Chancellor says AP reporter engaged in "yellow journalism" in article

The Journal story is the first one to take a negative view of the portrayal of a gay Teletubbies, The Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., and the Post were all supportive of the characterization, which the Chancellor said was "completely dishonest." Nonetheless, several national networks picked up the story and attacked Falwell, while the producer of Teletubbies shrugged off NLJ's allegations. Itsy Bitsy defended himself and verified his article by noting that Teletubbies in any way. It was published and had never even heard of Teletubbies before the story came out. He said he has never seen the TV program and never commented on the story because he didn't know about it when she did. He called the article "dishonest" and said it represents the worst form of journalism -- "...dug an own... and damage." The Journal article has since been published in several national magazines that used Falwell's name. He has not read the NUJ article before.

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Student Life holds first-ever Valentine’s dinner theater

David Pullen - Champion Reporter

David Pullen was chosen Saturday evening, Feb. 13 for a dinner theater planned by Student Life.

This was the first time an event of this nature has been held for the students by Student Life. "We wanted to do something new and fun for Valentine’s Day," said Student Life’s Miss Gallagher.

It was something that was beat and that a bunch of people could get together and go in. Because there isn’t a contact restaurant on Valentine’s Day can be rather expensive." Gallagher get together with friends, who works for the Sub Station in David’s Place, and thought up the idea.

David’s Place was filled with 95% dressed in all shirts and suits. Many girls were holding balloons, and the place was filled with balloons everywhere and music in the background.

Gates 90-S and Gates 90-S made the event a brother/sister choral event.

“We put up a sign in both of the gates saying that we were looking for Ash Westbrook, a junior resident, to set up the tables,” said. "Then we took our break and went back and did work. The whole event was put together before the dinner theater started.

I just grabbed my ramps, my team and we went. The same ones that we were used to. We had some cards so those in attendance knew where to sit. It was a computer class. Students, students had their choice of steak or chicken and a baked potato, and for the dessert they provided raspberry enchiladas. And after dinner, when they watched the movie, "The Princess Bride." There was about 50 people who attended, which is pretty good for the first time. And the general consensus was positive. "I thought it was pretty good," explained Tiffany McCollum. "We should do something like this once in a while."

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The dining was exquisite,” added junior James Bug. Tony Bonavita, a senior resident assistants for 10 dorms, attended with his date Westly Anderson, a freshman, who be at David’s Place at the beginning of the year.

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Senate provides food court input

By CHRISTINE TOLLE

The Student Senate of the Student Government Association (SGA) passed its support of the university administrative body in the construction of the food court.

"The Food Court Department," by SGA president Alfred Smith, was approved by the class officers consensus double to University President Dr. John M. Borek Jr. and sent it to his office that afternoon, with a copy of the bill.

The bill must be signed by SGA president Alfred Smith, and passed through the Senate, and made into a student development bill, before it reaches the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Smith said a letter would be passed by the Senate allowing students who serve as members of the military to earn Christian service credits.

Any questions? — Junior Class President Chris Stewart takes questions on the "Food Court Review and Oversight Act" Thursday in Senate.

"This is a good opportunity for anybody on campus to try out their singing ability." - Linwood Campbell, TRBC music staff assistant for YouthQuest, made a similar statement.

He said that 100 students may try out and the teams may only need about 40.

"Just watch your own words to the music and don't make it, at least you tried out for your group. And the more people who get up in front of a microphone the more nervous they get, but that's the way it's going to be," said Campbell.

Students can reserve slots in Fine Arts hall for February 22 and 23.

Andrea L. Schilling Center.

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LU professor conquers her cancer to sing again on stage

By Jamie Clare

After a severe inflammatory attack and four prognostic surgeries for cancer of the mouth in 1995, Dr. Karen Parker, Professor of English at Liberty University, has experienced a spectacular recovery.

During this trial, doctors said it was doubtful that Parker would ever speak in public or sing again. Yet her recovery was so spectacular that she was able to make her Oncology Center debut and perform in two productions at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. "Music is something I love," she admits, "and I am glad to have it back."

Parker studied at Virginia Tech University as a vocal major where she met and married her husband, also a vocal major. She went on to Liberty International University and received a master's degree in English, which left her very limited in her body movement. Medication and therapy were called for to ensure a "clean" surgery.

After only a few months, the lump returned, and four more surgeries were done, yet none showed cancer. The lump continued to grow and Parker was referred to Dr. Levine at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. "We have done " RDD- wthous.

In December, 1995, cancer was found again, this time under the lump on her tongue. In the hospital the week before Christmas for the third and fourth surgeries. These included a neck dissection, removing one third of the glands in her neck, to make sure the cancer had not spread. One fourth of Parker's tongue was also removed during these surgeries.

After surgery, the emotional and physical strain of returning to normal productions, one of which was "Violette" and "Doubtful Selves". Parker was offered a position at Liberty University in the fall of 1996, to teach Language and Literature. She was free of the fear of recurrence now, and for the first time, she wasn't limited in her language and physical movement.

TO SING AGAIN - LU professor Dr. Karen Parker performs in the "Princes of Florence," a November production at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.

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History department weekend will examine role of Lynchburg in the conflict.

Dr. Rick Boyer

Students seeking an hour of credit this semester have one final chance to get it, and to have fun doing it. The Liberty University Department of History is sponsoring its annual Civil War weekend on Saturday and Sunday. With a theme of “Vander Town, Southern City,” the seminar will be the first one to feature activities related to the Civil War in the region.

Liberty has traditionally played a large role in remembering America’s Civil War heritage. English professor Kenny Rowlette, who is chairing the seminar with the history department, works as a Civil War re-enactor. His daughter, a junior at Liberty, re-enacts as well.

Dr. Rowlette said the seminar plans to highlight the important role Lynchburg played in the Southern war effort. “During the war, Lynchburg was a supply base for the South. If the Federals had captured the railroad station in the city, the South would have ended soon,” she said.

The seminar will cover many topics in military care during the war, Civil War music, and will feature speakers including Henry “Hank” Rice, president of the Brevard, North Carolina, chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as well as Civil War-era Lynchburg, and will speak on the location and movement of the Union detachment under General David Hunter. The seminar will also be held at Lynchburg’s title magnifies importance,” she said.

Other featured speakers will include Dr. Tony Guglielmo, who teaches Civil War history at the University of Virginia, and Lee Averitt, who teaches the larger portion of the seminar by his daughter, Dr. Cline Hall said. “It’s really interesting to learn about Lynchburg’s history and importance.”

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Civil War re-enactor

“People learn more and more about the Civil War, which is interesting,” said Campbell. “In fact, I think that’s why people come to the seminar. The seminar will cover such topics as medical care during the war, the famous battles during the six months, and the books that still stand in Lynchburg, including a warehouse information about Confederate troops from Lynchburg and students who need an hour’s credit can sign up with the registrar’s office until the first day of classes. Students will be required to write a report on some aspect of the Civil War, which will be due a month after the seminar. The tuition fee can be paid in advance with the credit card. Those who wish to attend but do not need credit can register with a $50 payment to the history department by March 3. The seminar fee is $100. Students can also pay at the door.

Hall said a group of LU communications students is working on a video of Civil War-era Lynchburg buildings that still stand in Lynchburg, including a warehouse on block 130 that served as a hospital during the Civil War. The video will be shown during the seminar.

The seminar will present an event every year with a unique learning opportunity. “People learn more and more about the Civil War, which is important,” said Campbell. “In fact, I think that’s why people come to the seminar.”

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**Off-campus living: the student's perspective**

**By Scottie Ruggiero**

**Life Report**

Off-campus living is often a mixed bag. Students hope to improve their social lives and their freedom of choice, but the costs are usually higher than living on campus. The what, where and how are all factors that contribute to this decision.

### What

How they live in off-campus housing is a great way to learn. Students can live with their significant other or with friends. Renting comes at a cost and students must be able to pay the rent on time. Getting off-campus living right in your college town is another factor.

### Where

Elms Court, Lakeside Plaza and Lakeside Place are all options for students. Each area has its pros and cons, but the majority of students are in the off-campus housing market.

### How

Students must be careful in choosing the roommates that they want to live with. Living with people that you get along with can make all the difference in your living experience.

**By Kristi Krasnick**

**Life Report**

**Where**

Off-campus living has many perks. One of the biggest is the freedom of choice. Not having a roommate who is a total pain is something that most college students desire.

### What

Living individually can be a great experience. It allows you to have complete control of your living situation and can help you improve your social life.

### How

The most difficult part of living off-campus is finding a roommate. Most of the time, this can be a difficult task, but with persistence, you can find a roommate that will make it worthwhile.

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Above and Beyond

In-line skating expands the definition of ministry

By Corrine Dwyer

Liberty Reporter

You may have seen them skating around campus, jumping over cars or practicing flips during the afternoons in the skaters' parking area. They are the new campus in-line skating team, an original for Liberty. The team, which is a part of the Shepherd Ministries "Above and Beyond" organization, is one of the only college in-line skating teams in the country.

Made up of four skaters and manager Marcus Mennenga, the team is dedicated not only to skating but also to sharing the gospel.

"Skating is number two on this team," Mennenga said. "For us, it's all about the ministry." The team actually began with around 12 skaters, but it narrowed down to the four current members after an itemizing and auditions through in-line skating.

"The guys on the team are such a great encouragement to me," Mennenga said. "They set all of our hearts on fire for the ministry." The group's vision of ministering includes an mixture of skating and witnessing with those watching. After performing a sequence of jumps and flips on the rink, the team takes the opportunity to share the gospel or give personal testimonies.

The group even uses skating as a presentation for the sin of mankind. They compare the gap between the sinners and God and feel that their observers how God is the only fulfillment for the gap.

Until now, the team members themselves have personally paid for expenses such as uniforms and equipment. However, when they begin traveling with "Above and Beyond," Shepherd Ministries will cover its travel expenses.

As the team grows, it hopes to add more variety and performers to its routines. It plans on starting off next semester by adding a skateboarder to the team.

Although the members are extremely grateful for the opportunity to witness through skating with Shepherd Ministries, it is discussing the possibility of forming a recognized school ministry team with Liberty sponsors.

"It's a great opportunity in being able to share the gospel with other college students," Mennenga enthusiastically noted.

The team's first performance place on Sun., Feb. 14 at Blue Ridge Community Church.

"We are extremely excited. A few kids came in Christie," said Shepherd's Ministries Director Tim Irwin.

Clearly, the team is on the far end of the spectrum as well as for skating, it is indeed going away and beyond to fulfill its calling for ministry.

FLYING HIGH — (above) The members of the in-line skating team are part of the overall ministry on campus, part of Shepherd Ministry's "Above and Beyond" organization, (below left) Shawn Mahan practices a stunt for the in-line skating team performance.

By Eric Lowe and Hannah Ladow

Liberty Reporters

True love took a beating Friday night at the annual sponsored Valentine's Coffee House.

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Respect God’s anointed

It was a normal Wednesday night preaching service at First Baptist Church of Elizabethton. About 150 people gathered and listened to the message. By my count, over 50 percent of our Sunday morning service.

But, Bob McDuffie, my dad, had made the announcements and our live band had finished the opening prayer. We all turned to the pulpit where I thought we would be singing the classics one after another — until Dad pulled out an ancient Bible that dated back to the pre-King James era.

She began preaching the belts until noise crept out from somewhere in the midst of the stanzas.

I know that “People need the Lord,” but it’s hard to concentrate on any text as my prayer was that God would use God’s servant as my eyes pour out tears to God; on behalf of a screaming In terror like his passengers.”

For instance, are we Friday Night Witnessing? Are we witnessing to our friends when we go home for breaks? If we cannot even be faithful and witness to others on our own campus, what makes us think that God will trust us and guide us in the big schemes of things?

But, If We want to know if God Is truly calling us to foreign missions, we need to reconsider our ability to reach lost nations.

Intercessory prayers and the gnawing guilt of unpaid tithes. They warn us that the majority of the Christians who have the afore mentioned dating specifications, and that makes it hard. Many guys simply refuse to invite girls because they are Just looking for a date to pass the time this picture was taken.

If certain people would slack off on their man-hunts, then maybe other girls could find a date around here.

Girls could find a date around here.

And enjoy the opposite sex.

Nothing saddens my heart more than to hear people say things like, “I’ve never dated anyone close to me on Valentine’s Day.”

One of the most unique qualities of this article Is as guilty as I am of griping about the church, dogmatic members who will catch up in the technicalities that It’s in, If the churches are so many of the world’s greatest thinkers and doers.

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**SPORTS UPDATE**

Gordon outduels Earnhardt in NASCAR Daytona 500 win

The hometown hero from Winston-Salem, N.C., captured the top prize in the Super Bowl of stock car racing, the NASCAR Daytona 500.

"I was very nervous before the race," Gordon said. "But when I crossed the finish line and heard the cheers, I knew I had done it. It's a dream come true for me and my team." Gordon, who started on the pole, led 39 of the final 50 laps to win the race. His victory also marked the first time a driver from North Carolina had won the Daytona 500.

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**West Virginia transfer hopes to help rebuild basketball program next year**

Luke Carl Williams

"When I first came to West Virginia, I knew it was a great opportunity," said Williams. "But I couldn't imagine how much I would grow as a player and a person in just one season."

Williams, a transfer from Liberty, has been a key contributor to the Mountaineers' success this year. He leads the team in scoring and is one of the top defenders on the court. His impact on the team has been so significant that he was named the Big South Conference Player of the Year.

"Luke is a special player," said head coach Bob Huggins. "He's been a real spark plug for us, both on and off the court." Williams has also been a leader in the community, volunteering at local schools and youth centers.

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**Tiger Woods Wins Indy 500**

Tiger Woods, the world's No. 1 ranked golfer, won the 500-mile Indy 500 on Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was his first victory in the Indianapolis 500, one of the most prestigious races in the world.

"I couldn't be more happy," said Woods. "I've always wanted to win the Indy 500 and now I finally have. It's a dream come true."

Woods, who started on the pole, led 138 of the 200 laps to win the race. He won a record six of the last eight Indy 500s.

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**Garth Brooks goes to Spring Training with S.D. Padres**

Garth Brooks, who has been known to be a die-hard baseball fan, has been invited to the San Diego Padres spring training camp. Brooks, who is renowned for his singing and music, has expressed his love for the sport in interviews and public appearances.

"I'm excited to be there," said Brooks. "Baseball has always been a huge part of my life and I can't wait to see the game up close and personal."
Decker and Howell triumph at Va. Tech

BY BRIAN WOODFORD
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Flames' softball team hopes to complete some unfinished business in 1999. The Lady Flames, currently 1-3 in Big South play so far this season, are still working hard to prepare not to short of the field. "I know that this year's team has a strong desire to win our first Big South Championship this season," Howell said. "That is the objective, no doubt, to win the Big South. We want to go ahead and represent Liberty and the Lord Jesus Christ at the NCAA tournament."

The Lady Flames will have the opportunity to test their mettle in the second annual Big South Tournament this weekend. Many Liberty athletes produced sound races at H. Howell and S. Decker. Along with Decker. Howell and Others, Liberty will feature a strong pitching core. Senior Katie Phillips will lead the Lady Flames pitching staff. Phillips went 14-6 for Liberty with a 1.31 earned run average in '98. Sophomore Amy Coder will strive to claim a successful season for Liberty. In her freshman year, Coder was 12 games including four shutouts. Junior Leslie Lugo, who matched victories over the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech last season, will also return for the Lady Flames.

Liberty's high powered hitting will continue to feed the offense. The Lady Flames ended the 1998 season with an earned a 2.93 batting average last season. Radulovlch was also named Virginia Player of the Year by the sport's statistics information directors. Polukis is very optimistic about the field by a strong defense. Behind the plate, catcher Cheryl Everly was close to flawless during 1998 as she committed only one error. The Colorado native anchored by a strong defense. In 54 of the 56 games last season, Liberty led with 23 RBI's. Senior honors directors. The Flames conclude the regular season this week when they finish out their season on the road.

A FRESH START—Liberty's softball team will try to earn its first Big South Championship this season. The Lady Flames made it to the conference finals last season, losing 2-1 to Coastal Carolina.

Men roll pair of wins—continued from page 24

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Team W-L BSC
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2. Radford 17-7 6-2
3. UNC-Ash. 9-16 3-6
4. Charleston S. 11-13 4-5
5. Coa. Carol. 9-16 3-6
6. Liberty 4-20 0-8

Women's standings
Team W-L BSC
1. Liberty 17-7 7-1
2. Radford 10-14 5-4
3. Coa. Carol. 13-9 5-4
4. Charleston S. 10-16 4-4
5. UNC-Ash. 5-20 2-6
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Finally! Flames win!

By Bevis Stewar
Champion Reporter

The Flames' men's basketball team has been hot, stepping up on defense and dominating on offense, winning three straight games.

The Flames have felt the heat of their opponents, but they've also done some serious heating up themselves. Their recent wins have been the result of a defense that's been impenetrable and an offense that's been unstoppable.

The Flames' success can be attributed to their ability to adapt to different situations and their players' ability to step up and perform when it matters most.

Defending Big South champs prepare for season

By Bruce Bernard
Champion Reporter

The Big South will be the stage for the Flames this season, and they're ready to defend their title. The Flames have been working hard in the off-season to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead.

Their preparation has paid off, as they've been able to dominate in practice and in exhibition games. The team is confident in its ability to compete at the highest level.

The Flames' success in the Big South will depend on their ability to execute their game plan, stay focused, and make adjustments when necessary. They know that they have what it takes to be successful, and they're ready to take on the challenge.

Kisseleva and LU win on the road

By Mary Flinn
Champion Reporter

The Lady Flames have continued their dominant play as they've swept through three straight games. Their defense has been rock solid, and their offense has been lights out.

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