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God has blessed us, and we’re just trying to pass that on to our students.

Jerry Falwell Jr.

FIRST TUITION CUT MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS DONORS
NATALIE LOZANO
NEWS EDITOR

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Work set to begin on Wards Road tunnels

Traffic backups on the railroad tracks will also be eliminated when trains are on the tracks. Traffic backups are a major issue in the area since the railroad tracks have been there for years. Students have complained about the traffic backups and the danger of U-turns. The tunnels will prevent any blocking of the tracks and the danger of U-turns. This will make it easier and safer for students and faculty to get to their classes. Traffic backups will also be eliminated when trains are on the tracks. The tunnels will also help to alleviate the congested area of Wards Road and also cut down on dangerous U-turns.

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To anyone who speaks grave around the Liberty campus, the term RA’s connotes some. Most focus on their time here at Liberty. But when it comes down to it — is there anything to those who are trying to become RAs at Liberty?

According to Carson, RA’s are student leaders entrusted with the responsibility of assisting students as well as assisting the university by overseeing dorms, educational events, the overall event of Liberty and educating students concerning discipline. The latter includes enforcing the Liberty Way.

“We place those on floor to disciple and develop real students,” Carson said. “We do all RA’s to follow the Liberty Way, be leaders, be role models.”

With such a load of responsibilities, RA’s are shown clearly the qualifying process contains a mission of education, but different ones, people skills, teaching skills, skill planning, giving advice. RA’s have also been given a week to prepare for a three hour interview and problem-solving skills. They have also been given a week to prepare for a three hour interview and problem-solving skills.

While the program is geared around offering an opportunity to those who wish to be in the life, there are also individuals who are more specific groups of income and enrollment institutions, according to Hibben. Those who lack the proper know-how to familiarize themselves with preparing and going through these groups.

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**Natalie Lozano**  
**Newspaper Editor**

Texting: convenience. Yes, there are times texting can be complicated. It can become like scissors severing the marionette strings of our lives. There are dangers to text messaging. Without body language or tone of voice, text can be confusing and even offensive. Yet there is a beautiful simplicity to text messaging. Perhaps the best benefit is a 16-character text that communicates affection without the florid verbings of formal communication: I love you.

However, a message that is intended for a loved one can be misunderstood and inappropriate. Valentine’s Day draws nigh and with it, a reminder that texting can be complicated. In light of the impending Valentine’s Day, exercise caution and smiley faces. Until that day comes, exercise caution and smiley faces.

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Global warming: a bunch of hot air

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OPINION/OPINION

Former Vice President Al Gore’s long-awaited message of global warming may not seem especially alarming or urgent to the reader in January as a feeling figure in the global warming movement. In recent years, Gore has been on a high-profile crusade since 2007 to convince Americans that climate change is real and must be dealt with. Many have argued that Gore’s efforts to educate and raise awareness have been successful.

However, in the past year, many have questioned the validity of Gore’s claims. The science behind global warming is complex and often debated. Some argue that the evidence presented by Gore is not strong enough to support the idea of a dramatic change in the Earth’s climate.

Others contend that the recognition of this real-world change. Before we preach about the other’s habit, we must check our own actions. Politicians must wonder how to treat another without blaming each other. We must remember that we are brothers and sisters. As my favorite expression is to love those who hurt and persecuted us. We must watch how engulfed Christians have become on both sides of the fence, it has been a challenge for God’s promises to the Jewish people. Having lived Christ admonishes us to do. They only hear the news that the blame and bitterness we consign to others.

As an Arab Christian, I urge you to remember that the current conflict is not just about Jewish and Arab land. The root of the problem lies in the division between people. It is not just about each side blaming the other for atrocities committed in the past. The real issue is how we can live together in peace and harmony.

As a Christian, I believe that we must continue to witness to Gore grabbing another undeserved Emmy, that was achieved essentially by the combination of good fear tactics and extremely effective marketing. Whether or not you believe Gore, you have to see this film. "I there is no evidence to support that assertion," Mote said. "It's not that it is impossible, but rather the decline is most, and Kaser), to the point that we will not have to continue to witness to Gore grabbing another undeserved Emmy, that was achieved essentially by the combination of good fear tactics and extremely effective marketing.

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Local businesses offer discounts to help Liberty students

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Students use one of the greatest discounts offered by local businesses during school this month, saving them much of a dent in the cost of college. These discounts are offered to Liberty students at a local stores, attractions, clothing stores, hotels, and restaurants.

The Student Advocate Office (SAO) has partnered with local businesses to offer students a discount on products and services. This discount is available to students who present their ID and display the Student Advocate Office logo on their ID card. Students who present this ID will receive a 5% discount on products purchased at participating businesses.

Local businesses offer discounts to Liberty students and have been generous in doing so. These discounts are designed to help students save money and make their college experience more affordable.

Students can find a list of participating businesses on the Student Advocate Office website. To complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA, students should contact the SAO to find out more information.

Lenses and late nights

Kerah Kemmerer
Journal of Global Ethics

Contact Lee Sandt, student senator and member of the Student Advocate Office (SAO) to find out more information about the SAO. Lee Sandt can be contacted at 434-384-1090 or sandtlee@liberty.edu.

Advocates "meet students where they are"

Contact Keil Anderson, student senator and member of the Student Advocate Office (SAO) to find out more information about the SAO. Keil Anderson can be contacted at 434-384-1090 or sandtlee@liberty.edu.
The Liberty Flames men's basketball team bounced back from a loss last week, when they defeated the High Point Panthers 78-63. The Flames improved their season record to 16-7 overall, and 7-4 in the Big South Conference. The Flames are now tied for second place with Radford, who also improved their record to 16-7, but lost to Liberty in the second meeting.

The Flames dominated the game, taking a 15-point lead early in the first half and never looking back. Liberty's senior guard Johnny Stephen, who finished with 21 points, said the team's improved performance was the result of better communication on defense.

Though the first half saw seven early lead changes, the Flames took control in the second half, outscoring High Point 49-32. Liberty's bench got into the action, with nine players scoring a total of 33 points. Freshman Seth Curry eclipsed the mark for points scored in a game by a freshman, scoring 14 points in 22 minutes of playing time.

The Flames' defense held High Point to 42% shooting, including 27% from three-point range. Liberty's defense was led by senior center Sean Smith, who finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Despite the win, Liberty trainer Nathan Hovis said the Flames are not done. With two games remaining in the regular season, the Flames are in the thick of the conference race.

The Flames will face off against Winthrop on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in a battle for the conference lead.
The Lady Flames women's basketball team beat their 25-point season high
scoring for the Vines Center.

The series tied 10 points in the
opening five minutes of the game, spewing the
Lady Flames early and often. The teams tied 2
early and often. The teams tied 26-19.

Rachel Hammond, earned their
with 6:17 left in the half
the Lady Flames to an early 12-3 lead.

An
field goals with the Lady Flames for five
quarters. It is the easiest thing to start a
with 11:26 to go in the game.

Hammond scoring seven points with
percent shooting in the first half and 25
percent shooting in the second half for the Flames.

The game was
a three-pointer by senior
Megan Frazee. Frazee
led the team with 14
points and led the team
with 14 of its 58
rebounds.

High Point grabbed
a 10-0 run against Liberty's bench, but
it was too late to make a late in the Lady Flames
were 6-12.

The win improved Liberty's record to
3-2 overall and 1-0 in the Big South.

In the conference standings.
High Point dropped to 10-11 overall and 6-2 in
Big South.

The two teams traded shots the remainder of the game.

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After a less than impressive 2008 campaign, the Liberty Lady Flames softball team will look to im­press fans with a more experienced roster, a deep and talented bench and a belief in teamwork that they hope will carry them far this season.

Liberty posted a 20-40-1 record last year, but ended the season winning seven out of their last 10 games, which included a run into the Big South Champion­ship game.

This year the Lady Flames squad possesses two se­niors, two juniors, five sophomores and seven fresh­men. And still, Head Coach Paul Wetmore has set the bar high for his young team.

"The schedule never gets any easier," Wetmore said referring to an opening tournament that includes No. 12 Fresno State, No. 14 California and No. 20 Long Beach State. Liberty also takes on Tennessee, who was the NCAA runner up two years ago and, who Wet­more referred to as "a perennial power house."

The remainder of Liberty's schedule is no cakewalk either. They have two games against Florida Atlantic plus contests against Florida State, Purdue and last year's national runner up Texas A&M. Games against Troy, Virginia and Virginia Tech as well as a tough conference schedule should present Enmore with plenty of challenges and chances to improve.

The Big South Conference pre-season poll pre­dicted a third place finish for Liberty but, as Wetmore believes, you can't put much faith in pre­season polls. They are based on last year, and people don't know who you've brought in," Wetmore said. "We've brought in the best shortstop in South Caro­lina (Kelly Strickland) with 23 home runs. People don't know that. Last year they picked us to finish fifth and look where we ended up."

And even coming off a disappointing season, the Lady Flames have a great outlook on the upcoming season. Pitcher Sarah Ellis and infielder Beth Bennett, the two seniors on the young Liberty team, see great potential in their younger teammates.

"There's just a fresh excitement to the game that these younger girls have brought," Ellis, who led the team with nine wins and 110 strikeouts last year said. "I'm really excited to see how this year plays out."

Bennett, who led the team last year in batting aver­age, on-base percentage and fielding percentage, rel­ishes the chance to impart her wisdom to the incom­ing players.

"Being one of the older ones, I have had to step up and do the right thing because there are younger girls watching me and learning," Bennett said.

Many of the returning sopho­mores played key roles in the Lady Flames' line up last year. Included in that mix is utility player Amber DePasquale, leading base­stealer Cassie Hendrix, and catcher Keely McMillon, who started all 61 games behind the plate last season.

"Coming in as a freshman last year and being inexperienced throughout the season, it helped to just keep playing and getting experience," Hendrix said. "Both the losses and the wins were a great learn­ing experience."

Likewise, DePasquale sees benefits in the playing time acquired by all three last semester.

"Team chemistry is very important," DePasquale said. "We know each other's styles, strengths and weaknesses. We melded it into a family and it's no play­together season."

The play of Bennett and Ellis, as well as returners J'nae Jefferson and Jen Pittman, has not been over­looked by their teammates and their coaches. Wet­more was a "great boost in. Young people that are mature in their roles."

Likewise, freshman8hortstop Kelly McMillon has acquired a great appreciation for the leaders on her team.

"I tell myself that I want to be like them, because they are so encouraging and are always there for me," McMillon said. "It's really good to know that you have people behind you that is all the time."

So with role models in place, experience on the rise and intensity waiting in the wings, Liberty softball will look to find itself back on top of the Big South Conference.

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The women’s tennis team faced off against James Madison University on Saturday at Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WVa., marking its first contest of the 2009 season.

After being picked to finish second in the pre-season Big South coaches poll, the bar is set high for the Lady Flames. The collective goal for the team this year is to win the Big South, and in order to do that we have to be as optimal as possible, sophomore Jordan Jenkins said. "The girls are playing well, and it’s impressive."

Jenkins, who serves as the team captain, won both her doubles match and singles match this weekend. In the rest of the doubles action, however, the team did not fare as well. The team of Jenkins and Hannah Fick won 8-6, but Lais Souza and Stephanie Brown and Natalie Solomon and Fabiana Gouveia both lost very close matches of 9-8 and 8-6, respectively.

The singles play was a different story, however, with the team winning four out of six matches to wrap up the victory. In addition to Jenkins’ win (6-2, 7-5), Brown won in three sets (6-4, 6-0, 4-6) and freshmen Vitoria took home a victory (6-2, 6-3).

Sophomore Nadia Nobo won another singles win for the Lady Flames (6-3, 6-2), while Hannah Fick lost in three sets (6-1, 6-2, 8-4) and freshmen Kate Laddies also lost 7-5, 6-4.

"We continue to improve and we are working very hard to bring home a championship this year," Jenkins said.

The Lady Flames face Davidson College on Feb. 7, while the men take on Lynchburg College on the same day.

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YOUNG STRETCH - The Lady Flames are now through three matches and play four straight on the road before returning to Lynchburg to face Big South foe Coastal Carolina.
Dr. Joseph Mix not only has an astounding résumé in his teaching career at Liberty, but also in his work outside of the university. Mix received his DMD in Dental Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh and his B.S. in Biology from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. And it doesn't stop there. His list of certifications includes being a licensed dentist, certified nutrition specialist, National Safety Council certified first Aid/CPR instructor and a group leader with the Center for Disease Control, Diabetes Learning Program. He has also been a professor here at Liberty since 1999 and is currently teaching in the Department of Health Sciences & Kinesiology.

A member of the American College of Nutrition, the American Dental Association and the Christian Medical and Dental Society, Mix has written several nutrition articles which have been published in various major life sciences journals. He has also just finished writing a nutrition book which is awaiting publication.

Before Mix began teaching at Liberty, he taught nutrition and received a grant to test research on the effects of ginkgo versus placebo. He also worked as a clinician in New York and the Air Force in Italy. Mix said he comes from a family of teachers and his true passion is teaching nutrition. He also assessed the importance of reading and how he feels today's generation is moving away from written word. "The Bible says in the beginning was the word," Mix said. "It's sad to see that we are moving away from written word.

Mix provides insight as a professor who wrote one of his students who was struggling in class ended up achieving a management position in a pharmaceutical company. "It's a good feeling when I have a hand in helping average students rise to their full potential," Mix said.

Mix's proudest moment as a professor was when one of his students who was struggling in class ended up achieving a management position in a pharmaceutical company. "It's a good feeling when I have a hand in helping average students rise to their full potential," Mix said. "It's very rewarding."

Dr. Joseph Talbert

Not taken for granted: History relived through Civil War Seminar

HOT AND COLD CAFE
After you have exhausted your favorite restaurants on Wards Road, try a new location such as the Hot and Cold Cafe. The cafe offers Indian-Mediterranean food for fair prices. This little place is found in downtown Lynchburg at 205 Ninth Street. The cafe is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

GOOD CHERRY
Tired of going to Starbucks and the Drowsy Poet for coffee? Venture out a few miles further and find yourself at the Good Cherry. In less than 15 minutes, you could be situated at 14805 Forest Road, Suite 234 in Forest, Va. The coffee shop offers espresso drinks, smoothies and a variety of coffees. This little place is found in downtown Lynchburg at 205 Ninth Street. The cafe is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Elizabeth Monroe

Liberty University will relive a historically rich era for the 13th annual Civil War Seminar — "The Reel Civil War: 'The Civil War on Film,'" on March 27. The event is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the Towns Auditorium, except for the last two Sundays which will be held in Dunlock Hall.

The festival will show a Civil War period movie every Sunday this semester — with the exception of spring break — from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Times Auditorium, except for the last two Sundays which will be held in Dunlock Hall. The festival will show "Shenandoah" on Feb. 8, "Clara" on Feb. 15, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" on Feb. 22, "The Gettysburg" on March 15, "Birth of a Nation" on March 29 and "Gone with the Wind" on April 5.

Some of the "big name" speakers include Ron Maxwell (the producer, director, and writer of "Gettysburg" and "Gods and Generals") and Kevin Herbig, (founder and president of LionHeart FilmWorks). The event concludes with a seminar and a banquet. The weekend will conclude Saturday at 9 a.m. with a period breakfast and a seminar and a period lunch and concludes at 3:50 p.m. For information or type "history" into the search bar on the Liberty splash page.

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Peacemakers: taking acting to the streets

Tiffany Edwards

Many wonder how dancing terms such as "top rock," "drop," "power move" and "spin" came to be. Tiffany Edwards of the Liberty University Peacemakers, a hip-hop ministry, says it has been growing in popularity in recent years.

"Both of us b-boyed and talked her into it," said Mandi Forth. "We started doing b-boying and were like, 'Okay, we love this stuff.' And from there, we started getting involved in community service." Mandi Forth said the group has been working on a project called "Lights Up the Ice," which involves lighting up the ice rink with colorful lights to create a festive atmosphere.

The Peacemakers are a hip-hop dance team that has been performing at local events for over a decade. Tiffany Edwards, one of the original members, said the group started as a way to provide a positive influence in the community.

"It's a great way to reach out to other people and share the love of Christ," she said. "It's a great way to spread the word and let people know that we care about them." Mandi Forth added that the group has also been involved in community service projects.

"We've been doing things like helping the homeless or just hanging out with people, spreading the Word," she said. "It's a great way to meet people and share our faith with them."