**Heroes of the Past**

Black Panther veteran speaks at memorial

By Mike Wertz

An old and yellowed picture of a young black soldier hangs on a projector screen next to a 71-year-old veteran standing behind a podium. Though the years have changed him, his smile is the same. “If I have to express my feelings and knowledge of World War II,” he said, “it means something.”

K.G. McConnell was a member of the 761st tank battalion, the first all-black battalion to be in combat in the World War II. He came to the D-Day Memorial in honor of the Black History Month. On Feb. 6, 1942, he joined the army due to his experiences and memories of the war.

Joining McConnell was veteran Joe Wilson Jr., whose “We Remember Black Panther” battalion in World War II. Wilson also shared a book with his father who had served with the Panthers during the last part of the war.

After Wilson gave a brief lecture on the history of the 761st, McConnell shared his son’s story. McConnell said about his age to get in the army but was only 16, which was considered very patriotic at the time. However, shortly after joining, McConnell said that for the first time in his life he experienced racism. From then on, he battled not only for his country but also against racism, as well.

“McConnell was informed that he and the other black ‘soldiers would be responsible for cleaning the camp. But the persistent young man questioned his superior,” said Stewart Smith, drummer. “I started a program on my own and asking why, do black soldiers have to do this?” McConnell said. And his persistence won out in the end. The soldiers were told they would no longer be responsible for cleaning the camp. Then, McConnell asked to be transferred to a tank battalion. Before he left for Germany, he even turned down a promotion to sergeant.

He said, “I am OK,”” McConnell wrote in an article published on conservativevote.com. “I still see myself as that little soldier who had served with the other black soldiers in World War II. We tried to stick to buses so we don’t have to travel by car, making it hard to take their music to concerts. McConnell also stated that he and the other black soldiers were not permitted to clean the camp.

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Delirious? to wow Liberty

By Joanne Tang

**NEWS REPORTER**

JESSICA PADGETT

One of the five United States tour dates before the band flies to Zurich to kick off the European and one of five United States tour dates before the band will be at Liberty. Liberty students are looking forward to the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

The band first formed in 1992 and consists of lead singer Martin Smith, guitarist Stu Garrard, drummer Tim Jupp, bassist Jon Thatcher and Stewart Smith, drummer. “We want to make music and touch them and make an influence,” said Stewart Smith.

Now they’re bringing their music to Liberty again. “We will develop the seminary into electrifying speakers and defenders of the faith that I have ever heard,” Falwell said in a recent issue of the News and Adamson. “We pray to call him a friend and so thankful that God has sent him to Liberty to lead us toward what I believe will be a revolution in seminary education on this campus.”

“As the students cheered at the announcement, perhaps no one was more stunned than Dr. Caner himself.” Falwell said in the article published on conservativevote.com. “I still see myself as that little soldier who had served with the other black soldiers in World War II. We tried to stick to buses so we don’t have to travel by car, making it hard to take their music to concerts.”

**FALWELL RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA**

Chancellor hospitalized for breathing problems

By Sara Lueky

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people think being "smart" somehow conveys an air of superiority. In fact, it has the opposite effect. They have a way of making themselves look silly and descending in tone toward their opponents. It is usually condensation of "whatever." It is usually condescending in tone toward their opponents who, in turn, with calmness, laugh behind their backs. Sometimes, if brave enough, they can laugh in their face. The positions of these two people allow someone else to land on the other person's claim: "I wasn't spitting on you and your lack of intelligence. I just allowed spittle to return to my mouth, because if you had been smart, it would have come out your nose!"

Their conversation begins in the classroom of a professor: "I would have said it differently. In fact, in a different context. (In another class, a professor to each other before to communicate in a more intellectual format.)" If only they had foreseen the coming debate between Butterbottom and Smootmooth, they all would have fished.

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Back to the Future and the Liberty Champion. It all happened today. The student-body is in a state of shock and awe. They are overwhelmed by the events and the implications. The students are excited and eager to share their experiences with others.

"Everybody ought to try to go to the mission field... the field is the world."
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Cancer: Shining the spotlight

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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 snooty, New England liberals do not go over well with all of America. Perhaps it is their blindness or the millions they have in their pockets as they try to convince the working class that they are blue-collar workers 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 position you take, has embarked on an extreme makeover to prevent herself from having the problems Gerald Howard 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.

Step One: Apply the foundation—Support Bush’s war in Afghanistan and Iraq, especially now that Bush is reelected and his opponent fell short on national security. Clinton clearly realized this is the timing. Another is that she does not take a moral stand on the issue because of her past and current transformations. Step Two: Now for the blush—Support Bush’s war in Iraq and freedom, especially now that voting records are kept track of (Colin Sen. Kerry, who voted for and against the same things), and any war for President would be hampered by a poor record on national security issues.

Clinton voted to support both the fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, but threw around criticisms of the Bush administration handling of the wars. Andrew Sullivan reported in the New York Times online edition that Clinton is now a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and toured Iraq with Sen. John McCain and three others just last week.

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Chair Dean will spell d-i-s-a-t-e-r for Dems

Jennifer Mills

The Republicans and Democrats alike should look forward to the return of Howard Dean's famous "yowch" speech tag, as he takes a new position as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. But it is a wonder how Dean has come back to grate the most on the Democratic chairman after he lost the Democratic nomination by such a large margin in last year's primary. And with his obnoxious scream, he became a laughing stock across America ridiculed by late-night comedians and the American public. So it looks like he is going to be a good thing for Republicans. Here we go...

For the best of reasons, Dean is a Northern Democrat which means he's beyond Democrat—he's a liberal. And as long as a liberal is leading the way, the better chance moderate Republicans have of beating Congress and the Presidency in the hands of the GOP.

Another reason is that Dean appears to be a very foolish, angry person. Whether or not he is, that hateful tone is hurting more than good, especially as President Bush continues to drive the GOP.

"I think if (Democrats) have a true death wish, he'd be the perfect guy to go with." - Newt Gingrich.

Dean can't be all bad for the party, though. Right? They must have elected him for at least some good intentions. How is that for a contradiction?

Tragic death should not change Marine recruiting training standards.

Any death is a tragedy, especially if it is a young man with his entire future before him. And so, when we hear a story of a young recruit who has been instantly struck with feelings of sympathy and grief for the family, The Marines should probably be careful.

Tharp was a Marine recruit who died on Feb. 8, 2005, during a 25 meter swim test. The death of this Marine is a tragedy, but the facts have been twisted to make the drill instructor seem responsible for his death because of the hard training that the recruit was put through. A video was taken of Tharp being shown inappropriate instructions the day before his death. Once the video was found out about, they instantly began screaming Marine brutality. The recruit's family has been on numerous news programs reading letters of how much their son loved being there and that he wanted to go home. The family also claims that Tharp was not a good swimmer and that they made it known to the recruit that he could not swim.

Again I want to emphasize the death of a Marine is a tragedy. I have full respect for the family, but how can one just blame the drill instructor?

The Marines designed a program that would take a recruit all the way to their limits and beyond. A DI takes a recruit and breaks them down into nothing and then melos them into a Marine. When someone signs up for the Marines, they sign up for it that it will be tough.

It is wondrous for a DI to hit a recruit out of malice, but if you watch the video closely, the DI did not hit him, but pushed him out of his personal space. Tharp was about to walk into the DI when he was "hit."


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The parents also say that Tharp wanted to get out of the Marines but could not get out. They said that they went to the recruiter and tried to get him out that way. The fact is if a recruit wants to get out, he can get out. It may be a little bit of a hassle, but the recruiter is not expected to want a recruit that can't make it through boot camp. He would endanger the lives of his fellow Marines as well as himself. Recruiters is never justified, but a DI has to be tough on his recruits.

If a recruit is too lightweight, then the DI has to be tough on his recruits. If the training is softened, then so will the Marines that are produced by it.

An old military saying says, "more sweat during peace time means less blood during war." Accidents happen and we should find ways to keep them from happening again in the future, but we should not change the way that the Marines trained just because of one accidental inci-

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Delirious?: British band to blast concert stage

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Lady Flames win streak ends at 57

By Jesse Houk
SPORTS REPORTER

Asheville ‘tunes up’ for tourney

By Bobby James
SPORTS REPORTER

Baseball keeps winning

By Andrew Storms
SPORTS REPORTER

The 2005 football recruiting class has been described as the best ever.

The Bottom Line
Pat Doney talks about how the NBA is moving back into our lives and TVs.
**The Bottom Line**

By Patrick brey

Oh, how things can change quickly.

For example, think back to two years ago. "Who wants to be a millionaire?" was the craze. Gas cost less than a small meal.

People actually listened to techno for its musical quality. We were lucky to own an mp3 player or a cell phone in a shoe that could play the halftime show. LeAnn Rimes, Big & Rich and a dancing midget took off. Off.

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The teams changed in a few short years. This past weekend at the All-Star game was proof that people still actually do love this game.

Let me explain.

The weekend included, as always, an event that might actually be bigger than the game and Magic Johnson combined (he-King): the dunk contest. There were some ridiculous dunks this year, highlighted, in my opinion, by Amare Smith's dunk over Kenyon Martin could go down as one of the best ever. I felt kind of bad for the Birdman joining of the basketball and hip hop cultures for the NBA, and that's the latest example.

You saw the halftime show. LeAnn Rimes, Big & Rich and a dancing midget took off. You read that last paragraph correctly. Are we still taking about the NBA here? Way to know your audience. The latest edition of ESPN's Magazine shows NFL on the cover and talks about the joining of the basketball and hip hop cultures in America. Someone in the NBA marketing department needs to be fired.

I think the weekend really interested fans again. Whether it is the 10 American hockey fans watching basketball now that the NBA is cancelled, or the fact that the league is looking more and more like the "showtime" days of the 80's. The fact is that people are interested. Kudos to Commissioner Stern on getting his league back on top.

Times have changed and halftime shows have obviously changed, but as shown this past weekend, there will always be room in our hearts and on our televisions for the NBA, and that's the bottom line.

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**New football recruits called 'best ever'**

By Andrew Stevens

Liberty University's football program signed 39 new players to their 2005-2006 roster. The group is large and 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 Oliver, Rod Phillips and Zachary Terrell. Seven all-state selections, Courtney Boswell, Pat Culver, Gerald Dudley, Ryan Grieser and Zachary Troutman, are also in the class.

"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." Students are excited for kids that have an interest in football, want to get an academic degree and want to grow spiritually.

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

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"We just have to be more aware of the fact that we have a game on the team in that leading the nation in floor percentage," Green said. "I didn't think anyone could challenge her if she set up down low."

A very uncharacteristic Liberty went from shooting just 26 percent in the first four. The entire team started to take care of the ball and the second half.

"That's an All-American," Lay said. "She's strong, has great touch and a nice shot. That's something we need to take care of on offense - and again in the second half."

The Lady Flames came out doing the things that needed to be done in order to win. It appeared that winning was inevitable. The Flames had the momentum, the second-half heartbreaks three points at High Point's Kate Ruhe and Chalena Martin quickly put on an end to any chance for Liberty. The Lady Flames dug a first-half hole that was too deep to get out of.

Among the 36 points in attendance was former Liberty women's basketball star and sister to Katie Feenstra, MeriBeth Anderson. Anderson encouraged the Flames to focus on getting their team back in the game. She scored 19 of her 22 points in the second half.

A key ingredient to the Flames victory was the difference in rebounding between the two teams. Liberty out rebounded the Bulldogs 43-35. The Lady Flames smeared 22 boards and only 11 for High Point. Of those rebounds, 11 came on the offensive boards.

"The records are great, but I don't keep track of them," Green said. "You just have to learn from the losses. We'll learn from it. The Lord is teaching us something through it."

I think our girls are motivated if we have an opportunity to play High Point again," said Jonnie Darden.

They may not get that opportunity when the Big South tournament begins on March 8.

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Flames win: Larry Blair's 23 points helps secure second seed

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A key ingredient to the Flames victory was the difference in rebounding between the two teams. Liberty out rebounded the Bulldogs 43-35. I think rebounding has been an emphasis for this team throughout the year," said Jonnie Darden. "Our coaching staff has done a good job in proportion of holding kids accountable to it. We are just really to the point now where I think we are starting to understand the importance of that area of the game and the way it can absolutely influence better line with a lot or a loss."

Returning home to the Vines Center Tuesday night for the Big South tournament quarterfinal should be a booster for the Flames. Liberty posted a 7-1 record at home this season against conference opponents.

"We feel very good about Tuesday night," Darden said. "I told our team that the regular-season schedule is determined by the Big South and our decision for the first seven games. How many more games can we play from here on out in something we determine. Right now we feel very good about Tuesday night.

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Few Americans know the importance of this year's presidential election. And while all Americans have the opportunity to impact the country by writing or voting, another Liberty student had the chance to work on the campaign for the Republican National Committee. 

The decision to meet the 22-year-old Liberty grad Jeremy Broggi by mere happenstance at the Christmas Coffee House was actually the first time Broggi viewed him the same night he had actually interviewed him the same night he was hired to work for the White House through a reputable application process and worked for the Public Liaison office.

"It's an outreach to constituency groups," Broggi said of his office work at the White House Department of the Republican party, and specifically by my office work at the White House through a required Public Liaison office. "That's how we got into the area of working with the President's priorities and goals and that's his agenda.

Broggi worked there until he was hired to work for Victory 2004, and started his work with the Presidential Inaugural Committee on Dec. 7.

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

"This is the most important thing you can do 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 George W. Bush supporters were primarily upset about this year's election because of Bush's slim margin of victory as the president-elect. But a personality such as Broggi's confidence, and gentleness, sound of seeing the President from true experience. "There's never a dull moment." When it comes to plans for college, Broggi knew he wanted to attend a Christian school. "I felt like Liberty offered more of a chance to be involved in any other Christian school," Broggi said. "I think the biggest influence Liberty had on me was watching how the leadership of the school treated the Lord with the big things and with the everyday things.

Broggi schooled his attitudes by saying that he continually opened to God's guidance.

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Ministry: Offers help for many problems

By Natalie Mayer

With this semester's opening of the new LaHaye Student Center, aerobic classes have now opened to the students as well. The new aerobic classes range from tone buffing, Latin aerobics, Pilates, cardiovascular, strength and conditioning, stretching and jump roping. All of them 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 expertise.

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 coach competitive jump ropers ages 7 to 12 years old. But Miller didn't jump into coaching without winning a few awards herself.

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