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Improvements to the Vines Center, which houses Liberty men's and women's basketball, volleyball and wrestling, will boost seating from 8,000 to 11,000 for athletic contests and 12,000 for convocation.

The Lady Flames are a perennial Big South power. The men's basketball team went 23-12 last year.

Plans call for the addition of columns and a brick façade for the facility, along with a 3,000-seat balcony when the renovation project is completed five to 10 years from now.

The Vines Center, which was constructed in 1990, serves LU in several capacities. During the school year, the facility houses convocations, where the student body gathers to worship, pray and listen to popular speakers.



Like everything at Liberty, the building is bursting at the seams because of continued growth.

“The Vines Center currently needs more room for students at Convocation,” Barber said. “We had a few basketball games last year that were near capacity. We were only a couple of hundred empty seats from being full.”

Barber said the need for space for athletics is a positive development.

“Nothing fills arenas like winning,” he said. “The more you win, the more support your program will receive.”

“The Vines Center upgrade is another step in a tremendous commitment by Liberty University to its athletics department. Once completed, the Vines Center will become one of the better buildings around the country for basketball,” says Dale Layer, Men's basketball head coach.