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**Windows Vista hits shelves and PCs**

By Danielle Talbert

The final week of January brought with it the much anticipated release of Microsoft’s new operating system, Windows Vista. Vista is the counterpart to Apple’s Mac OS X Leopard, which will be available in late spring. Because Vista is essentially similar to Windows XP, which was released in October of 2001, PC users everywhere are asking, “Is it worth the switch?”

Students have varying views about Vista. Freshman Bryan Starbuck said, “(The) biggest difference I noticed was how easy it is to find files and programs.” Freshman Justin Sandling gave a somewhat different opinion. “Gaining on it is amazing with integrated Direct X 10... but it can still be a little clunky when it comes to speed,” he said.

In reference to the rivalry between Microsoft and Apple, Scott Honan said, “Mac OS X Leopard (is) going to blow it out of the water. Apple’s great, that is all.”

Vista is described by Microsoft as being its most secure operating system ever, as it includes Windows Defender and Windows Firewall. Also included in the new features is a search bar that is able to search all files with­in the hard drive, as well as media and more capabilities in the operating system and office suite are implemented on new computers worldwide.

**First CFAW of the semester arrives**

By Joanna Tang

Another College for a Weekend is on the way. On Feb. 15-16, Liberty stu­dents and staff will have a unique opportunity to be hospitable and share the amazing spiritual and academic environment offered on campus.

High schoolers will get a little taste of college life and will investigate for themselves what Liberty is really all about.

AshleyHaygood, Associate Director of the Visitors Center and currently in charge of organizing College for a Weekend, said Liberty is expecting around 50 high school students and more than 500 parents and spiritual leaders.

As usual, sports and musical events will take place, with a few new activities.

“On Thursday afternoon, high school students will participate in a scavenger hunt to get to know Liberty campus,” Haygood said.

“They will be given a map of the campus and will have to go to different places to get stickers.”

High schoolers will also have the opportunity to go skiing at the nearby Wintergreen ski resort with their par­ents.

In addition, they can participate in a number of activities, including paint­ball at the Master’s Inn in Albemarle.

Another feature will happen on Friday night. Instead of a concert, Coffeehouse will annul statues and “for the first time, we will have a pro­fessional performance at Coffee­house,” said Haygood.

Christian rapper Da T.R.U.T.H is set to be the musical event of the weekend. Other events will include a women’s basketball game, a men’s ice hockey and a theater per­formance.

Though all of these activities, visitors will be able to explore Lib­erty and it o f f e r s . “CFAW is an awesome opportunity to showcase the true Liberty, the high school students get to know ministries in the (Arma) and activities on campus. It is a bigger chance for us to minister to these students,” said Chris Deitsch, Associate Director of Discipleship. “We’ve had reports from students getting saved on previ­ous CFAWs.”
If dealing with dead animals is not quite your style, consider yourself lucky, but also, be thankful. It is common for a woman to give a man a watch, a belt, a wallet, or a coat, but the thought of finding your husband with his socks and underwear on his head for his birthday is probably something he will never receive. That is because the retail industry has developed a special section for the male gift section for every 10,000 cubic feet of dead meat he has bought, or better yet, to continue being a hip and fashionable dude.

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The Miller Home is designed to provide care and guidance to non-delinquent girls between the ages of 4 and 17 who cannot live at home. 

"People seem to think that these are bad children, only a few steps away from jail. But that couldn’t be further from the truth," said Melissa Handley, a Liberty student who volunteers at the Miller Home.

"These girls have had the hardest lives of anyone I know. A lot of these children have come from abused and torn homes, never having heard the words ‘I love you’ from anyone. ‘I appreciate all foundations that support these girls’ home to talk with them. They are a big part of the Miller Home’s success. They are provided with people who genuinely care about them, their well-being, and their spiritual growth. Truth be told, however, I feel as if the girls have impacted my life as much or more than I have theirs," she said. Liberty students have the opportunity to show their love to the girls at the Miller Home. They help out a lot with discipling the girls and teaching them what’s right. They teach them to church on Wednesday nights and are helping to get these girls involved with youth groups.

"One day, I met a girl who got saved before Christmas, and the girls are there to talk with them. There are a lot of these girls,“ said Liberty volunteer Shannon Wyrick. According to Thompson, it’s a rewarding experience for the girls and volunteers alike. She has provided with people who genuinely care about them, their well-being, and their spiritual growth. Truth be told, however, I feel as if the girls have impacted my life as much or more than I have theirs," she said.

"Love is the greatest gift that you could possibly give these children," Garrett said.

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**SACS: Accreditation is vital to colleges**

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According to the SACS Web site, www.sacs.org, accreditation hinges on three criteria:

The first is based on the appropriateness of the institution’s mission statement, or its relation to higher education. The second is its ability to achieve its mission.

Finally, the third criterion is that the school remain consistent with its mission, in terms of its educational purposes, that and what it accomplishes.

The SACS Web site details the steps of the accreditation process, which begins with an off-site review, an on-site review, and the final review by the Commission on Colleges, which makes the final decision on reaffirmation.

Liberty has been accredited since 1980 and has never lost that distinction. According to Rist, the lack of academic freedom would produce negative publicity for the university, with possible consequences.

Those consequences would include much greater difficulty in student recruitment and the loss of much of the federal financial aid to students.

Liberty would also lose the ability to influence the university’s financial stability and impact the school’s financial growth.

For some students, accreditation is a tremendous advantage that is taken for granted. If an institution is not accredited, some students may not be able to attend a particular school.

If liberty hasn’t been accredited, I wouldn’t have come here," said Robert Drake, a senior at Liberty. "I think, especially, for a Christian school, accreditation is the definition of quality. We go to school with (the secular world) they ridicule us.

Even though accreditation has traditionally been an issue for some Christian universities, Liberty has been accredited for nearly 30 years.

However, Liberty is also accredited through another agency, the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, which has been accrediting schools since 1999, and some schools, such as Bob Jones University, have recently been accredited through it.

"I cannot really think of any reason why you would want to attend an unaccredited school, unless being accredited prevented you from attending a particular school," said Thomas Rist, the dean of the College of Business.

"I know of a word of God said" sophomore Beth Jones noted also that, had Liberty not been accredited, she would probably not be at Liberty.

When asked whether the school’s strictly Christian emphasis paved any particular problems for their accreditation committee, Rist replied that "Liberty has not had any religious restrictions as recognized by SACS."

"SACS is interested in determining that an institution...assesses all of its operations in the context of (its) mission."

Continued from the previous edition through the year 2006, the reaffirmation process will begin approximately two years before that date.

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**Liberty LoveLife GROUPS**

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The university’s emphasis on hospitable and presenting a good testimony is emphasized in leadership meetings the importance of being hospitable and presenting a good testimony.

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**LoveLife Seminar helps reach out**

By Dr. Mitchell and Amy Field

In celebration of National Marriage Day, Thomas Road Baptist Church held its first ever LoveLife seminar Feb. 10. The conference, though geared toward married couples, was also designed to equip singles and watch the relationships of fellow couples. Various speakers were invited to share their knowledge of the marriage.

The day before the conference was a day of marriage mentor training. Les and Leslee Perrett, a clinical psychologist and a marriage counselor, addressed the couples. "College for a Weekend is a bonus for what most people think of mission," he said. "Therefore, what is important for parents to keep in mind is that the marriage should reflect the relationship Christ has with the church. "I refuse to let (my wife) serve kids as a way to keep their minds off of their marriage."

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Liberty hosts Cole Brothers Circus on Campus North

Oris said the circus is working to make dis­
counts available to Liberty students, who he
thinks are sure to enjoy the fun features of the
show.

"People get most excit­
ed about the human cas­
netball, they love the elephants and little kids
love interacting with the clowns," he said.

In addition to the ben­
efits of community expo­
nence that the circus will
bring to Liberty, it will also
provide Liberty Christian Academy with a
fundraising tool for new
technology it is seeking to
obtain.

Patty Avery, alumni and
development direc­
tor for LCA, said ticket
sales from the circus will
serve as part of this
spring's fundraising
efforts to purchase

"Having the circus at Liberty would pro­
vide the community a clean and whole­
some environment that families could
come to and have great fun and follow­
ships," said Carter.

Carter also stressed the importance of

"It's something a year ago we wouldn't
have considered, because they were so
concerned in their other location," she
said, referring to the Fort Flea Market.

Circus management, Ernest Carter, reported the

"Late Show with David Letterman."}

"The Cole Brothers Circus has been given

"They are thrilled that TRBC and

"We're a family-oriented event, but it will

"We don't want you to preach to the con­
verted. You want to bring outside people in,
and make them comfortable coming," he
said.

Students may want to note the dates on

"It's a perfect location for us, everyone
in Lynchburg knows where Liberty is," he
said.

"We're a family-oriented event, so it's a good match."
The Merck & Co. Web site reports that HPV is a sexually transmitted disease that has infected nearly 40 million men and women in the United States. Texas has the highest incidence of HPV infection, with the possibility of having cervical cancer.

The fact is, in Texas, all girls from sixth grade on will be required — unless a formal affidavit citing religious or philosophical grounds is submitted — to receive the HPV vaccine. Men and boys will also be subjected to the vaccine. Add to this the disturbing ramifications of the vaccine, which protects against cervical cancer, which is said to be the cause of cervical cancer, as well as the cause of many other cancers.

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The fact that in Texas, all girls from sixth grade on will be required to receive a vaccination without offering them the right of the vote is surprising. Isn’t Republican ideology supposed to promote limited government and the sovereignty of the people? Enjoining the people of Texas to vaccinate their children without offering them the right of the vote is surprising. Isn’t Republican ideology supposed to promote limited government and the sovereignty of the people? Enjoining the people of Texas to vaccinate their children without offering them the right of the vote is surprising.

When I first heard Gov. Perry’s announcement, my immediate thought was— I wonder what tax he has to that pharmaceutical company? As I investigated further, I realized that the thought was not entirely unfounded. According to a Feb. 3, 2007 Associated Press article, Mike Toomey is the head lobbyist in Austin for Merck— a company that has been—and was approved by the FDA in June of 2006, according to an article by the Associated Press.

Gardasil is still a very new vaccine, and like most medical endeavors, the ramifications of it cannot or cannot be fully known at this point. Impinging on the people, many of who are not even sexually active, is morally wrong.

While most Christians who promote abstinence object to the promotion of the HPV vaccine in Texas, others do not. Dr. David Steverns, CEO of the Christian Medical Association, said on the CMA Web site that while abstinence and fidelity are always the best defense against sexually transmitted diseases, he still believed that the HPV vaccination provided an important measure of protection.

Dr. Stevens also advised parents that as long as they have the choice to decl ine the vaccine (as with providing an affidavit citing religious grounds), then they should do it. He said, “It isn’t the HPV vaccine that is a problem. The vaccination, in and of itself, is to be very pleased. Gardasil will prevent many women all over the world from potentially getting the very traumatic and painful experience with cervical cancer.”

While a cure for gender dysphoria is not grounded in scientific research, Christians, transsexuals and intersex sexual individuals can take comfort in knowing that God and the Bible will always offer comfort and healing. There is no true cure for gender dysphoria, but one can find love and security in our Christ through submission to His Lordship. To survive is to submit; to live is to die,” said Leach.

In conclusion, society should be grateful to have found a preservative and medical treatment for cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine is something that ought to be considered by those who are not practicing abstinence or those who have married a partner who may be an HPV carrier. Yet getting the HPV vaccination ought to remain a personal decision by each individual. Gov. Perry’s executive order to administer the vaccine to all 11 to-12-year-old girls clearly overstepped the government role.

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Love for all eternity

This Valentine’s Day, indulge in your glee and abandon your anguish. True love can last a lifetime, but even this lifetime is not eternal. The situations which present themselves will determine which emotions strike on that love inspiring day, but next year everything may be different.

Perhaps the pair will not be the same, the lonely will be in love and the social butterflies will be in a slump. Nothing, not even this one, dream-like day, can guarantee eternal expressions. So, whatever feelings of appeal or disdain emerge on Feb. 14, lean on the one, sensational assurance that is sure to live up to your every expectation.

Romans 8:38-39 gives the hope of this assurance — “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This Valentine’s day, indulge in your glee and abandon your anguish. True love can last a lifetime, but even this lifetime is not eternal. Rejoice in each heart you capture and every hand you hold. Learn from each broken heart and every lonely night. But most of all savor the one, breathtaking romance that is sure to last!

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Break out the flip-flops!: Our spring break approaches

With the winter weather slamming campus for the third week in a row, this photo serves as a reminder of approaching warmer days. March 21 is the first day of spring and is just five weeks away. Get ready to take out the T-shirts and shorts and chase the winter blues away.

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Men's hockey sweeps weekend, wins Navy Tournament

By Eric Brown

The University of Maryland, Villanova and the Midshipmen are the teams to focus on as the season continues after a long bus trip.

The Flames picked up two victories against the Terps early in the season, and Saturday's game proved to be quite similar.

Liberty won the first period by a little slower than expected, still trying to get warmed up on a long bus trip.

Despite the slow start, however, the Flames managed to gain a 2-0 advantage over the Terps.

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Liberty continued its on-schedule Maryland in the third period, scoring four unanswered goals and picking up a six-win victory.

Stewart scored four of Liberty's six goals, scoring his first collegiate hat trick.

"He got the game," said Junior Kevin Dykstra and freshman Zac Bauman, who each scored two goals of their own, followed by sophomore Kyle Dodigan, who scored one.

Junior Keets Dejager and freshman Dave Domenico, who is ranked in the ACHA Top 10 in both points and assists, provided the Flames with stellar defense, and they combined for a total of seven assists.

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On Sunday, the Flames scored from the Washington Capitals practice facility in Washington, D.C. to College Park, Md., to take on Navy in the second round of the tournament.

"We knew things were not going to be easy as they faced a 3-3 tie going into the second," agreed Blair. "But we were never really worried about the game."

The Midshipmen struck early as they tied the game up at 1-1.

The Flames answered with a goal for goal each time.

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The Flames and Midshipmen finished the first half as the Flames shot, 29-49 percent from the field and 8-13 from beyond the arc.

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The Flames offense came out swinging on Saturday afternoon, leading the Tigers by 20-9 over the weekend as it defeated the University of Maryland and the Naval Academy.

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BASKETBALL: After split week, men hit road to close out season

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In a surprise move, Dunston gave the starting nod to Monroe. "Russ got the start and I wanted him to impress us out there," said Dunston.

"The biggest problem has been staying on balance and aggressive at the same time, but he came up with some big plays in the first half." In the first five minutes of the game, the Flames fell behind Mon­terey and Rall Porter show.

On the first possession of the game, Monterey claimed to River, who followed with an up-and-under lay-up to gain the first points in the contest.

Monterey then caught fire, stretching the half from the Bear Shaw, Osborn and finishing the game with a 60-point effort. He also hailed a jumper in the final seconds.

Liberty had a 2-15 advantage to open the game, but the Flames outscored the Bear 25-19 in the second half. He then had to be the one to take care of the second half of the most defensive-minded teams, we've seen this season," he said.

Dunston, who followed with an 18-of-28 (57 percent) shooting game to open the game, turned to the Monroe big plays in the first half.

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Despite having been around since January of last year and having club status throughout that entire time, the Liberty University women’s hockey team has managed the attention of the student body. Nevertheless, Head Coach Paul Bloomfield already has high expectations for the future of the team. “I believe we’ll be in the top 10 next year,” said Bloomfield. With recruiting coming all the way from Canada, Bloomfield is certain that next year’s team is going to put the team play again. “I’m excited that there is an opportunity for women’s hockey players to be competitive,” said the head coach. Bloomfield also expressed his wish that he would be able to attend a school like Liberty when he was in college. “God has led me to be a coach here at Liberty,” he said. “God calls others to be in the mission field or pastoring a church. God has called me to be here at Liberty University coaching women’s hockey.”

There is a new noise coming, and it’s the sound of women’s hockey,” he said. The team recently launched its own Web site, which can be accessed through a link listed under club sports on libertyflames.com. The team still has a couple spots open for next year’s team. With one more trip in Canada to recruit, Bloomfield is confident that the team already has the talent to bring an exciting year to women’s hockey next season.

The team will play two or three exhibition games during the second week of September. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact Paul Bloomfield at hiliteshockey@hotmail.com.

Despite the scoring barrage, Navy would return the favor 10 seconds afterward, giving Liberty a 10-7 lead. Upon realizing that the Midshipmen were refusing to go down without a fight, the Flames decided to take a timeout. “We knew what type of game we were playing, so if I got it out of control, they could have clipped us to 9 on the scoreboard,” Liberty stayed focused on the tight game, scoring one more goal in the remaining minutes of the game, making the final score 11-7. Nine Flames scored in the contest, including sophomore Josh Ahier, who scored one goal, and junior Rob Nien and freshman Brian Dufrene each scored one goal. The 25-6 Flames now lead the nation in scoring, giving Liberty a 10-7 lead. Upon realizing that the Midshipmen were refusing to go down without a fight, the Flames decided to take a timeout. “We knew what type of game we were playing, so if I got it out of control, they could have clipped us to 9 on the scoreboard,” Liberty said. During the timeout, scoring one more goal in the remaining minutes of the game, making the final score 11-7. Nine Flames scored in the contest, including sophomore Josh Ahier, who scored one goal, and junior Rob Nien and freshman Brian Dufrene each scored one goal. The 25-6 Flames now lead the nation in scoring, giving Liberty a 10-7 lead.
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In Lynchburg, junior Jon Held ran a 60-meter hurdles victory, clocking a time of 14:32.35. "Matt had the best high jump that we've had in a few years," said Tolsma. "He also came really close to the bar, so it's neat to see him doing that well."

"Running the FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET — The Liberty Flames track team was but a blur to the new facility record in the Quad this Friday and also hosted the Liberty 800-meters helped me competition during this weekend's Liberty Quad."
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The Starlight Cafe: One of the many steps towards the revitalization of downtown Lynchburg

By Natasha Kormanik


Dr. David Croteau enters his second semester at Liberty

By Hilary Sutton

The quote of the week: "Nothing is easier than to denounce the evildoer; nothing is more difficult than to understand him." — Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky

Course Features

CROFFEE BREAK — In addition to coffee drinks, the Starlight Cafe sells breakfast food, sandwiches, vegetarian food, T-shirts and handbags.

Dr. David Croteau — Residence from his many graduate degrees, Dr. Croteau is a devoted husband and a father of two children.

Cofounder Natasha Kormanik at ekovator@liberty.edu.
Shakespearean comedy
"Love's Labour's Lost"
premiers this weekend

By Kristi Kirkland
LIFE! REPORTER

The eager actors gather in a circle at the center of the stage. They proceed through a series of warm-up exercises — prepping their voices for the verbose dialogue of William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost." After several minutes, the director calls the cast to order and they scurry to their positions. Thus begins another rehearsal of the Liberty University Theater Arts Department.

Assistant Professor Neal Brasher, who is the director of the play, explained that this is the first Shakespearean play that the department has put on in four years. "Love's Labour's Lost" is one of Shakespeare's earlier comedies and it is "not as well known," according to Brasher. This play is an "early Elizabethan comedy," and it includes "many, chaotic characters." According to SparkNotes, "Love's Labour's Lost" is the story of a king and three lords who collectively "swear an oath to scholarship, which includes fasting and avoiding contact with women for three years."

Casting for the play began in December. This gave the actors the chance to practice their lines during Christmas break. "It is very wordy, even for Shakespeare," said Brasher. Because of the play's wordiness, Brasher said he made some revisions to the script. In spite of the changes he made, "Love's Labour's Lost" is still full of fast-paced and witty dialogue.

Assistant Stage Manager Heather Allen said this play is a very simple one — the entire cast remains on stage for the duration of the performance. According to Brasher, the play does not contain many props, but the characters make up for this with an endless battle of wit.

Most of the characters play several parts, such as junior Alex Okagu from Laurel, Md., who plays three roles in this play — Moth, Dumeine and Mercade.

Brasher has been an assistant professor of the theatre arts department for the last two-and-a-half years, and he directs about two plays each year. He chose this particular play "to challenge these actors," he said. The characters not only make up the plot of the story, but they make up the entire set, and Brasher sees this as a challenge to the actors. "Everything depends on the color of the characters," he said.

Okagu admits that it has been difficult to learn the lines. He said it has been "tough" to combine the comedy and acting with the language of Shakespeare. This is Okagu's sixth production at Liberty, and he has been working with Brasher for a while. He said he has been waiting for Brasher to direct a Shakespearean play for quite some time.

This play has a touch of dramatic flair within the humor, and the vibrant personalities of the characters bring the story to life. "What I am hoping the audience will get out of it is a lot of fun," said Brasher. He hopes the audience will walk away realizing that Shakespeare is "more crazy and fun than they think it is."

After several hours, the night of rehearsal comes to a close and the now tired actors gather their things to leave. Brasher reminds the cast that at the next practice they will not receive prompts — they must have all their lines memorized.

"Love's Labour's Lost" will premiere Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Auditorium. The show will run for three weeks, and tickets can be purchased at the box office in the Fine Arts Hall.
Valentine’s Day:
A how-to guide for making your day special without breaking your piggy bank

By Carrie Caldwell
LIFE! REPORTER

With Valentine’s Day only one day away, I am sure you have spent months planning, thinking and perfecting the best gift to give to your sweetheart. Or you could be like the other 99 percent of us who have procrastinated, and now that “Valentine’s Holiday” is quickly approaching, you are in desperate need of some help. Have no fear — here are some ideas that will make your date think you have been planning this for months and will not empty your pocket.

Make a Mixed CD.

If you want to extend the holiday into the weekend, take your date to see Shakespeare’s “Love’s Labour’s Lost,” presented by the theatre arts department, on Feb. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. with an additional matinee showing at 2 p.m. on Feb. 17. Maybe the both of you want to make it a late night and go to Coffeehouse on Feb. 16 at 11 p.m. You now have options to pick from without even leaving campus — no excuses!

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BE MINE — Have fun doing creative things with your significant other or a group of your friends.