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By Chris Price, columnist

I am in a sad mood today. This is the third stupid copy of this column that I have been forced to write. I am not used to cop- and stab someone with my car keys. Every time I go to go to see a movie, somewhere it disappears, and I have to start over. I am sure you computer nerd out there are laughing at me because there is some way out to print it, but I don't know it. Since I am fiery mad at my computer, I will grab a pen and vent some of my aggravations as well.

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Then he gazes in her eyes and says some ludicrous comment that he has heard women like. That stuff only works in romance novels and teen movies.

I hear one more downloaded Britney Spears ringtone I will twitch and this monitor may end up off the balcony.

P.S. If this doesn't go through this time, my eye will begin to twitch and this monitor may end up off the balcony.

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Valentine’s Day Coffeehouse

Coffeehouse amateur performers have covers and more are just a few
By Maricl Williams, news editor

Coming soon

The Information Learning Resource Center (ILRC) continues to change with the purchase of new computers for the Mac Lab and the establishment of a New Code of Conduct this semester. LU decided to purchase the new Macintosh because of the need for faster computers, Mac Administrator Nick Tripp said.

"The old Macs were lagging," Tripp said. "The new system will not be canceled this semester, but will probably be available by next year. One target date will be the Fall of 2003," Tripp said. Even without the new OS, students have been pleased with the change in hardware, Tripp said.

Sophomore Paul Vezmar is excited about being able to perform. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. However, he somewhat regretted that his act was a duet. When he performed, Vezmar wasn't able to bring a whole band, and he was act at the time.

"I want everyone out there to do just what I am doing," he said. "I want everyone out there to do the same thing." Vezmar said he wanted to do all the acts.

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**Law:** Getting it ready for action

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"We believe in supporting those prospects who have a high motivation and are interested in the lessons we have to offer," Green said. "We want to be successful and we have a number of excellent students who want to be successful. We expect to have at least two (fully funded) members of our team by spring and even more by the fall of 2003."

Students who desire more details on applying to the school and its current status can go through the school’s website or contact their current faculty members under contract by the fall of 2003."

The problem is when you and I...

**SEW:** Grays speaks honestly

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Grays has been preaching for more than eight years. He married his wife Kathy last March.

"We've had a very smooth first year of marriage," Kathy Gray said. "He's just like that. He doesn't yell as much."

At one service Grays spoke on how God is our strength and the necessity of utilizing those things for us. "Our..."

**Debate:** Team fights for three

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"He wasn't a speaker who wanted to draw attention to himself..." Mosley said. "I...

The team finished last weekend ranked 16th in the National Debate Tournament. The..."
Defining the dating game

In the first few lines of this Valentine’s Day, I was thinking that I’ve been in the game for 20 years without ever dating and only going on a combined total of three dates...until last summer. My name was not worth the wait.

But I’m not going to jump on you here with a story, from a personal point of view. I want to explain what I mean to have a healthy dating relationship possibly across a Valentine’s Day.

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No Federal officials have commented on a Tech University investigation into Spradling’s behavior. For those who find it ludicrous, I don’t see how believing in the evolution of humanity has any effect on your political science.

The university, however, states that a letter of recommendation to the university is valid. "A letter of recommendation is a personal matter between a professor and student and is not to be displayed as a reference or control or regulation,” Texas Tech Chancellor Dini Tyler said.

Despite recent allegations of shortcomings, Dini still does not shy away from admitting that this is his policy. He openly admits that, if an individual does not accept the "most important theory in biology," he regards them as unqualified to practice in any biological or scientific profession.

Dini's comments were made in response to a recent article on the Texas Tech campus. Dini said that he would not express any opinion, and when a student asks for a personal recommendation on their merit, he has the right to refuse, as he believes, "We reserve the right to refuse letters of recommendation to everyone."

So far, Dini has not had any problems or complaints from students who have applied for a recommendation from him. But he has had some problems with students who do not reject "A's" in his classes. But with his high regard for his students, he appreciates the right to have some say in their future, and I support that respect, despite our differences. I hope that Dini's comments will help students who are being challenged for his first amendment rights.

Editor's Note: Call me Bethos on any subject. To submit letters to the Liberty Champion, the deadline is 6 p.m. Monday.

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Andrew and Misty plan to wed on Sept. 13, 2003 in Pennsylvania. Misty is from Glenmore, Pa. and will graduate in May with a degree in Communications. Andrew is a pre-nursing major and is in the Marine Corps currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Engagement story: "On a day trip to Virginia Beach, he wrapped his arms around me and began singing 'We are in love' by Harry Connick Jr. When he got to the part of the song that says 'I'm the one who's supposed to kneel down and propose, well all right, I might,' then he said, I will and got down and took out the ring."


Engagement story: "We have been dating for five years. This past summer we went to a camp counselor in Colorado Springs and I stayed in Minnesota to work. He surprised me by flying home for my birthday. He had the church ready (the church was where we first met). The aisle was lined with roses and candles, and our song came in on cue when I walked down the aisle. He told me 'Will you marry me?' I was so blown away by surprise that he had to ask twice."
ed, red and a little more red...and let's throw in some pink. Guess what? Holiday planners might want to call it the "Reminded-every-where-ber-why-I'm-still-singling-holiday, but other call it Valentine's Day. Or maybe they prefer the "He-love-ever-more-bouquet-of-flowers-or-candy-heart-I-think-I'll-quote-day of hating love." Whatever your preference, single and loving it, or dating and absolutely loving it, there's a love move for you!

So you're enjoying relational bliss with your sweetie and can't wait for the holiday on Valentine's Day when you're significant other has to be there and shower you with gifts. If you're planning on a quiet night at home, instead of the Coffee house, then let me look you in the eye and pull out a piece of white paper right for your ear and say "headband of实在太忙了." An affair to remember is "Caution Love." These are some of the best romance movies over the last few years to offer.

One warning, "Breakfast..." and "An Affair to Remember" is black and white, in case you just have to have color. Going with modern-day classics, "While You Were Sleeping" or "The Wedding Singer" and "Bridges," or "Ten Things I Hate About You." These movies have characters just beginning the dating process with another one. You could also pick up "Groundhog Day, "Never Been Kissed" or an old classic, "Sixteen Candles." The same plot applies in these as well. And for the couple that doesn't want to look at the same historical tidbits, there are plenty of wedding movies to get through, romantic or maybe scared about your big day. Check out, "Father of the Bride," "Father of the Bride," or "The Princess Bride." All three have your love triangle and a happy ending! "My Best Friend's Wedding," "The Wedding Singer," and "Groundhog Day" all have your love triangle and a happy ending! "My Best Friend's Wedding," "The Wedding Singer," and "Groundhog Day" all have your love triangle and a happy ending!

Now for the people I really support, the strong single types. I mean who doesn't want to be showered with love and affection everyday? Shouldn't single guys and girls love each other this much everyday, on Valentine's Day? You might be a little bitter, or sad, or depressed, but you don't have to let this love-linstant holiday get you down. If you are, not on me watch "Groundhog Day" for two moons. These are sure to leave you feeling warm and fuzzy all over. Movies I just love are where men are nerd, weird, or poor type, the people who no one ever thinks will get that price tag even they get them. For example, "Pretty in Pink." It's all that and again, "Sixteen Candles," are prime examples of the never-gonna-happen, happening. Now for the last category, loving single and searching or deeply committed to love. Whether you are single and looking or deep in love with a special someone, the love you want to express to your friends and family is a special one. This is the day that we honor St. Valentine's commitment to love.

Some very traditional gifts given in honor of Valentine's Day are, Valentine's cards, candy and chocolates, flowers (usually roses), stuffed animals or a cloth tiger, and a lot of sweets. The holiday with the most cards sent being surpassed every year, every country does is send the traditional Valentine's Day card. In fact, Valentine's Day comes in second for the holiday with the most cards sent being surpassed only by Christmas. So, ladies and gents, while you are sorting through countless choices of chocolates, cards, and stuffed animals, think of the true meaning of Valentine's Day. You might be getting frustrated standing in line at Walmart, getting reservations for your darling's favorite restaurant and thinking "This is torture," but remember, it is better to be late than the real thing, as they say. Gifts for the people that matter most in your life are the most appreciated. As college students, it is far too easy to forget about the people in our lives, when the group projects, papers, and meetings start piling up. This Valentine's Day, instead of feeling depressed or disappointed because you didn't get the chance to tell the guy or girl of your dreams, send a rose to the girl going through a tough time on your hall, or take a special fried chicken dinner out for dinner. Amy Carmichael, a missionary to China, said that "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." Show your love for your boyfriend, girlfriend or a friend by giving them something that you really want, not just something small. Sometimes the smallest gifts of all are the most appreciated.

So whether your valentine's are spending the time with their significant other, or other people in their lives, it is important to show your love. For the couple that isn't together, the holidays are a great time to send a card or a letter. Whether you are a single, or in a relationship, it is important to show your love. It is the only way we will continue to celebrate this holiday. So, this Valentine's Day, make it a holiday worth celebrating.

Sincerely,
Amy Jordan

Happy Valentine's Day! P.S. I'm still single and hating it.
RICH DAY
Major: Youth Ministry
Hometown: Brunswick, Ohio
Favorite Verse: Job 2:10
Favorite movie: Twin Towers
Words to live by: Are you a harmony or a noise maker?
My ideal Saturday afternoon includes: playing football with the boys
Accomplishment I am most proud of: being an other in Shalom Center's world
Favorite joke from: Sweden
Fish
If I could be anybody I would be: A 6'6 Ford F-350
Worst Habit: I sing all the time.
Most significant moment: My parent’s divorce
Dream Vacation: With my future wife on a secluded beach in Tahiti.
What I look for in a girl: personality, dependability
Where I see myself after Liberty: traveling as a youth evangelist, or being a youth pastor, and starting a family
—Danny, age 7

A Valentine’s Day Gift for Him
By Molly Hayward, reporter

On Valentine’s Day, don’t wait until the last minute to pick up that gift. The gift that your sweetheart will love, that will show them just how much you care, is one of the easiest and most thoughtful gifts you can give. It is true what they say, thoughtful gifts are just as meaningful as costly ones. If there is one special handmade gift that lets them know that they are cared for. They also want to know that the gift is from the heart. Here is some insight into the idea’s of a perfect Valentine’s Day gift from the students and teachers in Liberty.

"A letter of affirmation from the heart," junior David Welch said.
"Just say yes," junior Matt Smith said.
"Candy," sophomore Blake Voyles said.
"Just say no," senior Matt Jordan said.
"Flowers," sophomore biblical studies major Hannah Jones said.
"A dinner that he made over candlelight," junior FACS major Heather Richardson said.
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So guys, if you want some fun, original ideas for Valentine’s Day that will still show the girls how much you care, check out some of the notes below.

Love when someone loves you, the way they say it is what makes it different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.

—Danny, age 7

A Romantic Dinner Ideas for Her
By Laura Beaton, reporter

The traditional gifts for Valentine’s Day have always been flowers, chocolates, and candy. However, there’s a little more from a guy than a traditional gifts of roses and candy is a heart-shaped box. From boxes of chocolates to a bouquet of flowers, the options are limitless. "In my opinion, the price doesn’t mean anything. I just want to get the gift that shows I care," said a senior female student. However, it is true that air-filled balloons are more expensive.

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I always have believed that less is more. Something

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Love when someone loves you, the way they say it is what makes it different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.

—Danny, age 7

An invitation to an afternoon friendship tea
By Amy Jordan, LIFE editor

Imagine a place of simple elegance, where you can enjoy peaceful music and a conversation among friends. This is just what the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center is offering on Friday, February 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center on Falmouth Road. This traditional English “high tea” will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Boonsboro Country Club. Acoustic and light sandwiches will be available while you enjoy the performance of a harpist, as well as a time of refreshment with friends and loved ones.

Dr. Karen Prior, a professor in the English department at Liberty University, is chair of a board of directors at the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center. Prior described the tea as “a delightful, quiet, event, that is a unique opportunity to practice conversation skills and each other’s company.” As a former professor, Prior referred to the event as a “fun and friendship tea to put a positive spin on a day that sometimes can be difficult.”

For those students interested in attending, there is a discounted price of $2.50 per person. Students must RSVP by Feb. 7 by calling 432-4231. Students are encouraged to attend with either a significant other, or with friends. “This is deliberately called a friendship tea to put a different focus on the typical Valentine’s Day event,” Prior said.

So, take the opportunity to celebrate Valentine’s Day and to enjoy time with friends, by treating yourself to a delicious afternoon friendship tea.

—Amy Jordan, LIFE editor
The Lady Flames have simply built their way to a victory over Charleston Southern in a game like they have only offensive production for the Flames to pull away. The Flames were outrebounded for the first time of the season, but still managed to close out the game strong by a 69-57 final score.

**Jumpers lead T&P at VMI Relays**

By Dave Fahl, reporter

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"I have been watching my father do figure skating since I was two years old," Tharp said. "I just grew up around it." Tharp's mother, who is trustworthy, is great being around 50 miles south of Columbus. She wasn't raised on a farm but grew up with a pair of dance shoes. "You can get a pair of dance shoes and they will improve your skills," Tharp said. "The biggest event in the history of LU sports* was the 1974 Indoor Track & Field Championships so that he can now focus on his music. Hopefully I will be just around the corner. After her schooling is done Tharp will be there just like my family was there for me. If they love the game, then I will be there just like my family was there for me."

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**Sports Update**

Basketball recruits rated high

As of our highly-successful women's basketball season, the Lady Flames' recruiting class has been rated number 31 in the nation according to theBigSouthReport.com. Additionally, two of its signees are ranked as top ten recruits in the nation. Michelle Parker, a 6-1 Florida native, was the state's 1 Player of the Year as a junior, and most likely will be a key player. Leslie Dees, a 5-10 native of Raleigh, is ranked number 88 by the same publication. She is a two-time All-State selection and was a McDonald's High School All-American.

**Synopsis**

**COASTAL CAROLINA**

**BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN**

**HIGH POINT**

**LIBERTY**

**MONTCHA**

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**SUSQUEHANNA STATE**

**WICHITA STATE**

**Women's basketball**

**MY 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**THE BOX**

"The biggest event in the history of LU sports - sound-breaking and innovation"
The Flames hockey team played a home game against the University of Michigan, winning with a score of 2-0. The Flames took the lead when Captain Ben Wilson scored his second goal of the night on the power play. The game stayed even until the third period when the Flames took control. A penalty call on the Wolverines helped the Flames break the score with two goals in the third period. The Flames then took the lead when Josh Pearce hit the back of the net, after receiving a pass from Whistle. The scoring continued as Michigan fell and the Flames took the lead back.

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Softball motivated for another run

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12, and counting...

Liberty ransacks the Buccaneers in another dominating victory, picking up its twelfth straight win (fourth longest in the nation).

Mark Johnson

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

Kristal Tharp: The girl next door

By Robbie Adams, sports editor

With a three-point shot that has broken the hearts of many Liberty fans and a smile that could light the Vines Center by itself, Kristal Tharp has etched herself into Liberty lore.

Second of the numbers though, Tharp is just "the girl next door," with a warm, friendly personality and a demeanor that could comfort even the most nervous individual.

She does not let success go to her head either. Tharp once scored 16 points in a high school game and when someone asked her about it, she responded, "I was on," then gave credit to her coach saying, "Coaches just told me, 'Tharp, Tharp the ball.'"

She was named All-American Christian Athlete of the Year as well as the 2000 Ohio State women's Player of the Year (the only athlete in the nation to be honored with his or her father's plaque). She was also the Homecoming Queen and From Queen her senior year.

"That's a great honor, but I am no beauty queen... that's not me," she has received little attention for some of these achievements and awards to her and says, "The attention is a lot to run from, to be honest. I just look at it as an opportunity to show how much I love my life," Tharp said. She plans on attending Ohio State University starting this summer to pursue a career as a veterinarian.

She is as focused on the team bus as she is on the court but for different reasons. Tharp plans to use her basketball skills to prepare herself for the future she has always desired. "Animals are a love of my life," Tharp said. She plans on attending Ohio State University starting this summer to pursue a career as a veterinarian. She wants to follow in her father and grandfather's footsteps in this pursuit.

Panthers claw Liberty

LU falls to the big cats 72-55 in non-conference action

By Andrew Martin, reporter

Liberty University's men's basketball team clawed their way to victory over Liberty's ladies in a Dec. 30 defeat by the University of Virginia. Continuing this trend, the Flames fell 12th-ranked Birmingham Southern College 72-55 Wednesday night.

Trailing by only two points at halftime—35-33, the Flames began the second half with a bang, a 9-0 run to take their lead to nine points when junior Harry Williams blocked a three pointer for the Flames to jump the bleeding.

The next offensive set for the Flames saw Grant Turner connect on a jumper with 15:41 remaining in the second half. The backcourt pulled the Flames within four at 42-38, but turnover after turnover for them until 10:00. The Flames totaled over six minutes and found the Flames trailing by 19—what was over.

Turner scored a career-high 15 points on the night, going 3-3 from the free throw line and shooting 4-9 from the floor.

The Panthers hit the boards hard in this effort to outscore the Flames 29-21 on second-chance points.

Turner's freshman James led the team in rebounding with 10, while also dropping 20 points to lead all scorers in the contest. Derrick William's and Corey Watkins added double figures at 16 and 10, while Watkins also supplied seven rebounds.

With a 4-0 lead in the first half, Turner connected on a jumper to give the Flames a 4-2 lead. It was the last time the Flames would lead in the game. They then hit on only three of 16 shots to finish the half.

The Flames shot 41 percent from the floor, going 18-46, while the Panthers shot an even 50 percent on 28-of-56 shooting.

Representing for Flames super freshman Jeremy Monroe, turn out to be forgettable performance. Hailing from nearby Odessa, Alabama, Monroe scored a state record 43 points in his career at Parkway Christian, but on the night he scored a below-average seven points with a 2-for-8 shooting performance.

The Flames will later return to the Vines Center to host the UNC Asheville Bulldogs on Feb. 13.