles, the Patriots finally found a point as Liggett defeated Olivera 6-4, 6-4.

Another tough battle was fought at number five singles, but sophomore Fabrizio Picones was able to defeat Brown 6-4, 6-3.

The evening ended on a solid note as Liberty’s Pena buried George Mason’s Snyder 6-2, 6-2.

"It is always difficult to come back and win both mentally and physically after losing the first set. You have to be confident with the game plan you have and continue to execute it. Tonight’s come from behind wins from Simpson, Reyes, and Picones were all about a game plan, conditioning, and that strong desire to win," said Johnson.

With the win, Liberty starts the season 1-0. Their next match is against the Spartans of Norfolk State in Norfolk, Virginia on Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.

The Lady Flames tennis team hosts the North Carolina A&T Aggies at the Sports Racket indoor facility on Saturday at 7 p.m. before traveling to Norfolk State.

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Come Support Your Lady Flames as they take on Birmingham Southern

**February 5 @ 7:00 PM in the Vines Center!**
An eventful spring:
Aeward glance to the activities and concerts in store for this semester

By Kristi Kirkland

T he spring semester is off to a busy start. Amidst the anxiety of taking classes into account, homework and dorm life, students can look forward to some exciting happenings on the Liberty University campus. Students will have no trouble finding things to do in their free time with the line-up of activities that Student Life and other offices have planned.

Student Life Worker Mike Sanders said the most highly anticipated activity that students will host this semester is the spring Coffeehouse that will be held on Feb. 16. Students will have a chance to be involved by displaying their talents at one of the "Primetime Coffeehouse," which will have a 70's theme. Auditions for a slot in the show will take place Jan. 31 through Feb. 5, as well as Feb. 5-7. A highlight of the evening line-up will be a performance by special guest and rap artist KJ-52. Mike Sanders said he expects the Coffeehouse to be the most well-attended of all events this semester.

KJ-52 will also perform for February's College for a Weekend concert. 

One day after the College for a Weekend Conference will take place at Thomas Road Baptist Church. This one-day event will be "enthusiastic National Marriage Day and is supported by Focus on the Family, the Institute for Marriage, the American Association of Christian Counselors and others. The conference will include speakers such as author Dr. Gary Smalley and authors Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott, as well as the musical talent of artists Matthew West, and Michael W. Smith. Married couples and single individuals alike can attend, and Liberty students can purchase tickets for a discounted price of $5.

Later in the semester, students can anticipate the annual Spring Festival. This event will be held in the courtyard, and Sanders says it is similar to the black party, only smaller. There will be a variety of games and a variety of booths for students to peruse.

TobyMac's Portable Sounds Tour will make a stop on April 17, which is during the second weekend of spring break. TobyMac said other bands such as Building 429 and Family Force 5 will also perform.

Spring break will come on April 15-19 in the closing days of spring break for the LU Splash Page for Weekend events.

"We are charged with setting for the American Dream. We in the respect, my contention is in disagreement with the presupposition that we are living in an era of socially prevailed and behavioral revolution that is the American Church isn't a group of believers who lack only effect — it is a body of people who are taught to be creative people, to be more than sort of what you used to call a 'preacher'; to be more original, to be more innovative. For me, the idea of the American Church means reformation. It means reformation of behavior."

"When I worked in the ministry, I didn't begin with any 'preconceived' themes, I didn't begin with any themes. I didn't do is pray each time I sat down to write a message that the Spirit would inspire the words and the ideas. That is the way I have always worked."

"I grew up going to a Baptist church and I believed in the American Dream."

"I became a Christian in 1966 and I never thought I would live to see this day in which the American Church is so unlike your Christ."

"I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."

"I have a deep appreciation for the direction American Christians have yet to read this magazine, look it up online at www.RELEVANTMAGAZINE.com or find the copy detained in our library. I was granted some extra time for the Christmas break, and I tried to enjoy every bit of it as furtively as possible. In this issue, he champions the idea of a 'second reformation,' which he claims will be 'a revolution in thought.' He offers five neat tidbits off information about the condition he observes in the culture."

"That is the American Church."

"I have watched the American Church for eight years."

"We are charged with setting for the American Dream."

"I am presently a senior at this university, and it seems to me that we are entering into an age of tremendous weariness towards behavior modification, nominal faith and the 'do-reformation of behavior' fails to connect."

"Good grief."

"I have been a writer for more than ten years; a member of a writing group, a journalist, a copy editor, a lit-"
“This will be a very romantic semester!”
—Theatre Director Linda Nell Cooper

By Jennifer Schmidt

Theatre Director Linda Nell Cooper said, “This will be a very romantic semester!” Kicking off the romance right on cue, Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" will open Valentine's weekend on Feb. 16. According to Cooper, this will be the first Shakespearean play to be performed in the last four years.

In contrast to the playwright’s tragedies such as “Macbeth,” which the department has done in the past, it will expose audiences to Shakespeare’s comedic side. With a cast of nine, the play will break traditional boundaries by mixing singing and dancing with the audience, and it will also be presented in a modern note within the remit of a 20th century act. Following “Love’s Labours Lost” will be the premier of an original production written and directed by Liberty’s own Desiree Smith, a faculty member of the theatre arts department.

“Theatre is loving,” which will open in March, is a middle-school related play with dance and singing. It is contemporary, new and relevant,” said Cooper.

Abigail Snyder, a senior who will play the woman at the well character, said, “This play relates to our everyday lives. The theme is that even though God is silent, it doesn’t mean that He isn’t there.”

“Once Upon a Silence” will be performed with a cast of all members. For the first time ever, the production rights to "Thoroughly Modern Millie" have been released, and Liberty will be opening with its own rendition of the classic Broadway show on April 13. The show features plenty of tap dancing and an abundance of "Happier.”

Ashley White, who will be playing the part of Millie, said, “The music is very upbeat and fun to sing. Who wouldn’t be excited about that? I relate to Millie because she is so spunky and has such a drive. She dreams big, just like me.”

Describing the basic plot of the show, Cooper said, “It follows an old-fashioned girl who has to realize her values are always in style.”

To finish the spring semester and the 2006-2007 school year, Sarah Koster will be opening her senior showcase on May 11. Described as a "musical cabaret" by Cooper, the show will feature duets, trios and group numbers. "The point of this project is to showcase all of the skills that I have acquired over the past few years in the theatre arts major. It will be a compilation of small scenes and musical numbers from different musicals and plays," said Cooper.

Since Koster is the first theatre arts major to graduate since the program was initiated, her showcase will be the first and only performance of its kind until next year, when there will be approximately 10 graduating theatre arts majors. “We have several cast members of our show and we hope to make students that we could have cast each play before,” said Cooper, speaking of the strength of the program and how its continued expansion. The real distinction of this theatre arts department, however, is its message and direction.

Cooper said, “We do not just do art for art’s sake, but we do shows that display redeemable characters and challenge our audiences to think about morality.”

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