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“The fascination of flight can't be expressed with words. But it really lies beyond the capabilities of human endeavor. Once you've experienced it, you'll never be able to forget it.”  
 - Friedrich Oblessor, 127 victories WWII

“To put your life in danger from time to time... breeds a saneness in dealing with day-to-day trivialities.”  
 -Nevil Shute, 'Slide Rule: The Autobiography of an Engineer'



**Liberty Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

The Liberty University School of Aeronautics' Precision Flight Team took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in the NIFA Region X competition Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The competition was held in Lynchburg on October 29<sup>th</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>. When asked about the competition, Liberty's NIFA Coach, Jonathan "Stork" Washburn stated, "This has been a great year for the flight team as we have won, for the fourth straight year, the Region 10 competition. This gives Liberty the longest win streak in Region 10 history and this year has been our most convincing win by far." Washburn also added, "The team would like to thank God for blessing their efforts and giving us the victory. We would like to thank the School of Aeronautics

for their support throughout the practices and competition. Now we look towards Nationals where we will compete against the very best schools. We hope to show up and surprise the nation with a strong finish."

**Helicopter Program Takes Off**

The first month of helicopter training has gone well and is currently training five students. "The plan is to have fifty students in the training pipe line" commented Chairman Ernie Rogers. A recent photo shoot of the Schweitzer 300 CBI highlighted the Department's promising new program.



**Congratulations to the following students who earned certificates:**

Solos:  
 Tracy Baker, Samuel Poff, Bryan Strathdee, Gray Robinson, Zach Robinson, James Mashburn, Michael Ornstein, Aaron Vinson, Cory Fritz, Nathan Schwenk, Josh Berkland, Matthias Wrede

Private:  
 Delorean Lankford, Curtis Halsey

**Instrument:**

Nathan Nettekoven, Oliver Sherret, Braxton Leicht, Ryan Spaulding, Kevin Martin

**Commercial:**

Matthew Wellwood, Michael Kennedy

**CFII:**

Shannon Flynn

**A Note from the Dean**

As we approach the Thanksgiving season I am reminded of how God has so richly blessed our School of Aeronautics. This has been our best semester yet: a record student enrollment; the implementation of helicopter training; the outstanding performance of our NIFA team as they placed a solid first in the regional competition; the most flying hours flown since our inception; and most importantly, an outstanding safety record. These milestones are directly attributed to the quality and effort of our students, faculty and flight instructors. Yes, we "Aim High" and believe the "Sky's the Limit," but are very cognizant of being totally dependent on God's providence, we are humbled by His blessings and vow to remain faithful and obedient to Him.

- Dave Young



Part of the team after a Flight Event



"...On wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31  
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