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An election day on the horizon, Liberty University students and faculty alike have been bombarded with a variety of ways to vote. Many students are uncertain how to cast their ballot because they are unsure of who the candidates are or where they stand on political issues. For this reason, The Champion staff has interviewed both candidates running for the House of Delegates.

Shannon Valentine (D) is defending her position as delegate against Dr. T. Scott Garrett (R). Valentine was elected to the House of Delegates on Jan. 10, 2006. Her legislative concerns have included "issues of economic development, health care, public safety, energy and the environment, education, open government and human rights," according to ShannonValentine.com.

Garrett was elected to the Lynchburg City Council in May 2006. He is also a 1984 University of Virginia alumnus. Garrett has represented "local responsibility, (including) keeping city government accountable to the taxpayers," according to GarrettForDelegate.com.

Each candidate was given the same set of questions concerning their character, voting records and intentions for the future. The interviews also include where the candidates stand spiritually and how their faith plays a role in the decision-making process.

To read the interviews, turn to A3.

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Expansion begins for School of Engineering

Melinda Zeh
Features

Junior Ben Slaughter, a software engineering and intel major, will not be among to see the creation of new buildings for engineering majors, but he is anticipating the completion. He knows the importance of this expansion for future and current students.

The first phase will be completed fall 2010 and the next phase fall 2011. The expansion includes a building for welding science, a main engineering complex for 2,000 students, dorms specifically for engineering majors and a civil engineering building. According to Dean of the School of Engineering and Computational Sciences (SECS) Ron Sones, Slaughter's schedule consists of linear algebra, data structures and algorithms. When he is not in class, he is working in the SECS as a civil engineering building, according to Dean of the School of Engineering and Computational Sciences (SECS) Ron Sones.

The new facilities planned for the SECS will allow for the expansion of the program itself, with proposed mechanical and aerospace engineering programs as well as a boiler graduate school program.

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**CHALLENGER (continued)**

Students are citizens. The city enforces student parking requirements or even to obtain assistance from the government. Why shouldn’t they vote? It’s common sense to me, and it’s funny to hear others question it when they’re all in favor of student voting or other college-aged individuals because they believe that university students aren’t in line with their own views.

On personal responsibility

"When students don’t vote, the university becomes a captive to city government. If there are no consequences for violating a code of ethics, there is no incentive to vote. When students don’t vote, they might be missed in the future. If students don’t turn out in the fall, then city council will be less likely to use those views to impact local issues. Even students who are registered to vote in Lynchburg are not registering to vote ingothe election. We simply think that it is important that they show up at the polls locally and that they get educated on what local issues impact their tuition and the taxes that they pay while they are here."

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"If you look at a history, you'll see that any large area that is denied the right to vote will be held to blame. This has been the case in Lynchburg. One prime example was when our campus was zoned for college use in 1997. When you’re asked by Liberty to build a building on the city, the city automatically assumes Liberty’s property rights by changing the zoning rules. In 1992, Liberty’s right to expand was revoked and Liberty was required to obtain special permits for any increase taxes that impact college students? Why not require LU to build public roads and spend tuition dollars in ways that benefit the city instead of the students? By voting locally, students help the university focus on resources or enhance the educational experience for students instead of undertaxed mandates from the city. This brings to a powerful incentive for students because the end is further down the road.

The big picture is the gong. That’s the one where Liberty students can really make their voices heard in a big way. The term of service or the term of the students will tell you everything.

On the permanent residency fallacy

"Lots of people move to a city and work for four or five years on the corporate ladder. For example, many of the reporters at the News & Advance and many of the news people at the local TV stations are not planning to stay here more than a few years. They often move on. Does that mean they can’t vote while they’re here? Is voting to stay here just an issue of fairness?"

Most of the sales tax revenue is generated on the other side of town. It is just an issue of fairness. This is why we are encouraged to see positive results so soon from Liberty initiatives.

- Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr.

**Attention Alaska residents**

Tim Mattingly

"Life is tougher in Alaska, but they get paid for it. Sorry to be so frank, and I apologize, but Alaska gets the PFD (Public Education Fund). The PFD, an effective state resident receives an annual state tax return of money."

But Alaskans attracting Liberty in a run of being their enlightenment? Do they see the education system that they have here.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The Champion encourages community members to write short letters to the editor on topics that concern the Champion editor. All letters are subject to the opinion of the author only, not the Champion editor. A limited number of letters will be published.

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**Domino’s Pizza**

"We are very excited to announce our new location at 9202 Ward Road in Lynchburg!"
Candidates reveal stances on issues

Amanda Sullivan (Republican)

If a bill were enacted by the Supreme Court and it were in conflict with the issue of abortion, can an individual go to court to redress the issue?

SG: In 2004, I already voted against abortion funding in the D.C. program, which provides critical assistance for students, and, by extension, their families, attend-

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schooling which Liberty University. Knowing higher education obligations is essential in temporary oppor-
tunity in challenging and allowing mobile phone networks to use our in-state lines. While we need reform in the latter area, I believe we need to ensure that tuition assistance for Virginia students is at least as good as it is for other states. This would not only be a step forward for Virginia students, but it would also help to safeguard the state's economic future as well as its cultural heritage.

SG: I strongly favor the balanced budget amendment. The federal debt is not sustainable and we must take action to reduce the deficits and address the long-term fiscal challenges facing our country. By setting a limit on the size and scope of the federal budget, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will inherit a stronger, more stable economy for years to come.

SG: I am for the work-related credit, which allows taxpayers to claim a credit for work-related expenses. This credit helps to reduce the financial burden on working families and helps to alleviate the need for costly child care. In addition, it provides an incentive for employers to offer more flexible work arrangements.

SG: I support the use of federal funds for stem cell research, including embryonic stem cell research, because it holds tremendous promise for treating a wide range of diseases and disorders. We must continue to invest in this important area of research to ensure that our nation remains at the forefront of medical innovation.

SG: I am opposed to President Obama's health care reform proposals, which I believe will lead to higher taxes, increased government spending, and a loss of individual freedom in healthcare decisions. I believe in the principles of patient choice and individual responsibility, which I believe are threatened by the current proposals.

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CHAMPION FOR FAMILIES

- Endorsed by Pro-life group, Democrats for Life.
- Voted to protect students' right to express their faith in the classroom.
- Led efforts to finally confront genocide in Darfur.
- Voted to keep marriage focus in Family Life Education curriculum in all Virginia public schools.
- Voted to eliminate the food tax and cut taxes for veterans, elderly and the disabled.

CHAMPION FOR LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

- Strong supporter of Tuition Assistance Grants for Liberty students.
- Balanced the budget by voting for $5.5 Billion in spending cuts WITHOUT raising taxes.
- Fought to keep $800,000 in budget for graduate students in health careers, including students in Liberty's nursing program.
- Supports Liberty's Invisible Children and Smile 4 Africa groups.

WE ALREADY HAVE A DELEGATE FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY

SHANNON VALENTINE

ShannonValentine.net
As a devoted father, husband, and committed Christian, Republican Scott Garrett believes that protecting the lives of unborn children, preserving the sanctity of marriage and promoting our shared Christian values are of great importance.

Defend the Unborn. Scott, a medical professional, believes that life begins at conception. As your Delegate he will support and fight for pro-Life legislation in Richmond.

Protect Traditional Marriage. Scott believes that marriage is a holy sacrament between a man and a woman. In 2006 he supported Senator Newman’s amendment which enacted that definition in the Virginia Constitution.

Stand up for the Second Amendment. Scott Garrett has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association. When elected Delegate, Scott Garrett will be a friend and advocate for Virginia’s sportsmen and gun owners.

A Champion for Tuition Assistance Grants for Liberty University students.

Shannon Valentine’s LIBERAL RECORD

Worked to Kill the Marriage Amendment. In 2006, Shannon Valentine used her influence to campaign for the defeat of the Virginia Marriage Amendment. The Virginia Marriage Amendment established marriage as the sacred union between one man and one woman.

Gave Money to Largest Abortion Provider. Delegate Shannon Valentine voted to give taxpayer funding to the nation’s largest provider of abortions, Planned Parenthood. (HB 1400, Amendment A-5 (4R), 2009)

Voted for Taxpayer Funded Abortions. Delegate Shannon Valentine voted to use Virginia taxpayer dollars to fund abortions in our Commonwealth. (HB 1400, Amendment A-5 (4R), 2009)

Shannon Valentine pretends to be a “moderate” Democrat during campaign season. But, when it came time to stand up for our conservative values, she let us down and sided with the radical liberals who want to destroy marriage and advance their pro-abortion agenda.

Republican Scott Garrett VS. Democrat Shannon Valentine

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR.

Republican Scott Garrett is Pro-Liberty. VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3RD.
Reevaluating Shannon Valentine

Valentine's words v. actions, updated

By Mitch Malcheff

Writing Records

Note: This is an attempt to be an exhaustive review of a voting record, but rather a summary of certain issues the Champion editorial staff feels are important to the liberty community.

In many ways, Valentine's voting record is a study in contrasts. For instance, Valentine opposed the federal government from-aid-for-shelter provision, but supported the state fund for abortion. Valentine voted against a bill proposing a state constitutional amendment that defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman in January 2006. Two months later, she supported HB 5022, the state S-581 fund for abortion.

In 2006, Valentine voted yes on HB 374, which would have increased the meals tax across the state. The tax now is $0.50 per person, which is already 115 percent. The fine print on the bottom of the voting record says that Valentine would not yet intended to vote as yes. Which is it, Delegate?

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There are only five states that hold off-election days — Kentucky, New Jersey, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia. Valentine still offers an opinion at election time. They can physically entertain us with stories of the late Dr. Courtnely and Britney to a dinner party at Bobby and Joanie’s home. Lib-erty Godparent At Home (LGH) and BRPC are doing, more adoptions would be able to take place, and fewer abortions of unborn children would be. Contact Amanda Baker at amabaker2@liberty.edu.

Elections pull abortion controversy off the back burner

Amado Baker

Recently the news media has avoided covering the issue of abortion in the 23rd district because of more topics, like ballot box issues and related rights, like how to limit our. What used to be radical today is now being used as front page "breaking news" while more relevant topics are pushed to the side. One of the exceptions is the Virginia General Assembly. 2007 lineup of influential people tonight, and I know that he used!. Bobby and Joanie were an amazing example of good things.” Bobby and Joanie were an amazing example of good things.” Bobby and Joanie were an amazing example of good things.”

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Rep. Bob Turner is challenging current 23rd district Delegate Shannon Valentine for the 23rd district seat. A state delegate represents a specific state district in the Virginia House of Delegates. To see where Valentine and Dr. T. Scott Garrett stand on issues included in the platform qf the party through which a candidate was included In the platform qf the party through which a candidate was supported. Nothing in this guide Is to be contradicted their voting record, their voting record was used and those candidates.

By Mitch Malcheff

Questions & Answers from Virginia 2009 Candidate

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Contact Mitchell Malcheff at mjalcheff@liberty.edu.

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Delegate Valentine represents herself as pro-life, but that is far from the truth. In fact, she has been very inconsistent in her positions on abortion-related issues. She voted against the Constitution of the United States, Shannon Valentine voted “no”, once given the opportunity to vote to end taxpayer funding of abortion in 2006, when more than two-thirds of the General Assembly and a large majority of Virginians, voted to protect the Constitution of the United States, Shannon Valentine voted “no”, and a large majority of Virginians, voted to protect the Constitution of the United States.

Delegate Valentine is known throughout the Lynchburg community for her volunteer efforts here on our campus. She cares deeply about the students in our community and the lives of her constituents. Her leadership is evident on the issue of abortion. Earlier this year, when given the opportunity to vote to end taxpayer funding of abortion, Delegate Valentine voted “no”, once given the opportunity to vote to end taxpayer funding of abortion. Valentine’s record suggests that she believes in returning more control of our health care system to the citizens’ votes, but he hasn’t lied about his stance on the issue. I know that she has been a consistent opponent to abortion-related issues.

Clearing the record

Delegates must be held accountable for their voting record, and I will continue to speak out against Delegate Shannon Valentine. It’s one thing to support the killing of innocent life, his another thing entirely to do so. It’s another thing entirely to try to get the support of voters who are against abortion, so that he can do another thing entirely to lie about it and try to gain the support of voters who are against abortion. Valentine is not only lies about his stance on abortion, but he has also refused to approve House Bill 1883, a bill that would have put a financial burden on the abortion industry by requiring abortion clinics to prove they complied with state Health Board standards.

Delegate Caleb Mast

Caleb Mast at volunteer@LUCR.com
"When I graduate, I'm guaranteed a very high paying job designing equal intelligence research," Slaughter said.

"I'm guaranteed a $90,000 a year job at LockheedMartin, an international global security company which reports sales of $427 billion. My undergraduate program is a very high paying job," Slaughter stated at Lockheed Martin in Herndon, VA, last summer. He has already received a top society government contract which is crucial for engineering majors seeking immediate employment in the field. Currently after college, according to Manager of "Technology and Research Life at The School of Engineering Scott Nasears. He added that students must have a security clearance to be employed with a salary of $10,000 a month.

The SES offers two collaborative/integrated degrees in collaboration with George Mason University. One of the goals of the engineering department is to provide students who know how to use different forms of technology. The engineering students in this program take a series of government classes centered on the intelligence community, according to Pleasants.

"We have always been a patriotic school, and this is our way of giving back to our country," Pleasants stated.

"This major is for engineering students seeking to work for the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, FBI and other government organizations. One of the new buildings will house a Science Center, a Computer Information Facility (SCIF) for classified research. This area will be used to expand education for conducting classified research is the school of engineering complex. The new building will be a major environment that will provide us with room to expand and maintain current academic programs. The new building will be a major facility for students to attend meetings and provide support for facilities and research. The new building is an excellent building and space that we can utilize," Slaughter said.

"Hopefully at some point we'll be able to do the things we need to do. The new buildings should maintain vision and work hard to get through the program. It's a tough program, and it takes a lot of effort, but it's worth it in the end," Slaughter said.

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"I would like to see the school do more things better."
Taking care of business — Ruth Davis-Leonard was honored by Governor Tim Kaine with the 2009 Caregiver Award.

Preliminary results in the Roanoke 2009 Cooperative Forage-Oat Variety Test are now available online at the Virginia Cooperative Extension service web site, www.ate.Virginia.edu/foragevarietytest. Direct questions to Mike Keane at mkeane@vt.edu.
HOCKEY DEMOLISHES TIGERS

**Flames trump Towson**

The Flames won convincingly over the weekend as they played host to the Towson Tigers inside the LaHaye Ice Center, winning Friday night's game 10-1 and 12-2 on Saturday.

**Daniel Martinez**

High scoring hockey games are not common sights. Hockey is such a rough-and-tumble, team-oriented, contact-heavy sport that a down-and-dirty, in-your-face style is what one might call a slowdown. The LaHaye Ice Center is not one of those circles.

Liberty University's 24-man Division I squad put the "ow" in Towson University this past weekend, torching the Tigers 10-1 Friday night and 12-2 Saturday night. Heading into an off-weekend, the undefeated Flames have outscored opponents 67-12 in six games over the past three weekends at the LaHaye Ice Center.

"We can roll all four lines at any time and compete with anybody in the league right now," senior team captain Zac Bauman said of the Flames' raped pace. "We're lined up to roll and have good depth, which is big for us." In front 5-1, and supported by the substantial crowd, the Flames cruised the rest of the way adding five more scores versus none by the visitors from Maryland.

A.J. Toscano led his team to the red zone on their next drive, but the Tigers' defense came up big, and forced the Buccaneers to kick a field goal despite the great field position. Kicker John Paglia knocked through the attempt to put the score at 13-3. Late in the third quarter, Paglia knocked in another field goal, clogging a 10-play, 68-yard drive for the Buccaneers to kick a field goal despite the great field position. Kicker John Paglia knocked through the attempt to put the score at 13-3.

"We had a few more scores, but the one goal they did get in, I think they made one or two tries before they even scored," Bauman said. "The one goal they did get in, I think they made one or two tries before they even scored."

With six different players scoring the 10 goals, the Flames continued their trend of sending a team-wide attack at the opposition. "We like the way we're playing. We are getting contributions up and down the lineup," Head Coach Kirk Handy said of a game that, due to various injuries and ejections, saw some offensive players on defense for most of the 60 minutes. "It's a good feeling. But I know the most important game is the next game we play." With that reminder, the Flames threw themselves into Saturday night's rematch with the Tigers, and again overpowered the visitors from Maryland.

David Martinez / SPORTS REPORTER

It was Smith who gave the fans a reason to scream and get into Towson's collective head with his goal in his return to the game, limiting the success of a night defense contest. As the crowd round, and Liberty suffocated the Tigers' attack, three more Flames scored before the first period was over. In front 5-1, and supported by the substantial crowd, the Flames cruised the rest of the way adding five more scores versus none by the visitors from Maryland. As the crowd roared, and Liberty suffocated the Tigers' attack, three more Flames scored before the first period was over. In front 5-1, and supported by the substantial crowd, the Flames cruised the rest of the way adding five more scores versus none by the visitors from Maryland.

**Alex Towers**
CSU capitalized on that momentum, switching from its regular offense to a wildcat style that has become popular in the NFL. It paid dividends, as the Bucs rushed nine times in a 10-play drive that brought them all the way to Liberty's 10-yard line. Toscano returned as quarterback, and found Kwame Kralcue for a touchdown, the equalizer knotted the score at 13 with 9:01 remaining.

Beecher saved his best for last, and paced together a masterful drive. He converted two key third down conversions with his feet running for 14 and 11 yards, respectively. The drive brought Liberty to CSU's six-yard line. Mike Brown then stepped in as quarterback, and rolled out to find an open Will Qinlin for a touchdown with 3:40 left to play.

Charleston Southern almost completed the comeback to tie the game, but their efforts fell short. Toscano led his team to the Flames' 18-yard line with 12 seconds left. But the next two throws were incomplete, the second attempt being swatted down by Robertson, which sealed the deal for the Flames third straight win.

Beecher was Liberty's leading rusher, tallying 33 yards on 11 carries. He also completed 16 of 20 passes for 93 yards. Qinlin led receiving and caught seven passes for 56 yards. Freddie Brown had two receptions for 36 yards. On defense, Chris Rocco and Doncel Bolt led the Flames in tackles, racking up 11 and 10 respectively.

The Flames will hit the practice field, hard looking to avenge last year's 31-28 loss to Presbyterian, whom they will play host to on Saturday at Williams Stadium. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m.
Along with Lidge, a team leader, experience is definitely expected out of a top-notch point guard and emerging stars like Jimmy Williams and Lou Amundson. While the Nuggets are not as deep as the Heat or Lakers, they do have solid players and a few key players in their rotation that will be tough to replace. The Nuggets will definitely have a tough time replacing their best player, Carmelo Anthony, who opted out of his contract and announced his intentions to test free agency.

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The Flames did it again less than a minute later on a laser-like shot from the back end, directly behind the goal, breaking the scoreless tie. The Flames took a break next weekend before taking on Stony Brook University (VCU). Match time is slated for 7 p.m. at Alltel Pavilion for the Lady Flames' final non-conference tilt prior to the Big South Championship.

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VCAR students enhance community, paint concrete wall on Wards Road

Cheryl Cooper
FEATURE REPORTER

Scaremare echoed in the night and pierced the cold as thousands of Liberty stu-
dents vested Thursday night to enter Scaremare, as aban-
donned mansions transformed into a haunted house with a purpose.

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Run For Their Lives

Malory Barks  Feature Reporter

More than 600 runners participated in the first annual Run For Their Lives (RFTL) at a Heritage High School, sponsored by Freedom 4:24, raised over $27,000 to help girls get to headquarters and put an end to sex trafficking worldwide. RFTL was not just another race. This race was for everyone — the young and the old, competitive runners and determined walkers. Even the drizzling rain could not dampen the spirit of the event. Moms walked strollers, teenagers listened to iPods and adults chatted with friends. Spectators joined in the excitement by holding signs and cheering for the runners.

"Every stride you take, you will help set teenagers and adults free," said Liberty Crew Team director and RFTL organizer Steve Pettit. Each participant's race entry fee of $24 will purchase one night of freedom for one woman. Because of RFTL, 803 sexually exploited women will now have a chance of freedom.

According to Pettit, Freedom 4:24 hopes to unite the citizens of Lynchburg to fight slavery by creating awareness through events like RFTL. Before the race, runners lined up to raise money. Many of the names written on the signs were running for family members and friends. Spectators lined up at the starting line by holding signs and cheering for the runners.

"It's pretty painful for me to run," Hoffmann said. "I can picture what they're going through when you watch women sitting there." After the race, Chistine Pettit, founder of Freedom 4:24 thanked all the runners for participating in the first RFTL event that the hopes will spread throughout the country. According to Pettit, Freedom 4:24 is only beginning to accomplish its mission.

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FISHING — Students and Dr. Norman Reichenbach (above) fish with electroshock backpacks and nets.

"I really enjoyed electrofishing," said Cadet Mc-Cardy. "It’s a great way to capture and study them, but the fishing gets hot. I do just fine!"

Reichenbach said that the trip’s purpose was to compare fish at locations along Rutledge Creek, notably with and without electrofshing. The class took into consideration temperature, water depth, availability of food, season and other factors. The class found the brown trout at higher elevations. Of the 49 fish they collected, 15 were brook trout. At the final site there were no brown trout to be found.

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Outstanding — ROTC cadet Alexander Woody.

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Electroshock fishing creates unique ecological experience

Cat Hewett

Deon Knichman, a sociology major, and Dominick Norton, a biology major, are already looking forward to next year’s fishing trip. "I think it’s a great way to capture and study them, but the fishing gets hot. It’s just fine!" Reichenbach said.
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