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Caner casts vision for seminary
By Sarah McCoy

For Dr. Ergun Caner, Feb. 9 will be a day he will never forget.

"It caught me off guard, I did not expect it," Caner said in an interview with the Liberty Champion.

At the announcement of Dr. Danny L. Davis, who will serve as the new dean of the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Caner was chosen in his place. Caner said that President Jerry Falwell weeks ago asked starting working with Davis.

Instead, Falwell came to him on Feb. 8, asking him if he would be the new dean of the seminary.

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Missions Emphasis jump-starts world evangelism

By Dennis Bennett 

For 36 days, Gracia Burnham faced danger, days of captivity, sleepless nights and deep personal tragedy. Burnham was one of the estimated 120,000 missionaries and mission representatives Liberty University students saw during Missions Emphasis Week.

Burnham, who spoke in conversation on Monday, as well as on a Tuesday women's seminar, has written two books, one of which is entitled "A Long Walk to Freedom." She traveled into the future? And besides, the timeline knew they would get back to 1985!" 

The rest of the class dies in an automobile accident that such an argument would even take place at this point. The door to the north room opens. A student worker enters telling everyone the campus has been cancelled and no one moves. By this point, they have decided to sit in silence. 

Left with only his pride to protect, William J. Smuttonmooth III recoils for his mission statement. "Our mission is to lead to the mission field...the field is the world." 

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McConnell: ‘This is my beautiful America’
Hillary Lessons
Clinton revamps her liberal face

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton must be the only person in the Democratic Party with a functioning brain these days, well except for former Sen. Zell Miller who is practically a Republican now.

Clinton seems to have realized that the last Democratic candidates for President had image problems.

The simple fact is that money. New England Liberals do not go over well with all of America. Perhaps it’s their submissiveness or the millions they have in their pockets. They try to convince the working class that they are blue-collar worker liv­ing in middle America instead of their palaces in Martha’s Vineyard. Or maybe it is the way they campaign on issues only a minority of people agree with them on. Does gay marriage sound familiar?

So Clinton, who is alternately despised or adored depend­ing on the person you ask, has embarked on an extreme maneuver to prevent herself from having the problems Governor Dean and Sen. John Kerry had last year. There is no question that Clinton is intelligent enough to manipu­late the public with a new image. Project “Hillary the moder­ate” has begun.

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So Clinton is not changing her position exactly, just adding to it in an oppor­tunistic manner. The fact that the audience was shocked and quiet for these sentiments infers that this is not a position Clinton has previously taken and should be recognized as a play for political gain.

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Tragic death should not change Marine recruiting standards

Any death is a tragedy, especially if it is a sudden death with his entire future before him. 

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Delirious?: British band to blast concert stage

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By Jesse Houk
SPORTS REPORTER

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Asheville 'tunes up' for tourney

By Adam Bishop
SPORTS REPORTER

Liberty's men's basketball team took a big step towards another Big South title with a 72-60 win at UNC Asheville on Thursday night. The Flames jumped to 4-0 in the Big South tournament and will host the number seven seed on Sunday.

Asheville fought to get back in the game and trimmed the lead to 50-42 heading in to the locker room for halftime. The 50 points scored by Flames marked the third time this season the Flames have scored 50 or more in the first half.

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Baseball keeps winning

By Andrew Stevens
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On Wednesday the Flames baseball team took in a doubleheader in North Carolina, scoring 14 runs in the first game and ending up with a walkoff win.

Liberty was helped out by three Aggie errors in the bottom of the inning, which helped the Flames jump out to an early 6-0 lead. The Flames would go on to win the game 14-3.

The Flames scored in the first inning for the fourth time in five games. Doing most of the dam-

age for the Flames was Michael Just who went 2-3 with two walks and hit his first home run of the season.

The Flames turned up the heat to start the second half returning their lead to 59-44 on a jumper by Brian Woodson. However, the Bull-
dogs would not go away quietly as they were able to put Flush in with a 3-pointer with 10:40 left. A jumper by Asheville's Brian McCollough with 9:27 left put Liberty ahead 60-58.

Not to be outdone by Asheville's run, Liberty proceeded to go on a run of its own, scoring five points over a 6:32 second span to put the game away.

For the second time in conference play this season, the Flames finished with all five starters scoring in double figures. Larry Blair led the Flames with nine rebounds and eight assists.

Asheville was led by McCollough, who scored a team-high 23 points in his final regular-season game as a Flames player. Carl Woolf and Omar Collington each added 12.

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New football recruits called ‘best ever’

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Liberty University’s football program signed 31 new players this fall to its 2005-2006 roster. This group is large and varied, considered to be the best recruiting class in Liberty University football’s history.

Among the new players are three state players of the year: Ryan Greiser, Rhett Poindexter and Zachary Terrell. Seven all-state selections, Courtney Rosewell, Pat Cowell, Micah Drury, Ryan Greiser and Zachary Truettman are also in the fold.

“We are very excited about the whole class,” said Liberty Head Coach Ken Karcher. “Our coaches have done a great job in recruiting these young men.”

Ryan Greiser is a 5-foot, 10-inch, 185-pound quarterback from Sellersville, Pa. He rushed for 2,030 yards and 33 touchdowns throughout his senior year. He was selected to the Barbershop One-League, all-Pennsylvania inaugural and Morning Call First team squads, Eastern-Mid-Atlantic all-American team, and Pennsylvania National Player of the Year. named in Region B player of the year, the Bull Run District Player of the Year, and National Player of the Year.

Zachary Terrell is a 5-foot-10, 185-pound quarterback and running back from Manassas Park, Va. Terrell was the Associated Press All-State Player of the Year as a senior, finishing the year with 1,644 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns, while passing for 1,029 yards and 11 touchdowns. Terrell was the Region B player of the year, the Bull Run District Player of the Year, the first team all-district at both quarterback and running back and the VHSA Coach Player of the Year as a senior at quarterback.

“We need to be more productive at the quarterback position,” said Karcher. “Brook Fierro is returning and he started the last four games. We need four to six more, but they want to get an academic degree with us and/or want to go to seminary. We are at least open to it. They need to get an academic degree and they want to go to seminary. Our mission is to build the whole person. So, we are very honest with the young people up front. It takes the unique kid that wants this fit.

For schedule, stats and more information on Liberty football, you can check out www.LibertyFlames.com.
**Lady Flames: 57 game streak ends**

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The Lady Flames took back the momentum in the second half. They trimmed the lead down to five. The entire team seemed to take one of the balls and shut the ball much better. The Flames went from shooting just six percent in the first half to shooting 50 percent in the second. Ferrara came of focused on getting her team back in the game. She scored up after 20 points in the second half.

"It’s an A-11 All-Star," said Loy. "She’s strong, has great touch and a nice shot. (She’s) the best player we’ve had ever again in the second half."

The Lady Flames were doing the things that needed to be done in order to win. It appeared that women were ready to play. The Flames had the momentum, but the ball two heart-breaking three-pointers by High Point’s Katie Rabb and Charlene Martin quickly put an end to any chance for Liberty. The Lady Flames dug a first half that was too deep to get up of.

Among the 360 in attendance were former Liberty women’s basketball star and sister to Katie, Danielle, Merill Anderson. Anderson finished with two rebounds and two steals.

"I wanted to be out there playing and encouraging Katie from the bench," Anderson said.

**Baseball**

Team sweeps Bucknell

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On the record for the Flames was Michael Scholtz, who hit a two-run home run in the Flames win over the Bulldogs. Scholtz, who hit .445 in the 2004 season and picked up 34.76 innings to win the win. The right hander allowed two runs on six hits and struck out 12.

David Dees broke out the close out the game for the Flames. He did an outstanding job of working the game for the Flames. The left hander allowed no runs and no hits while striking out two. Dees took the loss in 0.13 for the Bulldogs.

The Flames would continue to win games in the first among as they went on last year’s Big South tournament. Matt Curry. Bucknell would break through in the seventh inning in a game seven. "It was a relief to me that I had the opportunity to pitch and play a game to win the win. The win. The middle took their time and allowed the ball allowed the ball to come around the bases for the Liberty- victory."

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Liberty alum helped Bush campaign

By Alix Waring

Few Americans heried the importance of this year’s presi­dential election. And while all Americans have the opportu­nity to impact the country by voting, one former Liberty stu­dent had the chance to work on the campaign for the Republi­can National Committee.

After the decision of meeting 23-year-old Liberty grad Jeremy Broggi by mere happen­stance at the Christmas Coffee­house, I had actually inten­tion him the same night while he was at work in Washington, D.C. In this fast-moving and al­ways exciting environment, I had a chance to work on the Presidential Inaugural Committee on Dec. 7, 2004.

During his visit to L.U., we managed to meet through mutual friends. My friends picked him out of the crowd amongst the other big thinkers. He’s a great scholar. He was tall, thin, and a bit of a laugh, and a voice that could be heard from a great distance.

“Bush is very sincere and truly cares about people,” Broggi said. “I met some fantastic people, and I had a great time. I’m a great person, and I met some great people.”

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Broggi’s primary responsibil­ity was to coordinate between the advanced team and the RNC. It was easy to see how Broggi made such an impression on his superiors at the RNC. “It’s an outreach to con­stituents,” Broggi said of his office work at the White House. “I collect on them the President’s priorities and goals and that’s what agenda is.”

Broggi worked for 18 months, and he was hired with the White House on Dec. 7, 2004, and started his work with the Presidential Inaugural Committee on Dec. 31.

His advice for future students looking to get involved in politics is to go for a good internship where you can gain important contacts they’ll need for the future.

“I think the most important thing you can do is to get an internship where you can get experience and meet people,” Broggi said. “And if you get in there and work your tail off, they might keep you on.”

President Mary Bush supporters were excited about this year’s election because of the slim margin of victory in the election last year. This year, President Bush was elected with the popular vote in the election.

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“Fifty years from now I think this election was incredi­bly important. Seeing the Presi­dent (elected) and the rest of the Republican ticket was a reward­ing thing,” Broggi said.

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Ministry: Offers help for many problems

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Freedom Ministry meets every Monday night from 6 to 8 p.m. There are approximately one hundred group members in all. Those who attend weekly, Freedom Ministry experiences vary: 20 minutes of prayer and worship performed by the Freedom Band, as well as, an hour and a half of general recovery teaching labs by Pitts.

"We have to look at people as whole people. Sometimes the psychology community neglects the spiritual aspect of recovery and we as a church tend to ignore the psychological aspect," said Pitts.

There is a biblical process of recovery that is used in Freedom Ministry which is clinically professional and distinctively Christian. The method consists of twelve (biblical) steps of healing. After members go through during their whole year. Each step is given a month of teaching and practice.

The support group leaders are recovered group members. Leaders go through a one-year training program and a significant screening process. Eight months of the training is spent in instruction class teaching the basics of becoming a support group member. Another four months is spent interacting with group members. After becoming a support group leader in Freedom Ministry, leaders meet with Pitts twice a month.

Freedom Ministry support groups provide a safe place that is honest and open where members learn to present their pain. Group members are able to gain knowledge of God's truth. Newcomers to Freedom Ministry are encouraged to stay after the recovery teaching to meet with Pitts and see what recovery group would be the best fit for them. Although this ministry is intended for believers to heal, Pitts has seen a few sober sketches of the faith in the four years he has been serving.

"Freedom Ministry is, primarily not an evangelism outreach, but I am certainly glad when it becomes that," said Pitts.

The mission of Freedom Ministry is not about evangelism outreach, but it is about growth and support for all.

"I want to make sure that students will know that there is a place here. That if they have a need from the list of groups we have, they will find that the environment will speak to them. Liberty students are just as welcome to the group as the community," said Pitts.

Overall the group members and leaders are very excited about confidentiality.

That is made perfectly clear when members first join a recovery group and sign a covenant. There are also strict guidelines concerning group members becoming romantically involved. Freedom Ministry embarrassed their ministries to "provide a safe place for people with hurts, habits and hang-ups to be restored." Members of this place people become lifetime friends.

Shared recovery from similar ministry can formalize a lifetime bond, said Pitts.

For more information about Freedom Ministry please contact Thomas Road Baptist Church's counseling office at (757) 857-4887.

By Natalie Mayer

With this semester's opening of the new Lafayette Student Center, aerobics classes have been made available to students as well. The new aerobics classes range from Tai Chi, kickboxing, Latin aerobics, PiYo, CardioMAX, strength and conditioning, stretching and jump roping. Of all these classes, many are instructed by students.

While the class instructors have had experience instructing before, one of the instructors is an international champion in the field of aerobics. Liberty University senior Lindsey Miller may have just started teaching jump rope classes at Liberty, but her ability to instruct goes further back. Back home in Canada, Miller had the opportunity to teach competitive jump roping to the ages 7 to 12 years old. "I didn't want to jump for myself anymore, I wanted to do it for the Lord," Miller said.

A door opened for Miller to join Liberty's drum team, Above and Beyond, and see her jump roping skills to tell a message. "The drum team, which travels to public schools, youth groups and other area functions, has provided a chance for Miller to do what she always wanted to do: jump for God's glory."

Now that Miller has started to instruct jump rope classes at Liberty, she feels she is still bringing glory to God and helping others jump rope towards healthy and a way to connect to others. "I want people to come to my classes and just to be encouraged," Miller said. "Jump roping was pretty much all of my early life."

While Miller has put all her skills to perspective, she isn't the only new instructor to use her talents for the Lord. Jennifer Krause, the LaHaye Student Center director, says that she has been very impressed already with the new instructors and bedrock. They are already fulfilling the goals of what she herself would offer. "I want all of the teachers to be very dedicated to minister to their classes in physical and spiritually."

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Defending Yourself: Rape Aggression Classes Offered

By Emily Sands

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) provides men, women and children with the necessary training to defend themselves.

"In today's culture it's not even safe for a girl to walk around at night. I want to know that, if the situation arises, I will be able to respond quickly and effectively," said Cara Ploch, a senior at Liberty University.

According to an McMagazine study on sexual assault and rape, one out of every four college women is sexually assaulted during her four years at college. Seventy-four percent of the assaults were committed by non-strangers, but only one percent of all rapes and sexual assaults committed against college students were reported. With drugs and alcohol contributing to the number of on-campus assaults, it is critical that women learn to defend themselves.

Founded in 1989 by former advocate and United States Representative Martha Brautigam, R.A.D. is the largest network of dedicated self-defense instructors that offers a free life-saving education and practice program available at Thomas Road Baptist Church.

There is an innovative ministry available at Thomas Road Baptist Church for anyone young or old to attend. This ministry is called Freedom Ministry. The focal point of this ministry is to offer a safe environment for people who need to work through emotional issues.

Thomas Road Baptist Church as the counseling and recovery pastor for five years, before working at TRBC, Pitts worked as program supervisor for five years at Rapla Treatment Centers, a Christian institution providing substance abuse treatment centers.

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Freedom from hurt and hang-ups

By Mark Johnston

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