Students march to the beat of the pro-life drum

By Jason deBruyn

A bus left the LaHaye Student Center at the morning of Jan. 23, transporting Liberty students and staff to the 45th Annual March for Life pro-life rally in Washington, D.C. Over 50 members, along with thousands of other pro-lifers, marched along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court, rallying on this year’s theme, “Roe v. Wade Violates the European Convention on Human Rights.”

“The March for Life seemed like an opportunity for students to participate in something that we collectively stand for,” said Dr. Richard, director of Student Activities. “The pro-lifers marched with the intention of ‘uncovering abortion reality’ and to make the safety measure that the right to life exists in each human at fertilizations,” according to the March for Life website. They memorialized approximately 46 million aborted babies and their mothers.

Freshman Ryan Sandel, who participated in the march, knows people who have been affected by abortion. “It’s an issue that’s widespread, and he feels people need to ‘stand up against it before it gets worse.”

The March for Life organization believes that Americans must demand an end to this intentional violation of human rights. Last year, the March for Life Fund released a count of 100,000 participants. More marchers crowded on side streets along Constitution Avenue and were not counted. “Many real abortion is wrong. The March keeps the issue on the table,” said Sandel. Those attending the march also had the opportunity to schedule an appointment to meet with their congressmen and Senators to discuss the need to overturn Roe v. Wade (www.marchforlife.org).

“We wanted to give LU students a chance to support this belief and show our leaders that there are people out there who hold these values.”

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Homiletics lab gives preachers practice

By Jason deBruyn

Beginning this semester, Liberty University students aspiring to become preachers will have a new venue in which to put their faith in practice. A new homiletics lab has replaced old classroom into the chapel, transforming a standard classroom into a miniature sanctuary.

The lab has many similarities to a chapel so that the students can have a better feel for how things will be when they may be behind a pulpit at a real church. There are four stained glass windows opposite each other on the sides of the room and the seats are cushioned and placed in rows to resemble a pew. A large pulpit on a small stage completes the room, giving the students a true feel of what it is like to preach in a chapel setting.

Although all these features are great, they are not what make this room such an excellent tool for professors to help their students become better preachers.

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Follow crime in UK

By Teresa Wells

Criminal Justice Professor Paul Rickert and his wife, Michelle, will take a group of students overseas to experience the criminal justice system in London and Salisbury for seven days this summer. The trip will last six days and will allow students to experience the cultural differences of a world rich in background.

Rickert, who has spent years traveling to 23 different countries, believes this trip will be an invaluable experience for all of the students who will be under the tutelage of a legal mind. Though he has traveled to London in the past, he will be visiting many of these sights for the first time with the group.

“The places we will be visiting are not aspects that the normal citizen can experience,” Rickert said.

The group will set off from London on Saturday, May 20, for an overnight flight to London. Once there, they will visit the Westminster Scrubs Prison, the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Newgate Prison. Once there, they will visit the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey, as well as Wormwood Scrubs Prison, Clinks Prison Museum and the Old Bailey. 

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Take a trip 'Into the Woods'  

By Matthew Warner  

Liberty University's Theatre Arts department is gearing up for its production of the musical "Into the Woods," which run April 4-6 in the 250-seat Lloyd Auditorium located in the DeMoss Hall's Grand Lobby. 

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News v. the Net

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Washington Post Reporter in the American Journalism Review, June/July 2005

An article in the American Journalism Review, June/July 2005, might be a good place to start when trying to find information about the future of newspapers. It discusses the challenges faced by newspapers in a digital world and offers some possible solutions. The article also highlights the role of citizen journalism in the current landscape of media.

OPINION

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COMMENTARY

Discretion needed in media coverage during wartime

On Jan. 7, 2006, U.S. Senator Jill Carroll, a reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, was taken hostage by an insurgent group in Iraq under the guise of being killed. According to the Washington Post, Iraq officials say that about 30 Iraqis a day are reported kidnapped, only to be rescued by ransoms paid by family members, or else killed. Numerous Iraqis have been killed in other insurgent-related efforts, such as wildlife busts. But these news agencies have in large part to gain the attention of the world, they must focus their cruelty upon foreigners, particularly for foreign news organizations. The problem is that the media is essentially a double-edged sword: It gives us the information we should have, but in some cases, it may serve to further the cause of our enemy.

Punishing criminals should be left to courts, not individuals

In the past few years, many cases have surfaced in which people have been punished without the benefit of a trial. These include the sentencing of John Geoghan to 12 to 15 years in prison for the rape of minors and other sexual crimes. It seems that the public is often more interested in a particular case than in the legal process that should take place.

In this case, however, it does not matter what I think. What matters is the fact that God knows what must have happened and the cries of those who are crying now have been left unheeded. In a world where justice often fails to meet our expectations, I see no other comforting thought in that God will eventually step in. On the whole, our justice system can be effective in some cases. In others, it can fall short. I am sure why, in these cases, some individuals would feel the need to implement their own methods of punishment. However, this sort of vigilante justice is not only chaotic, but is also proud, in a sense. We are not God and we can never know what God knows about men like those described here.

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In many countries, news agencies have been biased in the coverage of the war in Iraq, Americans believe that conditions are worse than they are. While this may be true, we, as American citizens, should be allowed to know about the situation in Iraq. The problem is that the media is essentially a double-edged sword. It gives us the information we should have, but in some cases, it may serve to further the cause of our enemy.

The last time we were faced with such a situation was in the war in Vietnam. There, it was found that the media was playing a significant role. The public's thoughts and opinions concerning such matters are greatly influenced by the media. The purpose of the media is to inform the public. If it is doing so, the media plays the same function, and we should not be too quick to judge the media when it fails to inform the public.

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Students cope with new culture

By Jeremy Wicks

On Thursday, Jan. 11, Liberty's international department hosted a dinner for its new students at the President's 9,000-square-foot grand ballroom. The dinner was an opportunity for students to meet with the students from Nepal and interact with each other.

Nepalese students were dressed colorfully in their traditional attire and were served a traditional Nepalese dinner. They also danced to the music provided by the Nepalese students. This event allowed the students to experience and learn about the culture of Nepal.

In recent years, Liberty has seen a large increase in the number of international students. This has been due to the university's efforts to attract international students, as well as the growing interest in studying abroad.

The increase in international students has been partially attributed to the university's commitment to providing a diverse and inclusive environment. Liberty has made significant efforts to welcome and integrate international students into the university community.

The Nepalese students were excited to be at Liberty for the first time. They were impressed with the university's facilities and the opportunities available to them. They expressed their gratitude for the support they received during their first few days on campus.

The Nepalese students were eager to learn about American culture and to share their own culture with others. They were excited to make new friends and to explore the university's campus and surrounding areas.

The Nepalese students were also looking forward to their future at Liberty. They were excited to learn about new courses and to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. They were also looking forward to the opportunity to study and work in the United States.

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Women suprisingly split road trip

By Adam Trent

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After week 13 of the 2005-2006 National Football League season, the Pittsburgh Steelers, at 7-5, were a long shot to make the playoffs. They barely slid into the sixth and final playoff spot by making the season with four straight wins—two at home and two on the road. Going into the playoffs, the Steelers weren't given any chance to get to the Super Bowl because the road they would have to travel to get there—the three games in the playoffs, all on the road. Pittsburgh stopped the top three seeds—Cincinnati (three seed), Indianapolis (one seed), and Denver (two seed)—while battling a trail to Super Bowl XL. No team had ever won three straight road playoff games to get to the Super Bowl—the 1985 New England Patriots (they upset Pittsburgh 46-10 in Super Bowl XX).

The Seattle Seahawks on the other hand were the top seed of the NFC. After a bye, the Seahawks hosted the wildcard Los Angeles Raiders. The Carolina Panthers went into the divisional game since a 1984 loss to the 1985 New England Patriots (they upset Pittsburgh 46-10 in Super Bowl XX).

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Pittsburgh's trademark running game is ranked fifth, and they try to establish the run against the Seahawks' fifth ranked rushing defense. The defensive style of both teams is very similar. Both have an average to below average secondary, fast linebackers, and a solid front line. The Seahawks give up an average of 3.6 yards per play while the Steelers allow 4.2. Pittsburgh's 4.6 yards are outside only by the Steelers. Each team had 12 interceptions, and the Steelers had just five penalties less than the Seahawks.

This game may be more about the quarterbacks than any of the other match-ups mentioned. Both teams will be trying to stop the run, meaning that if they succeed, the passing game will be the key. Both defenses are ranked to stop to stop the pass, yet another special teams unit is in the top ten, and both defenses are playing like they deserve to be in the Super Bowl—because of their quarterbacks.

Super Bowl XL will be all about who stops the run, who stops the pass, who steps up on defense, which quarterback gets knocked on his back more, which linebacker leads the charge. The quarterback leads the charge.

The Seattle defense shut down the Carolina offense, and shuts down the Panthers offense, while the Carolina defense shut down the Seattle offense, and shuts down the Seahawks offense.

I'm afraid I may have missed something. All the answers lie in the Super Bowl itself—Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Hasselbeck is second only to Roethlisberger in post-season play. He leads the Seahawks to their first ever Super Bowl.

But it is Roethlisberger who are a true credit to the team. Their ultimate dreams do a whole lot more than end their careers or maybe even which kicker comes up with the game winning kick. The winning kick of the Super Bowl.

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Blood Transfusion: Liberty finds treasure in Pittsburgh's loss

By David Thompson

"There is little doubt that the Pittsburgh band here at Liberty merit, and still needs, certain work after a disappointing 2005 campaign. There is also little doubt that a very effective way to rejuvenate a team is to bring in new talent. Rocco may have just found one."

Rocco, himself fresh blood, has stepped in the door of which is former University of Pittsburgh running back Rashad Jennings. And there is the flip-side of the coin. Pittsburgh gets Jennings back from his home. With the addition of Jennings, Liberty's problems should begin to diminish.

The best part for Liberty is that Jennings will not have to sit out a year because of the transfer. Since he is transferring to a Division I-AA school from a 1-A school, he will start the 2006 season at Liberty, only minutes from his home. With the addition of Jennings, Liberty's problems should begin to diminish.

Hockey: Flames burn Blue Devils on home ice

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However, Wilson's speed left the goaltender out of sorts, scoring off a Kevin Dykstra helper with 7:52 to go. The goal, assisted by Aaron Mackenzie, brought the score to 2-1. Wilson's speed was too much for the goalie, making the score 2-0 to Liberty and sending the Flames to the locker room leading by 2 goals. The 2-0 victory improves Liberty's record to 15-5-1 and completes an undefeated month of January on ice. The Flames now look to take some momentum into a more rigorous upcoming schedule, beginning with a pair of home games February third and fourth against Dartmouth University, the NCAA Central Division's number-one seed.

"One thing that will certainly help the Flames will be the continuation of the strong support that they have received from the student body and members of the community thus far. "Our fans have been (useless) for so long, cheering all the time and giving us so much energy to feed off of. People sometimes talk about having a sixth player out there from the bench and we have that, just having the crowd behind us with all the students there has been huge and we really appreciate it," said Mackenzie.

Contact Scott LaPeer at cmlapeer@liberty.edu.
The past week has indeed been a fiery trial for the Liberty Flames’ basketball squad. While on a three-game road trip, the Flames dropped two straight games in four days, reaffirming the difficulties of playing without senior leadership.

Randy Hauser
SPORTS REPORTER

In the first loss of the week, the Flames dropped two straight games, making the team only 2-9 on the season to date. The Flames were led by as many as 20 points in the Flames’ losing effort, but were able to score 13 points and 13 rebounds—both third doubles of the season—by senior guard Anthony Smith, who recorded 12 points, two boards, and three assists. As impressive as those five points of offense were, when the foul was made up, the fire burned down.

Coach Randy Dantley admitted to the recent reverse fortunes of his young, struggling team.

"Tonight is a sign that we have a lot of holes in our team. We gave a great effort together as a team for a full 40 minutes to be able to win this league,” Dantley said.

The next game of the week came on Saturday afternoon at the I-77 Arena in Greenville, S.C. The Flames lost 66-50 to East Carolina, with the Flames’ conference defeat, and the team’s six-game losing streak, proving to be third-longest in school history.

Blair again gave a stellar scoring effort as he mustered 23 points, including 7-of-10 from the floor and 7-of-9 from the foul line.

We certainly have talent on this team, but we need to play together as a team for a full 40 minutes to be able to win this league,” Dantley said.

The second loss of the week came on Monday afternoon at The Pavilion in Asheville, N.C., where Liberty’s offense attacked throughout the game but never scored more than 83 points. The Flames scored 70-49 from the foul line. It was the Flames’ third game in a row with more than 80 points.

Other Flames players had shining moments in the loss, as Roll Porter, Ryan Basler and Kendall Morris had with contrasting basket dishes.

Risher, a sophomore, had a surprising Anthony Smith-like performance, with a career high 17 points and 2 assists.

Liberty concluded its road trip with a visit to the Buc Dome at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., where Liberty is currently ranked as the Owl’s No. 9 opponent. The Owls were the only seven wins, still tied to be a tough opponent to swashbuckle.

"The Owls will be solid on Saturday,” Dantley said.

They have to work hard in class in order to go— you have to continue to keep your eligibility up,” said Wetmore. With a GPA of 3.51 for the entire team, the ladies are firmly in the field in clear, obvious ways.

Wetmore says that after playing against each highly ranked team, it will give the Flames confidence for when they come up against Big South teams like Radford and Coastal Carolina.

"It will be like, 'We can beat those (Big South) teams.' The old idea is, the Big South comes out with a cardboard paper, and picked in sixth place — all laughed. The coaching staff have voted and we put ourselves at fourth place, because we don’t want anybody to think that we’re worse than we are,” Wetmore said.

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Underrated softball prepares for action

Although their season does not officially commence for four weeks, the Liberty Flames softball team is working hard to prepare for whatever the new season may bring. Considering the Faith and support this team has from their coaches and fans, it is no wonder that it is looking forward to just gliding down into the spring season.

New to Liberty is junior Jessica Moore, the team captain, who has already become a solid part of the team. Moore, a junior, is the only returning player from the 2005 season.

Moore, the team captain, has already become a solid part of the team.

She also returned as well.

Wetmore says that the Flames depth of their players will be their greatest strength this season. According to Moore, the absence of seniors has definitely allowed the older girls to step up in leadership. With six freshmen on the roster, and seven juniors, this entire team will all be able to come back next season, meaning to form a great winning team.

Three players have already signed letters of intent to play for the Flames in the 2007 season. This season will allow the team to prepare for a 2007 season that could put Liberty softball up there with the best.

"Next year’s schedule is a beast," Wetmore said.

Plays to play Entomology State, the University of Georgia, as well as a few PAC-10 teams during a trip to Florida, have been made. It may sound like an ideal situation for a team, but coach said that it will be entered through work and with effort.

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With a GPA of 3.51 for the entire team, the ladies’ diligence on and off the field is clearly obvious.

Wetmore says that after contact Amy Field at afreed@liberty.edu.

Heritage Film & Soul Food Night

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Back from ‘Down Under’

Freshman Ben Proctor’s take on being an ‘MK’ from Australia

By Kristi Kirkland

HELP YOURSELF — The Liberty University Home is an excellent place for female students to model for their Christian Community Service.

HELP ME SERVE — Rachel Crowell is a secretary in Christian Community Service Office.

It all started long ago when two Liberty graduates felt God’s hand guiding them to be missionaries. Learning everything they could behind, they followed God’s calling to Sydney, Australia, where they now have been ministering for all years. These two are the parents of Ben Proctor, Jr., who grew up in Sydney and discovered the need for an authentic passion for Christ in both his heart and in Australia.

Proctor was at a Kid’s Club Meeting when he was challenged to let Christ be the light of his life. “That grabbed my attention,” Proctor explained. “I couldn’t picture this little son, only 6 years old, Proctor became a Christian. If I had to encapsulate the essence of their ministry for almost 20 years, it seems like everyone is in a hurry to get things done and in America is very different. ‘It takes time to pray through it. ‘It comes down to an individual choice,’ he explained.

According to Lee Gibson, a GCSW professor and assistant director of the program, the department is working to provide students meaningful opportunities. The department continues to work in providing many Christian Community Service outlets. “As the student body gets bigger, we need more of them,” said Gibson.

The department is also working to provide service opportunities that are specific to students’ majors. The department understands that students often commit to their service after they have fulfilled their requirements.

Christian Community Service is a requirement, and it may seem as though it should be done voluntarily in order meaningful. Often, something can be done for someone who is anxious to be appreciated. Ryan Donald, a seminary student and former undergraduate student at Liberty, said that people are eager to listen and see the impact Liberty has on its students.

Each year an award is given to the Christian Community Service worker of the year, and students are nominated by their peers, but this organization gives Liberty students the chance to serve in Christ’s hands and feel while giving the community a chance to see what Christ can do through an institution that seeks to train up devoted followers of Christ.

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**Did you know?** A person who smokes a pack of cigarettes a day will on average lose two teeth every 10 years.

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**WORK OR PLEASURE — Students enjoy not only sipping on a cup of hot chocolate at the Drowsy Poet, but also working there. NOW HIRING — Students need to be careful to choose a job that understands that they are students and need time for study.**

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**Carl Coffee and Natalie Plummer**

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**Carl Coffee said, "I have not had a lot of time to spend a night, and that he is often 3:30 trying to get everything about 3:30 trying to get everything down a little this semester, because I found I have become closer to my favorite brands.**

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**Quote of the week:** "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book." — Ronald Reagan