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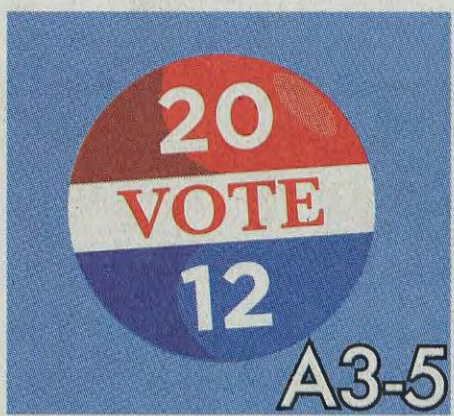
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Senate hopefuls debate

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When voting for the president, eligible voters will also have a chance to vote for their choice for Congress and Senate.

In issue six of the Liberty Champion, four congressional candidates answered several questions pertaining to economic and faith issues.

This week, the Senate candidates, Republican George Allen and Democrat Tim Kaine, have answered similar questions. Review the candidates' answers to gain a better understanding of their stance on the economy, debt and political priorities on A4-A5.

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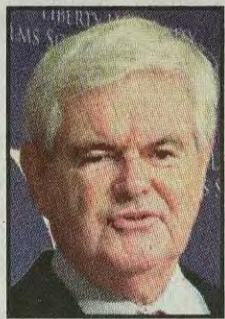
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Gingrich lectures

Calls America 'most radical civilization'

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Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich visited Liberty University this weekend with his wife, Callista, to emphasize the importance of American history in the education system and the importance of voting in the upcoming election.



GINGRICH

Gingrich lectured students, faculty and staff on the importance of understanding what it means to be American in the Helms School of Government Friday, Oct. 19.

"It came to my attention that if you lived in a country with judges who were ostensibly educated, who thought that it could be unconstitutional to say 'one nation under God,' a phrase that comes from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and then was adopted by President Eisenhower as part of the Pledge of Allegiance, then something is wrong with our education system," Gingrich said.

He emphasized the fact that there is a written document signed by the

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SUPPORT — Romney's vice-presidential running mate, Paul Ryan, held a gathering in Lynchburg Oct. 16.

Ryan visits Lynchburg

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Republican vice-presidential hopeful Paul Ryan came out swinging against President Obama Tuesday, Oct. 16, campaigning before a large crowd at Automated Conveyor Systems (ACS) on Millrace Drive in Lynchburg.

Ryan strolled onto the stage from a black SUV, stepping to the beat of AC/DC's "Rock 'N Roll Train." Estimates from several sources place the crowd size between 1,000 and 3,000 people.

After commenting on one cheese-head-wearing fan and even jokingly responding to a chorus of women declaring their love for him, Ryan quickly got down to business.

Economic concerns were the crux of the address. Ryan cited the dismal state of the economy as being a product of the poor policy of the Obama administration.

"We know without a shred of doubt that this country is on the wrong path," Ryan said. "This is not even refutable. (Obama) can't run on the fact that the economy is barely limping along, slower this year than last year, and last year was slower than the year before that. And so, because he can't run on his record, hope and change has now become attack, defame and blame."

Echoing the rallying cries of many Tea

Party conservatives, Ryan attacked the president's economic record and called for lower taxes on small businesses like ACS.

"When the Canadians lowered their tax rate to all of their job-creators to 15 percent — when the international tax rate average on our competitors is 25 percent, and President Obama is promising that the top tax rate on these successful small businesses goes above 40 percent in January — guess what happens?" Ryan said. "When we tax our job creators a lot more than our foreign competitors tax theirs, they win, we lose, and we can't stand for that."

The Five-Point Plan

Moving forward to the Republican plan for the economy, Ryan spoke on the Romney-Ryan Five-Point Plan for economic recovery. First on the agenda under the plan is North American energy independence, something that Ryan said can be achieved by building the Keystone Oil Pipeline from Canada into the U.S. as well as by reducing regulation on resources that exist within our own borders.

The second phase of the plan consists of reigniting the manufacturing industry and foreign trade — namely exports — which Ryan argues is essential to a healthy economy.

The fourth point Ryan addressed, which drew the largest crowd response,

was the issue of debt and deficit spending.

"We have got to stop spending money we just don't have," Ryan said. "We have a moral obligation to preserve the American dream, not only for ourselves, but for our children and our grandchildren. That's why we have to get this debt and deficit under control and balance the budget."

Ryan's relentless attack on the Obama administration's record continued into the fifth talking point on foreign policy. Defense budget cuts and the sluggish response to the recent embassy attack fueled much of Ryan's fire.

"What we are witnessing is the projection of weakness, and that projection of weakness emboldens our adversaries and scares our allies," Ryan said. "We believe the best way for us to keep peace here at home, to keep prosperity overseas, is to engage in a doctrine we call 'peace through strength,' and that means you don't gut your military, the strongest military in the world."

The remainder of Ryan's time was devoted to a personal pitch for his running mate, Mitt Romney. To Ryan, it is Romney's background in private sector business that qualifies him for leadership.

"Do you know what Mitt Romney did? He was a successful business man, and by the way, there is nothing wrong with

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Theater students travel to New York City

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Every October for the past four years, the Theatre Department at Liberty University has taken graduating seniors to New York City to experience theater on a larger scale. This year, 14 students had the opportunity to be mentored by major Broadway actors, audition in front of directors and attend three different musicals including Peter and the Starcatcher, Once and Newsies.

"The purpose is for them to have professional workshops taught by Broadway casting directors, producers and choreographers so that they understand exactly what the professional world is going to be like in about six months when they graduate from here," Linda Nell Cooper, Chair of the Theatre Department at Liberty, said. "It gives them some connections to some Broadway faces."

This year, the workshops were held by Broadway actor, director and playwright Michael Watson and Tony-nominated actor and choreographer Rick Holmes.

"It's really good for them to hear from professionals things that we might have been telling them for four years, but because they hear it from us for four years, sometimes it resonates

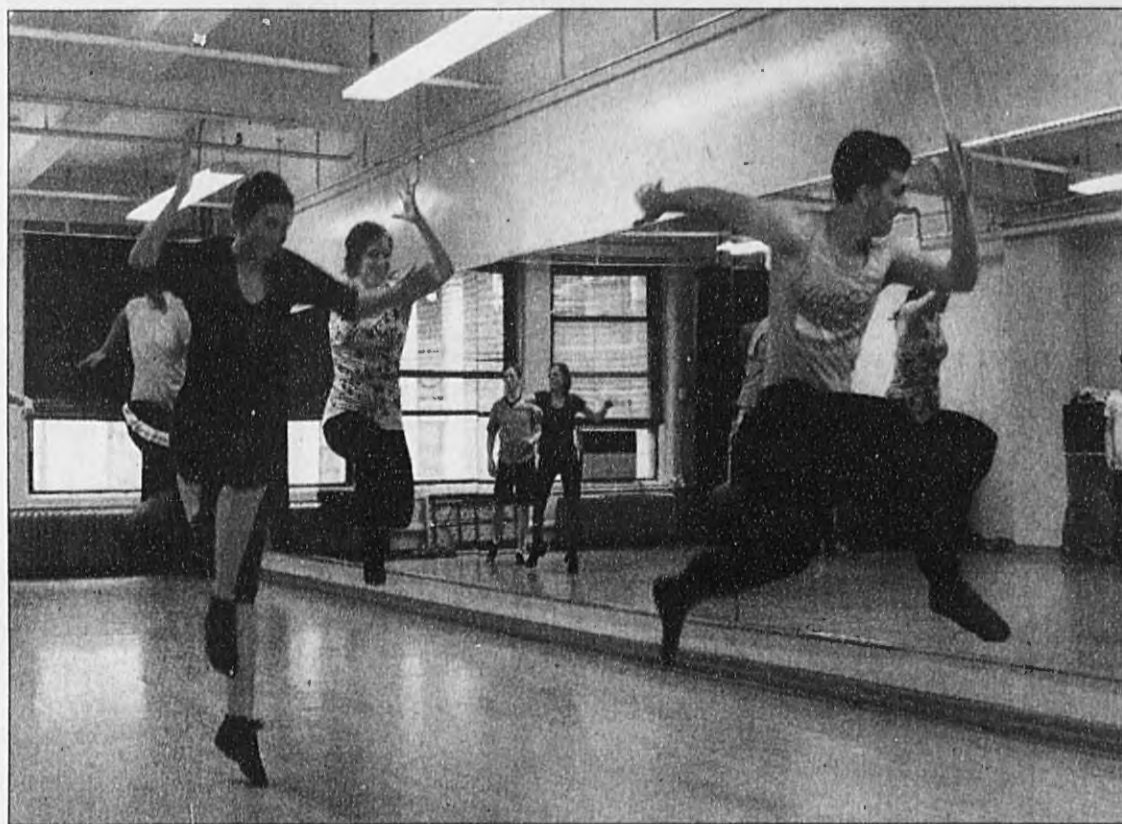


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JUMP — Students from Liberty's Department of Theatre Arts learn choreography while visiting NYC.

(better) from someone who has actually directed on Broadway," Cooper said.

Cooper also added that the trip was strictly for academic reasons and served as a mini job fair for many of the students who went on the trip.

"When you go see theater in New York, you feel entranced, and you forget you're watching a musical because the experience is just so magical," Liberty senior and theater production major Tyler Williams said. "It makes you more inspired to work hard-

er and to want to achieve that level of excellence."

Not only did students have the chance to attend workshops, but they were also able to audition for Watson and get their performance critiqued by him. Watson, who is also a good friend of

Cooper's, told students to get in contact with him if they ever decided to move up to New York.

Senior Erica Mini said she was very encouraged by the feedback given by the professionals on Broadway.

"The audition workshop was really insightful. To hear (Watson) tell all my friends things like 'You can do this' and '(Broadway) is not unattainable' was just so encouraging," Mini said.

After she graduates, Mini wants to attain her equity card, which will not only allow her to audition for major Broadway shows, but will also give her connections with casting agents who communicate with directors on Broadway.

"Our Theatre Department students enjoyed precisely that type of experience in New York. Our goal is to provide each student who studies in our school (with) ample opportunities to grow both as a Christian and as an artist or practitioner in their craft. When you graduate with a degree from Liberty, we believe that you will be ready to encounter the world wherever God leads you to serve," Norman Mintle, Dean of the School of Communications, said.

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that," Ryan said. "Being successful in business is a good thing — we want people to be successful. We don't look at one another's success with envy or resentment. We're proud of the fact that American workers take risks, work hard and help others."

Ryan discussed upward mobility within the classes as well as the merits of hard work and effort.

"We can grow together, we can rise together. The American idea is a society where if you work hard and play by the rules, you can get ahead," Ryan said. "We believe in equality of opportunity, not equality of outcome."

In his closing, Ryan appealed to the Virginia audience's knowledge of the forefathers, promising to stay true to what he called the nation's founding principles.

"Look, this is Virginia," Ryan said. "Of all people who understand the founders, it is Virginians. Thomas Jefferson said it the best: our rights come from nature and nature's God, not from government ... You will not see us try to transform this country into something it was never intended to be ... you will not see us try to replace our founding principles, you will see us reapply our founding principles."

Local government officials on hand for the event came away very pleased with Ryan's performance.

"He definitely is hitting on the message that I hear from my constituents, which is, 'We need jobs, we need to grow the economy,



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RYAN — A large crowd gathered to see the Republican vice presidential hopeful speak in Lynchburg.

we need to reign in out-of-control government spending and balance our budget," Congressman Bob Goodlatte said.

Virginia State Delegate Scott Garrett weighed in after Ryan's energetic speech.

"I think Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan both get it, that our faith values do matter," Garrett said. "There are too many people that are trying to define our values for us — two of them are seated in the White House, and that's not right."

Despite what the elected officials say, whether Ryan and Romney have done enough to win over the younger demographic that came out strong for Obama in 2008 remains to

be seen.

"I think that they've certainly reached out to the 20-somethings to say, 'You matter, this is your generation,'" Garrett said. "They talk about \$16 trillion in debt. It's not Scott Garrett's debt. I'm 56 years old. It's our 20-somethings' debt."

Liberty students react

Although not an overwhelming number, there was a solid showing from the Liberty student body at the event. Reviews of the speech were generally positive.

"As a Christian, the Bible says that the borrower is servant to the lender, and so we don't want (the Obama administration) to pass the bill to the next

generation of Americans," Liberty graduate student Christian Collins said. "I think (Ryan's) five-point plan is what we need here in America."

For some students, a live appearance in Lynchburg offered a better view of Ryan than watching the televised vice-presidential debate.

"I just wanted to get a more personal idea of what Paul Ryan was all about," Liberty law student James Johnson said. "I mean, I've seen him on TV, but I just wanted to see him in person, see how he interacts with the public and the crowd and see how much support he could raise."

Numerous Liberty students expressed enthusi-

asm about their support of Ryan and his remarks.

"One thing that really makes me respect (Ryan) and respect Romney is that they don't want to just kick the can down the road, they want to deal with the issues," Liberty student Jared Delello said.

For students like Joe Rosasco, the rally was the first major political event they had ever taken part in.

"The environment was kind of country — small, down to earth," Rosasco said. "Everybody definitely came out here with a positive attitude. No one was negative."

Rosasco and his group of friends managed to work their way right in front of the podium to hear Ryan's message.

"I don't understand how someone could look at the facts and not vote for them," Rosasco said. "The media is even recognizing that they are just doing exactly what they need to be doing. They're stating the facts."

"He's very personable with people," freshman John Barrows, who was in Rosasco's group, said. "I got to shake Paul Ryan's hand, and it was a good, firm, solid, manly handshake."

Taking part in politics for the first time kindled patriotism among the newcomers.

"I think it had a lot of American pride, support for our country and support for just the election," freshman Katie Kohle said of the rally. "I think it's really important to get educated on who you're voting for and who you're supporting."

While it would appear that the Romney-Ryan ticket has won over a sizeable majority within the Liberty community, students expressed doubt that the Republicans have been able to sway their generation as a whole.

"I think we are a tough demographic," Johnson said. "I have to be honest, I think (Obama) pretty much has us country-wide. I think he has the 20s pretty much locked down."

The nation will make its decision in two weeks on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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Schmookler and Goodlatte face off

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The 6th District congressional debate was held at Liberty University's School of Law Supreme Court room between Congressman Bob Goodlatte and Andy Schmookler Oct. 16.

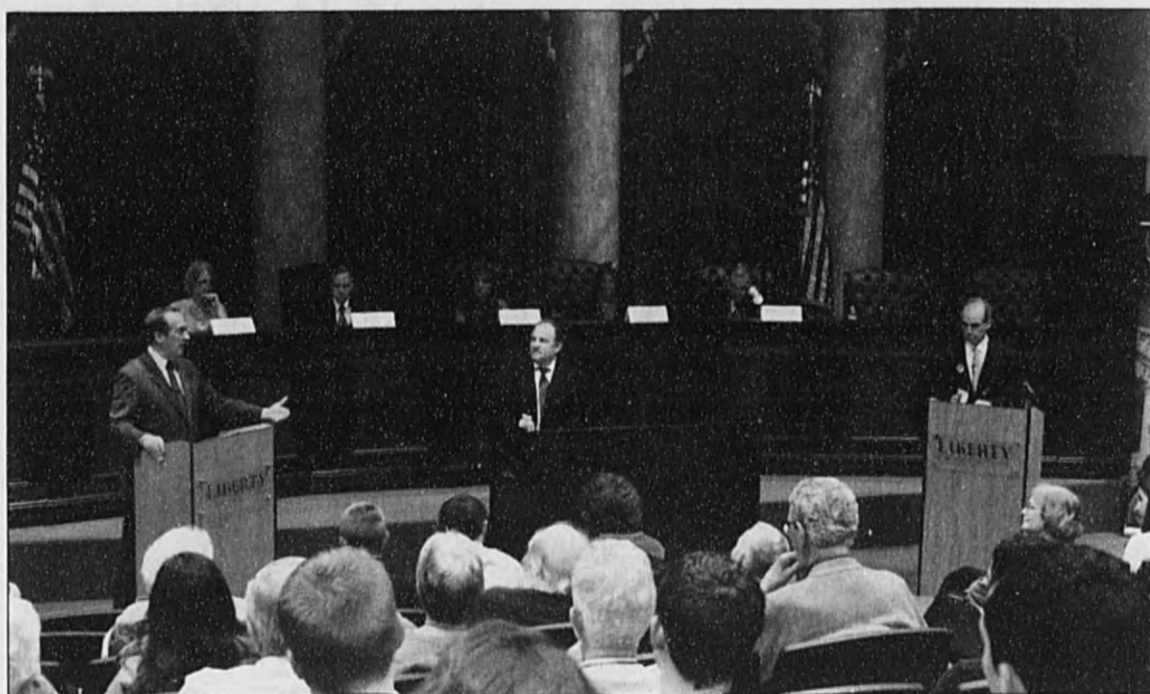
The debate consisted of several representatives from local media outlets such as WSET and The News & Advance asking questions that each candidate had one minute to respond. The debate was moderated by the dean of the Helms School of Government, Shawn Akers.

In the opening statements, Schmookler stated that "no major political party has been as dishonest as the Republican Party."

Goodlatte opened his last debate before the election by stating his goals for the district, including growing the economy, retaining spending and balancing the budget.

During the debate, Schmookler consistently stated that "we are all in this together." When asked about education, he said that it is not an "every man for himself" situation in regard to tuition rates for universities.

"The question we really need to ask ourselves is what kind of society we need to be," Schmookler said. "Education should be a right, and we need to ask for some kind of service in return



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CONGRESS — Andy Schmookler and Bob Goodlatte try to convince voters that they are their best bet.

because we are in this together." When asked the same question, Goodlatte said that "the federal government should not become involved in imposing price controls on private liberal arts institutions like Liberty University, nor should it impose some kind of price controls on the states because they run the universities in our country."

Both candidates briefly addressed job opportunities for students after graduation. Schmookler said he did not have

a lot to say about this topic, but he did say that he is an individual who is committed to telling the truth.

"Even if I don't know too much about how to answer that question, I do know what I'm talking about when I say we have a problem," Schmookler said.

Goodlatte's response to this question was that it is important to work in a bipartisan community in order to create job growth.

When asked about farmers

and keeping the Chesapeake Bay clean, Schmookler returned to his theme of "we are all in this together."

Goodlatte also mentioned his strong record of supporting small businesses.

"I'm not only a friend of small farmers, but I'm a friend of small business in general," Goodlatte said. "The National Federation of Independent Businesses, the leading organization in the company that represents small businesses, has endorsed me for re-

election in this campaign."

When Schmookler was asked about the privatization of Amtrak, he drew audience applause after his statement that he was suspicious of Mitt Romney's privatization tactics.

Women's rights in regard to equal pay were also debated toward the end of the evening. Both candidates received an audience response when they used this question to voice their views on women's rights to their bodies. Goodlatte used this time to mention his pro-life values, bringing in a loud applause from the audience.

Noreen Turyn of ABC 13 WSET asked each candidate to admit the positives and negatives of healthcare reform.

"Obamacare isn't all I'd like it to be, but it is a step in the right direction," Schmookler responded.

Goodlatte believes that community health centers were a positive addition to Obamacare, and it was also a Republican idea. He said these health centers help people and create jobs, and they are extremely cost effective.

Citizens of the 6th District will have an opportunity to vote for their congressional candidate of choice Nov. 6.

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Obama, Romney argue domestic policy

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Republican nominee Mitt Romney and incumbent President Barack Obama turned up the heat once again during the second presidential debate, hosted at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

During the town-hall-style discussion over foreign and domestic policy, issues ranged from the current state of the economy to Libya and everything in between. The Gallup Organization selected 82 undecided voters from the New York area, who then provided questions for the candidates to answer.

Moderator Candy Crowley from CNN's State of the Union opened the floor to 20-year-old college student Jeremy Epstein to start the question and answer session.

"Mr. President, Gov. Romney, as a 20-year-old college student, all I hear from professors, neighbors and others is that when I graduate, I will have little chance to get employment. What can you say to reassure me, but more impor-

tantly my parents, that I will be able to sufficiently support myself after I graduate?" Epstein asked.

Because he won the coin toss, Gov. Romney answered first.

"Thank you, Jeremy. I appreciate your question, and thank you for being here this evening," Romney said. "Your question is one that's being asked by college kids all over this country ... So what we have to do is two things: we have to make sure that we make it easier for kids to afford college and also make sure that when they get out of college, there's a job ... I know what it takes to get this economy going ... I know what it takes to make sure that you have the kind of opportunity you deserve."

Obama replied by commenting on the importance of investing in higher education and what that means to the individual as well as to the nation.

"The most important thing we can do is to make sure that we are creating jobs in this country ... ones that can support a family," Obama said. "What I want

to do is build on the 5 million jobs that we've created over the last 30 months in the private sector alone. And there are a bunch of things that we can do to make sure your future is bright.

Number one, I want to build manufacturing jobs in this country again ... and number two, we've got to make sure that we have the best education system in the world."

Crowley was cut off several times by both candidates throughout the debate in order to squeeze in extra seconds of response time. Crowley also had to interject multiple times between the bickering candidates.

After Epstein's question about employment post-graduation, Crowley elaborated by mentioning a 40 percent unem-

ployment rate, saying that those currently employed do not have the two years until graduation that Epstein has.

"What about those long-term unemployed who need a job right now?" Crowley asked.

Romney replied, using some specific numbers.

"The president's policies have been exercised over the last four years, and they haven't put Americans back to work," Romney said. "If the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent when he took office, it's 7.8 percent now. But if you calculated that unemployment rate, taking back the people who dropped out of the workforce, it would be 10.7 percent. We have not made the progress we need to make to put people back to work."

Obama retorted by ac-

curring Gov. Romney of not having his promised "five-point plan."

"Gov. Romney has a one-point plan, and that plan is to make sure that folks at the top play by a different set of rules," Obama said. "That's been his philosophy in the private sector, as governor and as a presidential candidate. That's what's been squeezing middle-class families. We have fought back for four years to get out of that mess, and the last thing we need to do is to go back to the very same policies that got us there."

According to CNN, the president seemed to be trying to make up lost ground following his "lackluster" performance in the first presidential debate Oct. 3 in Denver.

CNN also reported that the Obama campaign claimed victory during this second debate. David Axelrod, senior Obama campaign advisor, claimed that Romney was "backpedaling all night in defense, and in some cases stammering, trying to explain his plans. It was a dominant performance

because the president pulled the curtain back on this bait-and-switch of Mitt Romney," Axelrod said.

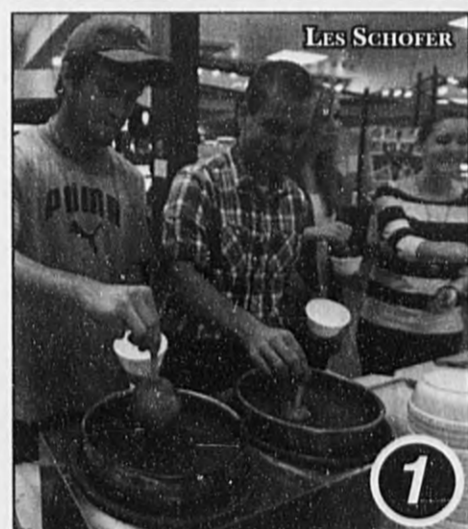
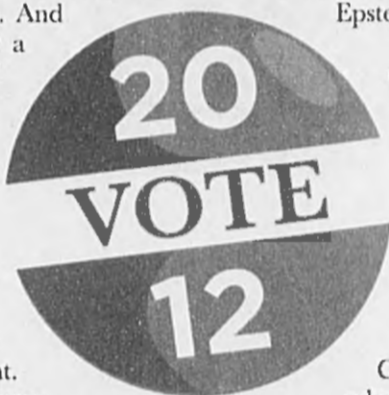
However, CNN also reported that the Romney campaign highly disagreed.

"I think President Obama came in and over-compensated," Stuart Stevens, senior Romney campaign strategist, said. "There's a difference between showing passion and showing you have a plan."

The final debate took place after the Champion deadline at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., Monday, Oct. 22 and covered issues in foreign policy. Bob Schieffer, host of Face the Nation on CBS, moderated the debate.

A recap of the final debate can be found online at libertychampion.com.

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Q&A with the senate candidates

Tim Kaine bids for Senate seat

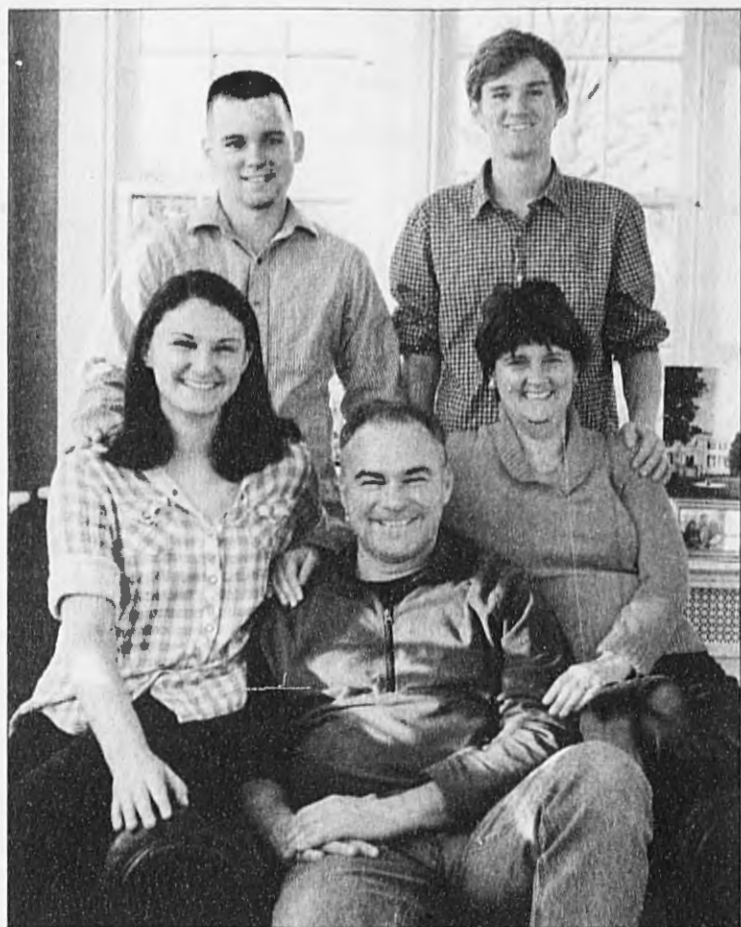


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Kaine

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Running for a Senate seat in Virginia is the latest endeavor for Democratic candidate Tim Kaine, a man with an established, successful career in public service and politics.

According to his website, Kaine grew up in Kansas City, where he worked in his father's iron-working shop. He attended the University of Missouri as an undergraduate student and attended Harvard Law School.

Kaine took a year off of law school to work with Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. There, his website reports that he served as a principal of a technical school, teaching teenagers carpentry and welding. At that point, Kaine committed his life to serving other people. He realized the power that education had for enabling people to live up to their God-given potential.

Following his education, Kaine practiced law for 18 years, specializing in representing people who had been denied housing due to race or disability. During this time, he also taught at the University of Richmond, an association that still continues today.

According to his website, Kaine entered politics in 1994 when he ran for Richmond City Council. He served as a councilman and as mayor. During his time in Richmond, Kaine helped implement tax cuts for small businesses and homeowners and oversaw a decrease in the city's crime rate.

In 2001, Kaine was elected lieutenant governor of Virginia. He worked for four years with former Gov. Mark Warner to reform Virginia's budget and improve its education system.

In 2005, Kaine was elected Virginia's 70th governor in the midst of America's deepest recession in 70 years. He led the state to national recognition during his tenure as governor. According to his website, Virginia was honored as the best-managed state in America by Governing Magazine, the Best State of Business by forbes.com for four years in a row, and the best state to raise a child by Education Week.

According to his website, the state budget was cut by more than \$5 billion during his tenure as governor. He also expanded early childhood and technical education and reformed the state's mental health and foster care programs, among other things. Kaine was the chairman of the Southern Governor's Association from 2008-2009 and served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009-2011.

He has been married to Anne Holton for 27 years. They have three children — Nat, Woody and Annella — all of whom attended Richmond Public Schools. The family is active in their church and in their community.

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1. What specific policies would you support to create jobs and stimulate the economy?

To grow our economy and create jobs, we must support our small and start-up businesses that are the real job creators, invest in our workforce through education and job training, and foster an environment where folks are willing to work together regardless of political party. Too often, Congress gets mired down in political fights and does not make the long-term decisions needed for businesses to plan for the future. We can do better. As senator, I will work across the aisle to find a middle ground on important initiatives to spur the economy like infrastructure investment, leveling the playing field for small businesses, and making sure that our students receive the support and affordable education they need to succeed.

2. What separates you from the other candidate?

I dedicated my life to serving others after I spent a year working as a missionary in Honduras. As mayor, lieutenant governor and governor, I learned to work together with folks in all political parties. Even though we did not agree on everything, I was able to maintain friendships so that we could find common ground on other issues. As governor, I worked with President Bush on critical infrastructure projects in the Commonwealth, and with a Republican legislature to ban smoking in restaurants and bars. I will not use my position to be an obstructionist, but rather, will use it to find solutions.

3. What are your top five priorities and what would you do to make your political goals become a reality?

I am an optimist and believe in the possibilities of cooperation and compromise. It was not long ago that lawmakers in Washington would work together to achieve common goals. Even if they disagreed on certain points, Congress found ways to compromise in order to govern effectively and move the country forward. If elected, I hope to find common ground between members of both parties to achieve our mutual goals.

Some of my goals include bringing fiscal responsibility back to government, getting our economy back on track, working to make our health care system more cost-effective, investing in our schools and making advanced education more affordable, and increasing our energy independence through a com-

prehensive approach.

4. What steps would you support to reduce the national debt?

Our national debt is a pressing issue, and we must take action to help our economy and to ensure the next generation is not saddled with debt. Congress needs to compromise. Some people say that we must balance the budget through an all-cuts approach, which would decimate spending on things like education, infrastructure and care for our veterans when they return home. Some people say that we must let the Bush tax cuts expire over \$250,000. I believe we must find a middle ground. If we allow the Bush tax cuts to expire for those making above \$500,000 a year, we would raise over \$500 billion over the next 10 years. Then, we can make significant, targeted cuts, but the cuts will not be so deep that they harm investments in our future and our economy. I know how to make cuts. I am the only governor in modern history to leave office with a smaller general fund than I inherited. But I made cuts the right way — going line item by line item, starting with my own salary, to make cuts over the course of three years. This is the strategy I would bring to Washington.

5. What specific laws, if any, would you support regarding abortion?

We all share the goal of reducing unwanted pregnancies and abortions. The right way to do this is through education and access to affordable health care and contraception rather than criminalizing women's reproductive decisions.

6. What is your position regarding whether marriage should be between one man and one woman or whether it should also include people of the same sex?

All people should be able to have a committed relationship that is treated equally under law. Churches should have the complete freedom to choose which unions that they will recognize for religious purposes.

7. Why should college students feel inclined to vote for you?

As a law school professor, I am inspired by the potential of students and am confident that the next generation will further our nation's success. America must win the race for talent. In order to compete in the global econ-

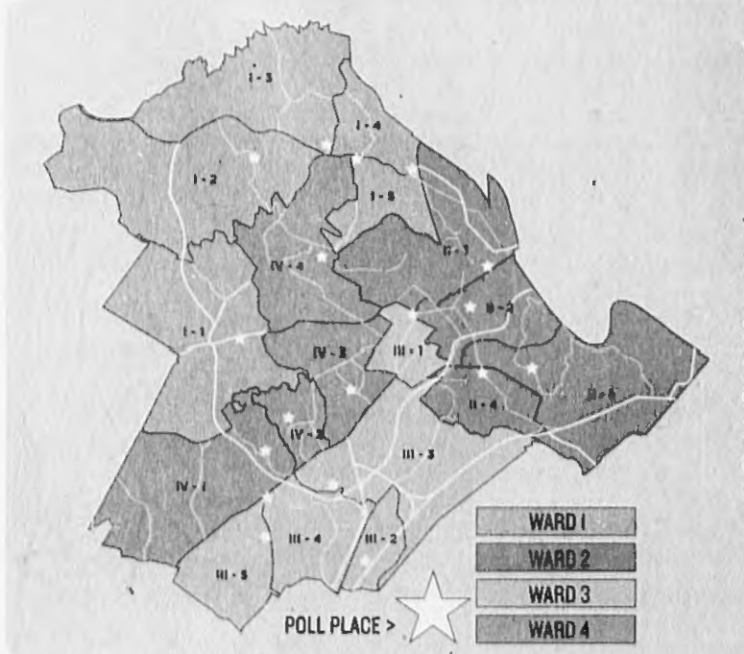
omy, we need a long-term plan that produces the best workforce in the world. As senator, I will support investments and smart reform in education from early childhood development through college and workforce development programs. These actions will guarantee that the U.S. will continue to lead in innovation and job creation. And, we must leverage the incredible skills and leadership talents of America's veterans to expand our economy.

The United States must equip current and future generations of students with the tools they need to succeed as part of an interconnected, 21st-century workforce. The United States can still be a leader in innovation and productivity going forward, but it will take a better education infrastructure than we have now.

This urgent need to retool our economy and ensure student success is a big part of why I will continue to fight to make college education more affordable and accessible. We owe it to those students who dedicate themselves to academic success, but are denied a college education because they cannot afford it. Recent college graduates, already struggling to find a job during the long economic recovery, are also saddled with a mountain of debt just so they can pay for the right to earn a degree. We must address this issue.

Young people should not have to choose between supporting their family and paying for tuition. That is why I will continue to work on behalf of students and their families to lower the cost of tuition and maintain financial aid for those who need it. I recently urged Congress to extend the current Stafford student loan rates and prevent rates from doubling for Virginia's college students. I am a strong supporter of the 3.4-percent Stafford loan interest rate and the expansion of the federal Pell Grants program.

I encourage students to stay active in the political arena. Students should hold their elected officials accountable for the decisions they make and how they affect both students and their families. As senator, I will always welcome the perspective of students on pending legislation. I will encourage all of my constituents to visit one of my offices and feel free to voice their opinion and make suggestions.



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- Moose Lodge
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- First Christian Church

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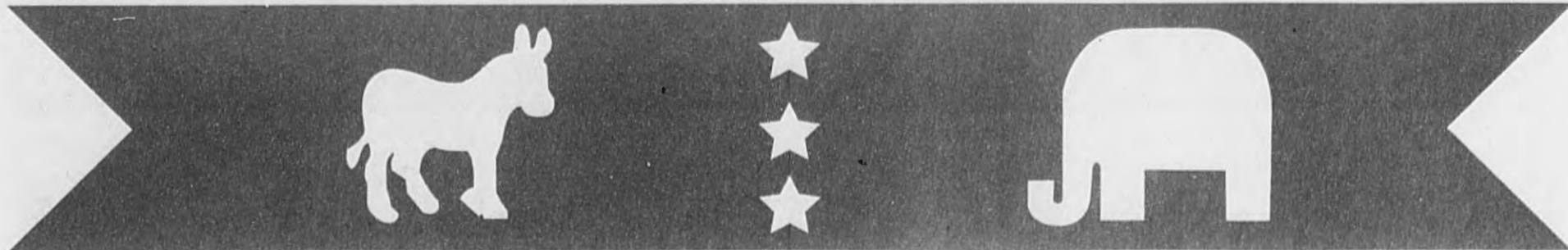
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Q&A with the Senate candidates

George Allen seeks Senate seat

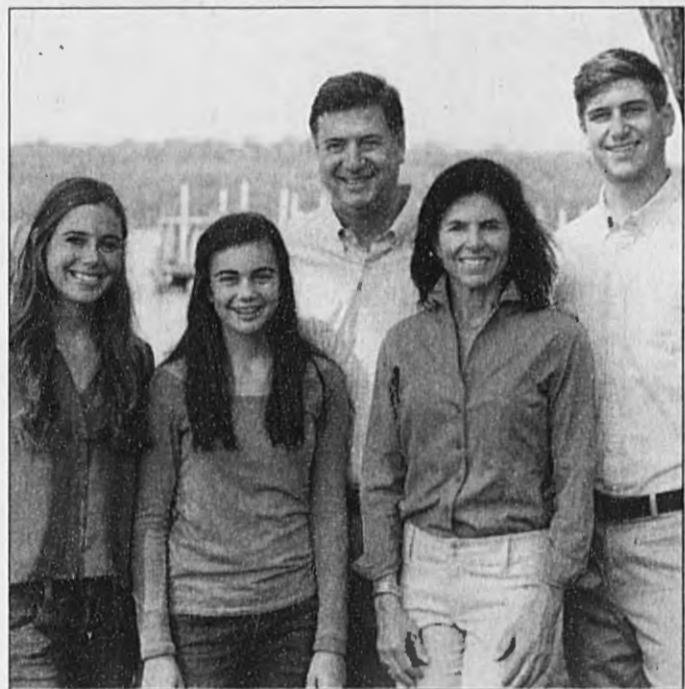
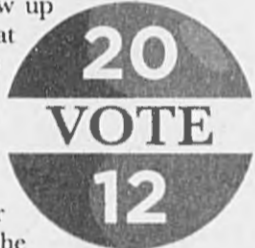


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Republican candidate George Allen is seeking to reacquire the Senate seat that he held from 2001-2006 before Jim Webb defeated him for the re-election.

According to his website, Allen grew up the son of an NFL coach, learning that family was the one constant in a life filled with ups and downs, hirings and firings and moving. Because of these experiences, he sees "husband" and "father" as his most rewarding titles.

Growing up, Allen watched his father instill the importance of faith in all of the teams that he coached. According to his website, he has not lost sight of those principles.

Allen began his professional career as a law clerk in Southwest Virginia for Judge Glen M. Williams. It was there that Allen learned his appreciation for the rule of law that he still has to this day.

According to his website, Allen describes himself as a "Common Sense Jeffersonian Conservative." He had the distinction of holding Thomas Jefferson's seat in the Virginia General Assembly and was elected governor of Virginia in 1994, a term which ended in 1998. During his tenure, Allen set out to make Virginia a national model in economic development, public safety, education accountability, welfare reform and creative government. He reined in government spending and substantially reduced the size of the state workforce. Ultimately, he accomplished his reform agenda with bi-partisan support.

In 2000, Allen was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he advocated for the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that spurred opportunities for more job creation and created the Competitive Caucus to keep America the "world capital of innovation." Allen is known for introducing and advocating for real budget reform including a balanced budget amendment, line item veto and a paycheck penalty for members of Congress when they fail to pass appropriation bills on time.

Since leaving the U.S. Senate, Allen has continued to advocate for the issues and ideas he has always fought for. According to his website, he launched the American Energy Freedom Center, whose mission is to advocate positive ideas for American jobs, economic prosperity and promote increased freedom, opportunity, and competition in the development and use of America's vast energy resources. He also serves as the Reagan Ranch Presidential Scholar for the Young America's Foundation.

He has been married to his wife, Susan, for 25 years. They have three children — Tyler, Forrest, and Brooke — all of whom have attended public schools in the Charlottesville area.

EACHO is an asst. news editor.

1. What specific policies would you support to create jobs and stimulate the economy?

Creating the right conditions for more jobs is my top priority. First, we must avert the imminent threat from sequestration under last summer's failed debt deal. Our military faces over \$500 billion in defense cuts — on top of the nearly half-trillion dollars in cuts already in place. The results are devastating: more than 207,000 Virginians could lose their jobs because of failure of leadership in Washington.

Going forward, my "Blueprint for America's Comeback" is a pro-growth plan to get our economy healthy and creating more jobs. I will work with senators in both parties for a more simple, fair and competitive tax system through comprehensive tax reform. By reducing our "worst in the world" tax on job-creating businesses from 35 percent to a competitive 20 percent, more than 500,000 new jobs could be added each year.

America is blessed with the most energy resources in the world. We must power our economy by unleashing the enormous beneficial potential of our plentiful energy resources. Accessing America's energy resources from Virginia to the Gulf to the barren North Slope of Alaska will create hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs and generate more than \$1 trillion in revenues for the government without raising taxes.

2. What separates you from the other candidate?

I have a proven record of bringing people together to improve opportunities for Virginians. As governor, I worked with a legislature controlled by Democrats to accomplish an ambitious agenda — abolishing parole, establishing truth-in-sentencing and overhauling an antiquated juvenile justice system, promoting the work ethic of whole families through welfare reform, adopting high academic standards and accountability for Virginia schools, and freeing tuition to keep college affordable. We cut taxes by more than \$600 million, streamlined regulations and created an environment that encouraged businesses to invest and expand, and they did, creating more than 310,000 net, new private-sector jobs during those four years alone. We showed it can be done in Virginia, and I aim to provide that leadership in Washington.

3. What are your top five priorities and what would you do to make your political goals become a reality?

First, reinvigorate the entrepreneurial spirit of America with the

positive tax, reasonable regulatory, productive energy and empowering education policies that will give Americans a competitive advantage for jobs, investment and prosperity.

Second, unleash America's energy resources. Rising gasoline prices underscore the importance of using the plentiful resources under our own land and water for jobs, national security and more affordable, reliable energy. The first bill that I will introduce in the U.S. Senate will allow Virginia to safely produce natural gas and oil off our coast and use the hundreds of millions in royalties for roads and transportation.

Third, change the way Washington operates. I have long advocated for a Balanced Budget Amendment and presidential line-item veto authority to cut wasteful spending that drives up our annual deficits. My means, as do families, businesses and states. It has been almost four years since the Senate passed any budget. My "Paycheck Penalty Act" will withhold the pay of members of Congress when they fail to do their job and fail to complete budget appropriation bills on time.

Fourth, repeal and replace Obamacare. This harmful law is making problems in our health care system worse, takes over \$700 billion out of Medicare, and is a major impediment to small-business hiring. Continue positive aspects such as allowing adult children under 26 to remain on their parents' policies and addressing pre-existing conditions — and pursue positive solutions such as affordable, personal, portable health savings accounts and allowing small businesses to band together across state lines for greater competition and choice and less costly insurance.

Fifth, keep America strong for freedom. As we look at the events unfolding in the Middle East, we are reminded that America must be able to protect its citizens. That means prioritizing spending for the core constitutional responsibility of national defense and keeping our promises to our veterans and their families. To have a strong national defense, we need a strong economy.

4. What steps would you support to reduce the national debt?

With the national debt already over \$16 trillion and growing at alarming rates, America urgently needs to get its fiscal house in order. The current path is dangerous and unsustainable, and it is endangering the future of our young people. My "Blueprint for America's Comeback" presents specific strategies that I will pursue to rein in federal spending. They include:

- 1) Repeal of Obamacare.

2) Start to implement recommendations of the GAO (Government Accounting Office) for eliminating redundancy and costly waste in Washington.

3) Reinvigorate our economy and utilize our plentiful energy resources so more Americans are working and paying taxes — that is how you increase revenues, not by raising taxes that would only further weaken the economy and cause more job losses.

4) Long-term, have a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution to protect taxpayers against future Congresses returning to free-spending ways.

5. What specific laws, if any, would you support regarding abortion?

Taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortions in the U.S. or around the world. Religious institutions should be protected from mandates under Obamacare that are inconsistent with their religious beliefs. In the past, I sponsored the Unborn Victims of Crime Act, and I support personhood legislation to hold criminals who attack a pregnant woman and her child fully accountable for both lives they harm.

6. What is your position regarding whether marriage should be between one man and one woman or whether it should also include people of the same sex?

Marriage should be between one man and one woman.

7. Why should college students feel inclined to vote for you?

This election is about the future — your future — and whether young people in college today or just starting out in their careers will have the same opportunities that my generation had growing up. We have seen where the current path leads — trillion dollar deficits, our country's credit rating downgraded for the first time, and half of all young graduates unable to find jobs in their chosen fields.

As a parent of past, present and future college students, I fully understand your perspectives in this weak economy. I want you to have the opportunity to catch your dreams, and I have put forward proven, positive solutions that will spark a genuine American that will spark America. If you envision a better future, as I do, then I respectfully ask for your vote to be your voice for your values and aspirations in Washington.

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founding fathers, and it says that we are endowed by our creator and that our rights come from God. According to Gingrich, if we do not know that because we are not taught it in our history classes, then we do not know who we are.

"It was in the colonial period that we became who we are," Gingrich said. "America is the most radical civilization model in history, starting

with the founding principle, 'We are endowed by our creator.'"

Gingrich urged the crowd to look to our roots to understand who we are as Americans. He believes that concept will go a long way in helping to solve some of today's problems.

"I would say the most powerful single characteristic of the American system is the expectation that everyone will work," Gingrich said.

Gingrich visited the Republican campaign

headquarters in Candler's Station shopping center Saturday, Oct. 20 to emphasize the importance of voting in the upcoming election.

After being introduced by 6th Congressional Virginia District Committee member Wendell Walker, Gingrich gave a brief motivational speech, mainly discussing what Americans should do regarding the upcoming election.

"There are two things that you can do that can really make a difference,"

Gingrich said to Lynchburg residents and Liberty students. "One is reaching out to your electronic neighborhood. This kind of person-to-person campaigning matters because people you know personally trust your judgment more than they trust TV. Second, every vote you can turn out here matters. It's not enough just to win here. You've got to turn out the biggest, possible margin."

Gingrich pointed out at the rally that gas prices

are now \$2 more than they were before President Barack Obama was elected into office. Gingrich said that this information alone could be enough to sway the undecided voters around the country.

"If Obama was re-elected, I think he could shift the balance of the Supreme Court, and if you had a Supreme Court as radical as the 9th Circuit Court, it would permanently change America in many fundamental ways," Gingrich said.

Gingrich recognizes the important role that Virginia will play in this year's election.

"Virginia is really in doubt," Gingrich said in his lecture. "If Romney carries Virginia by a decent margin and if George Allen can get elected, it will be a big day for conservatism in Virginia."

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Escaping the shadows of debt

Author gives students a template to avoid the financial burden of student loans they face after graduating

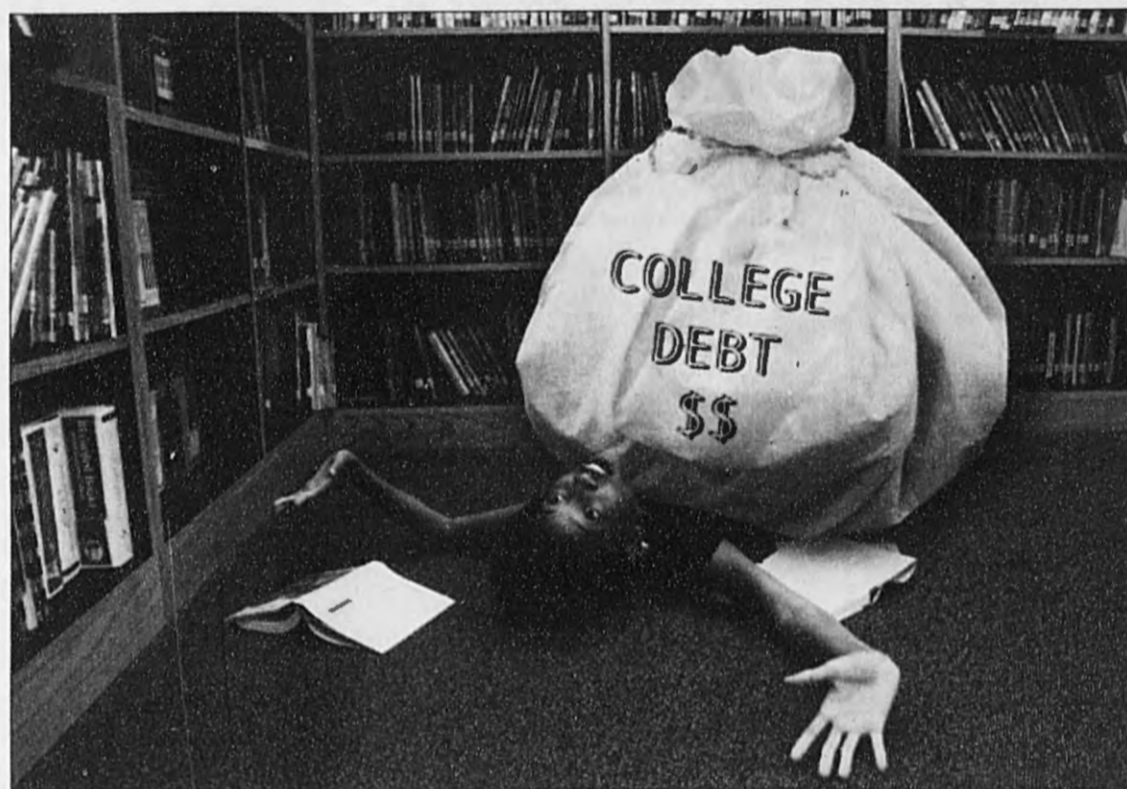
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You stride through DeMoss Hall, head held high, backpack slung over one shoulder and your research paper with an "A" smeared across the top in hand. You are king of your world until you glance over your shoulder. A looming cloud follows, reminding you that every "A" you achieve cannot reduce the debt that awaits after graduation.

The shadow of debt stalks students across the United States. The Institute for College Access and Success reported Oct. 18 that 90 percent of students graduate with debt. The Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit released by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in May 2012 stated that American student loan debt has topped \$900 billion.

Students in Virginia graduate \$25,000 in debt, according to the Project on Student Debt. As the debt grows, America mimics you as you walk through the halls, striding through life oblivious to the enormous problem shadowing you.

Rather than frantically searching for a solution, students must address to the root of the problem: student loans warp our perceptions of postsecondary education. They shift college from an education we earn to an opportunity we deserve and then leave us to clean up the mess



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A CRUSHING BLOW — The debt students face after college can seem insurmountable to some.

after graduation.

Proudly displayed on the White House website is President Obama's approach to education: "If we want America to lead in the 21st century, nothing is more important than giving everyone the best education possible."

Obama is clearly insinuating that everyone should be able to afford college, implying that his administration does not believe that this is currently not the case.

The most common argument people assert is that college is too expensive without loans. The opposite is actually true.

Zac Bissonnette's "Debt-Free U" asserts that students can graduate from college debt free. How?

"If you pick an affordable school, live within your means and work during college, college without loans, financial aid or parents looting home equity

or retirement accounts is within reach," Bissonnette said.

Bissonnette's approach stresses the ingredients of opportunity that we ignore: hard work and sacrifice. Student loans offset the pressure of working for education, emphasizing paying off debts once you have reached success.

Assuming that students accept loans, the easiest way to avoid exorbitant debt is to graduate

quickly. Yet when students are offered a flow of money, the U.S. News Short List reported that 60 percent of them at more than 1,000 colleges require more than four years to graduate. Every additional year a student is in school means only one thing: more inescapable debt.

Tens of millions of students have been handed the opportunity to experience high quality education, but post-college success rates are bleak. Student loan payments begin seven to nine months after graduation, but Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies found in 2011 that 53 percent of bachelor's degree holders under age 25 were not hired for degree-specific jobs or were unemployed. Low levels of productive employment contributed to the United States Department of Education report September 2012 that 13 percent of debtors default on their student loans.

Student loans are called the next financial crisis of our age, and scholars are racing to find a solution. However, the solution does not lie in the brightly-lit hallway of success, but rather in turning to face the shadow of debt. Addressing the core illusions that student loans encourage is the only way to stem the tide of rampant debt.

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LIVESTRONG must stay strong after Armstrong

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Life changed forever for Lance Armstrong on Oct. 2, 1996, the date that Armstrong found out he had stage three testicular cancer. Soon after, he learned that the cancer had spread to his lungs, abdomen and brain. Doctors gave him less than a 50 percent chance of survival.

The story of what happened next has been told by countless people over the years. Armstrong not only beat the cancer, which went into remission in December 1996, but he also beat everyone in the field of cycling by winning the Tour de France seven consecutive years from 1999 to 2005. Winning the Tour de France just once is enough to make someone's career a success, and Armstrong's domination of the 23-day race that stretches over 2,000 miles was hardly believable.

Now, it seems his achievement was indeed unbelievable. Armstrong now has a few more dark days circled on his calendar.

After years of bringing charg-

es against him, the United States Anti-Doping Agency filed what turned out to be their final litigation against Armstrong Aug. 20, 2012. Years of fighting took their toll on Armstrong's livelihood — and undoubtedly his wallet — and he announced he would no longer fight the charges levied against him.

Just like that, his seven Tour de France titles were gone, his legacy was tainted, and many people's opinion of him lowered.

The aftermath of the controversy was just as ugly as predicted.

Anheuser-Busch and Nike, among other major companies, decided to sever their ties with Armstrong on Oct. 17, removing him as a spokesman.

"Due to the seemingly insurmountable evidence that Lance Armstrong participated in doping and misled Nike for more than a decade, it is with great sadness that we have terminated our contract with him," accord-

ing to a company statement.

Nike also said that they do not condone the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports, an assertion that seems to serve as a company indictment of Armstrong's guilt.

But Armstrong himself tried to take the biggest step away from the controversy, removing himself as chairman from the company he founded, LIVESTRONG.

"To spare the foundation any negative effects as a result of controversy surrounding my cycling career, I will conclude my chairmanship," Armstrong said on the foundation's website.

Armstrong started the LIVESTRONG Foundation in 1997 in the months following his final treatments for cancer. Throughout the years, the organization has helped over 2.5 million people pay for cancer treatments. According to the company website, the foundation has raised over \$470 million, with over 80 percent going toward helping those inflicted with cancer. The company is most recognizable for their famous plastic yellow wristbands, which have

become a sign of hope to millions.

Now, as Armstrong steps away, the foundation stands at a crossroads. For years, Armstrong has been the singular face of the company. Others will have to step up. It is time for us to see the hairless heads of those riddled with the disease as the true fighters, the new symbol of toughness for the organization.

In the days that followed the announcement of Armstrong's punishment, donations to Armstrong's foundation went through the roof. Armstrong reported on Twitter that money was coming in 25 times more than usual. The company's chief executive told ESPN that the Friday after charges were levied against Armstrong, the organization brought in \$78,000 compared to the typical average of \$3,000 a day.

As a nation, we cannot let those days become an outlier, an anomaly that comes and goes. LIVESTRONG needs to be bigger than Armstrong. Cancer does not stop for a slew of allegations in a courtroom, it does not quit because a few sponsors

step away, and it will not tire now that Armstrong is no longer the head of LIVESTRONG.

We may never know if Armstrong took performance-enhancing drugs. The evidence seems to dictate that unless most of his teammates had a personal vendetta against him and cunningly collaborated an elaborate web of lies, Armstrong's impossible performance was, indeed, impossible.

But no matter how you see the situation, we all must agree that Armstrong did do something right, and we must take advantage of that.

"I've been better and I've been worse," Armstrong was quoted saying by LIVESTRONG's president Doug Ulman.

Armstrong can have his ups and downs, but keep his foundation living strong.

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Swing, batter batter, swing!

As my friends start up their computers and make sure that their lineup for their fantasy football teams will get the most points, my attention is on America's true pastime, baseball.

For the first time in six years, the Detroit Tigers get to play in, and hopefully win, the World Series.

After a sweeping victory against the most overpaid baseball team in history, the Yankees fell dramatically against the best pitching lineup the American League Championship Series (ALCS) has ever seen.

While this series is starting to play out exactly like it did in 2006, with the Tigers sweeping their opponents and having too much off-time, the final result of this year's World Series will not equate to a Tigers defeat.

In the 2006 World Series, the Tigers took too much time off between their ALCS victory and their first game against



the National League Championship Series (NLCS) winners, ending up losing to the St. Louis Cardinals in only five games. As evident from their minor league games this past weekend, Manager Jim Leyland is not going to allow a repeat of 2006

and is making sure that the Tigers will not get rusty in their long break.

With MVP and Cy Young award winner Justin Verlander, along with Doug Fister, Anibal Sánchez and Max Scherzer all pitching, and with Prince Fielder, Miguel Cabrera and Quintin Berry all up to bat, there is no way that either the St. Louis Cardinals or the San Francisco Giants could possibly defeat the Tigers.

However, the excitement and high spirits in Michigan about the ALCS is not the only benefit of them playing in the

World Series this year.

With the Tigers bringing in fans from out of state, some much needed revenue could help the city work its way back on top and help lower Michigan's 14.8 percent poverty rate, as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce's 2010 census.

When baseball fans come toppling into Detroit to see the Tigers take down the NLCS winners, they will bring with them pockets full of money to spend.

So while my friends focus on some delusional football team made, up of all-stars who could

never actually work together, I am centering my attention on the real dream team, the Detroit Tigers, and their bid to win the World Series. In my Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera T-shirt, this Michigan native will be sitting comfortably on her Lynchburg couch, watching the Tigers win their first World Series since 1984.

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RECOGNITION — Senior Katelyn Scott signs a record deal with Red Tie Music.

Record deal signed

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Producers from the faith-based film "Finding Faith" — which features Erik Estrada of the 80s sitcom "CHiPs" and multiple Liberty University students — have continued to encourage student involvement in their project with the implementation of a songwriting contest for the movie's soundtrack.

Work for the collaborative soundtrack is in its beginning stages. Christian artists such as Avalon, Newsboys, Charles Billingsley, Meredith Andrews, Jason Crabb and Liberty worship pastor Justin Kintzel will feature songs in the original soundtrack.

Producers from the movie created a contest held by the songwriting specialization department calling for Liberty worship students to enter a song in hopes of being featured in the movie soundtrack.

Katelyn Scott, a senior center for music and worship major with an artist specialization, won the Finding Faith Soundtrack Songwriter's award for her song, "Safe in Your Arms." Stephanie Bettcher will perform Scott's song as the protagonist, Faith.

"The song really focuses on the reassurance that the Lord is there for all those questions you have," Scott said. "For so long, the Lord has been placing songs in my heart, but, for too long, I let fear keep me from sharing them. It's so neat how the

Lord has worked on my heart to overcome fear and start sharing songs and praying for them to be used in others' lives."

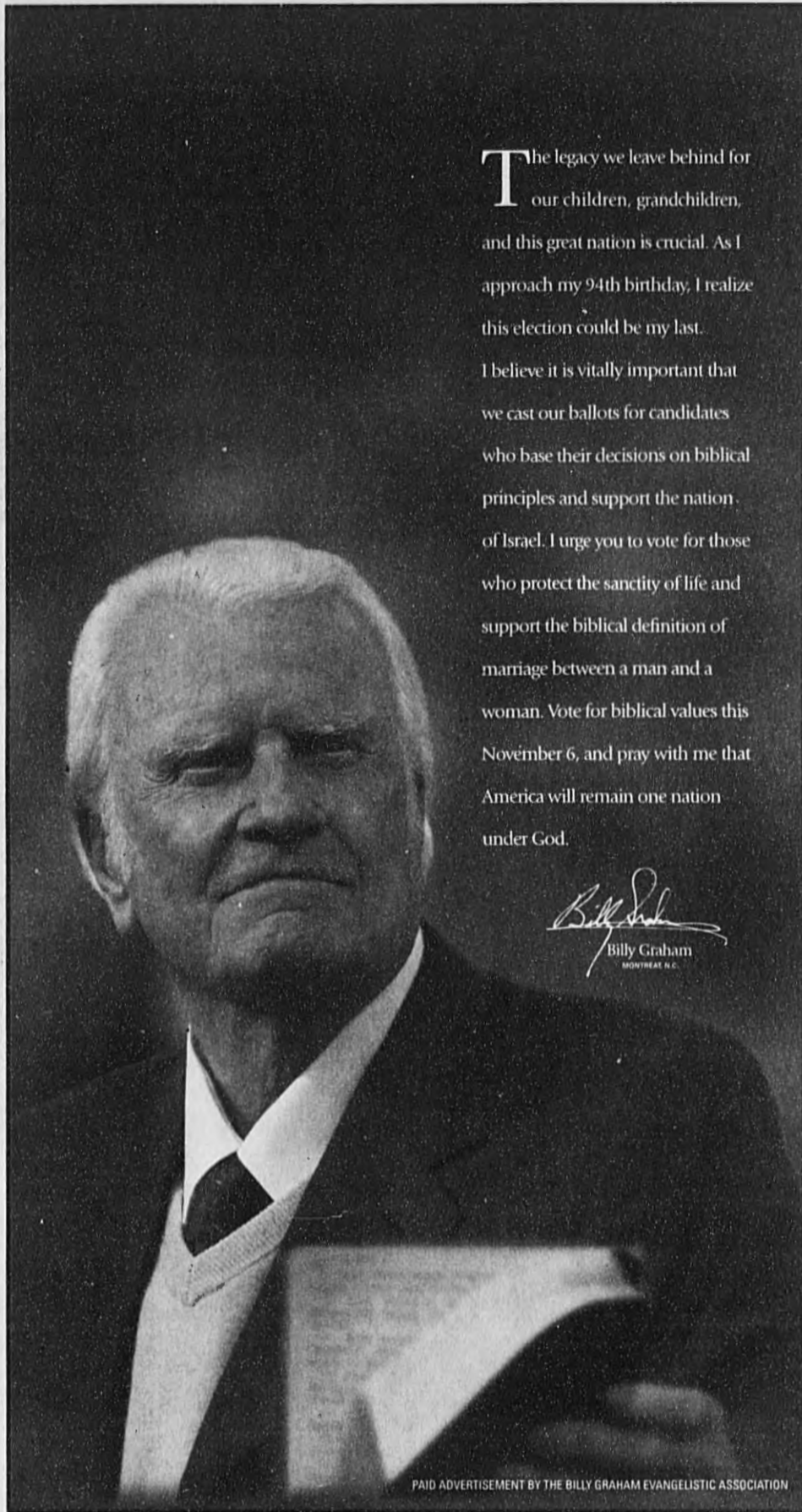
Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown, who initiated the idea for the movie, expressed his delight to have a Liberty student offer a song for the soundtrack and looks forward to hearing it in the movie. He also said that word of the movie has spread past the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Someone from the West Virginia state police saw the trailer, and now it's all over the state of West Virginia," Brown said. "Everybody that I spoke with had heard of Finding Faith... it speaks well of everybody working on this project."

Once the movie is released, a few members of the cast and crew will embark on a screening tour, visiting churches throughout the country. Erik Estrada will also make select appearances, joining the "Finding Faith" crew. Stops will include several locations in Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Texas, California, Nevada, New York, Canada and others.

The film is set to release with a special screening at Thomas Road Baptist Church Jan. 19.

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The legacy we leave behind for our children, grandchildren, and this great nation is crucial. As I approach my 94th birthday, I realize this election could be my last. I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel. I urge you to vote for those who protect the sanctity of life and support the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman. Vote for biblical values this November 6, and pray with me that America will remain one nation under God.

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FLIGHT TEAM — Liberty's SOA flight team poses behind a line of trophies all won at the regional competition from Oct. 11-14.

SOA flight team wins regional competition

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Liberty University's School of Aeronautics (SOA) flight team won its regional competition for the 8th year in a row over several other collegiate competitors, including the United States Naval Academy at Elizabeth City State University, Oct. 11-14, according to Coach Kyle Dillon.

Most team members agree that ground events are where the flight team excelled.

"The real key to victory for our team is consistency throughout the competition," Dillon said. "The biggest encouragement about this year is every (team member) scored points. I don't think that's ever happened before."

According to coaches Dillon and Charity Holland, the entire

team contributed to their overall success. Several members of the team were key players in the team's overall victory. The contributions of Zach Floto, Melanie Evans, Patrick Spencer, Nathan Edwards, Matt Sylvester, Corbin Brown and Bryan Ingram were particularly significant.

According to Floto, he received second place in navigation and first in ground training. Evans stated that she achieved second in the computer accuracy event and first in the simulated comprehensive air navigation test. Both Brown and Sylvester placed first in navigation, according to Holland. According to Ingram, he received second place for power-off precision landings. Nathan Edwards was the top pilot and Melanie Evans was recognized as the top female pilot.

The National Intercollegiate

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— Kyle Dillon

Flying Association (NIFA) lists Liberty's SOA flight team members as taking four out of the top five spots in the navigation rankings alone.

"I felt a lot of pressure from my team and the school to do well because we have been the defending champions for seven years now," Evans said. "However, as soon as I'd sit down in the familiar airplane, I'd feel comfortable and at ease again, and ready to do what I had been trained for."

This victory did not come without great effort and tough training, according to Dillon.

"We pushed them. They knew if there was a hint of slack in their efforts it could lead to being cut," Dillon said.

Dillon assured that he and Holland encouraged the team to do their best in representing Liberty and Christ.

"I think our success could be attributed to all of the hard work and perseverance that we have put in and most importantly, (to) the time and dedication our coaches put in to make sure we could be the best possible team we could possibly be," Evans said.

Both Holland and Dillon

agreed that the flight portion of the competition is where the team needs to make the most improvements, especially for nationals.

The team's Christ-like behavior and competitive spirit was recognized by receiving the Red Baron award for outstanding team sportsmanship, according to Dean of the SOA, Gen. David Young.

According to Dillon, the flight team will be competing again in May 2013 at Ohio State University for the national portion of the competition. To gain further information on the NIFA competitions and results, students can visit liberty.edu/aviation or nifa.us.

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HURDLE — Sirchauncey Holloway leaps through a hole against Concord. He rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

Flames get by Lions 21-13

Holloway, Allen rush for combined 233 yards in win over Div. II opponent

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The Liberty Flames dominated virtually every facet of the game in their win over the visiting Mountain Lions of Concord University, Saturday, Oct. 20 at Williams Stadium.

The Flames held possession of the ball twice as long, and they out gained their opponent by nearly 230 yards. They had 16 more first downs and were significantly better than their opponent on third down.

However, contrary to the 2:1 advantage that Liberty enjoyed in every statistical category, the final score was 21-13. And that is OK with Head Coach Turner Gill.

"It was a good win for us," Gill said. "The defense had to respond, and they responded, shut them down. The offense made enough plays and scored touchdowns. There's always some things that you can improve on, but I think our guys responded the way they needed to respond to get a win."

It did not take long for the Flames to find misfortune in the game against the Mountain Lions. Ryan Ferguson, the second leading wide receiver for the Flames, went down on the first play, appearing to suffer a right leg injury that would keep him from returning for the rest of the game. No official word has been given as to the severity of the injury.

Perhaps it was Ferguson's that let the air out of the Flames sails, but for whatever reason, the Flames offense struggled early. The first quarter ended with an empty scoreboard and the Flames having only moved the ball 91 yards against their Division II foe.

The second quarter started much better than the first, with the Flames knocking on the Mountain Lions door at the 38-yard line. Liberty moved the ball inside the red zone to the 19-yard line before a sack on third down forced a 47-yard field goal attempt.

It was the first field goal attempt of his career for Aaron Sassaman, who was

filling in for the injured John Lunsford, and it will be one he will not soon forget. Concord's Evan Moore burst up the middle and blocked the ball, batting it up and behind the spot of the kick. The Mountain Lions Nate Pollard took possession and returned it 58 yards for the first score of the game.

Liberty was able to answer with a 41-yard touchdown pass from Josh Woodrum to Darrin Peterson on the ensuing drive. The touchdown was only the second catch of Peterson's young career.

"Darrin Peterson, we put him in that Z spot, and he caught that touchdown pass," Gill said. "We have two or three other guys that are in the rotation, and when the opportunity presents itself, we always want those guys to be ready. ... Darrin Peterson stepped up and made a play — a big play — to keep us going in the football game."

Two possessions later, Woodrum was intercepted when his intended receiver, Pat Kelly, was muscled to the ground

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Blocker shines on senior night

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What happens when an unstoppable force and an immovable object collide? In soccer, they just draw. Liberty University shared a victory point with Radford after a 0-0 tie in a Big South Conference game Saturday, Oct. 20.

Including Saturday's tie, the defending Big South Champion Radford University Highlanders have not faced defeat since Aug. 26 of this year.

Liberty also had a defensive achievement on their senior night game as Karen Blocker tied for the Liberty University record of most shutouts in a single season, matching Natalie Mayer's mark of nine.

The Lady Flames now have an 11-6-2 overall record with a 5-3-2-conference record, while Radford holds an 11-2-4 record and a 6-0-4-conference record.

"Coming into the game, we knew it was going to be a hard game," Blocker said. "My girls did a great job fighting for that shutout. It's unfortunate that we couldn't put one away, but their goalkeeper made some good saves."

Blocker had seven saves on the night. "I'm pleased with the fact that the girls got a shutout, and they worked really hard defending," Head Coach Jessica Hain said. "I think we were tenacious, and we were fighting for a win, but we also protected our goal, so I'm proud of our team."

Senior night

Senior night comes around every year, bringing a bittersweet night of commemoration to every sport. This year, the eight graduating seniors celebrated their careers by walking between two rows of underclassmen that serenaded them with cheers and salutes as their parents guided their every step.

But the sentimental atmosphere dissipated when the buzzer rang, and the crowd began to cheer for their respective teams.

"Senior night for me is bittersweet," Blocker said. "It's my fifth season, and this team is by far the most special team that I've been a part of. I'm so blessed to be graduating with these girls."

Blocker will join Heather Bentley, Ariana Espinoza, Kelly Henion, Emily Hoy, Sarah Robinson, Madison Short and Lauren Stell as they graduate next spring.

"The seniors have done a great job, and they're great competitors," Hain

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Flames lose Blue and Grey Cup against Panthers

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Friday

Liberty University's D1 hockey team was defeated 6-3 at the LaHaye Ice Center, Friday, Oct. 19 against the Davenport University Panthers.

"It was a little frustrating just 'cause our shots weren't going anywhere or actually getting where they were supposed to, so that made it a little tough," Liberty freshman B.J. Pirus said. "We battled well. We just needed to execute better."

The Panthers scored a goal within the first six minutes of the game. Pirus was the first to score for the Flames, making it 1-1 at the end of first period.

The Panther's three-goal effort in the second period pushed their lead to 4-1 with four minutes left in the period. But senior Rick Turner scored his 19th goal of the season, ending the period



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EFFORT — Senior defenseman Scott Morongell leaps to clear the puck against a Davenport player.

with a score of 4-2. Turner leads the nation in scoring.

At the start of the third period, the Panthers scored again

to increase their lead to three. Flames freshman Steven Bellow responded for the Flames, adding another goal, which cut the

Panthers lead to two.

The Panthers scored one last goal in the last minute of the third period into an empty net,

ending the game with Davenport on top, 6-3.

The Flames resurgence was just not enough in the end.

"It started out a little slow and picked up the intensity when the fights broke out, but unfortunately we just couldn't get the job done tonight," senior Scott Morongell said.

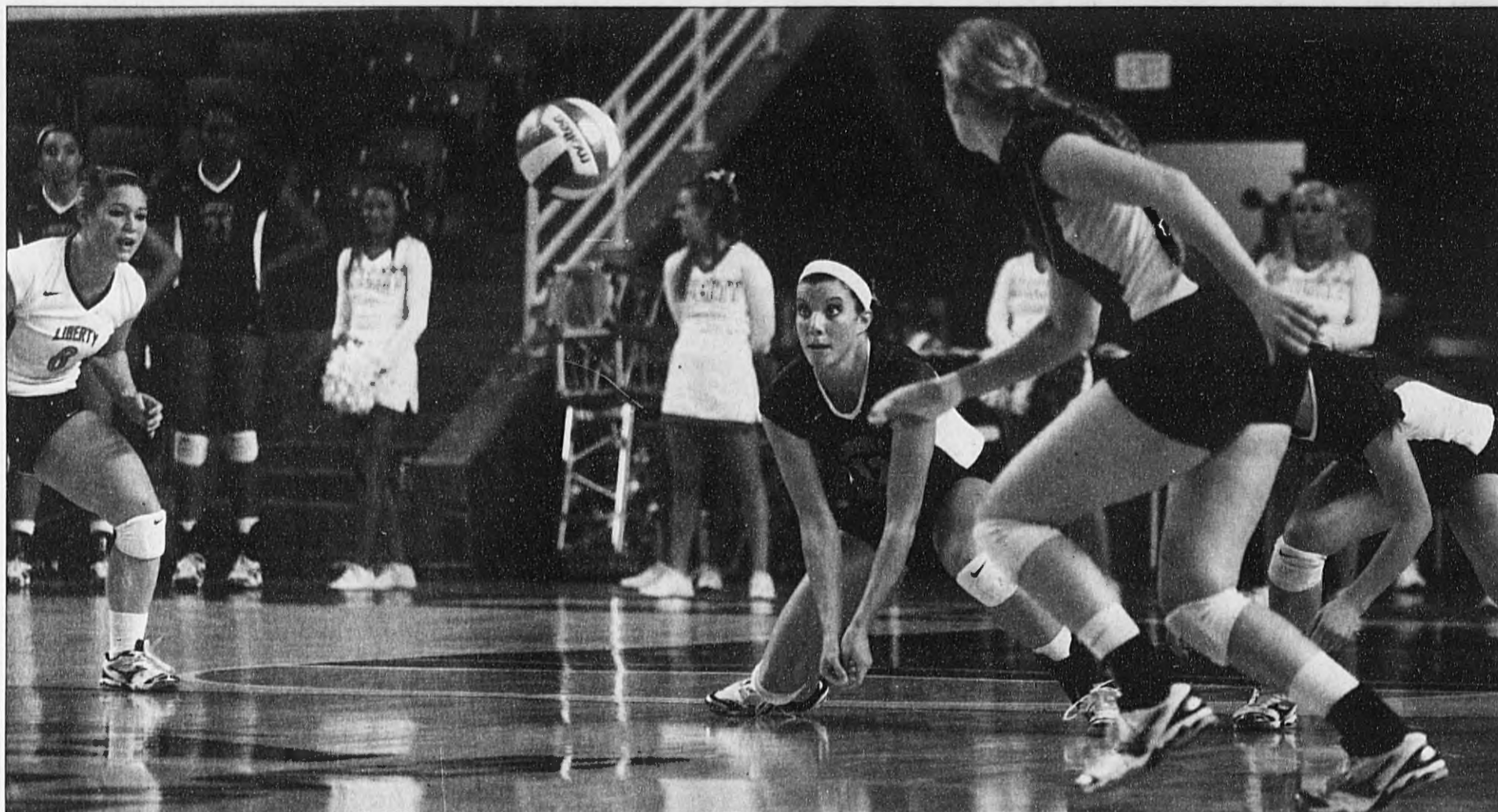
According to the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the Liberty Flames are ranked No. 8, along with Lindenwood University.

"The season's going pretty well," Pirus said. "We're in a bit of a rut right now, and it's always tough to get out of those. We played some really good teams, and unfortunately we just couldn't finish."

Saturday

Seeking retribution after a hard loss in the first game of the Blue and Grey Cup, the Liberty Flames battled the

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DIGGING IN — Lillie Happel (12) had seven digs in the Lady Flames 3-0 victory against Winthrop Saturday, Oct. 20.

Volleyball sets new team record

Lady Flames become Big South leaders after defeating Winthrop and Presbyterian over the weekend

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The Liberty Flames volleyball team shattered its previous record conference home wins and emerged as Big South Conference leaders with a dominating win over Winthrop University Saturday, Oct. 20 in the Vines Center.

Notching their 19th straight conference win at home, the Lady Flames broke a record that was previously set from Oct. 15, 1996 through Nov. 9, 1999. Finishing with an attack of 79 percent, the Flames shut down the Eagles, sweeping three sets and bringing Winthrop's four-game winning streak to a halt.

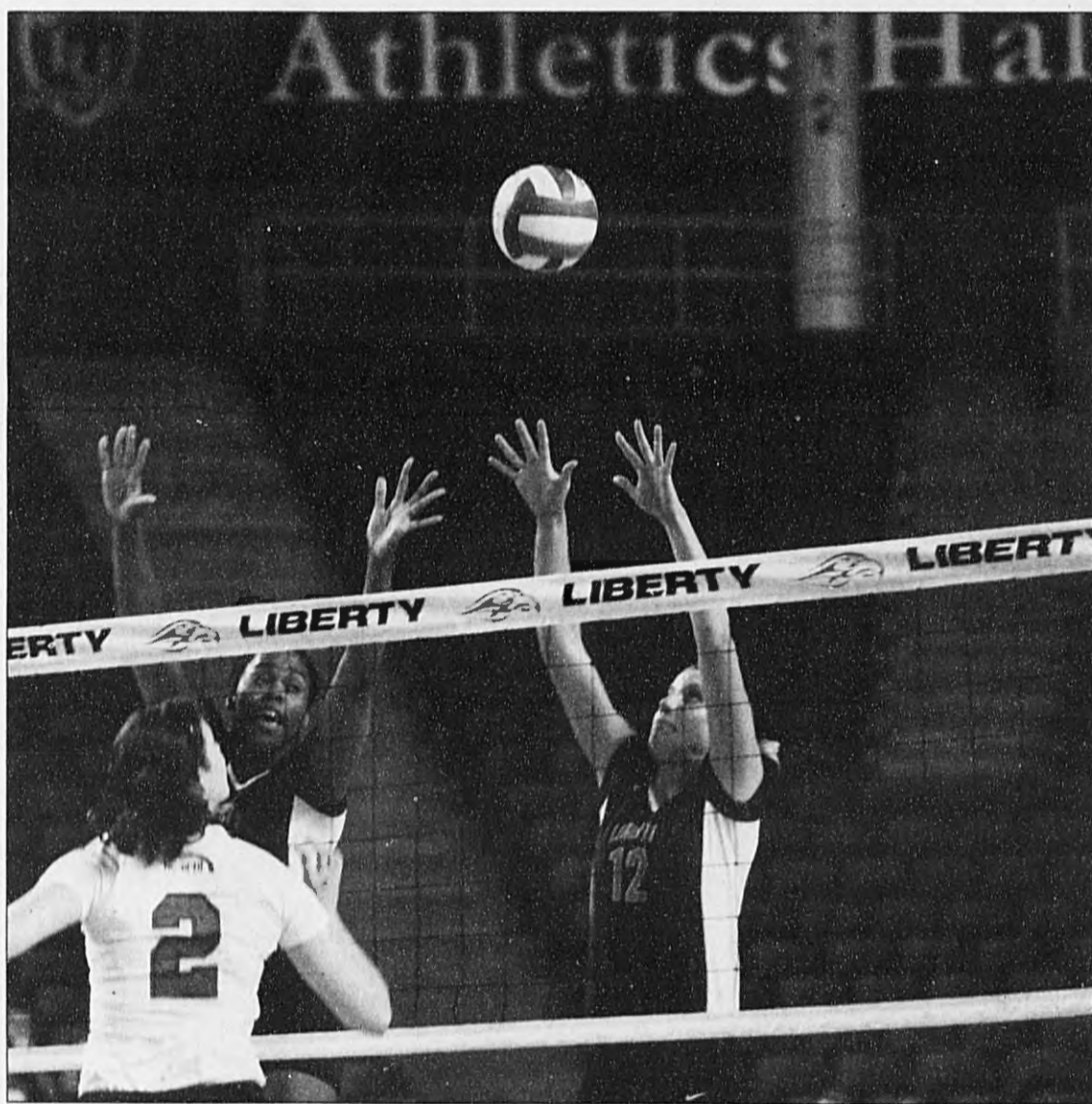
"This week, we focused a lot on our offense, and it worked out this weekend," Head Coach Shane Pinder said. "We were very efficient. ... We're really happy we got multiple attackers involved."

The Flames never trailed in the first set, getting off to an early lead from a kill by redshirt junior Kendle Rollins and capping off the set with a kill by junior Lillie Happel. Liberty took the first set by a final score of 25-20.

In the second set, however, the teams were knotted up 11 different times. After a timeout with Liberty leading 21-19, the Flames allowed Winthrop to score one more time, and then the set ended with the Flames winning 25-20.

In the third set, the Flames surged back from a 3-6 deficit to win the match with a score that mirrored the first two, 25-20.

Redshirt freshman Caroline



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DENIED — Loren Thomas and Lillie Happel attempt to block an attack by Presbyterian.

Douglas led both teams with 14 kills on the afternoon.

"One thing that we know as a team is that we have an 'X' on our back because we are the defending champions from last year," Douglas said. "So we

know that every team is coming after us, and so we have to go after them in the same exact way."

Douglas credited junior Jade Craycraft for her leadership and for teaching her "the ways of the team."

"Jade Craycraft has really done a nice job," Pinder said. "I think she had 41 assists today. That's a really great number for her in three sets. She's really starting to lead as a junior and take control of the offense."

Craycraft's total assists dwarfed all other players on the court, with the next highest number of assists being 21 by Winthrop's starting setter. Craycraft finished with 15 digs on the afternoon, which also led both teams. After the game, she said that, while the sets were close, she felt calm and confident in her team.

"It's always good to beat Winthrop," Craycraft said. "It's something that we've really been working hard for this whole week after coming off a loss from Coastal, so it was just really good to pull together as a team. ... We're getting to the point of the season where I'm confident with our hitters."

Happel notched 12 kills and seven digs in the Flames victory. Senior Loren Thomas finished with 10 kills and a match-leading six blocks.

With the win, the Flames move to 17-7 overall and 7-2 in the Big South Conference. They remain perfect at home in the season with seven straight wins, six of which have been determined in three straight sets. Dated back to last season, the Lady Flames have won 12 straight matches at home.

The Lady Flames begin a road trip, where they will face three conference rivals, the Radford Highlanders on Oct. 26, High Point Panthers on Nov. 2, and the Campbell Fighting Camels on Nov. 3. Liberty returns home to face UNC Asheville on Nov. 9.

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said. "They're great role models for the team. They've done an excellent job leading this year as a group, and we're really going to miss them."

All seniors, with the exception of Short, started the game Saturday night. Seven minutes into the game, Stell was carried off the field when she fell down after a challenge by a Radford player. There did not appear to be any foul play involved.

The Lady Flames will finish their home schedule against Longwood Oct. 23 before playing heading into the Big South Tournament Oct. 27.

"We're ready to go," Blocker said. "We're ready to get it done. I think if we play our game, we have a good chance to win the tournament, so I'm excited."

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Spoiling a Chanticleer homecoming

Liberty looks to extend its winning streak when they travel to rival Coastal Carolina in a key conference game

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In last year's game against rival Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, the Flames won 63-27 in front of a homecoming crowd. This year, Liberty enters a hostile environment against a Chanticleers team with nothing but revenge on its mind.

Liberty has won the last three out of four meetings against Coastal.

Ground Attack

The Flames are riding a three-game winning streak, and the key to their recent success is the participation of running backs Aldreakis Allen and Sirchauncey Holloway. Two weeks ago, both running backs eclipsed the 100-yard mark against Presbyterian. The two almost pulled off the same feat against the Concord Mountain Lions.

Combined, Allen and Holloway have rushed for 1,215 yards and 10 touchdowns for the year. They also combine for 1,428 all-purpose yards. Over

the last two games, quarterback Josh Woodrum has been able to manage the offense behind a solid running game. Coastal Carolina also has a poor run defense, which allows 189 yards per game. The Flames game plan will be to exploit this weakness.

Woodrum's Progress

In his first season as the Flames starting quarterback, Woodrum has put up decent numbers. Over the course of the season, he has thrown for over 300 yards. In five starts, he also produced 1,359

yards in the air with eight touchdowns and has a 73.5 passing percentage. The only thing that has plagued the redshirt-freshman had been turnovers: In those five starts, Woodrum also has five interceptions.

Chanticleer Offense

Chanticleer quarterback and South Carolina transfer Aramis Hillary has been efficient in his seven starts. Hillary has thrown for 1,657 yards and has 11 touchdowns and four interceptions on the season.

Coastal Carolina has many wide receivers who contribute to their offense. The Chanticleers have five receivers with over 15 receptions. They have also found new life in the running game. Against Virginia Military Institute, the Chanticleers also ran for more than 300 yards in its 34-7 victory.

The Flames travel to Coastal Carolina Saturday, Oct. 27. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

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Davenport Panthers again Saturday, Oct. 20 in the LaHaye Ice Center. This time, Liberty came from behind to tie the game but ultimately lost 6-5 in a shoot out. After starting 8-0 this season, the Flames have lost five straight.

The fans' intensity was apparent from the beginning as Rich Turner put in the first goal of the night and his 20th of the season.

"Our home crowd is great. They really re-energize our guys," Head Coach Kirk Handy said. "We started out well — scored one, and then gave up four, so that didn't help. But we battled back, and the crowd was there to give us the energy that we needed."

Liberty's lead was short-lived. Dustin Wischmeyer responded for Davenport, scoring on a breakaway and tying the game at the end of the first period.



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EAGER — Ryley Egan and Ryan Kerr look on during their game against Davenport.

Early in the second period, Davenport's Robert Kleinman and Stephan Flood each scored to take their lead to 3-1. The Flames were finally able to answer back when Luke Baumgarten knocked in a loose puck with 36 seconds left in the second period.

Liberty struggled offensively for the first 15 minutes of the third, but with five minutes left,

team captain Andrew McCombe scored to bring the Flames within one goal. Thirty seconds later, Liberty's Christian Garland found the back of the net to tie the game at four. But Davenport swiftly answered to retake the lead with Bohlinger putting in his second goal of the night to take the 5-4 lead.

With one minute left

in regulation, the Flames pulled Blair Bennett from the goal and made one last offensive effort. The gamble paid off when McCombe tied the game with only 12 seconds remaining.

The game then moved into "golden goal" overtime, but neither team was able to end it during those five minutes. It was clear that a shoot out was neces-

sary to decide the winner.

Andrew Frank scored Davenport's first shot, giving them a 6-5 lead, but Liberty's Danny Logan quickly smoothed over the difference. Neither team could connect in round two. In round three, Kleiman put in the deciding goal for Davenport, and Turner shot high and missed for Liberty.

"There are a lot of things that we're going to work on," Handy said. "A lot of it stems from us taking on too many penalties. The encouraging thing is what we did in the third period. The fortitude that we had and the desire to come back to make a game of it and give ourselves a chance to win in a game that we had no right coming back in — that's character, and stuff that we can build on."

With all sports, coaches are charged with helping losing teams have a short memory — something essential to moving

forward.

"We want to be positive with our guys and have our guys realize that we can win hockey games," Handy said. "We are in a tough stretch, and we knew that. We have to come ready to play next week."

It is hard for any team to move on from a hard loss, but McCombe is not wasting any time hanging his head.

"It was a character comeback. After this, we will have a good week of practice and then face probably the No. 1 team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association when Ohio University comes in next weekend," McCombe said. "We just have to chalk it up as a learning experience and go to work this week to hopefully come out on top next weekend."

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before the ball arrived — something his opponent admitted to. “I was pressed up and had the safety over the top, so I could play real aggressive,” Riyahd Richardson said. “I basically just threw him on the ground, the quarterback threw the ball, and I picked it and ran it down the sideline.”

Richardson returned the pick to the one yard line, and the Mountain Lions punched it in for a touchdown on the next play. The point-after attempt was blocked, leaving the score at 13-7 in favor of the Mountain Lions.

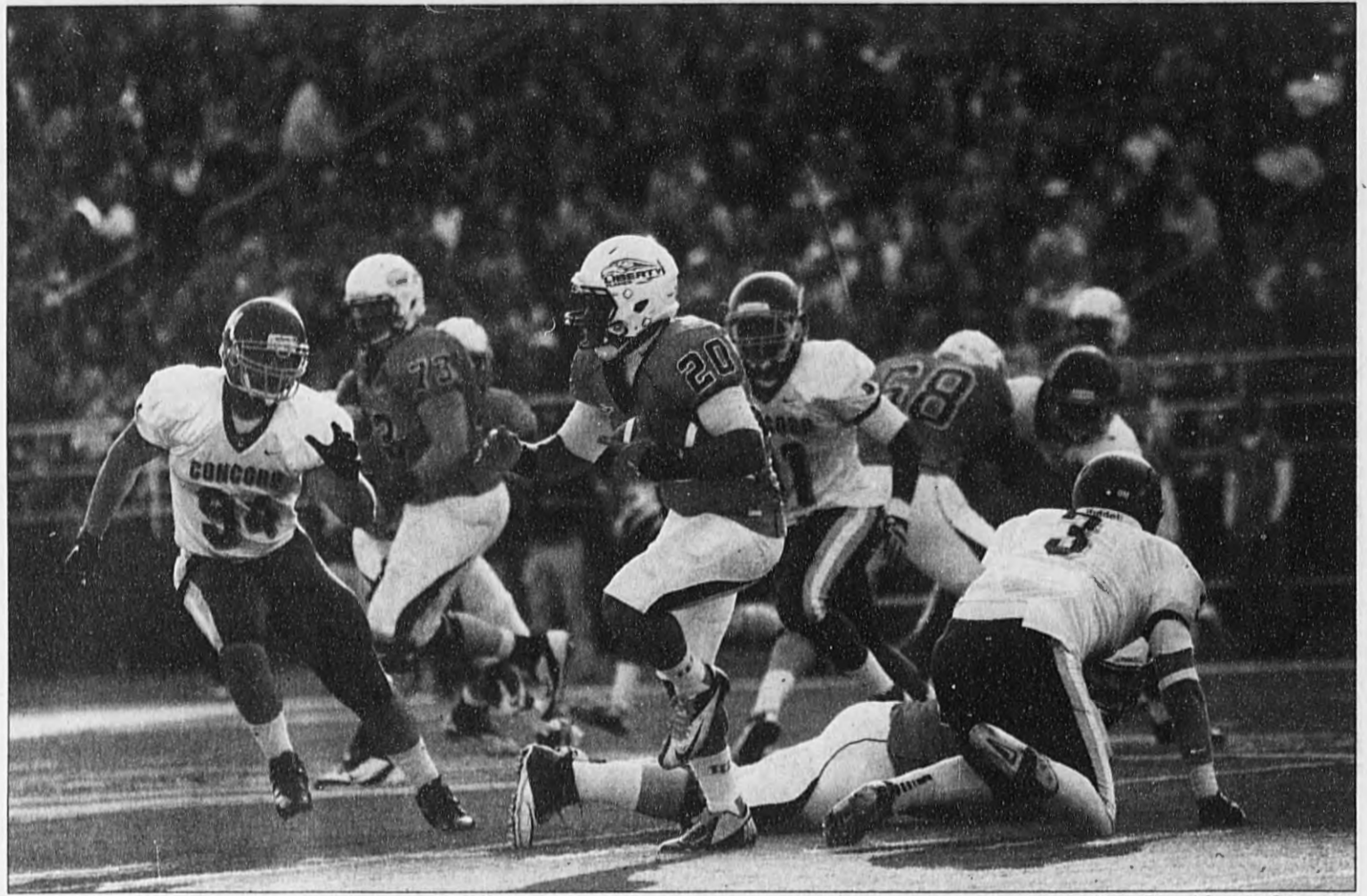
Liberty scored again in the second quarter when Holloway managed to hang onto a short shovel pass that was slightly off-target. After securing the ball, he shook off a would-be tackler to walk into the end zone. The extra point put the score at 14-13, where it stayed for the remainder of the first half.

With five minutes left in the third quarter, Holloway added another score — a two-yard run up the middle to put the Flames ahead 21-13. Holloway, who ran the ball seven times on the scoring drive, finished the evening with 142 yards on 28 carries for a 5.1-yard carry average.

The Liberty running attack, which put up an astonishing 429 yards on the ground last week against Presbyterian, gained 233 yards on Saturday. Aldreakis Allen and Holloway alternated series, trading off on every possession. Allen finished the night just shy of the century mark with 94 yards.

The back and forth between Holloway and Allen has wreaked havoc on nearly every opponent this season, and the two backs said that the competition and camaraderie only helps to push both of them to be better.

“We push each other in practice — that’s pretty much it,”



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POWER RUNNING — Aldreakis Allen looks for daylight. Allen leads the Flames with 804 all-purpose yards.

Holloway said of himself and Allen. “He gets a good gain, I’ll tell him, ‘good run,’ and if I do the same thing, he’ll say the same thing for me.”

Holloway’s second touchdown in the third quarter was the final score of a very uneventful second half. The teams combined for seven punts and one missed field goal over the course of the last 20 minutes.

While not the most exciting spectator football, players agreed that keeping the offense on the field longer and thereby allowing the defense to rest is a winning formula — one that could be successful against conference heavyweights Coastal Carolina and Stony Brook.

“We get a nice groove going, we’re hitting them, sticking them,” Holloway said of the

running game. “I believe we can beat Coastal that way.”

Even those in the passing game see the benefit of using both running backs extensively.

“We can definitely beat Coastal with it,” wide receiver Elliot Dutra said. “We got the best 1-2 punch in the conference, let alone in the nation, and if they come to play like they always do and our wide receivers do what they’re supposed to do, this style of offense can take us straight to the playoffs.”

“Our offense does a great job of managing time, and I think that allows for us to rest and play fast and play hard,” defensive lineman Corey Freeman said. “It’s great to have a team that can gel together, an offense that wants to help the defense and vice versa.”

Freeman had three tackles against Concord and was a part of a solid defensive outing for the front seven, which held Concord’s star running back Calvin Jones to just 23 yards throughout the afternoon. Jones had three 100-yard outings this season prior to Saturday.

While it came out in Liberty’s favor this week, the ball-control offense employed Saturday is not a proven formula. Four games ago against Lehigh, Liberty was defeated 28-26 in a game where they held the ball for 42:25. Statistically, the similarities are striking.

Looking ahead, the Flames will travel to Coastal Carolina. It is worthy of note that after last year’s 63-27 homecoming drubbing of the Chanticleers, Coast-

al was quick to schedule Liberty for its own homecoming in 2012 — a game traditionally seen as a guarantee — to show off before the larger than usual crowd.

Harvey is the sports editor.

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SCRIBBLE — Liberty's creative writing group soaked up the inside information offered by authors Colligan and Davis.

Honoring LU parents

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Parents show their love for their children in different ways, and for Liberty University senior Magdalene (Lynn) Thomas, Liberty's fourth annual Family Weekend Banquet taking place Friday, Oct. 19 was a chance to honor her parents for all they have done for her.

Lynn's parents, Paul and Lori Thomas, were chosen as this year's Outstanding Parents of the Year after their daughter submitted an essay explaining why they should be chosen.

Lynn said that she decided to enter the contest because "(she) truly (loves her) parents and wanted to give back to them in some way."

Her essay was selected as the winner out of 118 total submissions, according to Director of Parent and Family Connections Theresa Dunbar.

"All essays were submitted to a SharePoint site, and all the names were kept anonymous," Dunbar said.

Lynn's essay tells the story of her early childhood as a "hopeless orphan." In the essay, Lynn refers to herself as "abused, overworked, starved and rejected." She then continues to tell the story of her adoption from Korea at the age of 6.

The story of Lynn's adoption particularly stood out to the judges.

"It was the favorite of the essays by a majority vote of our judges," Dunbar said.

Lynn's difficult childhood and the impact that her adoption had on her life also played a role in the judges' decision. From her essay, it was evident that Lynn "rose above her difficult first six years of life and grew from the love and spiritual strength her family provided to her," Dunbar said.

Coming to Liberty was a direct result of the love and encouragement of Lynn's parents.

"They encouraged me to attend Liberty University and excel in academic and leadership opportunities here," she said.

Winning the contest was also an exciting moment for both Lynn and her parents.

"As soon as I heard the news, I went to call my parents," Lynn said. "My parents were so proud of me and they were so honored."

Paul and Lori Thomas are not only outstanding parents for Lynn, but for six other children as well.

"(I have) four brothers and two sisters," Lynn said. "Three are birth and the rest are adopted."

In addition to the presentation of the award at the Family Weekend Banquet, the Thomas family won a prize package including a two-night stay at the Wingate and free tickets to the football game among many other things, Dunbar said. Lynn was also recognized for her essay with 200 meal points and a gift certificate to the Liberty Bookstore.

In addition to the presentation of the Outstanding Parent of the Year award, the banquet included a performance from Sounds of Liberty and guest speaker Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr.

Lynn will be graduating with a degree in health promotions and plans to use it to help those facing the same desperate situations that she once did.

"My dream is to start a program that would provide resources and provide health education to orphans," Lynn said. "When I was an orphan, I didn't have the resources or know anything about health promotions, and I'd love to give back in some way."

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Liberty University students returning from their fall break took a few hours away from their unfinished homework to relax and learn about writing from published authors Marie Colligan and Charmaine Davis Monday, Oct. 15.

Hosted by Scribble: Creative Writing Community, the event provided student writers and recent graduates with the opportunity to see two different perspectives on writing and on the publishing industry.

According to Davis, one of the best things to do is fully give in to the fact that you are a writer.

"I got out of this business of 'I'm an aspiring writer,'" Davis said. "I'm a writer. Just own it."

In Davis and Colligan's experience, writing's experience are crucial for the success of a new writer.

"You get that personal connection at conferences," Davis said.

According to Colligan, she spent years attempting to get her first fiction novel, "Marcel's Gift," published. It was only when she attended a writer's conference and had a face-to-face conversation with a publisher that she was able to get her book out there.

"You get better results (at conferences)," Colligan said. "Save your pennies, save

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— RACHEL WERNER

your money, and try to get to a conference."

Both speakers also stressed the importance of joining local writing groups.

"Join some kind of writing critique group — it opens your eyes," Colligan said. "You know you can write, but you're surprised by how much you really don't know about writing."

Christian writers will go through various difficulties as they write and hone their craft, but Davis said that they have to remember that they are not alone.

"You need to have the Holy Spirit on your own, so you're not doing it on your own," she said.

Davis also cautioned writers not to be too hasty in their rush to get something published. Writers may think that God has given them something to write, but "it may not be meant for everyone," she said.

"You don't want to be ashamed of what you write," Davis added. "You gotta have something (that will sell). It needs to be a good book. You can't skip the good writing part."

Several members laughed aloud at Davis' remark as Colligan nodded in agreement with her colleague.

Near the end of the event, one member asked the speakers how they found ideas for their various writing endeavors.

"You never know where an idea is going to come from," Colligan replied.

Colligan also urged members to write down that "gem" once they find it, tell-

ing them not to discard it.

"You may not use it for years," she said, "but you'll still have it (when you do)."

Davis had a somewhat different perspective on searching and finding ideas, saying, "Get up and live your life, and it will come to you."

According to Davis, writers should also commit to writing one short story a week. "It gives you a sense of achievement that you won't get in a novel, (and it) gets you used to searching for ideas," she added.

The most significant thing that Colligan and Davis stressed was the fact that writers have to be committed and passionate about what they do.

"If it's not joyful for you, you're doing the wrong thing," Davis said.

Scribble members asked questions throughout the two-hour event, hoping to benefit from the unique perspectives of the two speakers.

"(Everyone) seemed like they were very interested," Public Relations Officer Rachel Werner said after the event. "It was ... very much an interactive audience."

But members were not the only ones to benefit from this experience. Davis and Colligan both said that they enjoyed the time and would love to come again.

"Personally, I think it was extremely informative and encouraging that you don't have to be Stephen King to get published," Werner said.

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FYI
Colligan and Davis marked the first time that Scribble has welcomed guest speakers in its history.



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Liberty professor impacts design market

SADA professor Monique Maloney excels with her designs while helping students improve their skills

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Every person has a story to tell, a role to play, a passion in the depths of their soul that ignites change and creativity in people, an inspiration to be something more than we ever thought possible.

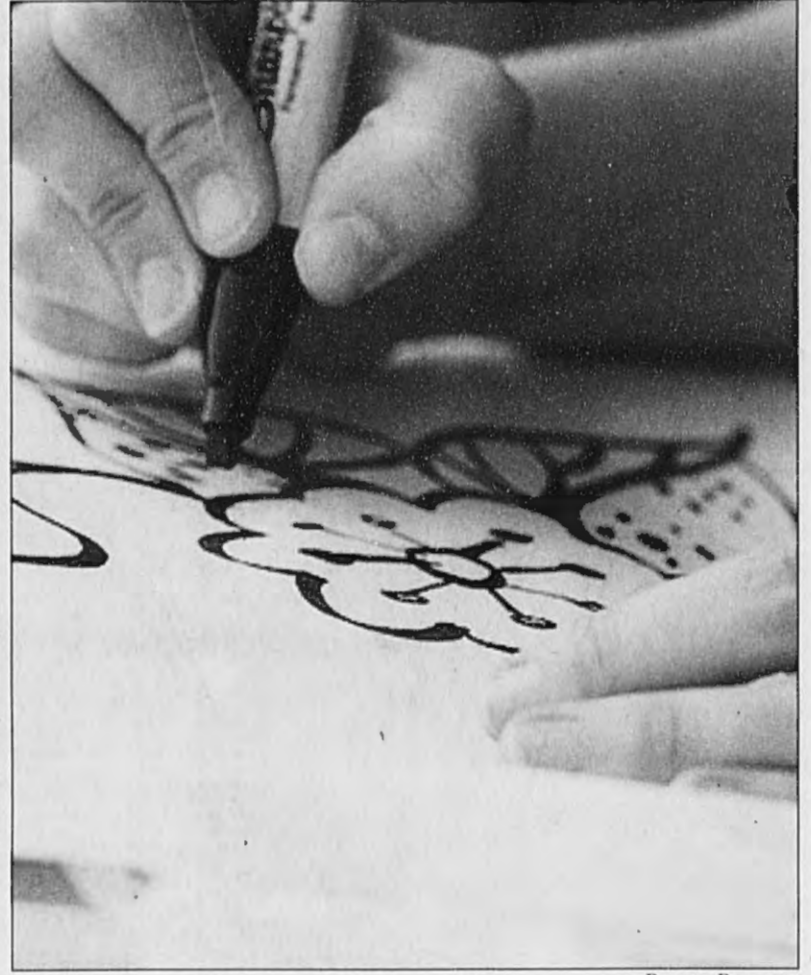
Liberty University is a place fueled by immensely talented teachers whose goal is to take some of their God-given gifts and pass them on to the next generation in hopes of changing the world for Christ. One of many teachers who share in this responsibility is Monique Maloney.

It takes more than just knowledge to be a great teacher. In the words of William Arthur Ward, "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." The gift of inspiration can be far and few to come by, but it shines brightly in Maloney.

Growing up in the town of Springfield, Mass. and moving to the town of South Hadley at age 10, Maloney was embedded with creativity from the very beginning.

"My mom and uncle all went to art school," Maloney said. "There were times where I thought maybe I could do this or that, but I always fell back to art."

Raised in the Baptist church, Maloney was taught the ways of God at an early age. Maloney said that her parents told her she was baptized and



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OTTERBOX — Maloney submitted six designs to Otterbox for iPhone cases, three of which were chosen for the company's "Eternity" line.

saved at a young age, but not until college did she define her faith in Christ.

"I ended up at a Christian college," Maloney said. "It was my senior year during a Bible conference when the speaker said, 'If you can't remember a time and place where you were saved, don't go by what other people tell you.'"

Maloney also emphasized the importance of taking a stand for what you believe.

"You need to make it a

stake in the ground — here we go, this is what I believe in. And I accepted Christ that day."

Before her years at Liberty, Maloney's life goal was to be successful in advertising. She would work all day, every day if she had to.

"I wanted to be the most successful at a career and make a name for myself," Maloney said.

But now, her focus has been on what God wants her to do and how she can reflect her art to God and

live a life that is different.

"I want to find a balance where it's not just career, but it's family and community and loving others and giving back and reflecting art to God," Maloney said.

Maloney turns 30 this year, but in no way is she slowing down.

"Your 20s, you spend some of it in college and other parts of it getting experience and just living life and maybe settling down. I think 30 is the time to feel a little more confident in what you do, because

you're no longer searching out things, you're just getting better at what you're already doing."

According to an article on Liberty's website, Maloney has even designed a line of iPhone cases for Otterbox called the "Eternity" line. Three of her six designs were chosen for the line, one of which is available in two colors.

Maloney has been married for eight years to her husband John, and they have a 2-year-old daughter, Zoey, and a 6-year-old

shih tzu named Bella. Maloney is currently enrolled in graduate school, seeking her master's in graphic design.

"I love my job, and I am so thankful. I don't even think of it as a job. To me, I enjoy waking up every morning and coming to work," Maloney said.

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Lynchburg runs for their lives

Liberty University students and Lynchburg residents gather at Heritage High School to support Freedom 4/24

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On a cold Saturday morning in October, the City of Lynchburg rallied together for a common cause: to fight for the lives of women and children facing the daily realities of sex trafficking. Over 2,000 participants gathered in the parking lot of Heritage High School Saturday, Oct. 20 in anticipation of the 1k, 5k or 10k race held on Leesville Road. "Run for Their Lives" benefited Freedom 4/24, which fights the devastating effects of sex trafficking — globally and domestically.

The price of registering for the race was \$24, which gives Freedom 4/24 the opportunity to buy one woman or child for an entire night, saving them from the hands of the men who would regularly buy them in the sex trade. This one night allows Freedom 4/24 ministries to offer the victims spiritual and emotional care in hopes of freeing them from the grip of prostitution.

"It is inspiring but devastating that there is such a need for this ministry," Natalie Barlotta, a volunteer at the event, said.

At one registration booth, runners were given the chance to read five stories about women who Freedom 4/24 ministries helped. Runners selected one woman and had her name written in Sharpie marker on their arm to remember the cause while competing. John Dupin, the pastor at Brentwood Church, led the participants in a time of prayer and remembrance of the victims before the start of the races.



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FREEDOM — Liberty students and Lynchburg residents help Freedom 4/24 in the fight to help women get out of the sex trade industry.

"I was running and praying over the girl on my arm. It was really empowering and makes you want to run faster," Haley Van Ness, a freshman from Liberty University, said.

The event was especially emotional for those who have had the opportunity to travel to the places most affected by sex-trafficking.

"Last year, I went to Thailand, so today is emotional," Aimee

Blanks, a Liberty alumni volunteer, said. "I was there 10 days, and one conversation I had with a sex-trafficking victim will forever speak to me. The more aware you are of the cause, the more you want to do."

Sex trafficking also affects the women and children within the realms of the United States.

"We have a lot of freedom we take for granted," Joshua Calloway, a participant in the race,

said. "The race is an opportunity to give people the freedom we have all the time."

After the race, participants were offered refreshments as they gathered to have conversations on the football fields of Heritage High School.

"It was a very fun environment to run in," Libby Campbell, a sophomore at Liberty, said.

At the time of the races, 11 individuals in China were also

running for the Freedom 4/24 cause, demonstrating the global effect that the ministry often encourages.

"If more people got involved, we could put an end to it," Van Ness said.

WARRENDER is a feature reporter.



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MAKING OF A RECORD — The Campus Band's live album, recorded during Liberty's campus church, is expected to be released sometime next year.

Campus band records live album

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Hundreds of excited worshippers filtered into the Thomas Road Baptist Church sanctuary Wednesday, Oct. 17 for the live recording of a concert performed by the Liberty University Campus Band. The excitement was evident as the audience erupted in cheers of support when the Campus Band arrived on stage. The floor of the sanctuary was packed with eager listeners as the voices of the band bounced off the high walls, feeding into the recording system.

"I'm excited that I get to be on a CD because I do not have a singing voice," Nikki Gentry, a student greeter at the event, said. "This is my one chance, so I'm going to do it."

Camera crews zoomed in on the performance and caught shots of the praising audience throughout the concert. The flickering blue and yellow lights and crisp feed from the singers' microphones allowed for an electrifying worship experience.

"I forgot all about the recording," Lauren Sweeney, leading female vocalist for the band, said. "Our eyes were really focused on the Lord the entire time."

The concert consisted of songs written personally by Campus Band members that they were excited to share with the audience. The band had begun preparing for this concert in August, dedicating the majority of their fall breaks to long rehearsals. The finished product will be released next year.

"To be used in this capacity by God at this school is such a blessing," Sweeney



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PRAISE — Lauren Sweeney (left) and Justin Kintzel (right) sing as the CD is recorded.

said.

Many of the band members are also current students at Liberty, balancing academics and band practices to perform for

their peers at convocation and campus church services during the school year.

"It's a privilege to be able to serve and see God move," Bryce Rogers, drummer

for the band, said. "It's such a blessing."

Humbled by the power of God felt throughout the performance, band members agreed that their prayers were answered through the reaction of the audience.

Alumni also traveled to share in the future success of Liberty.

"It was awesome," Michael Williams, a Liberty alumnus, said. "I drove three-and-a-half hours to come here tonight."

After the band played the final song of the night, Justin Kintzel, lead vocalist of the band, quieted the audience to close with a final word of prayer.

Before Kintzel could end the concert, many audience members yelled for an encore of the popular praise song "Oh, Happy Day."

Kintzel laughed at the spontaneous request as the other band members obediently began to play. The night ended after the encore as hands dropped reluctantly, finishing the last wild motions of the song.

"I enjoyed it a lot," Sarah Wells, a freshman at Liberty, said. "The band was great. I loved it."

As the audience left, compliments for the band could be heard spoken throughout conversations as many students claimed they would be coming back to hear the band in the future.

"Sure, I'd come again," Aaron Brown, a freshman at Liberty, said. "Why wouldn't I?"

Details of concerts performed by the Campus Band are released in convocation services, and all of the concerts are open to the community.

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Wasabi serves up Japanese cuisine

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If you have not already heard, there is a new addition to Lynchburg restaurants, the Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar. Located at 3700 Candler Mountain Road next to what many people know as the "dollar theater," this Japanese-style restaurant offers a wide variety of foods from sushi and seafood to hibachi chicken and steak.

According to the restaurant's website, Wasabi strives to provide a fun, inviting atmosphere for customers to come and relax as they enjoy great food with friends. Wasabi combines Japanese culture and fine cuisine with great service in order to provide the customer with an environment of food and entertainment.

One of the many features that Wasabi offers is its hibachi grills. Diners can watch as their food is prepared right in front of them.

"We bring a new style of sushi to Lynchburg," General Manager Alan Hua said. "We do the hibachi grill, and our sushi is fresh. We are doing pretty good right



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FIRE — Wasabi's chefs cook the food right in front of the customers, making for a memorable meal.

now, but we want to do even better."

Hua sets his goals high, but he is confident that Wasabi will draw in its share of people.

"We want more people to know we are here," Hua said. "On the weekend, it is pretty packed, but on the weekdays, we

would like to pick up more business. We opened on Sept. 28. We are a big restaurant, and I think in time, people will get to know about us."

Wasabi offers catering for events such as birthday parties, business meetings or special events. Open daily for lunch

and dinner, business hours can be found online at the Wasabi Lynchburg website.

"My favorite thing was the sushi itself," Liberty University sophomore Sophie Bourret said. "It was made quickly, and (it was) wonderful. I definitely want to go there again."

Bourret came because of the food, but she enjoyed the entire experience at the new restaurant.

"I love sushi," Bourret said. "I saw the billboard for Wasabi on the road, and I really wanted to try it. I looked it up online and saw that they had reasonable prices for sushi. The food was absolutely delicious. I got a sushi entrée platter, which came with miso soup and a salad with ginger dressing — wicked good."

Impressed by both the food and the service, Bourret also appreciated the restaurant's way of doing business.

"The atmosphere was really friendly and relaxed," Bourret said. "Our waitress made sure we always had a drink and what we wanted. The service was top-notch, and the restaurant was very nicely decorated and fun."

Hua encourages students to come try Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar for a new dining experience.

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