A slim win for Roy Simmons

Underdog beats Robinson by 1.9 percent in runoff

By Chris Edwards, editor in chief

It was a second chance to make the final impression. And Roy Simmons capitalized on his opportunity to become the new student body president.

Simmons captured 52.6 percent (560.9 votes) to Garet Robinson's 47.4 percent (480.3) to win Tuesday's run-off election by a 1.9 percent margin, after losing the first vote to his challenger.

The Simmons supporters in the Dekeles Action were jubilant, raising the voter in their shoulders to the ceiling as a new student body president.

Simmons said he was now committed to excellence and that he was striving for next year. He appreciates the votes with the campaign, we can capture the votes with our presidency." Simmons said.

The run-off election was caused by a clause in the SGA constitution, which stipulates that a candidate must win by 15 percent in a primary or three more.

It was the second time the second-place candidate from the first vote.

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**Miller captures SNO national award**

Senior Jessica Miller recently captured honors in the Society of News Design, receiving the Excellence in Newspaper Graphics Award for her work on a project in her communications class.

**Graduate program enhanced for distance learners**

School of Education tests distance option for masters and doctoral degree programs

**Show:**

Grits, Knowdaverbs also sang

Confined from page 1:

The sisters have help with three of their songs on their "Turning Back" CD. The song "Here's My Heart" features Tor Kale, "Lookin' for Love" is Knowdaverbs and "No Turning Back," the title track from their latest album.

**Smith:**

The Virginia Department of Education recently approved the School of Education's new graduate degree in educational leadership.

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Senior Jessica Miller recently received state approval.

"This program is designed primarily for the 'career-switcher,'" said Dr. Karen Parker, who was recently named dean of the School of education, said.

"The career-switcher is a person who has completed a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts major and has now decided to teach."

In addition to the new distance learning program, Students need a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, an acceptable GRE score, an undergraduate GPA of 3.0, three recommendation letters and a vita.

Carville went on to describe the degree as 36 hours, which can be completed in as few as three summers.

The cost per credit hour is currently $200. State of those credit hours are not yet been taken on the Liberty University campus.

The on-campus courses are provided in a weekend format during the fall and spring semesters or during the summer. Current classroom teachers and administrators may choose this program to add another enhancement service or to enhance their own earnings based on completion of a graduate degree.

A doctor of education in educational leadership is offered for those who have already earned a master's degree in education or who have state endorsement requirements.

Read Opinion.

It's good for you.
A group of 15 people will set out June 12 for the former Soviet Union, to help distribute a book written by Dr. Carolyn Diemer, an associate professor at LU.

"What the Bible Teaches about Life after Death" is a book that has been translated into Russian, Spanish and Hindi. The group will visit a military base outside Moscow as well as public schools and hospitals. Each member will take medical supplies to hospitals and schools along with distributions to help them witness to one or one. The group will return, June 21.

Diemer's book answers the question of life after death in very simple terms, presenting the gospel clearly and concisely. It illustrates heaven and hell through biblical quotations and pictures.

The 48-page book costs 25 cents per copy. Diemer first wrote the book after her studies in children's literature at the University of Virginia.

Diemer found someone to translate the book into Russian, she founded Books Without Borders, a non-profit organization. Together with her husband Dr. Carl Diemer and 11 people, including LU students and faculty and members of LCCM.

Read Baptist Church, she traveled to Russia to distribute the books.

Diemer and General Borlsov, a Russian military official, saw the book while visiting a church in the U.S. and was drawn to its colorful illustrations and meaningful text. Borlsov had in the past persecuted Christians in the former Soviet Union.

When a helicopter carrying Borlsov and 11 other soldiers was attacked in the battlefield, he cried out to God for help. The helicopter crashed and Borlsov was the only survivor of the attack. Diemer said the general asked her to pass on her book to the military.

Later when Borlsov read Diemer's book, he contacted her and requested that one million copies be produced for distribution in the Russian Military Camp.

He later requested 175,000 more for the Russian troops, 175,000 others for the Russian public schools and 15,000 more for distribution to the Russian military in the summer.

"One of the most exciting things is that we can actually go to these countries and take the books to them ourselves. I don't know of a faster way to get the gospel out to Russia than through the military because approximately one million people serve in the military," Diemer said.

"They have very few books in the library unlike here in America and even very few, so they treasure them and pass them around. They lie in buildings with up to eight stories with hundreds of families so it's easy to pass the book around."

Dr. M. A. Thomas, father of a Liberty graduate, requested that an unbelievable 600 million books be published for every person in India who can read.

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Spohn steps down as dean; Hawkins named as replacement

By Krystle Backle, reporter

Among the many changes taking place at Liberty University next semester, one change is happening in the Biology and chemistry department.

Dr. Terry Spohn is stepping down as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Spohn will continue his duties as a professor in the Department of Biology and Chemistry, and as the director of minors studies and the Museum of Earth and Life History.

Stepping in as the new dean will be Dr. Ronald J. Hawkins. Hawkins plans to develop the distance learning component of the college.

This change had been in the works for over a year. This gave university president, Dr. John Borek, and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Boyd Hall time to find a replacement.

Spohn's duties as dean required him to oversee 16 departments in the college, nine of which are academic and one that is contracted through Virginia Associated.

He also teaches a reduced load in the biology and chemistry department this semester.

Spohn said changes in his family situation demand a change in his career in order to be able to help his father and his mother-in-law.

"I need time to be able to do things with them and for them," Spohn said.

"Being a full time professor, I have several times during the year that I can be away and help my dad and my mother-in-law. Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, spring and my mother's birthday, are opportunities for me to be with one of the others. I did not have that kind of flexibility having a 12 month contract in what each dean has."
Federal Express workers arrested in marijuana raid

U.S. authorities said Thursday they broke up a mari­juana trafficking ring that used FedEx airplanes, trucks and delivery cars to distribute $100 million worth of drugs across the country.

Officers arrested more than 100 people including 15 FedEx employees. The overnight delivery firm cooperated with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in an 18 month investiga­tion.

The marijuana came from an organized crime group based in Tucson, Mexico and was distributed in several U.S. cities, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Los Angeles, New York, City, and Philadelphia.

Clinton declares ‘I don’t want’ a pardon if convicted

President Clinton insisted he does not want a pardon to avoid prosecution in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

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By Lisa Cone, reporter

The story was originally recorded several thousand years ago by the hands of COR Thera-
mentation’s Moses, yet its truth still lives and breathes without regard to time.

And, because these truths are still relevant, Liberty University’s cast, director and crew of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” have brought the ancient tale back to life with cost and style with their interpretation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical.

“The story did not stop” senior Issued Burns said.

“The musical tells the biblical story of Joseph from Genesis chapter 37. Director Linda Sue Cooper, along with the cast and crew of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" dug into these symptoms to share a portrait of Joseph’s life with a story character-studded of the 20th century.

“I really adore the value of spirit and friendship,” senior Caleb Luther, who played Joseph, said. “Even though he was in Egypt for 30 years, he still remembers his home.

This essence of the musical is a story of love and forgiveness that enters the audience with heart and soul. Lanterns that portray Joseph in the musical are definitely going to be the story than I have ever seen. I learned that he probably was a type of Christ. Those are big shoes to fill. Luckily we did.

Cubs have wings with many spines, a disco ball, and at one point, Elvis himself, the cast, and style with their interpretation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical.

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Now that we’re all grown up...

When the World Trade Organization met in Seattle, Wash., a few months back, there was nothing but liberal rhetoric erupting about how we in the United States were going to protest and perhaps show the rest of the world what real (or almost real) democracy was all about. This was a scenario that had been played over and over again in the past with no success, and yet, the US citizens in the form of grandmothers, hippies, and every other kind of civil rights group known to man, once again hoped that this time, their protests would be heard.

Many such groups, however, have been proven wrong over and over again. Little good has been achieved by their efforts, save the occasional “useful” outburst of the anti-WTO crowd. The protests of the 1960’s and 1970’s were the height of such civil rights actions and have not been repeated since. In fact, the only action that the protesters have been able to achieve is to show how little we actually care about our neighbors and how little we care about anyone else in the world.

That was the case when the WTO met in Seattle. The protesters, who had been calling for a world-wide boycott of all goods and services produced in the United States, were met with a show of force that was nothing short of incredible. The police, who had been given the task of maintaining order, did an excellent job of containing the crowd. D.C.’s Police Chief, Tracy Washington, once again, did their best to create a spectacle of D.C. One group, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) even went so far as to dump a truckload of manure in front of the hotel where the WTO meeting was being held.

“I think we have a right to free speech and assembly,” said one protester. “We want the WTO to be held accountable for its actions.”

But, what has that actually produced? Nothing.

That’s everything you want to spend $400 Gs on your graduation?”

Not exactly. While the graduation ceremony may be a time of great joy and celebration, it is also a time of great anxiety and apprehension. The young people who are graduating from college are facing a world that is vastly different from the one in which they grew up. The economy is constantly in flux, the job market is extremely competitive, and the cost of living is rising at an alarming rate.

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“Going to a sunrise service, or attending a midnight service are a common way of marking your accommodation to the celebration of Easter.”

—J.B.
**Understanding the “Millionaire” phenomenon**

**Dear editor**

I live in a bubble...Fueled out of light, they take no part in the world. The bubble keeps this daily report from the outside. I feel so exposed to the outside world. The stupid people around.
Local residents celebrate Easter with bunny visits, market pating zoo

By Cindy Siegmund, reporter

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Beginner pilots start sailing through the air

By Dania Rivas, reporter

When the Wright brothers first brought aviation to Americas at Kitty Hawk, N.C., the ramifications that would have on the world were yet unknown. Today, aviation is a way of life for nearly the entire world. For students like Bird and Scott Stone, there are two students who intend on making careers out of being pilots.

"I know that the three main reasons to become a pilot is love to travel and not to have to go to one place for a long time," Bird said.

Liberty University offers aviation classes through the Lynchburg Regional Airport, although "ground school" (the classroom aspect of flight training) is held at Liberty's campus.

"That's where the instructor is, so that's where the classes are," Bird said.

Once completing his classes and doing actual flight training in a single-engine plane called C-150, Bird would like to take his skills to a commercial airline. He wants to see his dad flying for a missionary work.

"They are in need of bush pilots," Bird said. "Most people think they are pilots who fly airplanes into camps. I would like to fly into rural airlines into African countries that might not have a construction of new churches and schools.

After his missionary stint, Bird hopes to become a copilot for a major airline. "To become a copilot, you have to have your four year degree or they won't even look at you," Bird said. "That's why I'm going through the College of General Studies. It doesn't matter what your four year degree is, as long as you have one."

Junior Scott Stone took the introductory classes through the aviation program here at Liberty.

"I really want to get involved with a major airline," Stone said. "For aviation to exist there must be someone to fly supplies to the world for the people that live there."

"They are in need of bush pilots," Bird said. "Coming from a family with an aviation background, I knew what I wanted to do. The more I learned about the field of adventure and his expressions in the world."

For Bird, who is in his first semester of aviation training, money wasn't a reason to become a pilot. "The main reason I want to be a pilot is to fly," Bird said.

"With a private license you can charge people for flying them places," Stone said.

"Most students go for their private license before their commercial license," Bird said. "I know that the three main reasons to become a pilot is love to travel and not to have to go to one place for a long time," Bird said.

To get your private license, you must have at least 35 hours of flying time. Thirteen of those hours must be in addition to classes, according to Stone. Once a pilot has acquired their license, it must be renewed every two years.

"It was just awful. I cried because I was in pain," Stone said.

"It was terrible," Tokar recalled. "It was so bad that I couldn't see. I had one more year of school left here at Liberty and has big plans for when I graduate."

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Juliette Barber said the technician assigned to her didn't know what to do and she cried. Barber received $20 for her donation, and the Lynchburg Plasma Center was kind enough to offer her an extra $5 for her donation. Barber had to have a friend drive her home because she was light-headed and nauseous.

A student that donates plasma may not be worth the money

By Diane Brown, reporter

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Students don't need a declared major to take the first ground course.

Lydia Wallin, a student studying nutrition at Liberty University explains how students can make extra money by donating plasma.

"It's like they were hiding things from me like all the jobs and had things that one can hope to get," Barber said.

"I was poked for the donation, there was a problem with the needle and... blood went into my eye," Tokar said.

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Fleming and Walker reflect on LU tennis careers

By John Farel, reporter

The Liberty Flames have made tremendous strides from seasons past, winning all four of their fall matches and three of 11 spring matches. The team entered the fall season on a negative note; it had only won two games in all of the previous two seasons.

So what has made the difference for this team? Flames coach Larry Hubbard believes much of the credit belongs to two former seniors—Shannon Walker and Anthony Fleming.

Fleming, who is the No. 4 and No. 3 singles man, was an outstanding player in high school in Australia, playing No. 1 singles and doubles his senior season at Figure High. Fleming, MVP and captain, finished runner-up in the Wollongong Open and represented his region in the state competition. Upon graduating high school, Fleming took two years off and worked vigorously to improve his tennis game. Fleming's hard work paid off as Liberty took notice and offered him a scholarship.

The Australian native entered the United States for the first time in 1998. "It wasn't hard adjusting to America. Both the U.S. and Australia are similar cultures and both speak English," Fleming said. "My first year we were pretty good, then the next two years we struggled because of lack of depth."

However, this year has been different. Fleming won four matches last fall andfive this spring finishing with a combined record of 9-9. "This year I think this season has been my best," Fleming said.

"Two of our team's three victories this spring were clearly on the racket of Anthony. His leadership and work ethic, along with his Christmas focus has set the tone for the way we work, condition and compete, always 110 percent," Hubbard said.

While Fleming was growing up in Australia, the Liberty Flames' other senior, Shannon Walker was in Liberty's back yard, in Loudoun County.

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The Lady Pirates added three more in the third inning to increase their lead to 4-0. Liberty finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third when scored on a Hollyfield fielder’s choice. The Lady Flames would pull within two in the same inning as senior third baseman Kristi Hanna hit her first double of the game to execute. It’s getting to conference time now and everyone is a little to late. Milkman also said.

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According to Wetmore, the scoring was nice but it was too late in the game.” People have to make the play defense do the work,” the Flames In the fourth inning. We didn’t execute. We couldn’t continue put yourself in a position to lose. We had people who didn’t get the job done.” Gone were the remaining scoreless until the fourth inning when Hampton’s

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But, it is true, the feeling that strangely engulfs my being when I walk into the ballpark is something special. Smelling the dirt, seeing the sights and hearing the sounds of a ballpark is pretty accurate. I can still vividly remember hearing the sounds of a ballpark and feeling my stomach tightening with excitement.

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Throughout his amazing, two-decade long career, Ripken has served as a fountain of youth in our culture. He is going to be on the field regardless of what his aging body tells him.

The game of baseball is and always will be labeled as a game of the past, but hopefully always will be labeled a game of the future with the times.

Inconveniently left God out of the equation. As selected by Virginia Sports Information Directors.

The Lady Flames (27-22) split Thursday's doubleheader with Campbell. Liberty was shelled out on game one, 14-4.

**Track fares well in UVA. Invitational**

Liberty placed first in eight events and placed second in five.

By Michael Plates Jr., reporter

The Jays belonged to Michael Deck and Scott Williams. Scott Williams' 430-foot hit and field goal provides atmosphere. The University of Virginia had the Virginia Commonwealth University Bobcats.

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**SOFTBALL**

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**Valentino no-hits Elon**

LU junior pitches the first no-hitter in 20 years as Flames take weekend series from the Fighting Christians.

By Breck Herrmann, sports editor

Like the weather this week, the Liberty Flames baseball team was both hot and cold. Valentin had his shining moment when he was sent at Sunday's game so hard that Ripken (4-3) answered Elbows Fighting Christians in a seven-inning no-hitter.

Sunday's game was the first all week that the Flames got out of the first inning with no runs against them. "I just wanted to throw strikes and get ahead," Valentin said.

Topping over 90 miles per hour and hitting 97 miles per hour, Valentine said, "I didn't want it," Valentin said. "I had kinda been a little laid back this week, so this morning Tom Hudson - Valentine's roommate and teammate - told me 'you gotta go out and play.'"

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