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The Liberty Champion

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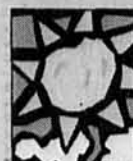
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▶ **TUESDAY**
Mostly sunny.
High 81.
Low 55.



▶ **WEDNESDAY**
Partly cloudy.
High 79.
Low 58.



▶ **THURSDAY**
Scattered showers.
High 77.
Low 59.



▶ **FRIDAY**
Mostly cloudy.
High 79.
Low 60.



▶ **SATURDAY**
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Low 54.

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FAMILY DAY THIS WEEKEND

▶ Invite your mom, dad, sister and/or brother to join you for a taste of Liberty this weekend for Family Day. Friends or siblings over the age of 10 may stay in the dorms. During the family brunch at 11 a.m. in the dining hall Dr. John Borek will bring a message.

Convo gains new equipment, audience

By Heather Huff, reporter

Convocation at Liberty University this year transformed into a technological masterpiece. From the larger than life television screens to the jumbo speakers, the production value of the campus services marks the advancement of Liberty into a media-sodden generation.

"I think the services have been very successful," Johnnie Moore, student assistant to the Campus Pastors' Office, said. A pastoral studies major, Moore operates one of the many innovative technical aspects of the services: PowerPoint. The 30-by-22 foot screens that hang facing every direction from the ceiling of the Vines Center project the words to the worship songs and also post announcements before and

after Convo.

During the services, a system known as I-Mag projects the speaker in video onto the jumbo screens, allowing students who once squinted now to see Dr. Falwell's every grimace and grin. The production staff for campus services has also added Dr. Steven Troxel, Bruce Braun and a team of communication studies students. Troxel holds the responsibility of recording the Wednesday convocations at which Dr. Falwell speaks. He and Director/Line Producer Braun offer students hands-on training with the live recording as the services take place, allowing them to gain experience with real-time production.

Nearly 700 more students attend convocation this semester. Jason Browning, one of the chief audio technicians for the campus services, attributes

the surplus both to an increase in enrollment and the enhancements to the quality of the campus service productions.

"Before, students were complaining that they couldn't hear well, and this year it wasn't hard to get people to come," Browning said.

Twenty-five people form the team that runs each production, and the combined set-up time of video and audio equipment totals more than an hour. The temporary sound equipment takes about 35 minutes to prepare, and in three more weeks, over \$250,000 worth of new sound equipment will be installed.

Browning explained that before the upgrade, the system was running on what he called "50 percent amp loss."

"Basically we were only able to use half-power. We severely needed an update of our equipment," Browning

said. The new equipment will maximize the sound quality of the services, alleviating the earlier strain on students' ears as they struggled to hear the sermons.

"I love the screens! We can see a lot better, and I like having the words to the songs right there in front of us," said junior Tandilyn Morrel. Her friend and roommate Katie Blount agreed.

"Overall everything has improved," said Blount. "We can finally hear everything!"

With the addition of this new technology, Liberty has managed to step gracefully into a more competitive position as a growing private liberal arts school. These fresh advances bring Liberty's campus services up-to-date with today's sophisticated technology, and the progress will continue to expand as the university matures.

Winterfest ticket sales

By Renee Patrick, reporter

While most of us will be celebrating New Year's at home or anywhere but Liberty, middle and high school students from all over the country will be rushing to this campus for Liberty's first WinterFest, which is scheduled from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

"WinterFest is designed to bring students to the campus. It is like College for a Weekend while college is not in session," Michael Stewart, a Liberty alumnus and former Dean of Student Life, said. "There is going to be great music, great teaching...we want to give them a great experience with worship and help them see what Liberty is all about."

The festival is scheduled to start off with a show entitled "Hail to the Chief" which will feature Steve Bridges, who has appeared on CNN and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, impersonating President George W. Bush.

Freshman Melissa Matthews said, "I think that it is an awesome opportunity to reach new teenagers for Christ and for the college."

Worship during the festival will be led by former Sonic Flood member Jeff Deyo and Charles Billingsley of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

More artists than at any other winter festival are scheduled to perform at Liberty's WinterFest. These artists include Audio Adrenaline, Tait, Out of Eden, Rebecca St. James and Reliant K. The festival will end with a huge New Year's Eve party.

Not only will there be plenty of music, but there will also be teaching by Dawson McAllister and Jerry Falwell and comedy

by Brad Stine. There will be sessions for youth pastors as well.

Some LU students that have already heard about the event are disappointed that it has been scheduled at a time when they will not be able to come. "I think it is going to be a great event, but at an inopportune time," freshman Elizabeth Oktavec said.

Stewart, who now owns his own business called CAPS (Creative Activities, Programs and Services), was hired by Liberty for all of the planning that has gone into WinterFest so far.

"I hired talent and contacted the artists. [I was hired] for all of the planning, promotion, production and follow-up," Stewart said.

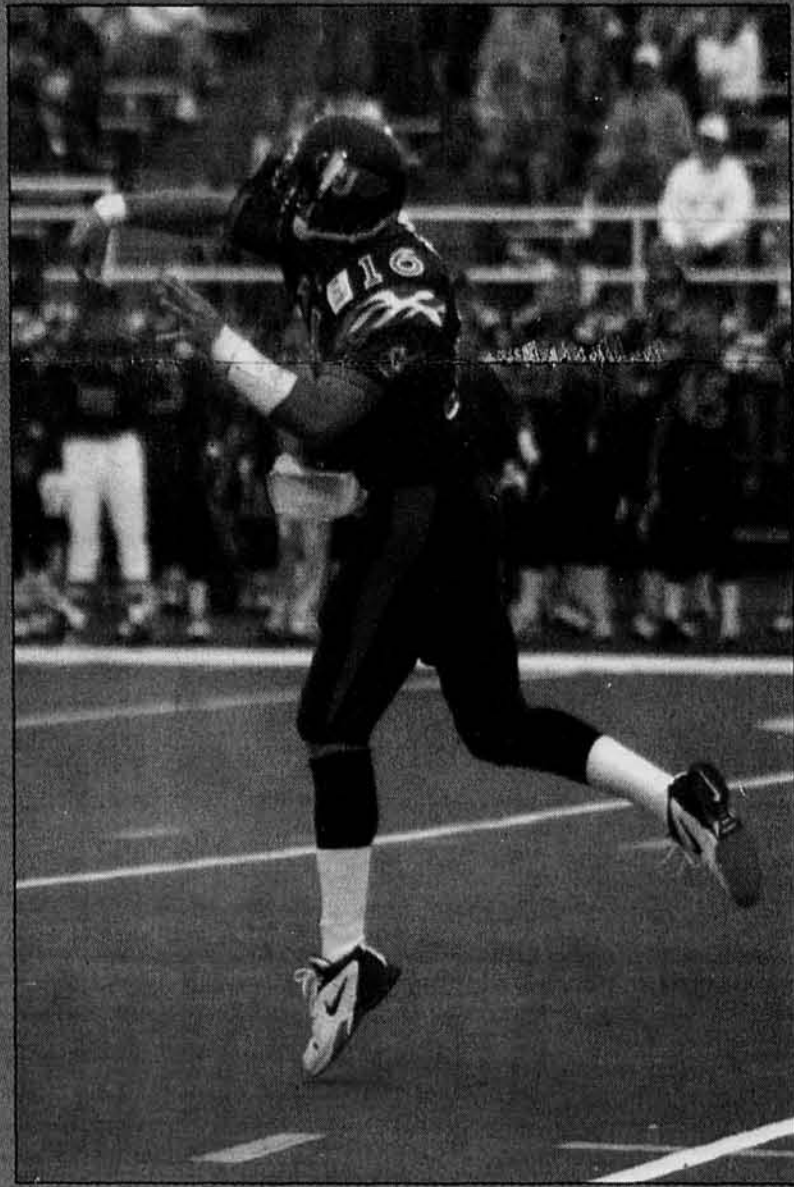
According to Stewart, the goal is to get 6,000 students at Liberty for WinterFest; measures have already been taken to achieve this goal. "We have already sent out...mail to 140,000 churches east of the Mississippi," Stewart said.

"I think it is a good idea to reach out to different youth groups and get them interested in Liberty," sophomore Leslie Davidson said.

Stewart and Liberty are still in the promotional process and do not expect major ticket sales until the middle of October, but anyone interested can purchase tickets now through Liberty, WWW.ITICKETS.COM, or selected Christian bookstores.

Students can purchase tickets for the entire festival or for separate sessions of the festival. When purchased in advance, the entire festival costs \$99 with two nights lodging or \$65 without lodging. Separate sessions cost \$20 each and \$25 on New Year's Eve when purchased in advance.

Preparing for war



SNIPER — Gus Condon spirals a pass down field during Liberty's home opener. The Flames play second-ranked Appy State this Saturday at 3:30 in Lynchburg.

LUPD adds bike patrol, K-9 unit

By Mariel Williams, news editor

LUPD added a new bicycle patrol and a K-9 unit to their host of services this summer.

According to Chief of Police Randall Smith Jr. the bicycle patrol enables LUPD officers to meet more students and have quicker, easier access to some parts of campus. The K-9 unit will assist in search and rescue efforts and drug detection.

Bicycle patrols are a standard part of many campus police forces, Smith said. "Most universities this size and larger use a bicycle patrol," he said. Officers on bicycles move quickly through areas inaccessible by car and can become more familiar with the student population. "It's more up close and personal with the students," Smith said.

At present, the bike patrol is a small operation. "We only have two bikes," Smith said. Four men, one police officer and three security officers, take turns patrolling on the bikes. Smith hopes that LUPD will be able to purchase more bikes and train more officers to use them.

The bicycle patrol officers enjoy their work, Smith said, because it gives them exercise and



READ IN HERE — This is the outline. All of the students in the photograph should be clearly identified

allows them to meet more students. First Sgt. Richard Hinkley said he likes being more available to talk to and help people.

"I get a lot more direct contact," Hinkley said. "People can get a hold of me a lot easier." Mostly, Hinkley said, the bicycles have been used for special events and crowd control. "[At events] there are always problems with small children."

The new LUPD K-9 unit consists of canine handler Sgt. Mark Tinsley and Diwa, a 45-pound Belgian shepherd.

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Groome endures cancer

By Juleanna Outten, Editor in Chief

The cancer, thought to be in remission, has returned. Though it prevents Dr. Linda Groome, associate professor of business and government, from teaching this semester, it did not stop her from preparing her classes or getting boxes ready for the Operation Christmas Child program.

"Even though she is emotionally and physically struggling, she's always smiling and cheerful," JoAnn Gilmore, assistant professor of accounting, said. "When you're facing a life and death situation, that's an amazing way to view things."

Groome was diagnosed with cancer five years ago, but it appeared to go away after a few months and many prayers. Last spring the cancer reappeared in her bone marrow. She underwent chemotherapy, but that did not remove the cancer as hoped; it only halted the growth.

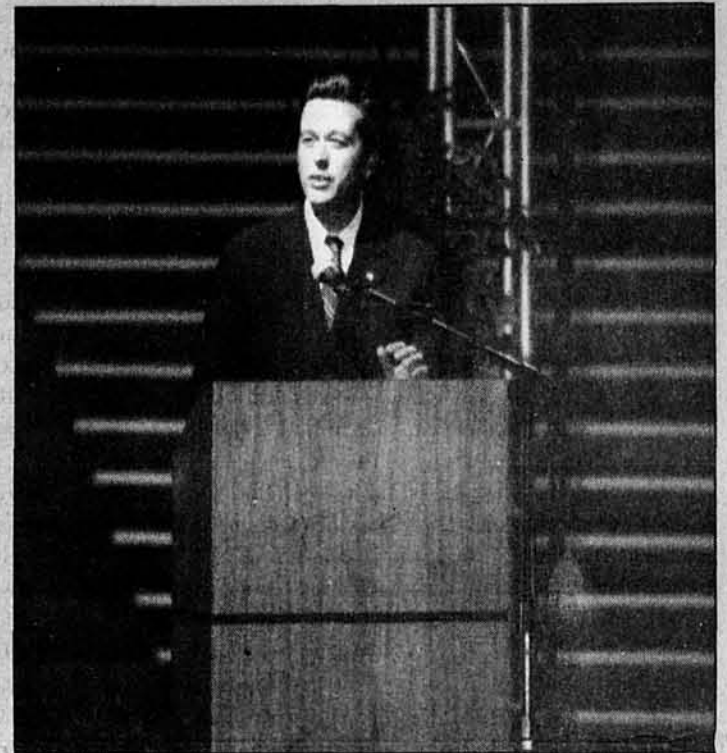
"She is going through very intense treatment for her cancer," Dr. Bruce Bell, dean of the school of business and government, said. Groome is currently being treated at University of Va. Hospital in Charlottesville. Some of her stem cells had to be removed to rid of the cancer and then put back in.

Her husband, Dean Groome, drives over an hour nearly everyday to visit her. She has two daughters, one in high school and one in college.

"It really has become a disease that affected the entire family," Bell said. According to Bell, she may be released this week, but will stay at a hotel in Charlottesville near the hospital. Also, she must stay sequestered because of her extremely weak immune system. Bell said that many are praying for her and hope that she will return home by early October.

During the summer Groome went through a series of tests but did not

THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE LIVES ON



JOHN FISHER

Hill City celebrates America

By Rhiannon Berry, assistant news editor

Flags adorning the stadium waved in the breeze while Lynchburg residents gathered to honor those who died Sept. 11, 2001. A sea of red, white and blue flooded the bleachers as more people arrived. The event capturing the spirit of this nation, Celebrate America-Let Freedom Ring, was held at the Merritt Hutchinson Stadium Wednesday evening, Sept. 11.

After months of organizing and planning for 10,000 people, the weather held out and the ceremony went up without a problem. According to the WSET-TV website, thousands of people showed up to honor America.

The program began with the joining of hands for a prayer by James Whitaker, Lynchburg police chaplain. "Courage is being afraid, but going on anyhow," Len Stevens said. The WSET-TV anchor briefly touched on the ongoing theme for the evening. As the other speakers stood up to give words of encouragement, they continued to remind the spectators of the promises that America holds.

In his presentation, Lynchburg Mayor Carl Hutcherson named Sept. 11, 2002 as Patriot Day. "Let us honor those who died by being of service to others," Hutcherson said. He asked that Lynchburg residents reflect on what the people of New York and Washington, D.C. lived and died for.

"Everything we know, live and love was put under attack that day," WSET-TV anchor Noreen Turyn said. "We Americans realized truly what we had lost."

During the service, Kendra Cook Penni sang "The Star Spangled Banner". There was also a mix of readings, patri-

otic songs and dance performances.

A presentation of wreaths tailored the service to the Lynchburg community. One wreath each was displayed for fire, police, military and civilian heroes from the area.

With the sun setting over the stadium, bagpiper Brian Farrell played "Amazing Grace" and the names of over 3,000 who died were displayed on a large screen that was set up.

As Buddy Martinette, Lynchburg fire chief, made his remarks, the service gained a positive tone. "It is life we celebrate tonight," he said as he recalled his experience with the Pentagon recovery efforts.

Stephen Newman, Virginia senator, shared his thoughts on the day and then introduced the keynote speaker, Attorney General Jerry Kilgore. "Today a nation has remembered, a nation has mourned and a nation has shown it will not forget," he said before handing over the microphone to Kilgore.

Kilgore's speech encouraged Americans not to forget, but to still move on and heal from the tragedy. He also emphasized the importance of honoring the lives of each American. "Our wars are waged by ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things," Kilgore said.

Some LU students joined the community at the service. Overall, the reaction was positive. "It was really good to get involved with the community despite the tragic circumstances that brought us together," senior Beth Brokaw said.

Senior David Pitts agreed. "The evening brought the events of Sept. 11 into perspective by getting the community involved," he said.



The Price is Right



By Chris Price, columnist

Here lately I have found myself in some seriously awkward social situations.

These could all have been avoided if we followed the new program that I am proposing here.

Number one- Do not get offended if I forget your name. I meet so many people here, it would be impossible to remember everyone if I don't hangout with them on a regular basis. This is why I suggest that we start calling people things based on their physical appearance. For example you could say "How are you doing today, Mr. Eyes-too-close together?" or "What's new with you, Ms. Bangs-from-the-eighties?" or my personal favorite "What's going on, Mr. Bald-at-twenty?" This would be a sure fire way that we could identify each other.

Number two- If you have a boyfriend, please identify that within the first two minutes of meeting a guy. Too often we as guys engage in meaningless small talk for what seems to be an eternity, only to find out a few days later she has been dating some guy back home. All that we got out of our conversation was a new friend. I have enough friends, I don't want any more friends. Let me know I am wasting my time and I will move on to the next one. In fact, I think all the coupled up people should have class on the first floor, and all us single losers on the second. This way we know everyone's situation, and you don't get beat up by someone's boyfriend.

Number three- I have seen a couple of my buddies get turned down lately, but not with a direct no. They have gotten the "I am busy for a while," or the "I have a lot of homework" excuse. But none is as bad as the "I am dating God" excuse. If you are seriously doing that, my hat is off to you. But here it is an excuse. I have heard girls say that, and then the next week be out with a guy. Which makes me wonder if she broke up with God. How can you break up with God? I would rather someone say, "No I don't want to go out, dating you is social suicide," rather than get a lame excuse. Not that this ever happens to me; that would involve interaction with a female, and that is scary.

Lastly, keep your distance. I hate when people come up and hug me that I don't know that well. All that you have accomplished is increasing my body heat which in turn causes me to sweat. If you could just back it up a little, then we would both be able to make it to our class sweat free and happy.

Follow these simple instructions, and we can all live lives free of awkward moments. When it comes to socializing, The Price is Right.

Career Center prepares students for future



CHRISTINE KOECH

LEARNING TO USE CAREER DIRECT— Career Center Office Manager Lydia Holcomb explains the center's online services to junior Natalie Godwin.

By Ricky Hardison, reporter

Opportunities await students at the Career Center to help them find direction and work, as well as several other career-oriented services.

Assessment tests, resumé development, mock interviews and internships are a few of the services that the Career Center offers to the student body. The Career Center seeks to train students to compete in an increasingly limited job market.

"Our mission is to bridge the gap between the world of education and the working world," Career Center Director Sharon Minard said. "We hope that every student will come by the Career Center or at least look at our website (www.liberty.edu/career)."

Minard recommends that students new to the Career Center begin by taking Larry Burkett's Career Direct Exam, which costs \$5. The average college student changes majors four times, Minard said. She says that the Career Direct Exam will help to neutralize some of this indecisiveness.

Another opportunity

offered through the Career Center is "Career Premiere," a regional collaborative career fair in Roanoke on Feb 19. Eight different universities will be coming together to sponsor this event. Because of this, organizers are seeking to get big name companies like AOL and General Electric to have representatives there. Registration in the Career Center between Oct. 1 and Feb. 7 is required. There is no fee to attend.

Freshman Chad Bowers, having experienced Liberty life for only a matter of weeks, had never heard about the Career Center. "But it sounds like a good program," Bowers said.

Senior Psychology major Katie Murphy was familiar with various opportunities through the Career Center, but she said that she has never used its services. Facing graduation and learning more about the center "has definitely sparked my interest," Murphy said.

Of Liberty's 2001 graduating class, 34 percent reported having never used the center during their time at LU. More than half of last year's senior

Here is a sample of the career-planning schedule that the Career Center recommends for undergraduate students

Freshmen:

1. Take interest and career inventory tests.
2. Scan the Occupational Outlook Handbook.
3. Join organizations that offer leadership experience.

Sophomores:

1. Meet with a career counselor.
2. Consider an internship.
3. Join at least one professional organization related to your major.

Juniors:

1. Meet with a Career Counselor for a resume critique.
2. Narrow career interest areas.
3. Participate in job-search workshops.
4. Research graduate school opportunities.

Seniors:

1. Visit Career Center for final resume critique.
2. Develop an employer prospect list.
3. Schedule interviews, both on- and off-campus.
4. Gather information on realistic salary expectations.
5. Read two or more professional or trade publications from your major.

class made 1- 4 visits there, and only eight percent said that they went more than four times.

In this same class, 20 percent claimed to be employed by last April, just prior to graduation. Half of the class was pursuing graduate school last April. That still left hundreds of graduates hunting for work.

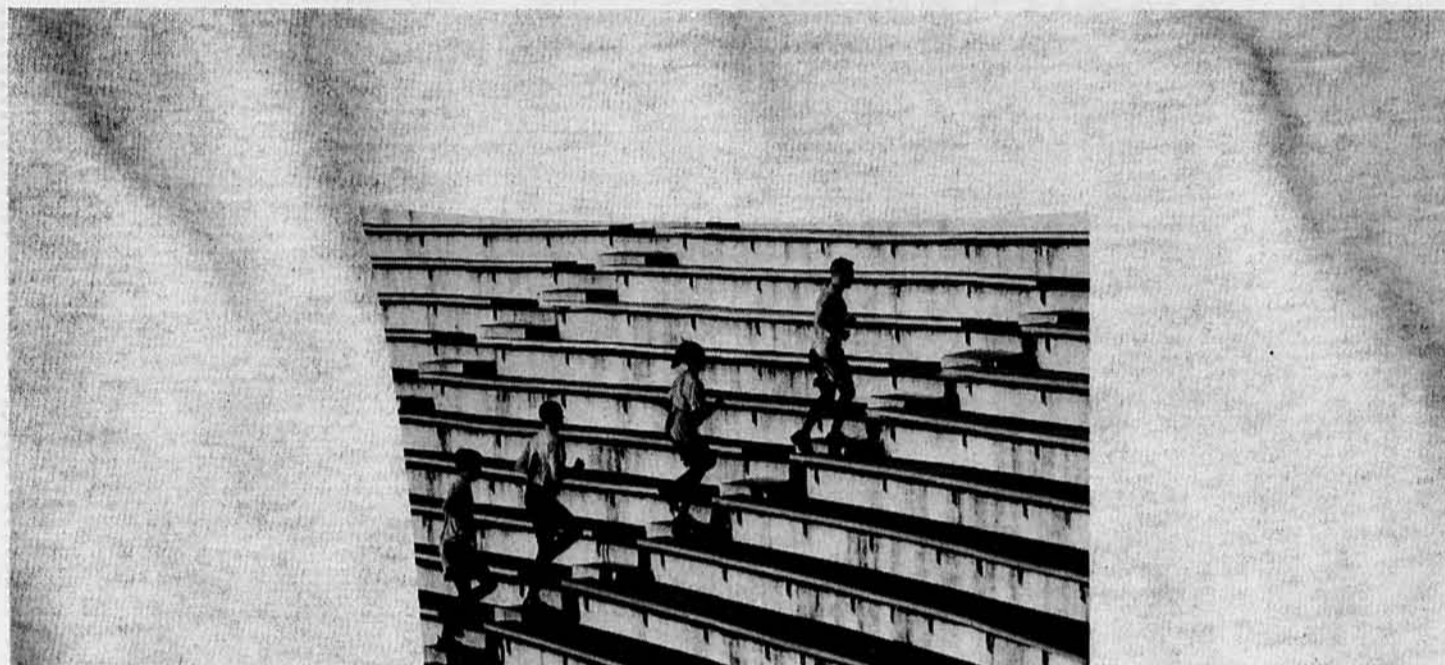
In addition to "Career Premiere," the center is hosting five workshops this Fall. Students interested in the Career Survivor, Recipes for Resumes, Job Search Strategies, Cover Letters, and Interviewing and Portfolios workshops can contact the Career Center.

Students that need an internship need to go through

the center Minard said. The Career Center is open 8 a.m to 4 p.m Monday through Friday.

A special workshop in etiquette is scheduled for the spring term. A four course meal in the cafeteria's executive dining room will teach students rules on such things as what fork to use when, and what to do with the napkin before, during and after the meal.

"Now that I know about it I might be interested in using the Career Center to get an internship," senior government major Ryan Setliff said.



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Worldupdate

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'Buffalo Five' received terrorist training

Five suspected terrorists arrested in Buffalo, N.Y., were personally lectured by Osama bin Laden, according to federal authorities. The men were born in the U.S. but trained in al-Qaeda camps to use weapons of destruction and suicide tactics.

At the terrorist camp, the five were lectured on things like a justification for suicide as a weapon; it was also the same camp in Afghanistan that John Walker Lindh had attended. It is not known if Lindh had aided the feds in the investigation.

Four of the five men were arrested last Friday night after agents raided several houses and a social club in Lackawanna, which is five miles south of Lake Erie. The other was arrested Friday morning.

Uncounted votes found in democratic primary

Election workers in Broward County, Fla. have found uncounted votes from last week's primary. The votes were found last Saturday in a precinct that had first reported no votes. The precinct was among 247 that former Attorney General Janet Reno has asked officials to review in her battle for the Democratic nomination for state Governor.

Reno trailed Bill McBride by over 8,000 votes in unofficial counts from the state. The 247 precincts that she asked to be reviewed have almost 16,000 voters. Reno has also asked Miami-Dade County officials to check for lost votes; officials there found more than 1,800 uncounted votes from four precincts Thursday.

U.S. wants custody of Binalshibh

The U.S. will be working with Pakistani authorities to have them hand over suspected Sept. 11 plotter Rami Binalshibh, President Bush's national security adviser said Sunday. Binalshibh has claimed that it was he who coordinated the four simultaneous terrorist hijackings.

In addition to Binalshibh, another significant Al Qaeda member was captured last week, but Pakistani officials have refused to identify him by name or nationality. Binalshibh and at least nine other Al Qaeda members remained under interrogation by Pakistani and U.S. intelligence agencies, said an official with Pakistan's Interior Ministry.

"I think he's a pretty big fish. I mean, this is perhaps within the circle of those who were responsible for 9/11. And so, I think he is a pretty big catch," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in a television interview.

New broadcasting scholarship awarded

By Bethany Cox and Mariel Williams

A new scholarship for female broadcasting students was awarded to senior communications student Clarissa Rucker. A donation from an anonymous LU alum made the Spirit of Liberty Scholarship possible.

The donor gave some of the money earned in her career in broadcasting to help other women succeed in the same field. To qualify for this award a student must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher and be in financial need. The donor asked that the scholarship be called the Spirit of Liberty Scholarship. It will provide a different female student each year with \$2,000 for the next 10 years.

When she first learned that she might receive the Spirit of Liberty award, Rucker was experiencing financial difficulties, causing her to work full-time and go to school full-time. Coming from a single-parent home, Rucker said she was beginning to worry about her financial problems.

Communications professor Dr. Steve Troxel said he thought Rucker had earned the scholarship.

"I am pleased that she won," Troxel said. "I have seen her work, not only in the class-



PHOTO PROVIDED

SCHOLARSHIP — Clarissa Rucker excels.

room, but also in professional work situations. I have also gotten good reports on her work for other broadcasters. She is very deserving of the award."

Rucker expressed surprise at receiving the Spirit of Liberty Scholarship. "I am very happy, but I was not expecting it," she said. Winning the award made her feel that her academic efforts have been worthwhile.

"I have always pushed myself to do more," Rucker said. "At that point of time (when I learned of the scholarship), I was discouraged." The scholarship showed her that her discouragement was premature, and that her belief in the power of hard work was justified.

GROOME: Government professor battles cancer

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find out until July that she would not be able to teach in the fall.

"She did everything possible to help find an adjunct professor and open the door to every possible resource. That says a lot about her commitment," Bell said. He noted that she ordered the textbooks for her classes and made sure the syllabi were ready for each class in addition to helping find qualified people to temporarily replace her.

"I've always been impressed with her," Gilmore said. "She's bubbly and has a good laugh."

A professor at LU since 1987 and full time since 1993, Groome has taught classes such as judicial process, juvenile justice and business law.

"She's excellent," were the first words senior Danielle Brunson said when asked about Groome. Brunson took business law, a required class for business majors and the majority of government and pre-law majors, with Groome as professor.

"She is easy to understand and very knowledgeable. She kept class interesting and not a chore to go to class," Brunson said. She

added that Groome often used visual aids and real life examples.

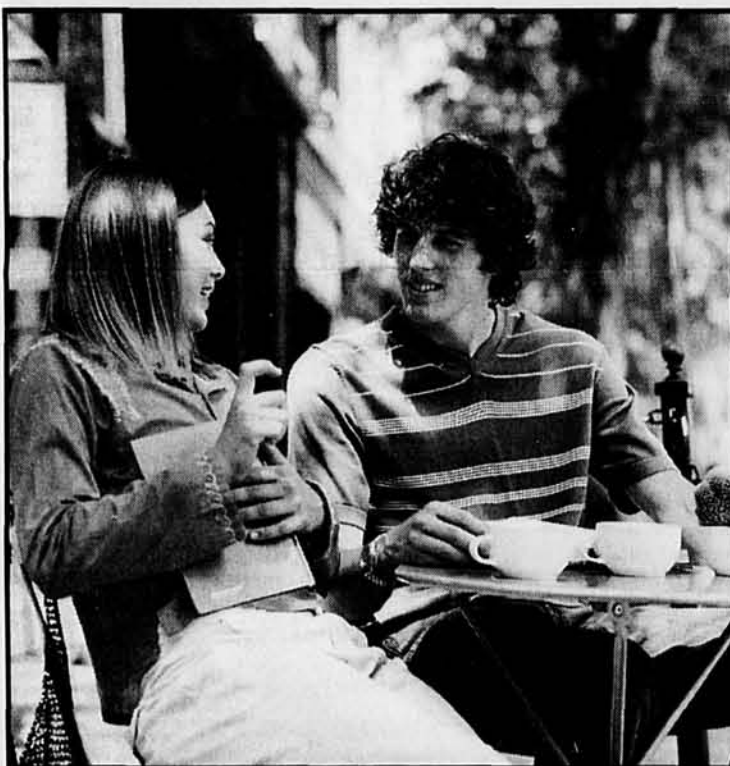
As dean over Groome, Bell knows her well. "As a person, she's extraordinary," he said and referred to her dedication to Operation Christmas Child. "First, she has a compassion for kids around the world and second, she instills that compassion in her students."

Last year, with the help of students and others including her own family, Groome was able to send about 450 boxes full of presents and goodies to needy children in other parts of the world.



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ALWAYS SMILIN' — Dr. Linda Groome keeps positive outlook in spite of wearying sickness.



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Professor swam 2,000th mile on Sept. 11

By Rachel Coleman, reporter

While many students are still asleep in their beds, Dr. Dale Gibson, chairman of sports management, is up and swimming laps every day. Gibson is the former Director of Athletics and the longest serving faculty member currently at Liberty University. After nine years of counting laps at the Bedford YMCA, on Sept. 11 Gibson swam his 2,000th mile.

"Almost every 'Y' has a program that awards people who have accumulated so many points," Gibson said. "I have accumulated enough for 2,000 miles."

According to Gibson, the YMCA has a 25-yard pool in which a swimmer would have to do 36 laps to swim a mile. When Gibson swims a mile, he actually swims the length of the pool 72 times, which would mean he has pulled and kicked his way across the length of the pool 144,000 times over the last nine years.

Gibson's plans to reach his goal of 3,000 miles, which would equal swimming across the United States. However, this was not something he had originally planned on.

"The combination between coaching basketball here and jogging has basically put its toll on my knees. I've had four knee surgeries and two ankle surgeries. I was looking for something that would bring less trauma to my knees," Gibson said. "I was introduced to swimming in 1993, and it didn't take long until I became somewhat of an addict."

Gibson lauds the benefits of the water, and while he admits that swimming is not for everyone, he believes that the water can help them. "I've seen people down there who've had strokes, hip replacements, extreme cases of arthritis, and they're all able to move in the water. Someone doesn't have to be a great swimmer to enjoy the water."

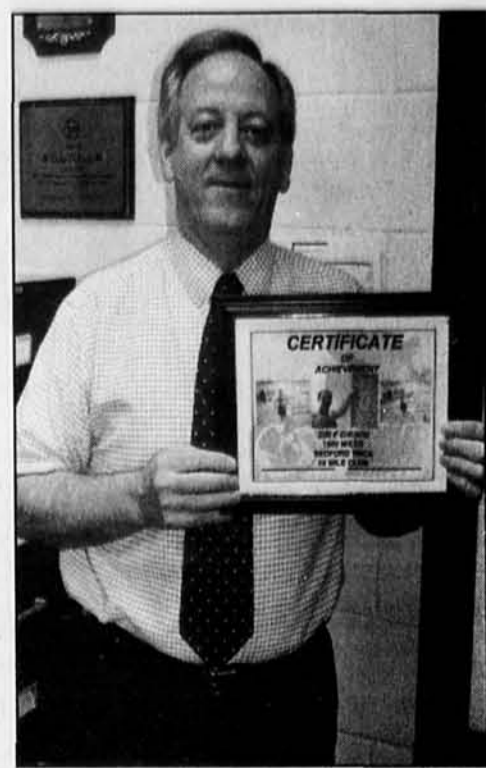
"Swimming is kind of like dessert to me—it's something I look forward to," Gibson said. But unlike dessert, swimming is also a full-body workout and a great preventative medicine, according to Gibson. And if a swimmer gets bored with laps, Gibson is there with a solution. "I do exercises if I get bored, go through videos...they even have Nordic Tracks you can drop in the water," Gibson said.

Gibson encourages those who are interested to

begin slow. "Do something simple where you feel you can have success," Gibson said. "It would be foolish to start a swimming program designed to fail. And like any other sport, don't do too much too quickly. The key to it is discipline. It's easy to say 'I'll start a program.' We can all do it once, but can you do it every day?"

Gibson didn't have a goal when he first started, but once he started keeping his mileage, he grew more interested. "When I reached 150 miles, I wanted my name on the board. When you see your name on the board, it makes you want to swim more—to see your name rise [through the ranks]," Gibson said.

Gibson was further motivated by his students who checked up on him when they saw him, asking how far he had swum that day. "They keep track of me every day. They do it by states," Gibson said. With only 1,000 miles to go, Gibson is well on his way across the United States and doesn't plan on giving up. If students are interested in swimming or sports management, Gibson is available in his office on the second floor of the Schilling Center.



NATHAN LAWRENSEN

HEALTHY MAN—Dr. Gibson displays a certificate he received for his swimming accomplishments.

LUPD: Officers learn new methods

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Diwa (pronounced 'Diva') was purchased by Tinsley a few months ago and is trained in search and rescue work, drug detection, and evidence detection. She is approximately 15 months old and does her work well, Tinsley said. "When you see her work, it becomes obvious that she is a very good drug detecting dog," he said. "That's what she lives for. She's never known anything else."

Diwa was chosen to fill the new K-9 position because of her talents, her personality and her small, non-threatening size.

"She was kind of a prodigy (at her training school)," Tinsley said. Most police dogs do not begin

work at Diwa's age. According to Smith, she is also a very friendly dog and is well-behaved around children.

Tinsley said that the department was looking for a small dog because the campus has little crime and no violent crime.

"She was not trained in bite-work or criminal apprehension," Tinsley said. "She's just not big enough."

Though Diwa is prepared to sniff out illegal drugs on campus, LUPD does not expect that she will have to use this ability very often.

"We don't necessarily think there's a drug epidemic on campus," Tinsley said. "I definitely don't think we need an apprehension dog on campus."



RACHEL WISE

READY TO GO—An officer shows off his new bicycle and equipment.

Campus Calendar

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9/24/02 - ScareMare Rally - 9:00 p.m. @ David's Place - Call Youth Office for more info.

9/27/02 - Noche de Fiesta - 7:00 p.m. @ David's Place - For more info or suggestions, contact the MISO office

9/27/02 - Men's Hockey Game - 11:00 p.m. @ UNC

9/28/02 - Master's Inn Paintball Tournament - Call Student Life for more info.

October

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Opinion

“ It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing. -Anonymous. ”

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Changed or Unchanged post Sept. 11

The memorial services have ended. One year after terrorist attacked our country and killed thousands, people gathered throughout the nation and even worldwide joining in a myriad of remembrances on the first anniversary of 9.11.

Media joined in the memorials by running every type of story imaginable in the year since the attacks. For instance Time magazine has devoted 21 covers on Sept. 11 related stories. The common theme idealistically shared among most claimed it "The Day America Changed."

And that's naturally what we'd all like to think. We would like to think that seeing and experiencing such devastation firsthand or close to home would change us. That it would not only stir us with the desire for justice but also cause us to step back and examine our lives and the course on which our nation is now traveling.

But that does not appear to have happened. Signs claim "United we stand" but besides the signs, flags and bumper stickers, where is the increased national unity? I don't see neighbors meeting neighbors, much less the nation joining together to support a cause which most seem to have forgotten.

Though the attacks made Americans more aware of terrorists than ever and spurred us to examine Islam more closely, the push for justice has faded to near invisible. Most Americans hardly remember that our forces are still engaged in a war in a harsh desert land. Instead, what has remained is new more mali-

cious stereotyping of anyone of Arab descent.

I would agree that initially there was a change. In the three months immediately following the attacks of Sept. 11 things were different, but only a year later it has all but died off. According to CNN, temporary changes included increased sale of guns, gas masks and body armor, the number of people taking personal protection classes and an increased interest in the Arabic language.

In the realm of pop culture, many attempted to be more sensitive with song lyrics and Hollywood even delayed in releasing films about terrorists, but once again the change lasted for only a few months. The American public still enjoys violent movies and shows like "American Idol," that was predicted to be unsuccessful after 9.11.

The touch and go religious craze that followed 9.11 showed that people want answers to the deep questions of life but only when confronted with them.

According to Fox News, some estimates showed that nearly half the adult population in the U.S. attended church the Sunday following the attacks, but by November attendance already started dropping. One poll done recently revealed that the same percent-

age of Americans pray and attend church now as did before 9.11.

I found it encouraging that "God Bless America" was plastered seemingly everywhere in the months after 9.11.01, yet people are still bent on taking God out of anything that is even remotely related to the government. Just this summer, a man was fighting to get "one nation under God" taken out of the pledge of allegiance.

However, one area that has changed is the economy. Stocks are down, job outlook is low and words from Greenspan are not promising. But even so, the effects were not as drastic as some feared. The economy still stands semi-strong.

If anyone should be changed, it should be the men and women of New York City. But talking with many from the city revealed that most seem to have returned to their pre-9.11 lifestyle. Yet at the same time, just as there now lies a big empty hole in

lower Manhattan, so too exists a new emptiness and change in the lives of those who lost loved ones.

Maybe a more truthful way to say it would be, "The Day that Changed America for a Few Months." One day, no matter how devastating, will not change the lives of those not willing to change.



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Marijuana advocates blow smoke screen

For years now supporters of the legalization of marijuana have pushed for acceptance of the drug for medical use. Now a bill on the Nevada state ballot for Nov 5 threatens to push their agenda farther by making Nevada the first state to accept marijuana for non-medical uses. The bill would allow any adult over 21 the right to possess up to three ounces of pot, which is enough for up to 100 joints, and would grant them the right to smoke it unhampered in the privacy of their own homes.

Supporters of marijuana's legalization have applauded Nevada's consideration of the bill and ruefully insist that not only is marijuana safe and non-addictive, but its legalization would help both the Nevada law enforcement agencies and the economy. For starters the bill would lay the groundwork for the opening of state run smoke shops, where narcotic users could purchase their pot.

Proponents of the bill point out that these shops would impose cigarette-like taxes on marijuana, which would serve to bolster the state economy. In addition to the twinkling green dollars in the eyes of every Nevada state politician, those who support legalization of the drug have appealed to the peaceful nature of their fellow Nevadans by assuring them that the legalization of their favorite afternoon ritual would free up more law

enforcement officers to pursue violent criminals.

While the bill still must pass a series of votes, the opinion of Nevada's people has changed at a disturbing rate, becoming increasingly acceptant of the bill. So for anyone who thought they heard the merit in some hash-heads argument here's where they went wrong.

“ First of all money should never be an object in determining the validity of legalizing anything. Since when does money buy morality? Okay, so America could tax a lot of illegal commodities. Why don't we just legalize murder and collect the tax premium off of every hit man's head count? The idea that marijuana could be taxed in no way changes the issue of whether it should be legal. ”

“ Second, the idea that law enforcement officers would be given more time to devote to pursuing violent criminals is equally misleading. If Nevada were to legalize marijuana this would not change the law in other states, instead it would insight a frenzy of purchases from out-of-state black market drug dealers, each one of which would be considered a criminal in his home state. The amount of violence associated with the drug trade is undeniable. Almost every night we are confronted with another murder spawned by a drug related argument. The influx of drug

tourism by such shady characters is not likely to do wonders for the Nevada justice system.

•And even if we could find some miniscule virtue in marijuana's legalization, what about the message that is being sent to the children of America? The idea that it is acceptable to abuse any substance in order to escape or enjoy life is an attempt to defraud America's youths of a fulfilling life. While marijuana

itself is not addictive, the mindset that says it is acceptable to induce happiness by an otherwise useless temporary stimulant will stay with a child for his life. Marijuana has been repeatedly addressed as a gateway drug

among substance abuse counselors. What that means is that while marijuana itself does not have dangerous affects on the user, many users will eventually seek a stronger drug, which does possess dangerous affects, when they grow used to the marijuana's original high.

Why should the American populace accept a substitute for true happiness? Dependency on such a crutch could only produce a weak lame society, which cannot stand for itself. While the slim chance exists, that some adolescents may go unscathed by a acceptable drug culture, I for one would not gamble with the futures of America's youths, for we must remember that America's youths are our future.



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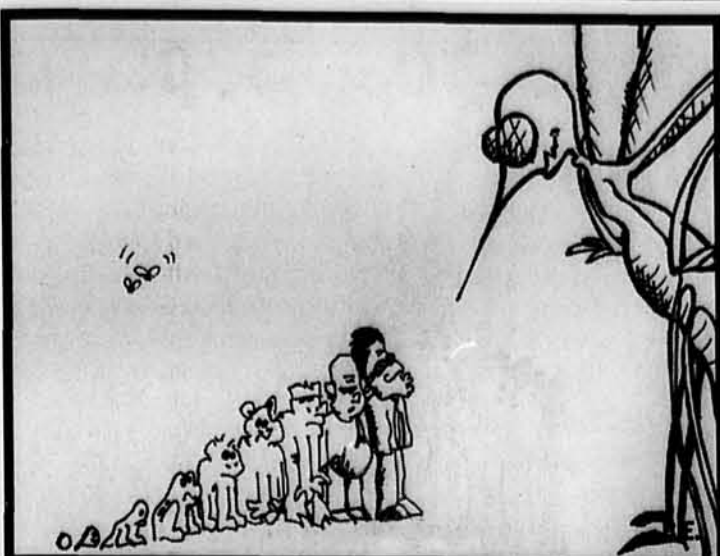
—Bryan Snyder, Sr.
Wilmington, De.



"It's very distracting having cameras in your face while you're trying to worship."

—Amy Pointer, Jr.
Upper Marlboro, Md.

Commentary



The ascension of man

West Nile challenges scientific thought

Sometimes we humans think we know it all. However, as the recent blood-transmission of the West Nile Virus shows, science often runs blindly ahead of itself.

Now scientists are backtracking to find ways to protect the nation's blood supply from new budding viruses. Concerns have risen that a new disease, much like the AIDS epidemic a decade ago, could contaminate the 14 million pints of donated blood. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that the West Nile Virus infected about 100,000 people this summer, according to an article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Speculation holds that if 5 percent of the population donates blood regularly, then 5 thousand of those infected with West Nile may have contributed the disease to the Red Cross unknowingly along with their blood.

Watching the rise of new diseases and the often-careless approach to transfusions and blood donation, I wonder how anyone could still believe that the world evolved from single cells into higher and higher life forms. I know this connection may seem far-fetched, but when we consider the evolutionary assumption of someday reaching a Darwinist utopia without disease or turmoil, the reality becomes obvious. Our world is corroding, not progressing.

Evolutionary idealists claim that we are an upward-moving society, and their assertion holds some truth. We have become much more technologically elite than we were a century ago, and

many of the formerly life-threatening illnesses, such as polio or smallpox, have been eradicated.

Yet new diseases and new technological difficulties are around every turn. Our computer systems are phasing out as quickly as they are constructed, and for every vaccine, several new maladies erupt. The degeneration may cause critics to doubt that a perfect God would allow His creation to become such a mess, but the gangrenous effect of sin explains the decay well.

The trouble begins when we decide to play God with our newfound knowledge. Science destroys as much as it heals, bringing new ailments from the test tube to the community, while industry consumes and contaminates resources once considered natural and abundant.

All the while, the Author and Perfecter smiles sadly down, shaking His head at the mud pies we've made in the name of human accomplishment. We give each other awards and recognition, but when we hold our glories up to His glory, our righteousness is as filthy rags.

Evolution says we are making headway toward a perfect civilization. Those who hold the outlook of a higher Viewpoint realize that science only carries the strength of the human mind, and sin causes decay in both physical and spiritual realms. Evolution has no answer to the diseases of the body, and science definitely has no answer to infections of the spirit.



heatherhuff

The easy life plagues Christianity

Every so often, we pause to shake our heads at the sad state of affairs in the world today. Our nation is said to be going down the tubes. Time and again, we are told, things have never been worse.

Abortion continues its slaughter, homosexuality is embraced, and the only thing absolutely intolerable is Christianity.

Time and again, we are told, something must be done, yet nothing is happening. The reason: life is too easy.

Now, don't get me wrong. Many things that are going on, including abortion and homosexuality, are evil and must be opposed. But despite everything that is happening around us, Christians in this country are actually very well off. Throughout every victory and defeat, we have always retained one critical element. Since this country's founding we have had the key to every other battle: our freedom.

It is our greatest advantage

to live in a country where we can freely worship our God with the protection of the highest law. In contrast, citizens of other countries lack that same

protection, and many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are persecuted for their faith. Their devotion comes at a great cost, for they must live in constant jeopardy. But here, where our freedom is guaranteed, we are in no such danger. And because we need not be continuously vigilant for our lives, we can dedicate more time and resources to furthering God's work.

Or so it goes in theory. Instead of making the most of the advantage our freedom gives us, we instead grow somnolent. Without a constant struggle, we too often remain content in our comfortable couches. Life is easy because there is no peril. No vigilance is required; we can, and often do, just simply exist.

It is sad, but sometimes the greatest use a Christian will

make of his religious freedom is to put a fish on the bumper of his car.

There is nothing wrong with that, unless it is your greatest contribution to God's kingdom.

So if the Christian life is too easy, what can be done? A couple of suggestions:

Get the Word out. Tell somebody the good news of Jesus Christ. This is probably the best thing we can do, but to judge

from people's reactions, it is the hardest thing in the world. Yet we must be the ones to step up and spread the Word, because we are in the best position to do so. In the U.S., both speech and religion are constitutionally protected, giving double the advantage. It is a pity to see

that dual freedom go unused when so many places have neither.

Open up your wallet and give. I know that is hard for college students especially, parting

with hard-earned money when so much of it seems to leave of its own accord, but it helps the ministries to run. Give what you can. It's not easy, but then, easy isn't a good thing.

Give of your time. Time is even more precious than money, and there are many ministries that could use help, even if it's just an hour at a time.

We have been blessed with a nation that lets us worship our God. Let's make the most of what God has given to us. Let us not waste our freedom.



aaronstevenson

Berkley discourages over-patriotism

Halls of remembrance filled with streamers of red, white, and blue, and pictures of burning buildings pasted to the doors with sticky tears, this was a normal site after the events of September 11, 2001. Gas stations stated remembrance rather than rising gas price and marquee in front of local diners read "God Bless America," and suddenly a nation acknowledges God. Every church across the nation was filled to the brim with people with dirty hands and a dingy conscious in the those following weeks. They sing "My Country 'Tis of The," and "America the Beautiful," while their eyes fill up with tears. Soon they too will return to their Sunday morning lives, excluding church, just as they had for years, and bearing a lighter burden since singing a few songs and shedding tears in God's house, it's a shame that they fail to remember that this world is His too.

Just as every year, September 11 has come, only this year the events are slightly different. All over the nation there will be observances where we will once more sing those songs and wave flags diligently, everywhere, except the University of California - Berkley.

Earlier this week observance planners at Berkley felt that patriotic songs should be kept to a minimum, no flags of pride, no tears of

loss for those Americans lost in the tragedy, all because they didn't want to offend any of their foreign students. Berkley leaders fear that there would be too many people with counter protest that would disturb the atmosphere of remembrance.

Now I understand that tolerance is the buzz word of the millennium, but why should we as Americans not be tolerant of ourselves? Suddenly we're all worried that students from other countries are going to go postal in the middle of a commemorative event of the tragedy that happened in our country, when they're the ones choosing to be here. If they hate America enough to do something like that then they don't need to be going to school here in the first place. Go home if you hate America! You don't want to offend anyone, yet by trying not to offend the minority you're offending the majority by putting limitations of how patriotic they're allowed to be. Granted, I'm not much of one for grand amounts of patriotism, sure I'll wave a flag around and go watch fireworks on the fourth of July, but hey, if you want to tattoo an Ameri-

can flag to your forehead, and burning buildings on your back, go for it! If we're going to be "tolerant" of what the minority feels about American events then can I not state my opinion about all of those days that we celebrate for them? Don't just exclude the events of 9/11,

cut out Chinese New Year, nix Canadian Independence Day, and rid the world of National Greek Ice Cream Day! If we are tolerant of our celebrations now, what's next, we don't want to "offend" anyone so no church is allowed to have steeples or signs by the road, so you have service in the basement of someone's house trying not to sing loud so that your Buddhist neighbors won't be offended. Though later Berkley softened their statement it still sounds more like a communist union than one nation under God. Just something to think about.



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If anyone is interested in joining the Marines, there will be a recruiter with a table set up in the DeMoss Hall atrium. The recruiter will be available beginning at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Stop by for more information on how to get involved with the Marines.

• **9/22 Movie Magic and More**

The Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra will be performing on Sunday at 3 p.m. at E.C. Glass High School. This concert will include music from the latest movies to old Broadway favorites. Tickets are \$7 for students.

Fall Fashion on the LU Campus



Adele Granarie, Dayna Toy and Adam Selvia model the latest fall fashions

KRISTIN HIGH

By Carrie Frasz, reporter

There are definitely some do's and don't's of fashion that have been trusted by our ancestors and will remain valid no matter how much rebellious Liberty students may fight it.

Ladies, Sept. 2 (Labor Day) has passed; check your calendars. Now, check your wardrobe...are your white shoes still visible, or how about those white pants? I don't care how cute they are, rules are rules. The same can be said about the rules for your undergarments, it really does not matter how cute they are, they should not be seen. Low-rise pants are great...a must for the fall season, but let's not ruin the effect by showing what is underneath. Do wear those pretty and dainty blowsy shirts, but don't forget to wear a shirt underneath (again ruining the effect by showing too much).

On a positive note, the Liberty ladies all look especially lovely this year, fashionable,

but not loud (loud meaning too much to handle in morning classes). I have admired the more basic and classic styles that have been strutting through the hallways of DeMoss.

Guys, as always, are looking good. I often find myself grateful for the dress code that you have to endure. You men continue to impress us ladies with the perpetual and smart ensemble of khakis and a button-up shirt. This may seem basic and like the easiest or only thing to throw on in the morning, but really, very nice.

However, don't get too excited yet, you are not quite flawless. Now maybe you guys honestly just don't know, or perhaps you were not informed of the common sense rule of brown belt equals brown shoes and black belt equals black shoes. They are not to be intermixed, so please don't act like you don't do it- we all know who you are. If this sounds pretty basic to you, that is because it is. It's not rocket science here...it's simply matching.

Another thing, as a thrifty girl myself, I can appreciate the cheap ensembles found at thrift stores and Goodwill. However, I really don't think a bargain, no matter how cheap it is, should make you sacrifice your standards. Clothes are not meant to be worn till disintegration. There is a reason they are in a second-hand store, find out why before you purchase and wear them (check for holes, armpit stains and overall merit of items).

But, I will say this for Liberty University fashion, we display nicely. The student body has a divergent display of attire, but the continuity of class. Well done students, proceed with your regular dress, but do remember those few fashion rules mentioned above.

As you partake in an all new shopping adventure for not only a new school year, but also a new season, strategize before hitting up the fabulous shopping advantages of Lynchburg.

It is hard enough to find clothes that are within our college budgets and according to the Liberty Way, but we also struggle not to have the identical outfit as the person sit-

ting next to you in convocation. So, to increase your potential outfits, get more for your money, and never be out of style, grasp these simple suggestions:

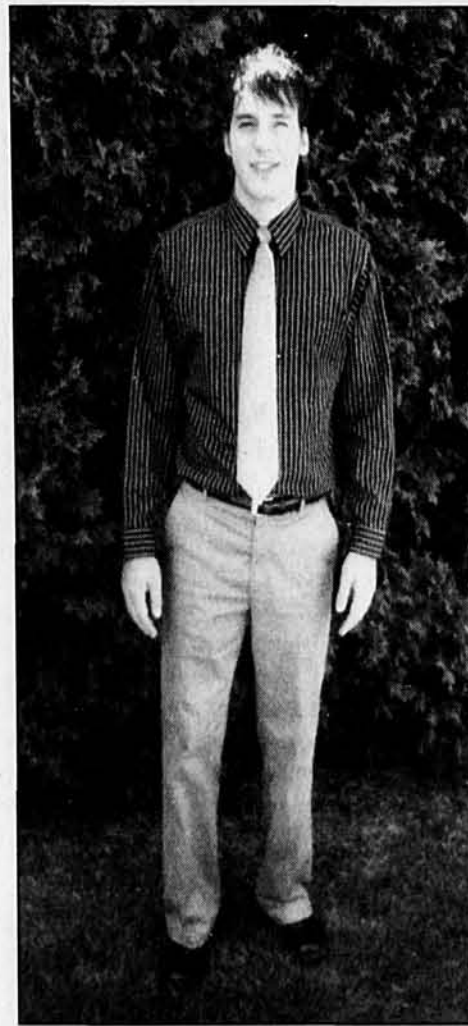
• **Decide your style.** Who are you? Who do you want to be? Are you a sophisticate, surfer, hippie, eccentric or cowboy? Do you prefer grunge, funky or classy trends? Buy in accordance to your type. If you choose your style ahead of time, you won't run into buyer's remorse later.

• **Shop for long-term relationships.** Before physically buying an item, stop and think. Figure out when and where you will be able to wear it (is it within class dress code?). Think if you have anything like it already. If it does not make sense to make the purchase, then don't.

• **Spend on classics, save on fads.** Don't drop too much cash on things that will not last. Don't be afraid to shell out for items that will be worn for more than one season, year or occasion. Classics include jeans, khakis and basic/solid shirts.

• **Don't be brainwashed by saving money.** It is easy to lose yourself in sales and outlets. Just because the bargain seems too good to pass up, does not mean you have to take it. Shop with an agenda, buy things that still fit your taste and style, or ask yourself if you would have paid full price for the item.

• **Don't forget the accessories.** If you have on the great-looking shoes and are carrying a classy bag, your clothes can be from anywhere. A smart belt or a little jewelry goes a long way. A few carefully chosen additions can create or complete an outfit.



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Junior Adam Selvia, models male class dress



KRISTIN HIGH

Junior Kathryn Barkhau styles the female dress code

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Remember who you are

Sometimes people will say things to you that have a way of sticking with you for the rest of your life. My grandfather had a way of doing that. James Tidenberg was a quiet man who stood over six feet tall, and he exuded the kind of authority that made people listen when he did choose to speak. On more than one occasion he would say in his deep gentle voice, "Amy, remember who you are." Even though my grandfather has been gone for a little over five years, those words have remained in my mind and in my heart.

I think the reason that his words have stuck with me is due to the fact that he lived what he advised. My grandfather was a pastor and a missionary his entire life, and whether he was in

Texas, Kenya, Tanzania or Oklahoma, James Tidenberg always remembered who he was, and what his purpose was. He loved God to the best of his ability in whatever situation or role he was given, whether it was as a pastor, as a church planter in Africa, or as a husband, father and grandfather. I really couldn't help but to heed his words when for over fifty years he consistently reflected to me the importance of remembering who I was.

What does it mean to remember who you are? I think that in his quiet way, my grandfather was telling me not to forget that I am a follower of Christ, that I am someone who has chosen to obey His commands, and to love God with all my heart, soul and mind. Remembering who I am means knowing

and believing that I am a daughter of the King, and living my life accordingly.

You may be wondering what these simple words from my grandfather have to do with your own life. In fact, those words have quite a lot to do with all of us who are followers of Christ. It is vital that each one of us remembers who we are.

It is so important that every one of us knows who we are in Christ and what our purpose is. What is our purpose? Our purpose is to glorify God in every single thing we do and say. We have to remember who we are when the opportunity comes to do something that would not be pleasing to Christ, and also when we have the opportunity to do something that would please Christ.

At one point during my freshman year of

high school I made a decision not to be involved in certain things that some of my friends were involved in. It was truly one of the most meaningful moments in my life when my grandfather said to me, "Amy, I'm proud of you. You remembered who you are."

If that was a special moment for me, imagine what it will be like when you are able to stand before the Creator of the Universe, and He says to you, "My child, I am so proud of you. You remembered who you are." How incredible is that going to be?

As students at Liberty University, whether we like it or not, we are a reflection of Christ. We should choose to live accordingly, and to remember who we are, from the simple things like the way we choose to dress, to the huge things, like deciding what we're going to do with our lives. We are followers of Christ; sons and daughters of the King. In everything we do, we must remember who we are.

Do You Know



GUY MADISON

Hometown: Centreville, Va.

Major: Biblical Studies

Favorite day of the week: Saturday

Favorite movie: Rocky

What do you do when no one is watching? I listen to weird '80s music

Least favorite chore: Setting up the concession stand

Accomplishment you are most proud of: becoming friends with D.H. and John Crowe

Most treasured material possession: my car

My worst habit: Sleepwalking

Describe your ideal Saturday afternoon: Playing with my nephew Koben.

What I do in my free time: Work in my business.

Pet peeves: I hate when people try and talk to me while I'm on the phone.

First thing I notice about people: Whether or not they're smiling

Something I collect: Wrestling videos from the '80s and '90s

Favorite Verse: Philippians 4:13

Where I see myself in the next 10 years: Married and owning my own business

If I could be anyone for a day I would be: Tim White, my roommate

W'SOCCER: Lady Flames settle for tie

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Meanwhile, Flames starting keeper Christie Goodman-Williams protected the lead by making save after save.

The second half started a lot like the first half, only in reverse. High Point (1-2-1) was the one scoring early.

Panther's freshman midfielder Chelsi Parrado received the ball from forward Jen Evans about 25 yards from goal. She struck the ball from there and put it past the Flames' keeper for the goal.

Much like in the first half, Goodman-Williams made some key saves to keep the score 1-1. In the 59th minute, High Point put two shots on goal from inside the box and Goodman-Williams made

great saves on both.

The second half continued to go back and forth, with no real scoring chances for either side until late in the half. In the 81st minute Liberty put a header on goal. The final play of regulation Goodman-Williams made a diving save on a shot by a Panther.

Ninety minutes weren't enough, so the teams went to overtime. The Flames controlled the first overtime period putting three shots on goal, just none of them going past the keeper.

In the second overtime period, the Panthers got the only shot on net, but were unable to score. The result, after 110 minutes of soccer was 1-1.

"Both teams played well

and both coaches walked away happy that neither left with a loss," Price said.

On Tuesday, September 10th Liberty was able to get their first win of the season beating Gardner Webb 1-0.

After playing through a scoreless first half, Gantner scored the only goal of the game in the 51st minute. Senior midfielder Emily Shubin played a great corner kick into the box, where GW keeper Edie Hering was able to tip it, but she tipped it right to Gantner who put it home for the score.

The rest of the game, GW (2-2) got their shots off, forcing Flames sophomore keeper Natalie Mayer to make fine saves. She was equal to the challenge, and sealed the win for the Flames.

SOCCER: Ties High Point

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break. I got it and was one-on-one with the keeper. I kept my composure and put it past him," Roberts said.

Defensively, the Flames scrapped all night and shutout Camels despite missing a key cog in their defense. Collin Mascagni, a senior from Clinton, Miss., sprained a MCL in Tuesday's game against High Point. "We miss Collin. Arguably he is the best one-on-one defender in the conference. We are hoping to get him back next weekend," Alder said.

In his place Kevin Hay started at right back and Matt Morris switched to left back. "Kevin, Matt and [Adam Godwin, sophomore defender from Hereford, England] are doing a great job. The guys kept working

for each other and kept fighting for each other," Alder said.

Goalkeeper Patrick Heery, a senior from High Point and Wesleyan High, made five saves to preserve the win and the shutout. Heery also made several spectacular saves against High Point to maintain the draw. "Patrick is doing well. The games he gets the better he gets. He made a big save tonight. He made a big save against High Point," Alder said.

In the 1-1 draw with High Point Roberts scored on a header that sophomore Hollis Donaldson crossed into the box in the 12th minute of the match. High Point's goal came off of unassisted goal by Mark Gilbert in the 65th minute of the match. Heery was credited with five saves over the course of the match

that lasted 110 minutes with the two, 10 minute over time periods.

"We had some chances to get a second and third goal but High Point had some chances to win the game. We were thankful to get out of there with a draw. So now we are not in the negative column in conference play," Alder said.

Liberty's record now stands (3-1-1) and (0-0-1) in the Big South Conference. The Flames will play in the Navy Invitational, in Annapolis, Maryland against Army on the Sept. 20 and Navy on Sept. 22. The Flames then travel to Elon for a conference match on Sept. 25 and to UNC Greensboro on Sept. 28. Before returning home for George Mason on Oct. 1.

Football preps for Appy State

By Kyle Adams, reporter

In case you were wondering what to do with your Saturday afternoon, I've come up with a little list of reasons why Saturday's Liberty vs. Appalachian State game should not be missed. With apologies to Dwayne Carson and Rob Jackson for not using some kind of acrostic or alliteration, here are my top ten reasons why every Liberty student should head for Williams Stadium this weekend.

#10 The LU defense. I realize that we are only two games into the season, but opponents' points per game is down from 36.7 last season to 14.6 this season. And anyone who watched the West Liberty State game knows there is something going on with Liberty's own version of Blue Crush. How can you not be intrigued by a defense that gives up 404 yards of total offense but only allows six points? Talk about bending but not breaking.

#9 It's free. I cannot overstate the importance of this simple statement. A lot of schools have student waiting lists or pricey ticket packages, and we have none of that. We've a pretty sweet deal going here, so why not take advantage of that?

#8 The West Liberty State and Western Carolina games. The way I see it, we owe the football team at least one good game of fan support. The first two games had a decent enough turnout-if you total up all the students who showed up at different points in the game. The revolving door of fans is not going to work against a serious opponent like Appy State. We need the student section full

at kickoff, still full when the second half kicks off, and fired up in the fourth quarter instead of fizzling out.

#7 Rivalries. It's very possible that God created college football just for rivalry games. With the inception of the Big South football conference, Liberty might form some new rivalries, but we play Appalachian State every year, and they are the closest team we have right now to an established rival. An LU win would really get things going in this series.

#6 Sports Center. Before cable, it might have been necessary to watch every game on television, trying to soak up as much college football as possible. Now, Sports Center can take you across the country in one hour, catching you up on everything you might have missed during the day. Is the BYU-San Diego State game on ESPN2 really more important than the game on your own campus? Of course it's not. Get out to the stadium, then catch up with highlights later.

#5 The ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA coaches poll. Specifically, I am talking about Appalachian State's ranking in that poll, which just happens to be fifth. Give coach Karcher some credit for scheduling a game like this here in Lynchburg, and come to the game because you never know the next time that a top 10 team will play us here.

#4 This is related to the last reason, and of course I am talking about the upset bug. You think the West Nile virus is scary? Not nearly as scary to college football teams as the Unexpected Loss virus. There is nothing greater than an underdog derailing a powerhouse program's entire season. In fact, these upsets are

so great that they almost single-handedly keep ESPN Classic on the air. September has seen a flurry of upsets (just ask Nebraska, Colorado, and Michigan) and it is time for Liberty to get in on the action. A win over a top 10 program would speak volumes about how far the Flames they have come since last season

#3 Gus Condon. Say what you want about the five turnovers in his first game, and I will counter with the argument that it was nothing more than that, his first game. The junior quarterback rebounded nicely against West Liberty State, not turning the ball over at all and completing 8 of 15 passes for 117 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown strike. He is a true athlete who will continue to get better with every series.

#2 You're going to hear about it from Dr. Falwell anyway, whether it's in church the next day or in convocation the next week. You might as well just go and be a part of it.

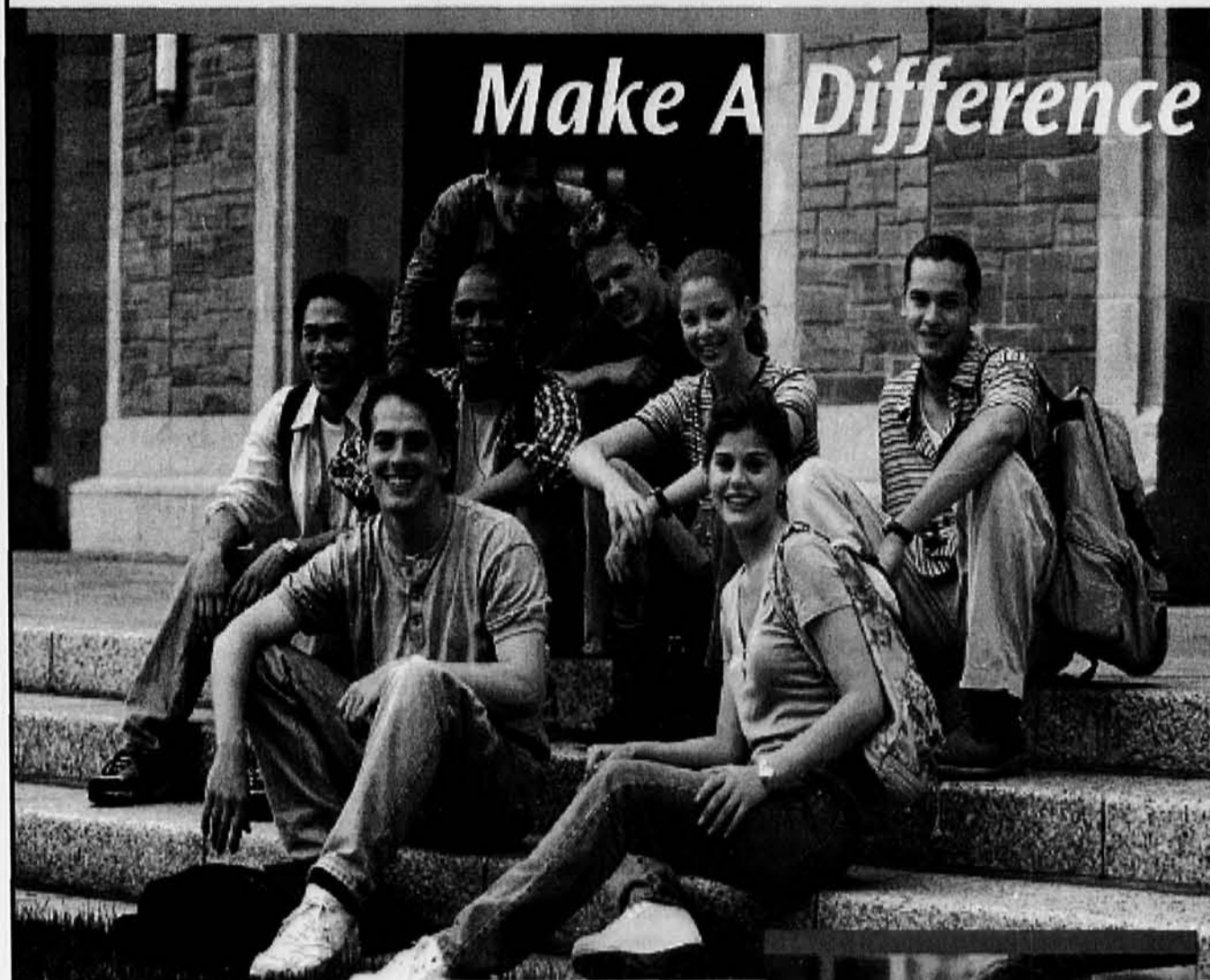
#1 Verondre Barnes. This kid is a playmaker, and Appalachian State knows that as well anyone. Last season Barnes rushed for 146 yards and two touchdowns against the Mountaineers in the first game of his college career. This season he has rushed past the century mark in both games, and he turned in a career-high 148 yards against West Liberty State. Individual efforts in a big game can put a team over the top, guess is that Barnes will deliver another big-time performance on Saturday.

This is a rivalry game against a top 10 team, and a win here could set the tone for Liberty's entire season. The way I see it there is no valid excuse for missing this game.

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X-C men finish fourth in opener

By Ethan Dubravsky, reporter

The Liberty Flames cross country teams competed at the Lou Onesty Cross Country Invitational this past weekend.

The men's team had a fourth place finish out of 11 teams competing, with 140 points. The women finished fifth out of 11, accumulating 161 points. Overall, Duke won both the men's and women's competition.

Junior Dan Rabe led the men's team, finishing 21st with a time of 25:46.20. Following Rabe in Liberty's top five were Josiah Melly, placing 26th in 25:53.70; Jason Brown in 39th with a 26:24.10;

Evan Falat, 42nd in 26:27.80; Aaron Gogain, 55th in 27:02.50.

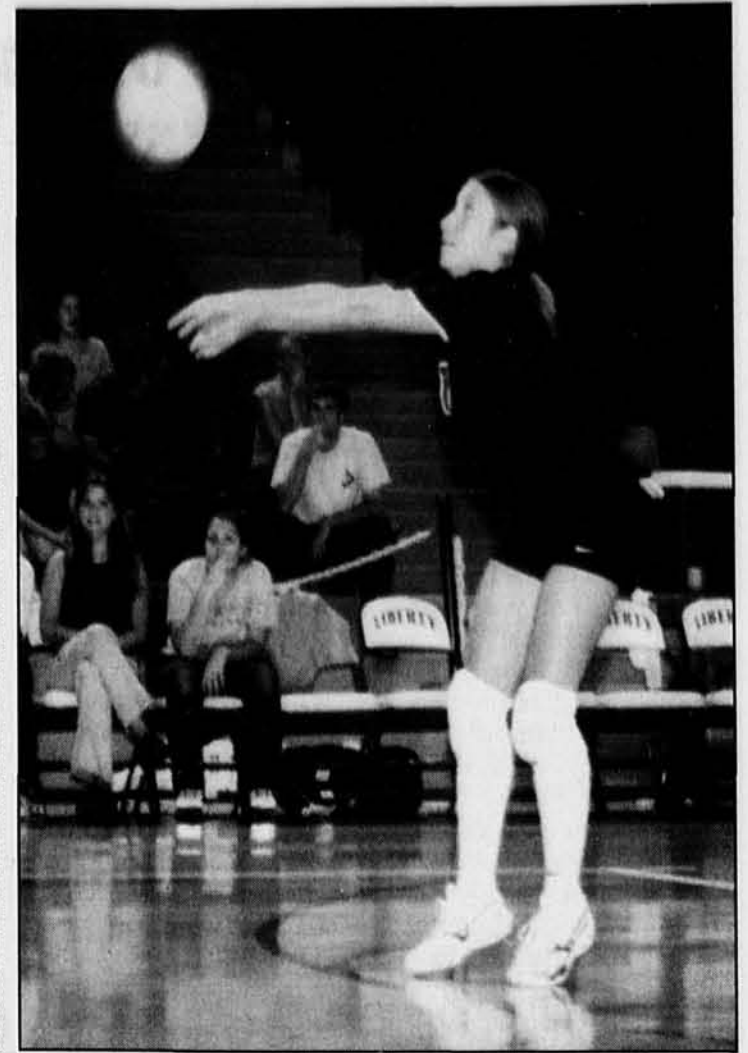
Backing up the top five on the men's side were Richard Cheruiyot, 63rd in 27:15.20; Bobby Hunt, 76th in 27:49.10. Tony Sangutei, Chris Lyons, Travis Campbell, Shaun LeBaron, and Ben Melin also competed last Saturday.

For the women, Sophomore Samantha Pelletier led the way for the Flames. Pelletier took a 17th place finish with a time of 18:20.40. Rounding out the Lady Flames were Melissa Blackstone, 45th in 19:33.50; Chelsey Swanson, 51st in 19:47.80; Christina Strohecker, 58th in 19:57.40; Sarah Kline, 61st in

20:15.10.

Coach Heather Sagan says she is "happy with the overall performance of the team...the men's team is looking really strong [and] although are numbers are low, our women's team has potential."

Liberty's harriers will compete again this coming weekend at the Hokie Invitational in Blacksburg, Va. The meet will be held at Virginia Technical University, with the gun going off at 9 a.m. for the first race.



FILE PHOTO

BUMP— Jen Sunshine sets up her teammates during the Liberty invitational.

TOLSMA: finishes second at double-decathlon

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"The first the events I was just trying too hard...I wasn't relaxing enough...but then I settled down and started doing pretty well," Tolsma said.

Well indeed, as two of Tolsma's top events would come on day one. While Tolsma says his strength is more in consistency, his 834 points in the high jump would be his best of the 20 events. Later in the day, Tolsma would also score well with a long jump of over 17 feet. However, his most difficult event, the steeplechase, was still yet to come.

"As you get older they lower things like the height in the hurdles, but they don't in the steeple chase. The steeple chase I ran was the same that they run in the Olympic games. It gets hard when you're older to get over those things," Tolsma said.

Nevertheless, Tolsma was still able to finish with one of the top scores in his age group. However, his top competition in Karkkainen would thrive in the event. Karkkainen didn't just win, he dominated, even defeating all of the younger athletes. His score of 1004 points was more than 400 more than Tolsma and meant an especially difficult challenge on day two.

The second day started out much like the first, with perfect weather, perfect



FILE PHOTO

Flames Cross Country Coach Brant Tolsma

wind and Tolsma was still in the drivers seat. He was even on his way to breaking his own record. The only question was, would that be enough.

After cruising through the first three events Tolsma suffered a setback in the fourth—the pole vault. "They didn't really have the right poles for me." Tolsma's jump was good, over 11 feet, but not what he had expected.

Two events later, in the 400m hurdles Tolsma would have another problem. "I fell down...it probably cost me 100 points."

Those two events would ultimately cost Tolsma the

Championship. He finished out the remaining four events strong, and was defeated by 63 points, despite shattering his personal record by 838 points. "I beat him (Karkkainen) in 12 of the 20 events but he beat me so much in the distance running events," Tolsma said.

Tolsma would take home a cup for second place, but he is determined to take back his title.

"We're looking to host a USA championship here, maybe in May." Tolsma would also like to take part again in next year's World Championships in Austria.

However, Tolsma said he was disappointed with something else as well.

"If the truth was told, I went there with a goal of breaking the world record, which I did, but I lost it. I should have gone there with my primary goal to have a positive testimony for the Lord...and I guess that's my primary goal...but sometimes it's easy to let your real purpose slide to the back seat," Tolsma said.

While that may or may not have been Tolsma's primary goal, the real success of his trip may not be seen until years from now. Tolsma was able to pass out five of his books—on the surrendered Christian life—to five athletes, four of whom were unsaved.

"I'm praying it will spark an interest and they'll open their hearts to the Lord...even as an old athlete it's a challenge to keep things in the right perspective," Tolsma said.

VOLLEYBALL: Wins two

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"We need to build on this. We can do a lot better now because we have some wins behind us," said Rudnick.

The Lady Flames will have to be on top of their game next weekend as they go to Athens for the Georgia Tournament. The Lady Flames will see Georgia, Rice and UCF in the upcoming tournament.

Phillips said, "It's a real big tournament, but we hope that we can pick up right where we left off. If we can play well like we did in this tournament we'll be happy."

The Lady Flames are happy with their playing going into next week's tournament but not content.

"We need to put up a bigger block," said Phillips. "The speed of their (Georgia) offense is going to be a little quicker. They're going to hit a little higher so we're going to have to put up a more solid block and run down more balls."

You can catch the Lady Flames next home game September 24 against High Point University in the Vines Center.

High Point is currently 1-11 on the season, its lone win coming against Wofford. The Panthers are also 0-1 in Big South play having lost to UNC-Asheville. The Panthers will play the Bulldogs again on the 17th before coming to Lynchburg.

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The definition of the true fan and their role in LU athletics

COMMENTARY

Championships may be won and lost on the playing fields, but the desire to win exists in every arena. These people never suit up before a game, never go to practice, but are an integral part of a team's success. They are the fans. Define fan. A fan is an enthusiastic devotee of a sport as well as an ardent admirer. By definition how many "fans" really exist for our sport programs at LU? Why do so many people complain that programs at Liberty are sub par when all they do is talk negative about them, when they should support them? Why is it that even when we do develop winning programs, crowds are sparse? Why, when we are winning in the second half of a football game, do people leave? Why do we overlook all the hard work others put in, and show no sup-

port when it is our turn? All these questions can be answered by a true fan. When you find one, send the individual my way so I can shake his hand. I am a sports fan who is disgusted with "fans" not coming to games when our teams need support to put this school on the map. Sporting events have become "social outings" and we have all forgotten how hard these athletes work everyday just to make "fans" happy on game day. Why have we become so selfish that we can show up for the home opener but refuse to let this slide by without a little kicking and screaming. I got the privilege of sitting 22 rows off the field this past week at the VT vs. Marshall game. I walked through massive parking lots and saw more than two people tailgating. I saw excited fans who understood words like 'loyalty' and 'passion.' I finally got to expe-

rience my first authentic college football game. I saw VT lead a team 33-0 heading into the fourth quarter and there was still 50,000 fans standing and cheering. They made sure to show the athletes their appreciation for a job well done. I saw high fives and I heard fans screaming in unison; that sent chills down my spine. Oh yeah, I also saw 9,000 fans from the opposing team travel hours just because they believed in a cause. How long will it take before Liberty University can be mentioned in the same breath with Marshall? Lets act like a family and start making an effort and who knows what can happen. A fan should be described as a fanatic. A fanatic is defined as excessive enthusiasm and often

intense uncritical devotion. Let's use our extensive education to count how many people really symbolize this definition? Your answer is very few. How can a team win six Big South championships (women's basketball) and dominate each season, yet people only jump on the "bandwagon" when the NCAA tournament starts? How many "fans" can really say that they know we finished 88th in the Sears Cup last year, how many know what the Sears Cup is? We want to be a school on the cusp of greatness and represent God to all the schools we encounter. I want someone to tell me how we get to the point of VT or Virginia when "fans" don't exist. Don't these goals become unrealistic without fanatics?



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I am sick of hearing uninformed people contribute their thoughts on our athletic programs when they don't even know what the name of our football stadium is. Athletics are free for us to watch, so why is it that other schools have gotten the picture but we still sit in the fog? Marshall in the last few years went from I-AA, where we are now, to I-A. Since converting, they are 50-12 and are a program on the rise because a coach had a vision and the fans supported it. Does this sound familiar to you? Coach Karcher has pulled this program from mediocrity and is bringing us back to respectability. How much credit does this guy get for coming to work early everyday and working with the team? None, he gets to see the stands empty when he sees his team trailing by 10 at half or up by 20 because people just don't get the picture. If you want an 'A' in a class that you pay a

ton of money for, do you just go to half of the classes? What would that say about you if you only showed up sometimes? My purpose here is not to degrade LU fans, but instead to wake them up from a slumber that has lasted too long. Ask any coach or player how much it means to have the crowd behind them at home. I guarantee your answer won't be negative. In life we as humans take so much for granted. But why is it we overlook that which is right under our noses? I am proud of the school I go to and its sports teams. It just seems to me each year I am here less people feel like I do. I don't want your pity and neither do the athlete's whose blood, sweat and tears most of you never see. I just don't want to hear you say your name and the word "fan" in the same sentence unless you practice what you preach.

Feminists have the Augusta issue wrong

COMMENTARY

There was a little headline on ESPN.com last Sunday, "Smash-nova denies Kournikova at Shanghai." Evidently, tennis diva Anna Kournikova made it to the finals of a tournament (for the first time since 2000), giving her the opportunity to win her first ever singles title. Unfortunately for her, she lost in straight sets. A week earlier, a scantily-clad Serena Williams won another Grand Slam title in the U.S. Open. Elsewhere in the sports world, feminists from the National Council of Women's Organizations have put pressure on CBS and sponsors of golf's annual Masters tournament due to the fact that the host course, Augusta National, has no female members. Believe it or not, those last two stories are actually interrelated. Or at least, they should be.

For some reason, feminists have decided that it is more detrimental to their cause to have a private institution make a business decision that they deem to be unfavorable, than it is for women like Kournikova or Williams to receive attention because of sex appeal first and athletic ability second (For Kournikova, her tennis skills are a distant second). What kind of message does that convey? First of all, these feminists are horribly misguided. If they still want to shed the notion that women shouldn't be tools to the ideals that the media and our society have propagated and can succeed no matter what they look like physically, then they aren't acting like it. Instead, it is apparent that they're willing to ignore those transgressions,

setting their own movement back 30 years, so that they can further some of their quasi-socialist beliefs. According to them, they think they should tell you how to run your business. Along that line, to quote media king Rush Limbaugh, "Augusta National was set up as a private club among people who profoundly believe in golf and want to promote it, and hold that in common. It's not about advancing lifestyles, affecting people's careers or anything of the sort." Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson explained his club's position: "We...continue to insist that our private club should not be 'managed' by an outside group. There may come a day when women will be invited to join our club, but that decision

must be ours." Listen, I think that Augusta's all-male membership is an arcane idea. But, I'm not going to tell them who they can admit; as a private business (I've stressed the word 'private' throughout this commentary for a reason) they have the right to discriminate against anyone whom they choose. My problem is when this becomes priority one for activist groups. Meanwhile, women all over the country are still being exploited for their looks, with nary an advocate to stand up for the rest of them. And to the rest of the feminists, I say pick your battles. There are greater problems plaguing women in society, as well as women in sports, than the anachronistic rules that some country club established. Fight the good fight; it's the only way to advance your cause, it is the only way to be taken seriously. Now go bake me a cake.



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sports update

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Greatest QB ever dies

He was arguably the greatest quarterback in NFL history. His picture graced the walls on fans homes; his No. 19 jersey was popular before the era of merchandising. He was Johnny Unitas, QB great for the Baltimore Colts, and he died last Wednesday, Sept. 11. Unitas, the NFL MVP in 1964 and '67, the man who was named the "Player of the Decade" for the 1960s, played 18 seasons of pro football. When he retired in 1973, he held 22 NFL records. He became the first quarterback to ever throw for over 40,000 yards; his record of at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games has not been challenged since it was set in 1959-60. He was a leader. He was never flamboyant (unlike his rival Joe Namath). He was 6 feet, 145 pounds in high school. He overcame the odds and became the symbol for greatness; he was described as special because of his "uncanny instinct for calling the right play at the right time, his icy composure under fire, his fierce competitiveness, and his utter disregard for his own safety." He was 69.

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• 9/21 vs. Appy. State, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
• 9/20-21 at Georgia Tournament, TBA.
• 9/24 vs. High Point, Lynchburg, Va., 7 p.m.

M'SOCCER
• 9/20 at Army, 5 p.m.

• 9/22 at Navy, 3:30 p.m.

W'SOCCER
• Today at NC State, 4:30
• 9/21 vs. Charleston Southern, 1 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
• 9/21 at VPI Invitational, Blacksburg, Va. 9 p.m.



robbieadams

Generation X

Throughout history most sports have always had an icon or two the fans drooled over. We have now come to a point where in too many sports today, the "ageless ones" are soon going to make a heroic exit. What will Generation X do when no one steps up to fill some real big shoes?

First, we can start in boxing; Ali vs. Frazier only takes place now between the daughters of the former champions. Mike Tyson is still one of the biggest draws in boxing but hasn't been himself in five years. Lennox Lewis and Roy Jones Jr. are muddling retirement because neither can find anyone with enough money and skill to fight them. What happened to all the Foremans, Holmes, Moorers? When is the last time you saw an upset like Buster Douglas over Mike Tyson? The truth is De La Hoya may be the only fighter with competition. De La Hoya fought beautifully this past weekend against Fernando Vargas, but his next fight that fans want to see is against a man who is retired. To sum up, boxing is in trouble.

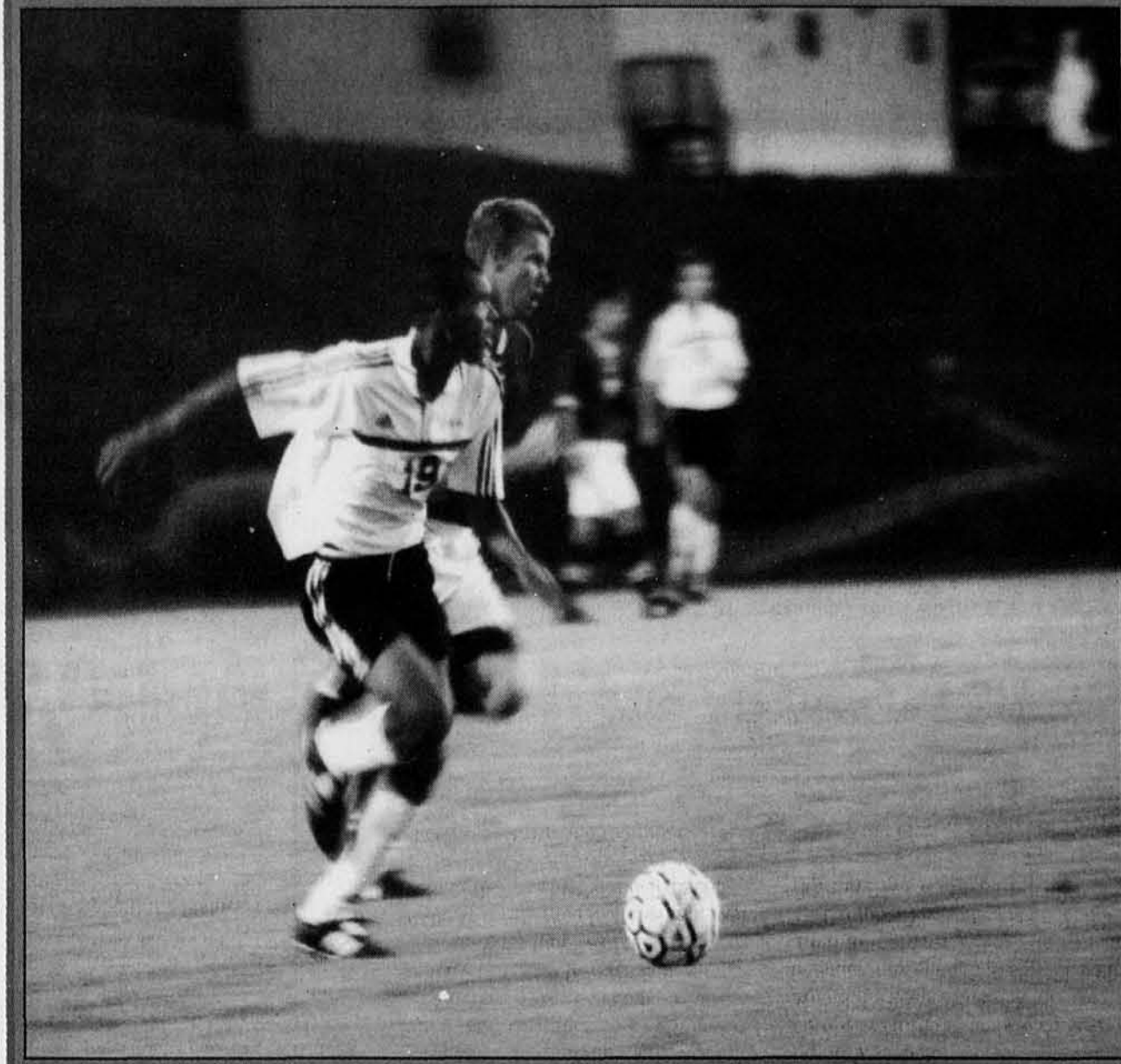
Tennis is next; McEnroe and Bjorg in a reunion match can still out draw a women's final, but what does that say? Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras may have met for the final time in this year's U.S. Open. What two men will take their place? Lleyton Hewitt (Aus.) and Andy Roddick (USA) are the projected next great players but what if it is just all hype? Whose side do you choose when you don't even know who is playing? Tennis needs to get its act together before the fans lose interest.

In college basketball, instead of being able to follow your favorite player for four years you are lucky to even see him play at all. Kids now are jumping from high school directly to the pros and taking away from a game which is not represented by money but by heart and desire. This leads into the NBA, which is filled with people like Shawn Kemp who actually think they can play a sport that has long since seen them past their prime.

Even baseball has seen one of its greatest stars walk away from the game and enjoy not being a part of constant strike talk. His name is Mark McGwire; to many fans he is the true home run king and captured Americas attention when he hit 70 home runs. Since his departure the home run has become less of what it once was and the player finds happiness away from all the glitz and glamour.

Our heroes are leaving peacefully and leaving us to wonder how we are going to get spine tingling chills again.

What is going to happen when all our heroes work their way into cold statues or plaques in their respective Hall of Fames? What happens when all great rivalries disappear like dust in the wind?



SOBAN WHITNEY

CHIP IT!— Freshman Darryl Roberts dashes down the field in against Campbell. Roberts scored the Flames' lone goal.

One goal enough for LU

By Chris Humphreys, reporter

Just as the clouds appeared to be a blanket stretched across the sky at Liberty Soccer Field Saturday night, the Flames must have felt like someone stretched a blanket across the face of their goal as time and again the Flames found a way to keep from scoring in their 1-0 defeat of Campbell.

In their last two games (a 1-1 tie versus High Point and the 1-0 defeat of Campbell) the Flames have totaled 32 shots and 20 of the shots have been on goal. However, Liberty has only found the back of the net twice in

the those two games. Both goals were scored by freshman forward Darryl Roberts.

Roberts, who is from Trincity, Trinidad but played high school soccer at Wesleyan Christian in High Point N.C., has five goals in five games this season. "[Darryl] just has so much composure up there. We knew the longer the game went he would find a way to get one in," Liberty's coach Jeff Alder said.

In the 54th minute of the match Roberts was hacked from behind, well behind the play by Campbell defender, Steve Hollinger. Hollinger was shown a red card and Campbell

played the rest of the match down a man.

Six minutes later Roberts scored the only goal of the match. Liberty's Chase Perry, a senior from High Point, N.C., who also played at Wesleyan Christian, played a ball over the pushed up Campbell defense and into Roberts path.

Roberts stormed the box, danced around the keeper and held off a defender long enough to slip the ball into the empty net.

"[Campbell] was playing an offside trap and I was waiting for that one

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LU Track Coach Tolsma breaks record

By John Farel, sports editor

Talking to Liberty University Track-Cross Country Coach Brant Tolsma last week it was clear he was a bit disappointed. Not in the performance of his track team, for they had yet to start the season.

Tolsma had just returned from the double-decathlon World Championships on September 7-8 in Turku, Finland. A place where some of the greatest athletes in the world gather to compete in a grueling, two-day competition in which they perform all 20 events in track and field. The athletes varied in ages and were divided accordingly, including the 52-year old Tolsma, who entered as the over 50 record holder in the event. However, much to his dismay, this time he would only be second best.

But Tolsma, who's no stranger to the competition, knew going in that this time would be a little different. For one he had never competed in a double-decathlon outside of the United States, which in itself would prove more challenging. And secondly, there was at least one competitor with a resumé of his own. His name was Heimo Karkkainen and he was the distance champion in the over 50 age group. To boot, Karkkainen would be competing in his own country of Finland, which Tolsma soon found out would be more of an advantage than he thought. Karkkainen didn't have to worry about getting his pole-vaulting poles onto an airplane. Tolsma on the other hand, would leave his in the United States and fend with the ones provided.

Tolsma arrived early and hoped to be well rested entering the first day of competition. Unfortunately that would not be the case. "I only slept two hours the night before. The mattress on the bed in the hotel was only half an inch thick," Tolsma said.

But despite the poor sleep and the remaining effects of jet lag, Tolsma came out determined.

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Volleyball takes second

By Joel Patrick, reporter

Liberty hosted the Ramada Inn Volleyball Invitational this weekend in the Vines Center on the campus of Liberty University.

The Lady Flames won two of their three matches. The tournament began on Friday Sept. 13th and wrapped up on Saturday the 14th. Teams in the tournament consisted of Delaware State, College of Charleston and UNC Wilmington. The Lady Flames started off well in their opening game against Delaware State on Friday night. Becky Rudnick (So. Middle Blocker,

Chicago, Ill.) led the Flames with 10 kills.

The Flames faced a tough match against College of Charleston losing to the Cougars in five games. But the Flames would bounce back handling the Seahawks of UNC Wilmington with ease winning in three straight games.

"I feel much better about our team's performance," Lady Flames Coach Chris Phillips said. "The girls played really well. They turned things around so we're really happy."

The Lady Flames have had their struggles including a tough match

against James Madison on Tuesday, but this as what could be a turning point in their season. "We did really well. We showed a lot of maturity and I think we pulled together out there," Erin Mckeown. (Jr. Middle Blocker, Glendale, Ariz.) said. "We picked up our performance big time today," she continued.

The Flames had three players make the all tournament team. Tatiana Tkachuk had 28 kills, Erin Mckeown had 32 kills with 23 digs and Becky Rudnick had 33 kills.

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MIKE TROXEL

SERVING—Becky Rudnick led the way with 10 kills.



JOHN FISHER

SWEET SHOT— Senior Sarah Gantner fires off a shot against High Point.

W'Soccer ties in High Point

One goal not enough as Lady Flames go to OT

By Andrew Martin, reporter

The Flames had a good week on the field after returning from their tough, but beneficial California trip. They won at Gardner-Webb, and tied at home against High Point.

"We played a lot of good teams while in California. We learned a lot of lessons from getting beat. We saw a different level of soccer out there, which made it hard for our

players to play against these teams," Lady Flames Coach James Price said.

In Thursday's action, the Flames played to a 1-1 tie in a conference game against the High Point Panthers. It was Liberty's first conference game of the season.

Flames senior defender Sarah Gantner got Liberty on the board early, scoring in the 4th minute. The Flames (1-3-1) were putting a lot of pressure on in the box; the ball came off a defender right to

Gantner. She blasted it with her left foot past the keeper to the back of the net.

"Getting the first goal was good. We like to get goals as soon as possible, it helps settle down the players," Price said.

The rest of the first half both sides had their chances. In the 11th minute Flames freshman forward Megan Balmer drilled a shot that went off the goal post.

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