Students invited to attend concerts for free

By Christina Koech, copy editor

Need to spice up your summer? Want to attend a major Christian event near home for free? Liberty University will be sponsoring major Christian music festivals all over the country and LU students can attend the concerts free if they help with recruiting while at the events. According to Annie Koole, director of Resident Recruiting, all LI students and alumni are eligible for this opportunity.

The recruiters will be the ones doing the real work, so we are just needing volunteers to help pass out information, or collect information,” Little said. “It’s not a lot of work, you get most of your day free, it’s a concert that would cost you $100 or $200 in the first place,” she added. “Also you are under the supervision of the recruiter that will help and direct, but are really cool. It is a good opportunity for basically free!

Liberty has contracted with Creative Activities and Programs (CAPS), a local company that will be coordinating the events for Liberty in conjunction with the Resident Recruiting office. CAPS also produced WinterFest at Liberty last December. According to CAPS President Michael Stewart, the events that Liberty will sponsor this summer "are of the best in the best in Contemporary Christian Music.” Stewart, a former dean of student life, said, “There are different types of festivals—those at theme parks, like Atlanta First, Kings Point, Spirit Song and others, and those like Creation and Alive Fest held in parks or camp grounds.”

The festivals that LI is sponsoring are the biggest and best know festivals in the country. Creations in the 25th year,” Stewart said. Liberty will sponsor 28 concerts total, according to Stewart.

“At the last CFMA there were students visiting Liberty who had no clue that Liberty had consid- ered coming to Liberty—and they saw Liberty at Creation last year. (They) talk about how impor tant it is to talk to current students,” Stewart said. Students interested should contact Lyttle at ext. 7755 or to vacancy@liberty.edu.

“Students will be a great addition to the recruiters at the festival’s answer questions about life at Liberty and help hand out promotional material, and they get to enjoy the festival when they are not helping with recruiting,” Stewart said.

Please see UPDATE, page A2
By Chris Price, columnist

I am sitting in a hotel room in Salem, Va., and it is 11 on Saturday night. I came with one of the campus praise bands, unable to have been up since 7:30 a.m. Why do youth things have to start early in the morning on Saturdays? I am sure God will still bless an activity if it starts on the other side of 11 a.m. Well, that introduction was to humorously say that I am tired, and that means it’s time for a list of random thoughts.

1. With all the great new reality shows that are out, why has someone not jumped on the idea that I think would make television history? Some enterprising television executive needs to make a series of shows called “Kairos Live.” It would feature the professors of our campus in a live setting, much like reality shows that have given us the likes of George Clooney and Michael Jordan.

   First of all, you have Jackson’s weird obsession with hanging out with children, and you have Jay’s weird obsession with wanting to eat one of them. The conflict would be captivating, there would be the fact that both of them sound like 12-year-old girls when they talk. Who wouldn’t want to hear two grown men giggle like school girls as they sit and talk late at night in their matching cowboy pajamas.

   You could make it more interesting and have them perform songs for Simon from American Idol. How great would it be to hear Jay go out and take a hard look at Simon’s year after being called “humorism.” I am telling you, someone should pay me to be a television executive.

2. Are the evolutionary scientists excited because they can point to Evan Marriott from “Joe Millionaire” and say that they have found the link between man and ape? Watching him was like trying to find meaning in the life of a ladybug.

   Millard Beavers, Todd Smith and Chad Kennedy. Held in DeMoss Hall 1114, the evening is designed to get students thinking about Christian’s involvement with mainstream culture. Kennedy said. The event is open to the entire student body.

   The night will consist of performances by The Soul Café Band, poetry reading by junior Jared Mink, a culture news update similar to The Daily Show and a talk show. Professors Karen Price, Lynnda Beavers, Todd Smith and Law Weiner will all be participating in the talk show. We chose (the professors) for their variety of experiences,” Kennedy said. “This is similar to Christian artists, musicians or writers who try to walk and light in the mainstream.

   There will also be plenty of giveaways including Evannoine, Steubingfot and Bob Norman CDs, as well as well as an autographed copy of Michael Card’s book “Scribbling in the Sand.” There will be chances to win prizes throughout the event.

   Kennedy said that “Culture Shape Live” has been mostly organized by Kairos members, who were responsible for the graphic design work and radio spots. Kennedy will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

   “I can’t wait to hear what the audience has to say,” Kennedy said. “Every time we have an open discussion at a Kairos event, the students’ questions and comments make everyone consider new perspectives and ideas. I know the open discussion will be enriching time,” he said.

   Junior Camo Ray has enjoyed preparing for Culture Shape Live and is looking forward to the event itself. “I think I’ll enjoy hearing the professors discuss how Christians should interact with culture and media,” Ray said.

   Kennedy and other members of Kairos are looking for opportunities to address the relationship between Christianity and pop culture, and how they can be in the world, not of it. “The evening is designed to dig deeper into this topic in a relaxed and fun atmosphere,” Kennedy said.

   He hopes to offer solutions to help attendees can mold the world around them. “We believe there is no one way to do this, proactive ways Christians can shape the culture around them, and we want to share some of these opportunities,” Kennedy said.

   This talk show was designed for that, and for a time where students can find out answers to their own questions.

While Kairos meets once a week, it is generally for planning purposes. These times help the group work on its Web site and plan for events like Culture Shape Live. Depending on how Tuesday evening goes, Kennedy said he hopes to hold another event in April. In the meantime, Kairos will have a movie discussion time at the end of March.

Freshman Stephanie Brown first got involved with Kairos last semester because of its interest in Christians and culture. “Kairos is a group with purpose and I wanted to be involved with it,” Brown said.

Anyone needing more information on Culture Shape Live or interested in being a part of Kairos can contact Kennedy at cultureshape@hotmail.com.
Sodexho improves LU dining

By Jake Delion, reporter

Students may still call the Dining Hall “the Rat,” but Sodexho has taken drastic steps to change the face of dining at Liberty.

“It’s an exciting time to be at Liberty from a food service perspective,” said Steve Richards, a health conscious nursing student.

Many updates have recently been made to the dining hall. Mangan said the idea is being put into action in a number of ways around campus. Jazzman’s, a coffee shop near the computer lab, will probably be the newest addition to the array of eating options. The shop will sell sandwiches and other “grab and go” treats along with a variety of coffees.

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Along with these plans to prevent excessive lines, Sodexho hopes to pull some of the crowds away from the cafeterias by placing more convenience stops around campus. Jazzman’s, a coffee shop near the computer lab, will probably be the newest addition to the array of eating options. The shop will sell sandwiches and other “grab and go” treats along with a variety of coffees.

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More Special Events/Theme Nights such as Valentine’s Day Dinner, Mardi Gras and upcoming Spring Break giveaways.

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- Fax Station for your favorite ice cream bar
- Design changes for a new “ambience”
- Smaller food meal and lower price for commuter students
- Jazzman’s Coffee Shop on the second floor of DeMoss
- Assistance in the popular “sandwich line”
- Freshman and sophomore will be able to use ID cards at other locations than the cafeteria
- New convenience stops popping up

Modern Day Hero:

Dr. William Matheny

By Vicki Hernandez, reporter

History and missions professor Dr. William Matheny received the Modern Day Hero Award for February. The student nominated award is meant to recognize “a low profile individual making a high impact for the kingdom.”

Associate Dean of Men, Josh Brown, and Dean of Men, Don Esposito, presented the award in last Wednesday’s convocation.

“Name a spectacular!” Matheny said. When asked to describe his first reaction to receiving the award, Matheny responded, “Dahab!”

Several students agree that Matheny truly deserved this recognition. “The first thing that comes to mind when I sit in Dr. Matheny’s classes, (this is) a man who is sold out for Christ,” senior Daniel Love said. “His integrity and passion for the students makes him more than just a teacher to us. He becomes a role model and a hero.”

Love, who is currently taking his fourth Matheny course, continued, “I think he is too humble to really accept our admiration and praise of him, but somehow he will receive the proper honor and glory he deserves from our Lord Jesus Christ, for he has been faithful to the task to which the Lord has given him.”

Before coming to LU, Matheny served in the Marines during the Korean War, and he served as a missionary to Peru and Ecuador for a combined total of 17 years. One current student believes that Matheny’s diverse life experiences brings a lot to the classroom. “Even if he had never been a teacher at Liberty, he would still be worthy of receiving the Modern Day Hero Award,” senior Keith Ressa said. “He’s one of my favorite teachers because his style combines his great wealth of knowledge with a very entertaining sense of humor,” Ressa added.

This Modern Day Hero has said that the greatest thing about teaching is “leading students in a Christian setting.” At age 70, Matheny said that he has no plans for retirement.

Students call Matheny a model teacher. Matheny, on the other hand, took time to describe what he considers a model student: “He’s a growing, spirit-filled Christian who’s in the process of transforming himself.”

Matheny also teaches Old and New Testament Survey at Central Virginia Community College. He has been married to Milla Matheny for 42 years, and they attend Forest Baptist Church. He holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Texas Christian University and an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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and following the trail to Nester himself. Morris, left that morning in hopes of finding Nester’s old pickup if I could help,” Burkey said. Burkey and his friend, junior Josh Nester. “I heard he was stranded on an island, and I wanted to see if he wasn’t back by 10 p.m. that night to call the police.

Meanwhile, Vandenberg called her boyfriend’s parents, who immediately got there first. The helicopter landed on the small island at around 9 a.m. and retrieved the shivering Nester. “That was my first helicopter ride, and I really dug it,” Nester said to News & Advance reporters.

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Survivor: Student rescued

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Opinion

It’s been an apprehensive last couple of weeks, but finally, the nation’s terror alert has been downgraded from “orange” to “yellow.” Meaning, according to last Friday’s USA Today that the potential for a terrorist attack has been raised by two levels, but there is no “significant” chance that some attack will occur. I’m not one to nurse worries, but there is a “significant” chance that some attack will occur. I’m not going to lie.

1. Home cooked meals (I can smell it from 70 miles away).
2. Your laundry has exploded out of the closet and made it virtually impossible to discern whether or not you are indeed sleeping in your bed.
3. You’ve got a girl (or guy) back home. Woo hoo!
4. You’re laying low.
5. You’re stir crazy and your whole dorm sleeps until 4 p.m. on Saturday.
6. The dentist (he hates you too).
7. You’re broke.
8. The dentist (he hates you too).
9. A hot shower with decent water pressure.
10. To see family (Hi mom!)
Letter to the Editor

Be encouraged: you’re not alone!

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article “My future ARMY wife” which appeared in the Feb. 25 edition of the Liberty Champion. To Carter Lee Robin, I truly admire you for being so strong while you were away. I have a son who is 16, and I was just wondering if you could possibly encourage me and my son to be patient and not to give up hope, because you are not alone. I believe you are a true hero and an inspiration to all young girls and women.

I was just wondering if you could possibly write a letter to the editor of the Liberty Champion and let them know how much you appreciate the support you have received from your friends and family. Thank you for being such a role model for young girls and women. You have inspired me to be a better person.

Sincerely,
[Name]

Competition makes the grade

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about the way in which competition is being promoted in education. As a teacher, I have noticed a trend towards more and more intense competition among students, which I believe is detrimental to their overall development.

First of all, competition can create a hostile environment among students who are forced to compare themselves to their peers. This can lead to a lack of collaboration and a focus on individual achievement rather than on learning for the sake of learning.

Secondly, competition can also create a sense of pressure and anxiety among students, which can negatively impact their mental health and well-being. Students who feel that they are constantly being judged and measured against their peers may develop a fear of failure and a lack of confidence in their abilities.

I believe that education should focus on fostering a love of learning and a sense of community rather than on fostering competition. By promoting a culture of cooperation and mutual support, we can help students to develop the skills they need to succeed in the world.

Sincerely,

[Teacher’s Name]
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Available services include a dry cleaning service, copy and fax, internet, emergency maintenance, and the sale of postage stamps. Erin McGregor, a leasing consultant for Walden Pond, said, “We have a lot of amenities to offer, students can really benefit from everything. Especially the guest suites is: 385-5060 and website: www.waldenpondliving.com.

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Vinny’s Italian Grill & Pizzeria to open on Timberlake

By Carrie Frasz, reporter

Vinny’s Italian Grill & Pizzeria is your basic Italian mum. However, each item is beyond comparison in taste. With an extensive menu of pastas, subs, pizzas, and more, Vinny’s delivers the satisfaction to any Italian craving. The 10th Vinny’s is almost at its completion, joining us here in Lynchburg. This will be the largest of the 10, which are located all over Virginia—including Fredricksburg, the 10, which are located all over Lynchburg. This will be the largest of the 10, which are located all over Virginia—including Fredricksburg, Richmond, Forest, and Northern Virginia and Maryland. Please see VINNY’S, page A7

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By Laura Beaton, reporter

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