Construction begins on Towns Center

By Jay Towns

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Liberty officials convene to discuss security measures

By Amy Field

In response to the recent events of Virginia Tech, Liberty administration officials called a meeting in order to discuss "security emergency plans," according to Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Ron Godwin and Chief of UPPD, Donald Hine. The meeting, held on April 23, covered current and future security plans. Liberty officials are considering setting to alert individuals on campus.

"After discussing what is currently in place, some school about additional measures that we could take in light of recent events," said Hine. "Chief Smith and his staff have already been working on enhancing security to our current plans."

The staff members discussed included the possibility of a siren being installed on the Campus North area that would sound off in case of an "extreme emergency," and Hine.

'The siren that is being taken into consideration is the addition of a siren," he said. "Liberty officials meeting students and faculty by text messaging, e-mail and announcements on the splash page.

Students were asked in Wednesday's convocation service to fill out cards with their cell phone numbers and other contact information, enabling Liberty to send them the text messages.

For those who were unable to attend that convocation, a link to the form has been provided at www.liberty.edu/alert. A Liberty username and password is required because it is posted on ABEST. Submitted information is secure and will not be used for any other purpose aside from these alerts.

Liberty's administration will be in touch with students in the future, regarding security measures. "Further details will be presented to them regarding all of this," said Hine. "It is important that we proceed carefully but quickly in ensuring the safety of our community."

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DISPLACED: "Cardboard cities" without water and food

Well, everybody, I guess this is good-bye. My life’s work may not ever appear in this paper again on a regular basis. And if it does, it’s more likely that I’m making the worse-than-reasonable assumption that I’ve never graduated college before.

I don’t have any of my true and tried sil­lervestry speakers or golden nuggets of wisdom for you all, but “such as I have I give thee.”

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GOVT 497 to teach students the fine art of campaigning

By Lydia Christoph
Champion Guest Writer

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Many of these guests are currently in office, which makes the class schedule a bit different. It will include several Sunday afternoons.

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TOWNS: Alumni Center will feature new technology

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Numerous questions arise about the manner why Seung-Hui Cho went on a murder rampage, killing 32 people and himself on the campus of Virginia Tech. Some speculate the causes to be depression and loneliness. Perhaps they are right, but there is a greater battle—a spiritual battle—going on within the body and mind.

Spiritual warfare, the struggle between good and evil, is real. There are real battles going on between spiritual forces as described in Ephesians 5:12, which says, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

A battle was being fought inside of Cho. In our culture, we give this spiritual war different names, such as depression in Cho’s case. However, the real battle is not against flesh and blood.

Dr. E. Gary Cates briefly touched on the subject of spiritual warfare last Wednesday during his sermon about teasing the spirits. His sermon was based on 1 John 4:1, which says, “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.”

Though these battles, these struggles, seem difficult, we are ultimately promised the victory. “You, dear children, are from God, and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Satan is merely the “blindfaced chicken flapping around,” a comparison Cates was able to make after visiting his wife’s family. He finds himself destitute to us, succumbing to God. God is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and omnibenevolent. Satan is not, but he uses his demons to accomplish the work he himself is unable to complete alone. According to Cates, Satan and his demons cannot pass a believer because a Christian is inhabited by the Holy Spirit. Therefore both evil and good cannot dwell inside of the believer. However, a believer can be oppressed and subjected to such evil influences. The devil uses our feelings of worry, anxiety and confusion to draw us away from Christ.

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The devil has advised Wormwood not to engage in argument but rather to fix his attention on “the stream of immediate sense experiences.” C.S. Lewis describes the effectiveness of this strategy as the patient given to in his own defense of the devil, making it easier for Satan’s demons to attack. We must be aware of demonic schemes and maintain control of our thoughts and desires at all times.

Satan and his demons want to attack us during our weakest moments, but also when we are strongest. Job, described as “blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shun evil” (Job 1:1-2), was tempted by Satan himself. Though he did not understand why he was being attacked, he chose to worship God instead of cursing God, Jehovah, “knowing the name of the Lord,” in the midst of his confusion.

We must be fully aware of every battle that goes on in the spiritual realm and be prepared to fight. We are not to fight our enemies ourselves, but in the name of Christ. We are to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and request (Ephesians 6:18).

Satan’s attacks are real, but Christ has equipped us for the battle, giving us power over the enemy. We are told in James 4:7 that when we resist the devil, he will flee from us. We have the power to cast out Satan and his demons, as well as overcome depression, loneliness, bitterness, anxiety and all other forms of bondage in our culture.

We have the power because the source of the power lies in Christ. Christianity is an inhabited faith—Christ lives in us. This is a battle we will never have to fight alone, and we have already been promised victory.

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Reflections from years past

The sun was crafted to guide our eyes by day, and the moon our eyes by night, but the stars seem to have guided man's heart since the first clear night sky was drawn in the heavens. Men looked to the sky for the sign of our coming Savior, and sailors have spent long nights on the open sea with nothing but the stars to guide their way, and generations of mankind have searched the sky, wondering at the possibilities of other planets like our own.

There is something inspiring about those minute blazing lights against the darkness that can stir one's mind and move one's spirit.

As a child I spent my summers in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York, and I've never been closer to the stars before or since. Like many children, I attended a summer camp for one week out of every year, and when I was old enough I volunteered at the same camp so I could stay for two, but it was never long enough.

The fact that every week felt like a separate lifetime didn't make me long for home but made me fear the death of that life. I recall each evening when I put out the campfire, watching the last flames sputter and die but not mourning the darkness because of the starlight that took the flame's place.

When you are in an environment like that, away from outside influence, away from family, and away from all the aspects of your life with which you have surrounded yourself either by circumstance or choice, you develop relationships at an accelerated rate. Reflecting on it, I find it hard to believe that I miss some of the people from that place more than I miss family who have passed away.

It is not that I did not or do not love my family, but just that the influence of the world surrounds me and taints the interaction. Some people say that tainting is a part of who we are — that the way a person responds to his surroundings is the picture of his character. I don't believe that.

There is something to be said for a person's response showing his inner workings, or that a trial is the true test of character. I might not be able to defeat the argument that anyone can seem a wonderful person outside of the influences in their sphere of living.

That isn't the point. The point is that in that world, the world where you have the time to stop and listen, the world where you build your second lifetime, you can know that peace is at least within you. That is a comforting thought to me.

As a married college student, it is often hard to balance the demands of everyday life. Simple finding time to attend classes, to finish assignments, to work enough to pay the bills, and keep up with things at home taxes my will every week, if not every day.

I have not had time for that peace.

I have not had the pleasure of a relationship untainted by the restrictions of time or stress. I think that is why I miss the people of that summer life so much.

I only really mean to ask one thing so simple about our worlds that never stop, with our cities so proud of never sleeping. I can't see the stars from where I live — can you?

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Track sets new records in Keystone State

**By Will Logan**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Big South Champion Liberty men’s and women’s track teams fall off the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) rankings this week after finishing in the top three in the Big South.

Just a week after setting a school record in the 400-meter run at 44.82, junior Carol Jefferson set a new Big South record in the 800-meter run at 2:03.63.

Jefferson’s time is only the 10th-fastest time in school history, and it is the fastest clocked in six years.

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SOFTBALL: Lady Flames prep for visiting Hokies

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The score remained the same until the bottom of the sixth inning. It was then that Williams stepped up with a runner on and lined a 2-1 delivery from Ashley Frederick just past the center field fence. Williams pumped her fist in celebration as she rounded first base.

"I knew it was going to go out," said Williams. "After 5-1, I did not feel it to myself. In your face," because they were talking a little. Wetmore then re-inserted Leary as a pinch runner and called on Jefferson to hit.

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The Flames were unable to score in the final inning after leaving two runners on base.

Following a one-out Jefferson single in the bottom of the third, Jeffs sent the first pitch of her at-bat well over the fence for a two-run homer.

Claire Fridey.

With her Chanticleers down 3-0 and a runner on second base, head coach Kevin Anderson called on his fifth starter of the season to take the mound. With the Hokies, they travel to Alabama to take on a struggling team. After the Lady Flames' bout with Florida State, they took on Western Carolina. After I hit it, I kind of said to myself, "This game will be special for two reasons." With the Flames two runners on with no outs and Cantrell homered again in the sixth as the Lady Flames use a little small ball to finish off Coastal Carolina.

It's better to be lucky than good, but both should help the seniors. The Hokies signed offensive line coach Rich Graham during the off-season. Green is the best line backer in the game. He will go to Brown. The Cardinals signed the first pick to the American. The Cardinals signed the first pick to the American. New York Jets, Cleveland Browns, Indianapolis Colts

If the picks pan out the way they expect to happen, rest assured that Friday night's action will have immediate impact. The Raiders gave up a first round pick to the Cardinals. The Cardinals signed Eteni to the second pick. First reason is what made him the first pick. With Keenan McCardell at receiver, but I do not think he will get more than 1,000 yards. Lynch has the potential to be a solid running back, but I don't see him ever breaking 1,000 yards. The reason I stick him on the list is that many of the teams who do not want to be the one that does not select him this year.

They both are tough and can make the run game more effective. They both can go big and they can do anything they thought their way.

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His nickname was Big Daddy, partly because of his home run power and partly because of his prolific girth. His red name was Cecil Fielder, and he played first base and designated hitter for the Detroit Tigers from 1990-98. Those Tigers teams never amounted to much while Fielder was there, but he achieved a mythical presence in my mind. There was no ball he couldn’t hit and no force he couldn’t clear. He hit moon shots to left field that seemed just feet away to me, and I’m 10. Mickey Tettleton played catcher for the Tigers in the early 90’s, and I didn’t know that was possible. He was 1.80 meter tall, and most of the catchers in those days were 2.20 meters tall. Although he only had a .241 career batting average, in my head, Mickey was the source of my hitting power. Known for the huge wad of tobacco that he usually pulled back to earth. His nickname was Big Daddy, partly because of his home run power and partly because of his prolific girth. He would smash towering home runs against which no pitcher stood a chance. I never questioned their ability — or their ethics. Now, I do. Now, I question every player that seems to have an extra edge over all of his competitors. I question 100-mile per hour pitchers, 100-footh long jumpers. I question 150-mph serves and athletes who can swim three races in one day and still manage to set world records in each event. Like the giant falling from Jack’s beanstalk, my heroes have fallen from their lofty perches. No longer do they occupy a place of other-worldly importance in my life. Maybe that is part of the growing-up process, but it should not have to be. Instead of standing in awe of their achievements, I now watch in disgust as the steroid scandal continues to spread like wildfire across the panorama of sports. Players caught red-handed ran away from the accusations like jackrabbits fleeing before a prairie fire. They were welcomed back by many with open arms of forgiveness and fat paychecks. Sports are my passion, my first love. Somehow, I hope that I can share that love with my son. I hope that he finds his own childhood heroes. I hope that someday I can watch his wide-eyed wonderment as he watches his ball soaring straight at him on a hot summer day. I hope he dreams of the day, like I did, that he will be one of these giants. I also hope that the day never comes when I have to break my little boy’s heart and tell him that his hero cheated. I hope he never comes to the sad realization that for many players money is more important than about passion — it’s about business. Perhaps it is not all bad. Maybe it is better for him if he learns from a young age that people are human, make mistakes. Perhaps the sooner he learns that Superman exists only in the pages of comic books, the better. But I think there is something to be said for holding on to some piece of that boyhood wonder instead of growing calloused by the truth. I am afraid that no matter what I do, the day will come when my son will take that long fall down the beanstalk with his hero. I hope I am wrong. Contact Mitchell Malcheff at mjmalcheff@liberty.edu.

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Going abroad: An inside perspective on an ‘ivory tower’ from the outside

I have a habit of involving myself in real-change-the-world conversations on a regular basis. These typically include lots of online and a few individuals with endless amounts of time to spare.

An inside perspective and a few individuals with an ‘ivory tower’ from the outside on a regular basis. These typically include lots of coffee

Joel Furrow

During the most recent discussion I had with a friend concerning the state of the world, the church, America, and the many problems in between, my friend made a comment portraying us as ‘ivory tower mentality’ overlooking the world — judging and making opinions concerning other people’s interests. It seems that we have forgotten that the world possesses other people and have somehow been made into pawns that we can move around as we like. Topics of discussion such as the Middle East, Iraq and Palestine have become just that — topics, not places and people.

I have lived in Amman, Jordan for the past eight months, studying Arabic and thinking up my own ideas. I know some who have been brutally affected by the war in Iraq. Jordan is now home to nearly one million Iraqi refugees. They live here with no rights to education, health care or legal jobs. The overwhelming majority of Iraqis only care about their families or less. They have faces, names, brothers and sisters. They have family members. Living in the chaos that we know as Baghdad, they have put death, with little hope for the future.

It is not easy for us as Americans, myself included, to evaluate the situation from 8,000 miles away — to develop what we think the leader of our political party says we should think and believe.

We sit in our ivory tower surrounded by more blessings from God than any nation in history, discussing issues that greatly effect individuals with the same rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We decide ourselves by thinking that American government is the answer to our problems. We state, “If he had just done (blank), things would be better.” Or worse, we blame the opposing political party for the problems.

I have only one question concerning these topics. Ask the bride of Christ or not? If the answer is yes, then we have some things to change.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus stated, “You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”

The American government cannot fix the many issues in the Middle East, the Sudan, Iraq and Palestine. Jordan is now home to nearly one million Iraqi refugees. They live here with no rights to education, health care or legal jobs.

The responsibility of spreading that freedom, peace, and joy falls on one group of people — Christians.

Christ has empowered us with a message that is greater than that of democracy or any other social system. This message promotes the keys to peace, love, selflessness and most importantly, the redemption of the broken and destroyed. What do we do with this message? Will determine what the world looks like in the next 50 years.

May we cease to be the people who see and do not hear and ignore, and who discuss intensely yet fail to ever see past ourselves.

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A long-standing American tradition brought old ideas of fun and entertainment for people of all ages when it set up its famous Big Top in the LaHaye Ice Center parking lot last week.

Featuring unmaltable feats and tricks sure to put anyone at the edge of his or her seat, the Cole Bros Circus entertained its audience on April 23 and 24.

"It's great! Every kid needs to go to the circus," said Lynchburg resident Bryan Scott, who attended with his wife and granddaughter.

It was an event for everyone to come together and enjoy, breaking away from their rigorous daily activities.

With makeup and toys in hand, families and kids watched in anticipation as the show opened with a solo of The Star-Spangled Banner.

The first performance consisted of two motorists driving in a ball-shaped cage, both in circles and upside down. As the cage split in half, pulling apart, the motorists continued their performance.

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Although the motorists were said to have about forty years of experience, it was evident they were about to set out, and audience members held their breath in waiting.

The crowd then went wild when six-year-old Victoria successfully performed her stunt, flying from swing to swing with the help of her father and siblings.

Victoria and her Brazilian family serve as the aerial artists for the show and travel with the rest of the cast, performing all across the nation.

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A troupe of Chinese male acrobats named the Acrostars were next on the list. Not only did they do tumbling stunts, but they also worked alongside a woman known as "The Kinbelle", who juggled with fire-lit sticks while atop a moving horse.

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