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Campus changes coming



ELI OVERBEY

HOME IMPROVEMENT — The science department will experience significant changes over the next two years. The changes will include a three-story building which will house the current health sciences program.

Growing up

University prepares for campus renovations

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Liberty University will undergo an extreme makeover during the next two years.

This week Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. announced capital improvement projects, including third and fourth floor DeMoss Hall renovations, a Health Sciences building, an intramural complex, a new visitor's center, a recreational equestrian center, Campus North additions and an amphitheater.

"The look of the campus is going to change again over the next two years," Falwell said, looking over design plans and maps. "The campus will change almost as much in the next two years as it has over the last eight."

Falwell presented the plans to Liberty's board of directors Friday and to faculty Monday.

"Construction will never be cheaper, because right now the economy is so weak," Falwell said.

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- ◆ 100,000-square-foot health science building.
- ◆ Completion of the third and fourth floor of DeMoss.
- ◆ Equestrian Center
- ◆ Visitors Center
- ◆ Seminary building added to Campus North.

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City, colleges talk plans

Lynchburg holds first Town and Gown meeting

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The City of Lynchburg and local college presidents met Friday, Nov. 12 for the city's first Town and Gown meeting. Mayor Joan Foster called the gathering of individuals in response to concerns voiced by Liberty University and its students last spring.

Law School Dean Mat Staver represented Liberty University because Chancellor Falwell was attending Liberty's bi-annual Board of Trustees meeting on campus.

"Basically, they just wanted to hear from the colleges on what each is doing and see if there is a way that the city can work with the colleges," Law School Dean Mat Staver said. "So it was a very cordial meeting — fairly informal."

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- ◆ On-campus college students account for more than 16,000 residents in the city of Lynchburg.

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gallery of gratitude

Students give thanks

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Gallery of Gratitude: students interact in Thanksgiving communion

Entering the Gallery of Gratitude, sounds of praise resounding in and around the building set the scene for Liberty University's Thanksgiving communion service, Wednesday, Nov. 10. With artistic and creative exhibits scattered throughout the building, students reflected and prayed during the walk through communion.

Eight exhibits filled the first part of the evening with a time of contemplation. Each exhibit guided students to take time to pray and give thanks to

See Communion on A3



RUTH BIBBY

THANKS — A student participates in the Thanksgiving communion service Wednesday.

military emphasis week

War heroes find their strength

Veterans share life changing moment

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Thousands of students rose to their feet to applaud American heroes Dr. Tim Lee and Captain Scotty Smiley during convocation Wednesday.

Lee lost both of his legs while serving with the United States Marine Corp in the Vietnam War. Captain Scotty Smiley was also injured during a tour of duty. After a car bomb explosion, Smiley was left without his vision.

"I am lucky to be alive," Lee said.

In his testimony Lee recalls stepping on the 60 pound box mine that could have blown him to pieces. What would be devastating to most people, Lee turned into an opportunity. After years of running from God, Lee's wounds brought him back.

"It wasn't long after (I came back from



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AMERICAN HERO — Dr. Tim Lee receives a standing ovation at Military Emphasis Week convocation.

Vietnam) that I felt God calling me to preach," Lee said. "I pastored for five years and I wasn't really a very good pastor, but those five years God was getting me ready to be an evangelist, which I'm getting ready

to start my 33rd year. I love doing this, it's my calling. It's what God wants."

Lee said when he first started preaching he did not have any invitations to speak. It was a ministry that required faith and trust in God.

"After I had been in evangelism for about eight or nine months, I went to a conference in Charlotte and the moderator said, 'Tim, tonight at the end of the service, you be ready. I want you to give a five minute testimony,'" Lee said. "I got up there and out of that five minute testimony I got 83 invitations for meetings. It started a snow-ball-type effect, and it hasn't ever slowed down. I don't take it for granted but God has given me the opportunity to speak at some of the greatest and largest churches in America."

Lee found the courage to begin this ministry from God. Lee said that quiet times are crucial for building that confidence and gaining comfort from the Lord.

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Science professor expelled

Dr. Caroline Crocker confronts scientific integrity

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Over a hundred students piled into the classroom Thursday evening to hear the story of Dr. Caroline Crocker's sci-



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entific expulsion and to attempt to grasp the meaning of scientific integrity.

"Science is about exploring and finding the truth — if you fail to question every theory you fail to find the absolute truth," Crocker said. "If it's true, it will still be true — even after you think about it."

Striving for a higher understanding of scientific methodology and function, Crocker earned her B. S. of microbiology and virology from the University of Warwick, U.K., her M. S. in Medical Microbiology from the University of Birmingham, U.K., and her PhD of Immunopharmacology from the University of

Southampton, U.K.

Having a passion for science, and the ability to provoke young minds, Crocker became a professor at George Mason University (GMU).

However, this is where her story of expulsion begins.

"I encouraged my students to think, and to think critically," Crocker said.

According to Crocker she never told her students what to think — she never mentioned that Intelligent Design (ID) might be an alternative. She simply allowed the students to open their minds to the possibility of flaw in the evolutionists thinking.

After having a successful year at GMU she was shocked to find that her contract had been decreased to only one-year from her previously signed and held three-year contract with the university, Crocker recalls.

"I later found that it was all based on one student's claims that I taught ID instead of evolution — which I never did," Crocker said.

In her book, "Free To Think: Why Scientific Integrity Matters," Crocker goes into detail about the events surrounding her expulsion and eventual blacklisting.

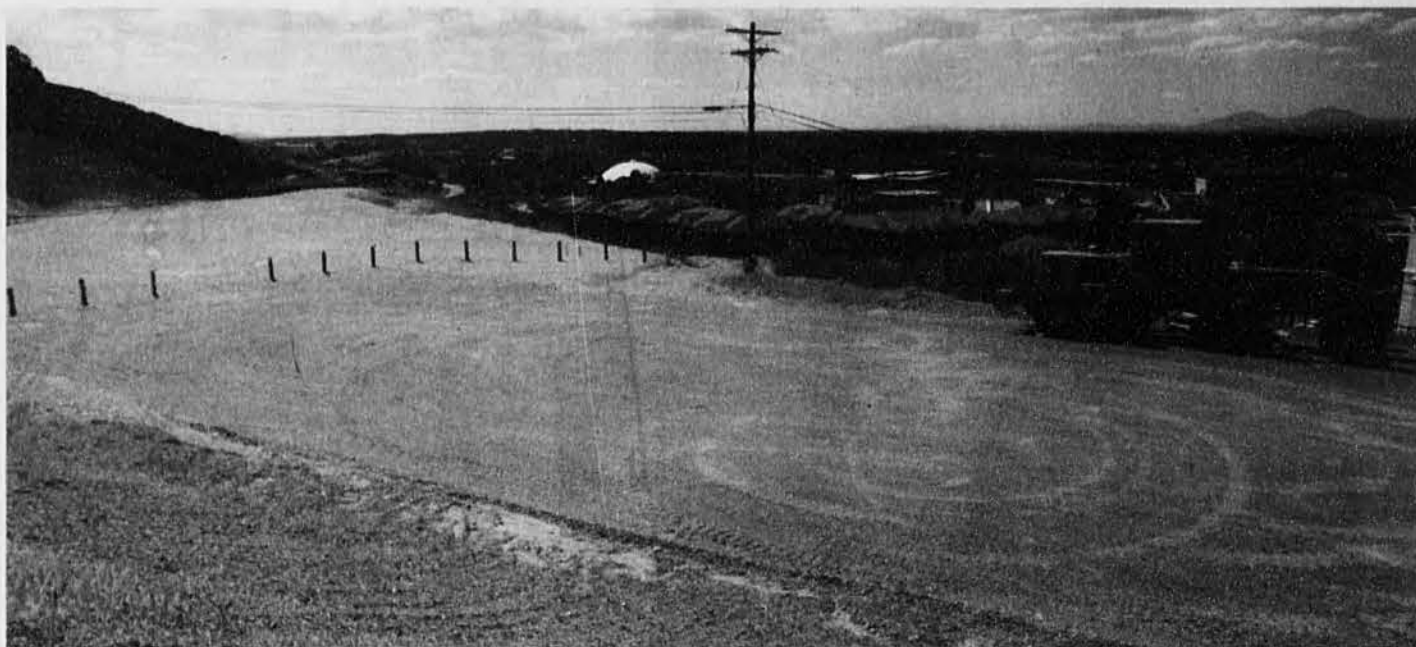
"I would apply for a job and spot on they would tell me I got it. Then a few weeks later they would call

and say they lost funding," Crocker said on her being blacklisted.

Crocker has found a level of satisfaction and calling in her scientific expulsion — using her story as a catalyst for young minds to dare to think. She now travels to universities nation-wide to provoke students to scientific integrity.

"I've been blacklisted — expelled from science. Honestly? I wouldn't change a thing I've done — and I will probably never make it off that list," Crocker said.

◆ BOLLINGER is a news reporter.



ELI OVERBEY

CHANGES TO COME — The university has already cleared land behind Campus East in preparation for renovations to come.

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The university looks for cost-effective ways to improve services, according to Director of Planning and Construction Charles Spence.

"We typically build so much more cost-effective. We stretch the dollar so far, we are able to do more," Spence said.

DeMoss Hall renovations

The university will complete renovations on the third and fourth floors of DeMoss, providing additional classroom space by fall 2011.

Falwell expects the school's popular culinary arts classes to expand in the third floor.

The center for worship will occupy part of the fourth floor.

"Any of our departments that are cramped for space, we'll provide space for them on those two levels," Falwell said.

The back exterior wall of DeMoss and the adjoining one-story buildings will receive

facelifts, Falwell said.

"They look dated," Falwell said.

The project will also include beautifying the DeMoss courtyard and expanding the Hangar over the next two years.

Health Sciences School

Liberty will open a 100,000-square-foot health sciences building on Campus East fall 2012.

The three-story building will house the university's current health sciences programs for nurses as well as new programs to train physical therapists, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants and athletic trainers.

"There are lots of jobs available in those fields," Falwell said. "It's a big demand for any health sciences field. It fits with our mission because a lot of our students will become medical missionaries."

The health sciences building will include state-of-the-art equipment and labs.

"We are also upgrading our undergraduate pre-medical program," Falwell said.

"All the academic improvements are based on feedback from students for programs they are interested in and what programs we have that need to be expanded," Falwell said.

Intramural complex

Liberty will construct a new intramural and NCAA complex, including three regulation-size fields across from the Wingate Hotel along Route 460. The fields will be used for lacrosse, field hockey and other intramural sports.

The fields will be turf and will include bleachers.

An NCAA softball field with lights and 500 seats will adjoin the fields.

Distance runners will benefit from a new two-and-a-half-mile cross-country loop.

"Whenever you run cross-country in college you don't want roots, you don't want rocks. A flat, non-technical surface is best. You also want a fairly flat, fast course and that's what you will have here," Director of Auxiliary Services Lee Beaumont said.

The complex will include four, lighted, sand volleyball courts and a support building with locker rooms, storage, offices and bathrooms.

"It has to be ready by the fall because of the home schedule of the new NCAA team," Beaumont said, adding that construction will likely begin in January. "This is a huge thing."

Visitor's center

The school will demolish the outdated Hancock Building and build a new visitor's center on the same site.

"It will be a one-stop shop for parents and students interested in attending Liberty," Falwell said.

The visitor's center will include representatives from financial aid, student accounts, alumni affairs and the Registrar's office.

Falwell said Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce could open a kiosk in the center.

"It will probably serve as one of the main visitor's centers for the whole Lynchburg area because this is the part of Lynchburg that visitors come to first," Falwell said.

Falwell said it is cheaper to tear down and rebuild than to renovate the Hancock Center.

The athletic programs now housed in Hancock will be moved to David's Place.

Equestrian Center

Liberty plans to provide equestrian services on a 67-acre farm it recently purchased, which adjoins Liberty Mountain and the university's 60-mile trail system.

The university will build several barns to accommodate students' horses and university-owned horses. Students will pay to board

their own horses at the farm or they will be able to rent horses by the hour.

"If students want, they can bring a horse to Liberty and ride on the mountain," Falwell said.

Beaumont said Liberty would allow students to ride horses on most of the school's 60 miles of trails.

"It is strictly going to be a pleasure and recreational thing for Student Activities," Falwell said.

Falwell said a young couple will oversee the equestrian center, which will open next fall.

Campus North additions

A seminary building will be added to the front of Campus North.

"They will still use a lot of the same classrooms on Campus North that they are using now," Falwell said.

The LaHaye Student Center addition will include moving the existing Café North and building a new food court, possibly racquetball courts, cardio room, weight room, locker rooms and offices for the swim team and a gymnastic area for the LU club team.

"LaHaye and Tilley are slammed," Beaumont said. "They need more space."

The addition will be built on the front of the Student Center in the old driveway area.

"The plan is to add onto the front of LaHaye all the way across," Falwell said.

The expansion project includes a 700-space parking lot on Campus North, behind Williams Stadium, Falwell said.

The increased parking will provide a needed buffer between Liberty, Thomas Road Baptist Church and Liberty Christian Academy.

"Part of this plan is to create a barrier between the two," Falwell said. "None of our employees will park on Thomas Road property. None of Liberty's traffic will go through Thomas Road or LCA's parking lot. It will be a lot safer for those little kids."

Falwell said road expansions would make the intersection at Evans Boulevard and University Boulevard the "gateway of Liberty."

"The new addition on the front of LaHaye will be the first thing visitors see," Falwell said.

Amphitheater

A 6,000- to 8,000-seat amphitheater will be built to accommodate outdoor concerts and dramas behind David's Place.

"The hillside is already the perfect shape and size for an amphitheater so the cost will be very minimal," Falwell said.

The project includes placing landscaping blocks along the hillside and constructing a covered pavilion and stage for entertainment.

Additional improvements

The two-year plan also includes building a new Regent Parkway extension that will allow students to drive from Reber-Thomas Dining Hall to the dorm circle on a new road behind the Vines Center.

The dining hall will receive additional room for cooking labs, prep space and storage.

Additional parking will also be built in the field next to the LaHaye Ice Center.

The university will also complete phase one of the Vines Center renovations, including a four-sided scoreboard, improving acoustics and replacing the ceiling tile.

Additional green spaces will be added around campus.

Although all projects are subject to change, the university has a strong long-range plan for improvements, Falwell said.

"It takes most schools five to 10 years to do what we're doing in just one to two years," Beaumont said.

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Water tax to effect Lynchburg



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Apparently the Chesapeake Bay has developed a bit of a consumption problem and received a diagnosis to go on a diet — a “pollution diet,” that is, to help alleviate the algae blooms that have taken up residence in the bay. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a draft in an effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding streams, creeks and rivers.

The cleanup effort is also in response to President Barack Obama’s Executive Order 13508 on May 12, 2009, the summary said. The draft, known as the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), was developed in response to “insufficient restoration progress over the last several decades in the Bay,” according to the TMDL executive summary.

The government’s clean up regulations will cost the areas and states surrounding the Chesapeake Bay such as Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, billions of dollars, Corporate Engineer Maggie Cossman said. The estimated cost of the TMDL impact to the city of Lynchburg is \$350-\$520 million by 2025. Cities throughout the Bay watershed will be facing similar financial impacts. Most of the regulations focus on discharges in densely populated areas, like Lynchburg. The new regulations require all pollutant measures to be in place by 2025, with 60 percent completion by 2017, according to the executive summary.

“The TMDL mandate sets strict limits on the amount of nutrients that point sources, such as water treatment plants, and non-

point sources, such as farms, can discharge. The limits that EPA is proposing have far-reaching consequences for everyone who lives, works, and farms in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed,” Congressman Bob Goodlatte’s website said.

Cities like Lynchburg will have to opt for an additional water tax or fee to be able to cover the sum.

The Lynchburg City Stormwater Management Advisory Committee is currently considering choosing the fee option, which would force tax-exempt entities such as Liberty University to pay several hundred thousand dollars per year.

The fee is calculated by the amount of impervious — or paved or impenetrable — land that an establishment owns. The fee would also affect other local business and homeowners. Homeowners could pay a fee of \$4.94 per month for an equivalent residential unit (ERU).

“The ERU is determined by calculating the average impervious area for a single family parcel in the City of Lynchburg,” Cossman said. “The city consultant has determined this to be 2,043 square feet of impervious area to equal one ERU.”

Liberty, in conjunction with Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC) and the Plaza owns about 486 acres of maintained land,

Cossman said.

“Assume 75 percent of the maintained Liberty property is impervious, equaling 365 acres impervious,” Cossman said. “The proposed yearly fee (for Liberty) would be \$461,339.00.”

The University will either assess a fee of \$40 to each resident student annually or

divert the same amount away from academic programs, student services or facility improvements.

“Either way, there is a negative impact on our students and no real proven positive impact on the Chesapeake Bay. Agriculture is the largest single

source of pollutant loading in the bay — however, much of the agricultural discharge nutrient pollution originates from agricultural activities that will remain unregulated,” Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr. said.

Falwell added that, “To add insult to injury, Liberty University and the Lynchburg area are drained by the James River and the James River really doesn’t empty into the body of water between the Delmarva Peninsula and the mainland that we all think of as the Chesapeake Bay. The James River meets the Atlantic Ocean south of that body of water. That section of the ocean still carries the Chesapeake Bay name but it doesn’t have the same fragile characteristics as the upper

bay. This is a big government scam that will cost citizens millions for no real proven environmental benefit.”

Goodlatte has received several complaints from Virginians worried about the EPA’s legislation, which may over regulate stormwater usage. In response, Goodlatte has formed his own response to remove pollution from the bay.

“My legislation allows states and communities more flexibility in meeting water quality goals so that we can help restore and protect our natural resources. This bill sets up new programs to give farmers, homebuilders and localities ways to meet their water quality goals,” Goodlatte’s website said. “Additionally, my bill creates a voluntary assurance program for farmers. The program will deem farmers to be fully in compliance with their water quality requirements as long as they have undertaken approved conservation activities to comply with state and federal water quality standards. Further this legislation calls for more oversight of the Chesapeake Bay Program. This legislation would enhance coordination, flexibility and efficiency of restoration efforts while also calling for a review of the EPA’s Bay Model.”

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL is the largest ever drafted by the EPA, equaling about 1,000 pages. The TMDL is actually made up of 92 smaller TMDLs, according to the TMDL executive summary.

A final draft of the TMDL will be available Dec. 31.

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This is a big government scam that will cost citizens millions for no real proven environmental benefit.
— Falwell



SILENT REMEMBRANCE — (Left) Students take a moment to pray and partake individually in communion. (Right) Students were given the opportunity to reflect on the names of God during the Wednesday evening communion service.

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God and to pause for a moment, remembering all that they have to be thankful for.

Exceeding the attendance of all previous years, the service reeled in 3,203 students, faculty and staff. This is the highest attendance Liberty has seen at the walk-through style communion service set up in the fall semester.

“I hoped to see a large attendance because it is a different service and this means to me that students are taking both the idea of Thanksgiving and opportunity to take communion seriously,” Discipleship Pastor Michael Miller said.

Exiting the exhibit forum, students continued on to the

communion room where the tables set-up in the form of a cross displayed the elements of communion. As part of the walk-through experience, the entire service, including the act of communion, is set up to be interactive and taken in each individual’s own timing.

“It has always been my desire that our communion services engage the person and with this being the Thanksgiving season, it definitely calls for us to remember what God has been doing in our lives and reflect on what he’s been doing,” Dwayne Carson, senior campus pastor and vice president of spiritual development said.

With communion being such a personal time of prayer and thanks, the campus pastors desired to have something different with this

service, allowing students to take something tangible away from the service.

Upon entering each person attending the service received a keychain to carry through the service. At each exhibit, action cards were offered to add to their key chains and take on Thanksgiving break as action challenges.

“I really enjoyed the interactive aspect to the service and that it was self-directed. This allowed more time of reflection,” senior Jacob Sleeth said. “I also enjoyed receiving the cards during the service to take and continue going through after the service.”

“It was an incredibly powerful time to slow down and reflect on what I can be thankful for, but more than that, it helped set me right

with God during a time of craziness,” sophomore Marisa Barber said. “I was able to reflect on God’s glory and never-ending faithfulness when I needed it.”

Extending expert help to the service, the Visual Communications (VCAR) program offered much creative help to creating the exhibits. Professor of VCAR, Todd Smith even created a Jesus clay sculpture for the “I AM” display. Some of Smith’s students also provided their paintings for the various exhibits.

Expressing great thanks to those in military service, a live exhibit was displayed with the help of ROTC, acting as a highlight to the evening. At each hour of the night, military personnel changed guard and gave a salute to the flag.

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◆ In conjunction with the Thanksgiving Communion service Nov. 10, Liberty helped kick-start the Holiday Food Drive sponsored by the Wingate by Windham hotel.

Brian Knopp, director of sales for Wingate, asked Discipleship Pastor Michael Miller to partner with him. Their goal was to collect 1,500 cans for the Liberty Godparent Home, Miller Home for Girls and the Salvation Army. Liberty’s community contributed 200 cans to the can drive while Sam’s Club and Kroger donated 300 cans together.

The food drive is off to a strong start in reaching its goal of 1,500 after 500 cans of food were donated.

lute to the flag.

“It was very moving to see students walk up to them as they were standing at parade rest or attention and ask to shake their hands or say thank you to them for what they were doing,” Miller said.

Ending the communion service, the atmosphere was a reflective one where students, faculty and staff took

advantage of the personal time they were given during the service.

“Thanksgiving communion hopefully will help us to break a spirit of selfishness and display a spirit of sincere thanks and praise for God’s blessings,” Carson said.

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The Town and Gown meeting enabled college presidents and city officials to gather to talk about the future plans for each school.

“I told them about some of the great things that are happening at Liberty,” Staver said. “We take for granted all the things that are going

on here because we get informed, but they did not know about the extent of our renovations.”

Before the meeting officially broke, Staver suggested that the colleges and city band together in an effort to persuade Delta Airlines to not pull out of Lynchburg. Staver’s suggestion was impromptu as there was no agenda or action plan. It was

basically a preliminary discussion about what each college was doing.

“We left with an action point, and that is with regards to Delta,” Staver said. “The city is going to draft a letter and all of the college presidents will be signing onto that letter to urge Delta to reconsider staying in Lynchburg and not move out because that will hurt all of the colleges

and everyone in the community.”

Although the meeting was relaxed, the consensus was the each of the colleges would like to continue the meetings.

“We left the meeting with the idea that we would continue to meet. We would have meetings like this hosted at different schools from time to time,” Staver said. “I think it

was good that we could hear about what each other is doing, and that way we can cooperate together, work with the city and help our community.”

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We asked...

What do you remember most about Bush's presidency?



I really liked how President Bush urged Congress to pass legislation that made America more secure, and less dependent on foreign energy.

Lindsay Notter, Junior



What I remember most is his absolute unwillingness to back down from what he thought was best for the American people.

Corbin Payne, Junior



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Revisiting Bush's leadership

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Former President George W. Bush wrote a book about his time in the oval office, entitled "Decision Points." Released Nov. 9, the book sold 220,000 copies its first day, according to the Crown Publishing Group. This serves as a reminder that there are plenty of people who still care about what Bush has to say.

While I have not yet had the chance to read "Decision Points," I do believe it is worth one's time to revisit Bush's controversial presidency and see if he truly deserves whatever criticism or praise he has received over the years.

What most defines the Bush presidency is, of course, 9/11 and the decisions Bush made as a result. His reaction to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was one of decisive action. Creating the Department of Homeland Security and passing the Patriot Act were natural responses.

I truly believe that Bush wanted nothing more than to keep Americans safe in the event of another terrorist attack. His actions, while not truly constitutional, were those of any concerned leader in a state of emergency. The War on Terrorism in Afghanistan was similarly justifiable, if a bit naive (a war on terror is not a war that can be won through military action alone).

There were few Americans against Bush from the onset of the War on Terror. However, his decision to invade Iraq proved considerably less popular. When the evidence of weapons of mass destruction was not found after months, and eventually years, of searching, opponents of Operation Iraqi Freedom claimed ulterior motives on the president's part. And, when the cost of wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan began to rise (both in money and American lives), Bush's



JOHN GOSLER

popularity waned. To his credit, the president was steadfast in the face of extreme criticism and pushed ahead with the war in Iraq. Once he started the war, he realized it needed to be won. And Iraq was freed from Saddam Hussein as a result.

Then again, perhaps Iraq should have been left alone from the beginning. Perhaps the War on Terror in Afghanistan was a bit overzealous. Perhaps the power Bush gave to the federal government in the wake of 9/11 will be used to abuse the American people for decades to come.

Again, I truly believe that Bush had the country's best interests at heart, and I do not know how he could have handled 9/11 any better. I disagree with his decisions to go to war, and with many other policies born from America's greatest tragedy of the 21st century, but the former president does not deserve this nation's hate any more than the current one.

Eventually, it will be up to history to decide how George W. Bush fared. Two years is too soon to tell.

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President's recent trip costs too much

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Soon after Air Force One landed Nov. 6, President Barack Obama stepped foot on Asian soil for a highly publicized and criticized 10-day tour.

The intent of the trip was to increase investments between India and the United States and create jobs for Americans, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Near the time of his departure, reports from various sources claimed that the president's trip would cost American taxpayers \$200 million per day, according to the NY Daily News.

U.S. Rep Michele Bachmann, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh all reported via various news sources that the cost for this trip would total around \$2 billion. Other claims were made that 34 war ships were providing partial security and thousands of officials were also planned to go on the trip, according to the NY Daily News.

White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer issued a statement that claimed these numbers were wildly inflated.

"A recent article in the foreign press supposedly quoting an anonymous foreign official claimed that the president's trip to Asia would end up costing American taxpayers \$200 million per day and that 34 navy warships were being used for the trip. Certainly an astounding figure, were it true," Pfeiffer said, according to the White House Blog. "But it's not even close to true. So let us be unequivocal: the numbers reported have no basis in reality."

The foreign press to which Pfeiffer refers may have been Indian news source NDTV, which claimed the \$200 million per day figure.

Obviously, both sources cannot be correct. The White House could settle the matter easily by providing facts to disprove any fallacious allegations. Pfeiffer, however, refused to say in his statement the actual cost of the trip because of security concerns.

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs also commented, flatly saying he would not disclose the cost,

"I'm not going to go into how much it costs to protect the president. Costs are comparable to when President Clinton and when President Bush traveled abroad," Gibbs said, accord-

ing to Annenberg Public Policy Center's Factcheck.org.

The cost of this trip to Americans remains vague, yet some claims are truly ridiculous.

Bachmann appeared on CNN and claimed that the president was renting more than 870 rooms in the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, according to the NY Daily News.

However, the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel only has 560 rooms, according to the facility's website.

It is unlikely the numbers that the right-wing claims are fully accurate. Those who have made the claims need to verify all information before creating uproar.

On the other hand, the White House should honor its promise for openness and transparency and could keep the public informed more effectively. Gibbs' overt response has a "none of your business" connotation. However, Americans are paying for this trip, automatically making it their business.

Whether security reasons really do prohibit exact numbers from being disclosed, Washington could and should provide more assurance to keep the rumors down and the people informed, if in fact the numbers have been inflated.

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From the Desk

I used to think that Barnes and Noble was the best place to drink coffee a read a good book, until last semester. One late night, I discovered Wal-Mart's book section.

Within seconds, a simple title caught my eye — "23 Minutes in Hell." Thinking the book was fiction, I picked it up.

Flipping through, I noticed the author wrote a note at the beginning of his book, saying that his writing was based on truth. He claimed that his experience in Hell was real. Now, he really had me hooked.

I had heard of near death experiences before. It usually happens when people are pronounced dead in hospital

rooms. They claim that they see white lights at the end of a tunnel. Then, they are told that their jobs on earth are not finished. They return from the tunnel and tell all their friends that Heaven is real.

Yet, I had never heard of someone claiming they had gone to Hell. The Bible mentions that Lazarus went to Hell, but this is almost never heard of in modern times.

Even more surprising is the fact that the author, Bill Wiese, said that he became saved in 1970, and he experienced his time in Hell almost 30 years later. Whoa. This is where I stopped and re-read that passage for a good five minutes.

Wiese's website said that he "saw the searing flames of hell, experienced the putrid and rotting stench ... (and) terrorizing demons." Then, God brought him out of the pit of Hell, he said.

For centuries, people have pondered about life after death. The Bible is clear that the soul will separate from the human body, and it will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell.

However, this is where most unsaved people have intellectual roadblocks to accepting Christianity. Reading about Wiese's time in Hell, which was only 23 minutes, makes them cringe at the thought of spending an eternity there.

Many people object to the idea of Hell because they

cannot comprehend how good people could be punished eternally. In addition, they wonder how a loving God could send his most treasured creation to Hell.

That is why some religions created places like purgatory and limbo. They believe that people need to be cleansed before entering Heaven. However, this is not biblical.

In life, men can choose to reject Jesus or accept Him.

Once people realize that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, they will hopefully accept his grace and forgiveness.

Hell should not be the dominant factor in evangelism. Hell is frightening to people who do not understand how their "good" friends, colleagues and neighbors could be sent to such a horrid place. Rather, Jesus' love and forgiveness should be presented first to the unsaved.

Next time you are in Wal-Mart, stop by the book section. Who knows, you might just find someone reading "23 Minutes in Hell." Then, you can share your own testimony with him or her.

Melinda Zosh

Man loses 27 pounds with Twinkie-based diet

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A nutrition professor at Kansas State University recently completed two months on the "Twinkie diet" and with surprising results: he lost 27 pounds and was generally healthier than he had been before the diet.

Over the course of 10 weeks, Mark Haub decided he would put this unusual diet to the test. Haub ate a Hostess or Little Debbie snack cake every three hours. He also supplemented most of his meals with a number of other snacks that are usually considered unhealthy.

Haub saw his testing of the diet as an experiment for his class.

fat dropped nearly 10 percent, his bad cholesterol dropped 20 percent, and his good cholesterol increased 20 percent.

The results have astounded nutritionists, including Haub.

"That is where the head scratching comes," Haub said, according to CNN. "What does that mean? Does that mean I am healthier? Or does it mean how we define health from a biology standpoint, that we are missing something?"

He went on to say that his general increase in health is a result of typical weight-loss, regardless of the diet or method in which the weight is lost. But a question still remains that was neither proven nor disproven during his diet. In fact, if anything, the results muddled the facts even further.

What is more

He went into the diet with the mindset that a successful weight loss was not so much about what you eat, but about how much you eat. He reduced his calorie intake from about 2,500 to 1,800, focusing on burning more calories than he ingested.

At the end of the 10 weeks, Haub was surprised by the Twinkie diet's effectiveness. He lost 27 pounds, but the increase in his overall well-being extended beyond that. His body

important: the weight loss, or the dietary plan?

"When it comes to eating, it is definitely more important to watch how much you eat compared to what you eat," Dan Quartuccio, a sophomore health/physical education major, said.

"There is nothing wrong with eating snacks and junk food every now and then. The important thing is to make sure that you eat everything in

moderation."

"In my opinion, it is how much you eat that is the most significant. The best tip on losing weight is not exercise, but eating healthy in moderation," Ryan Ponder, a senior also majoring in health and physical education, said. "Though eating a diet that is high in fat is not the healthiest way to diet, it has results to prove that it works. This seems reversed of what the 'quid pro quo' is for a normal diet. This high fats diet can work, as long as you try to eat in moderation."

Haub also came out of the Twinkie diet with the mindset that the weight loss and increase in his health was more important. In his mind, the important part of dieting continues to be how much you eat, rather than what you eat.

The only thing he is not entirely sure about is whether or not eating a Twinkie every three hours for two months is a diet he would recommend.

"I am not geared to say this is a good thing to do," Haub said to CNN. "I am stuck in the middle. I guess that is the frustrating part.



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I cannot give a concrete answer. There is not enough information to do that."

♦ GULA is an opinion writer.

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♦ Despite popular belief, the shelf life of a Twinkie is only 26 days, according to the Twinkie website.

♦ A science teacher in Maine placed an unwrapped Twinkie, exposed to oxygen, on top of his chalkboard for 30 years, according to NPR. The Twinkie miraculously only shows slight molding and dryness, but otherwise retains the same coloring.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Senior Class Picnic

On Saturday, Nov. 6th, the student government senior class officers hosted a tailgate open for all seniors. The tailgate was held on Military Appreciation Day before the Liberty vs. Gardner-Webb football game. I want to thank all of the seniors who attended the tailgate.

We were able to serve approximately 200 students before the Buffalo Wild Wings food finally ran out. We were also able to give away several gift certificates. I have received a lot of positive feedback and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I hope this is the first of many great events for the 2010-2011 academic year.

I especially want to thank the following people whose help made all the difference in the tailgate being a success: Chancellor and Becki Falwell, Vice President Mark Hine, SGA President Bethany Davis, Vice President of Government services Maria Eller, Vice President of Student Services Cody May, Chairman of the Budget Committee Donald Gallo (and everyone who is on the budget committee), senior class Vice President Taylor Webb, as well as Carolyn Marcelo, Alexandria Paolozzi, Josh Damon, Michael Desmond, Nick Brown, Andrew Drake, Wesley Winebarger, Pearly Jadin, Seth Harris, Mitria Vaughter and Kristin Hasty, as well as the workers at Buffalo Wild Wings and Liberty Technical Productions and Field Operations.

If you want more information about future events the senior class will be hosting, as well as information about what is happening within the senior class, please join the Facebook group, "Liberty University Seniors 2011: Committed to Making a Difference" or e-mail SGA@liberty.edu for more information.

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Luncheon honors veterans, servicemen



OORAH — (Above) Sergeant Dan Villarial served in the Marine Corps from 1947 to 1951. (Below) Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. addressed the crowd of veterans and servicemen who attended the Veterans Luncheon on Wednesday.

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"Oorah."

Oorah is not a common phrase heard among civilians, but it has served as a rallying cry for the United States Marine Corps (U.S.M.C.) since the mid-20th century.

When the United States Marine Corps was congratulated on its 235th birthday at the Veteran's Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 10, "Oorah" was the response given by the many U.S.M.C. veterans and servicemen in attendance.

The Veteran's Luncheon was hosted by the Office of Military Affairs under Director Emily Foutz. The event was originally to be held in the Thomas Road Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall but it has to be moved to the Williams Stadium in order to accommodate the high number of attendees.

All faculty, staff, students, alumni and parents of alumni who served in the military were invited to attend. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr., Vice Chancellor Ron Godwin, Pastors Johnnie Moore and Dwayne Carson were also in attendance to honor the veterans.

Assistant Dean of the School of Aeronautics and veteran of the Navy Ernie Rogers gave the opening remarks. Rogers challenged event attendees not to complain about their circumstances because there are men and women in the Middle East who put their lives on the line every day for our freedom under less than desirable circumstances.

Event attendees were a mix of older veterans, new veterans and young men and women who have yet to see the front lines.

Members of the Army ROTC Color Guard Team also attended the event.

"It is an honor to be invited to attend a luncheon honoring veterans," ROTC Captain Chris Burtz said. Burtz is a senior.

Two members of the ROTC Color Guard are currently enlisted in the National Guard.

Liberty alumnus Colin Pilch was also in attendance. He earned a degree in Business Management. Pilch was an Assistant Squad Leader in Iraq. On his first tour of duty in Kuwait, Saddam Hussein was captured. Pilch has paid the price for freedom. He was hit with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and has suffered hearing loss in his right ear. When the IED exploded, a piece of shrapnel went into his eye and he pulled it out himself.

"My adrenaline was pumping so hard so I removed the shrapnel myself," Pilch said.

One group in particular stood out at the event. There was a table full of Marines who were all dressed in Marine regalia. Each chair of the table was filled by a man who had served the United States during different decades from the 40s through the 21st century, yet each was bonded through the fraternity of the Marine Corps.

Sergeant Dan Villarial served in the Marine Corps from 1947-1951 and from 1955-1962. He was a member of the Occupational Forces in Europe and fought in the Arab and Israeli War. He was a member of the 21st Marines and is now a retired Washington, D.C., policeman.

Corporal Fordys Arnold served in the Marine Corps in 1955-1958. He was a Regimental driver for the Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

Sergeant Colson Ritchey served in the Marine Corps from 1956-1958. Two of his sons are Liberty alumni.

Sergeant Larry Johnson's service in the Marine Corps began in 1969. His service included 13 months in Vietnam. His wife is a Liberty alumna and has taught at LCA. She was a faculty member while Jonathan Falwell was a student.

Corporal Jim Woods served in the Marine Corps from 1989-1994. He was in Operation Fiery Vigil, when a volcano erupted on a Philippine island. He still has a bottle of ash from the volcano.

Dustin Right served in the Marine Corps from 2007-2009. He was a member of the 8th and 1st Barracks, a prestigious unit which performs ceremonial procedures.

According to Jerry Falwell Jr., Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr. once said, "I would just as soon burn this school to the ground if it turns its back on the military."

Although the veterans who attended the luncheon had each served during different eras and in different wars, all have played a role in United States history.

"Oorah."

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JAKE FORD

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"It's great to be here (convocation) with the masses, but you and God need some alone time. That's where he's really going to get your attention and say things and do things in your life that are very personal," Lee said.

Lee and Smiley agree that the most rewarding part of their ministries is seeing lives changed.

"I think everyone has trials and tribulations in their lives and they have to stand up and recognize that God still has a purpose for them, it's that purpose that they have to know still exists," Smiley said. "Just like my book 'Hope Unseen,' it's that hope that we all should have despite the trials that we're going through. We all should recognize and continue to love the Lord."

Smiley is the first blind active duty serviceman in the United

States Army.

"(At first) it was a very difficult process and the state which I was at was very low. I had forsaken God, I wanted nothing to do with the army and with my life," Smiley said.

But it took time for Smiley to understand the life God had given him.

Smiley said he knew that he still had a purpose and that God could still use him.

"God developed plans in my life, that He could still use me, not only in the civilian world but even still on active duty," Smiley said. "So I continued to serve. I'm active duty even today, serving my country. It's just the awesome opportunities God has given me by understanding what his purpose is for me in my life."

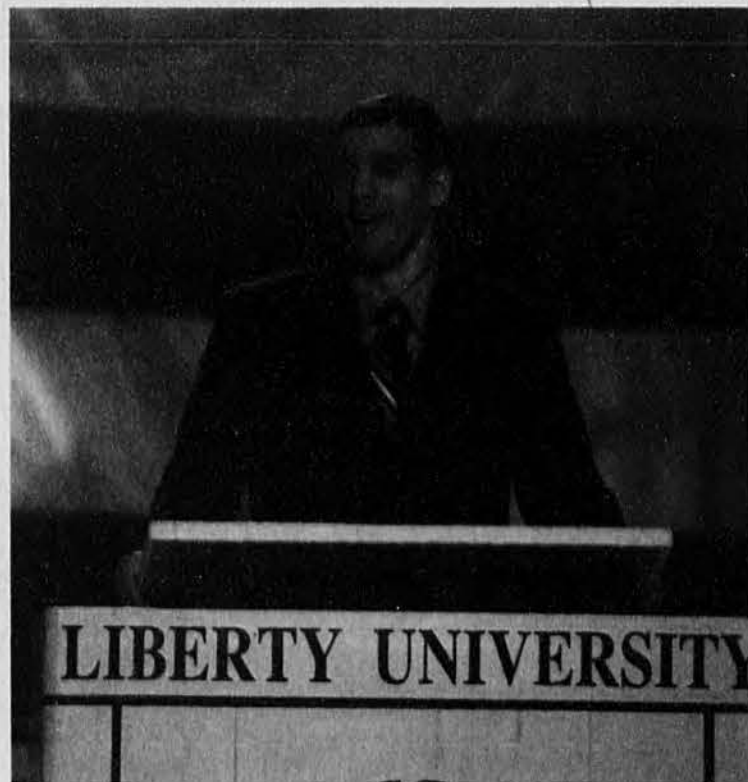
Smiley is currently a company commander of the West Point warrior transition unit. The unit's mis-

sion is to assist the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded soldiers in the United States Army and try to get them back to service.

"At West Point, we're doing an amazing job of taking care of the soldiers," Smiley said. "It is challenging to understand everyone's abilities or even disabilities, but it's creating those personal relationships with them that give you the ability to understand where they're coming from and to assist them in returning to active duty."

According to Smiley and Lee the mission field consists of telling their stories. Facing trials and questions is inevitable, but it is those questions that made them stronger and those stories that allow them to inspire hope.

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ELL OVERBEY

HOPE UNSEEN — Captain Scotty Smiley is the first blind active duty serviceman in the United States Army.

MILITARY EMPHASIS WEEK 2010

National D-Day Memorial honors veterans

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A cloudless blue sky hung over Bedford, Va., as hundreds gathered at the National D-Day Memorial to commemorate all who have answered the call to serve their country. Air Force chaplain Capt. Mike Flores opened the ceremony in prayer thanking God for America's veterans.

The Department of Defense and Veterans Administration report that over 41 million men and women have served this nation since the first shot at Lexington Green 235 years ago. More than 2.6 million of those veterans have been killed or wounded in the defense of freedom around the world. The National D-Day Memorial is a poignant reminder that the town of Bedford suffered the highest per capita losses of any U.S. town on the beaches of Normandy.

"As the wall of the Korean War veterans memorial in Washington, D.C. states, 'Freedom is not free,' " said Robin Reed, president of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation. "Today we rejoice in the fact that we live in America where the freedoms we enjoy have been so carefully preserved — thanks to you veterans."

Army Jr. ROTC cadets from Chatham and Tunstall high schools bore historical American flags representing veterans past and present, while Carlinisha Johnson sang "The Star Spangled Banner." A choir from Thomas Jefferson Elementary School performed patriotic songs including an "Armed Forces Salute" during which each veteran in attendance stood when their branch's song was played.

Veterans of every conflict from World War II through Iraq and Afghanistan attended the ceremony. Bedford Mayor Skip Tharp said he spoke for everyone when he expressed his gratitude for their service.

"I have seen many of these young men and women deployed over the years, and like all of us, I am greatly relieved to welcome them home," he said. "We cannot repay their devotion to duty, but we can honor them."

Dozens of little American flags fluttered behind the crowd, marking plaques engraved with the names of 4,391 Allied troops killed in action on D-Day. A nearby plaque is engraved with the letter that the Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight Eisenhower penned to the "Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force."



HONORING FREEDOM — (Above) Statue at the National D-Day Memorial depicts a scene of a soldier helping a wounded comrade. (Below) Memorial honors all soldiers wounded during the pursuit of freedom.

"The eyes of the world are upon you," he said. "The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

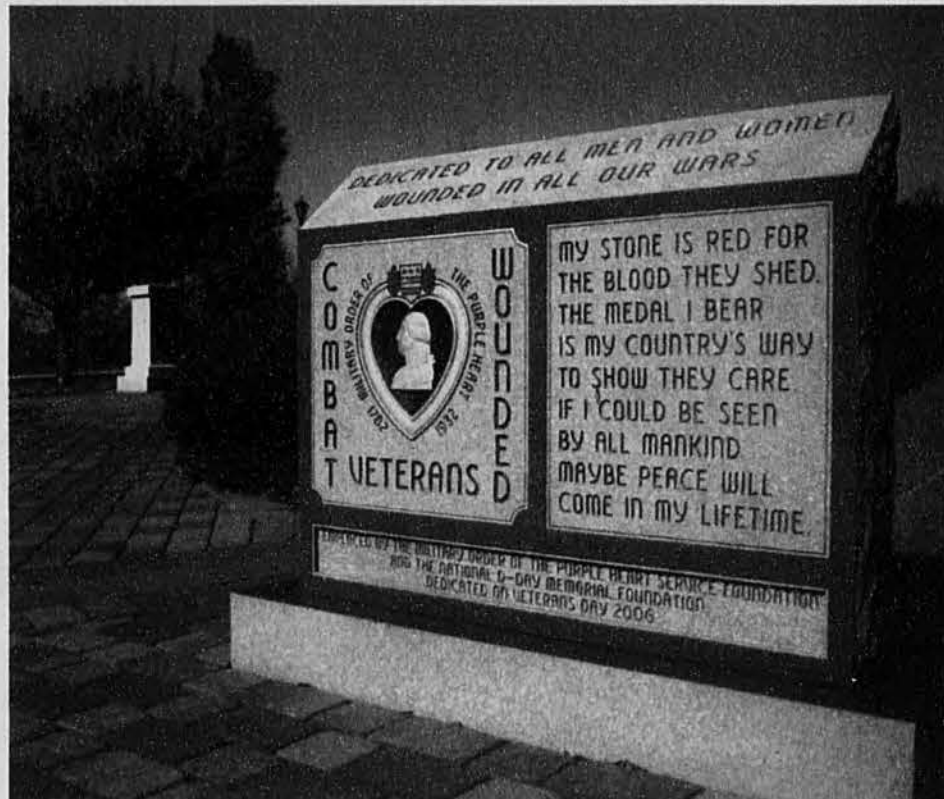
Eisenhower's words still ring true today, and many have since echoed his closing prayer.

"Good luck!" he wrote. "And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

Chairman of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors Roger Cheek echoed Abraham Lincoln's sentiments in his Gettysburg Address that Americans can do nothing to repay the sacrifice of those who have served — particularly those who have given "the last full measure of devotion."

"We can never repay that debt, but we can remember," Cheek said. "Never take your freedom for granted — it was bought with the precious sacrifice of those who put everything at risk to serve this country."

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Heroes remembered by candlelight

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A gathering of patriots met at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 at the bottom of DeMoss steps on each with a small, white candle in hand and overflowing gratitude in heart.

The third annual Candlelight Tribute Service for Fallen Heroes honored those who committed everything to freedom and paid for the liberty of future generations with their lives.

The ceremony opened in prayer, then voices broke the quiet darkness with the first verse of our national anthem.

After the song, Liberty professor Will Honeycutt honored fallen soldiers and attendees' patriotism with a speech on the sacrifice of each member of the military, Lin-

coln's acknowledgement of the fallen at Gettysburg and the history of the Star Spangled Banner. Honeycutt especially emphasized showing gratitude to student soldiers, actively supporting all troops and commemorating those at Liberty who have recently sacrificed their lives in combat.

"It's a very personal connection for us," Director of Military Affairs Emily Foutz said, "We've lost four students in recent years, and we want to pay tribute to them."

Jesse Shrout, Chrystal, Fabio and Ronald Rider were honored with a special tribute which was carried by servicemen into DeMoss and in front of the Memorial where it stayed through for the rest of Military Emphasis Week.

Mandi Verlander, founder of "Students Behind Our Soldiers," emphasized the need

to "Get the word out about the memorial." She encouraged students to bring in pictures and letters honoring their fallen classmates.

After the memorial was set in place, all attending servicemen, some in full dress, some in civilian-wear, gathered in a circle and were prayed over by the group.

"Liberty really tries to make sure the military knows how much we support and appreciate what they have sacrificed for our freedom," Verlander said.

Nathan Lowmaster, who after a year at West Point and a year with ROTC at Elmira College in New York, is now involved in ROTC here with 11 Bravo National Guard Infantry attended the event.

"It's just nice to know you've got a school that is so supportive and appreciative of our founding principles. That's what I personally

fight for," Lowmaster said.

Liberty Military Affairs is an on-campus and online community, reaching 13,000 service veterans and military spouses through email and their website. E-mails are sent out to students living in a 50-mile radius of campus and events are posted online for members to view.

"We are really excited to have this small community to honor our veterans... I just really want everyone to be involved if they can," Foutz said.

For information on how to get involved with military affairs e-mail militaryoutreach@liberty.edu.

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Marine Corps celebrates 235th birthday

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A fellow Marine veteran nudged Steve Bozeman as the two men stood silently in a moment of remembrance for those fallen. Immediately understanding the signal, Bozeman removed his veteran cap adorned with honors and pins he had received in many years of service.

Former Vietnam crew chief and door gunner Bozeman, along with other veterans and active soldiers from the Marine Corps and its sister services, gathered Wednesday to celebrate the 235th birthday of the Marine Corps.

"This is the fifth annual School of Law Marine Corps birthday celebration," Associated Academic Dean of the School of Law Jeffrey C. Tuomala said.

Tuomala began the tradition at Liberty, but the inception of the Marine Corps has been celebrated worldwide since the first Marine Corps birthday celebration ball in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1923, according to Liberty's Vice President for Outreach and Strategic Partnerships Dr. Barry N. Moore.

"I love these things because we're always among friends," Moore said.

After Tuomala recognized attending members of the Marine Corps as well as the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, Moore gave a brief history of the origin of the Marine Corps.

Started by Philadelphia tavern owner Samuel Nicholas in 1775, the Marine Corps rose from simple beginnings to create an illustrious history at the forefront of major battles.

"There was free beer, and once the men had their fill to drink, they signed up," Moore said.

Following the national Marine Corps birthday tradition, Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune's birthday message was read.

"On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name 'Marine.' In memory of them, it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history," Lejeune's message said.

The cake cutting part of the ceremony originated in 1952 and involves the cake being cut by a saber, Tuomala said.

After receiving the first piece, the oldest



JAKE FORD

SYMBOLIZING PASSAGE — The cake was cut by tradition of passage during the Marine Corps' 235th birthday celebration.

Marine in attendance gave it to the youngest, symbolizing the passing on of knowledge from the older to the younger generation.

The playing of the Navy and Marine

hymns concluded the ceremony for refreshments and fellowship.

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SGT Jonathan Born: A man with purpose

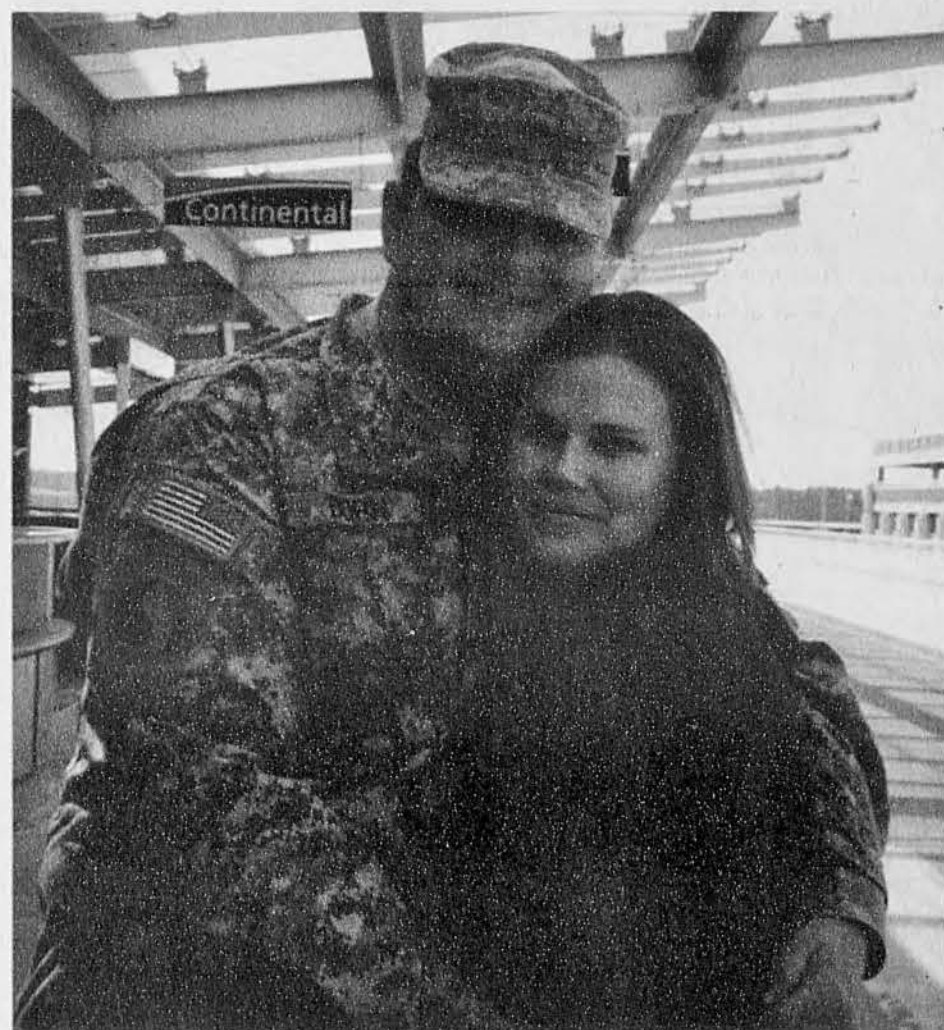


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SAYING GOODBYE — SGT Jonathan Born says goodbye to his wife Becky before leaving for a tour of duty in Iraq in January. Born was a truck commander during his second tour this year.

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Sergeant Jonathan Born was no stranger to the military life when he joined the 1-116th Infantry Battalion. The Masters of Divinity in Chaplaincy student grew up around military bases because of his father's career with the American Red Cross. Born said his family moved like any regular military family.

Born felt called to the ministry from a young age, but had not originally planned on continuing the military lifestyle.

"When I kind of felt the lean towards Army Chaplaincy, I had been in school for pre-law," Born said. "I was going to go with the International Justice Mission, but then I really felt a call to ministry, specifically the military army chaplaincy."

Born opted to immediately join the infantry so that he could gain experience in the Army before becoming a chaplain.

"I (wanted to) learn what it is like to have the worst job in the military so I can relate better to soldiers when I actually become a chaplain," Born said.

Born has been deployed to Iraq twice since he joined the National Guard, but the tours have slowed his progress through school.

"It has taken me six years to finish school," Born said. "I want to get through my schooling so I can actually get along with the career I have planned."

Born is spending his free time remodeling the house he and his wife of five years are living in, while taking distance learning chaplaincy classes.

"It has never been hard (for me) to adjust back to civilian life," Born said. "It is kind of like slipping back into an old pair of jeans that you have had for a while."

During his first tour Born was a driver, but on his most recent assignment in Iraq he was a truck commander (TC).

"When you are a driver all you do is make sure the truck is working," Born said. "It was very simple. Being a TC, I had to make sure my driver was doing all (of his work), then I had to make sure my gunner was doing his stuff."

Born said his second deployment consisted of less fighting than his first.

"It was definitely a blessing that this time was much quieter," Born said. "The first deployment we would go into our briefings and every day we would have several attacks on our stretch of road."

Born said that an "increase in attacks" as reported by his superiors during his second tour would often refer to a modest number of battles — just three in all of Iraq, as opposed to the expected multiple attacks in Born's stretch of road during his first tour.

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Civil War remembered through letters and song

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"But, oh Sarah! If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the garish day and in the darkest night — amidst your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours — always, always; and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath; or the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah, do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again."

Major Sullivan Ballou of the US Army, who was killed at the Battle of First Manassas in late July of 1861, in a letter to his wife.

In the reader's theater event presented by the National Civil War Chaplain's Museum,



CHRIS MARSH

'ABIDE WITH ME' — The Liberty Chamber Singers delighted the audience at 'Far from Fields of Glory: Letters and Music of the Civil War' Thursday night singing songs from the 1800s between readings of actual letters from Civil War soldiers.

Dr. Michael Graves and Dr. Darlene Graves read letters written to and from soldiers during

the Civil War. They also provided historical background information about the author and

recipient of each letter. The Liberty University Chamber Singers sang Civil War-era songs and hymns, accompanied by piano. The event was held in the Tower Theater at Campus North Nov. 11.

The National Civil War Chaplain's Museum is located beside Doc's Diner on Liberty's Campus East. The museum's mission is to educate the public about the role of chaplains, priests and rabbis and religious organizations in the Civil War, according to the museum's website, Chaplainmuseum.org. The museum also strives to preserve religious artifacts from the war and to promote the study of moral and religious teachings during that time and its effects on the military. Visit Chaplainmuseum.org or call (434)-582-2087 for the museum's hours of operation.

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Trouble in Paradise

INSIDE THE ISSUE

Liberty offers courses and ranges for students interested in archery, shooting and dirt biking. Check out the story on B2.

Longboarders from the Lynchburg area gathered downtown Saturday for a three mile race. The story and results are on B4.

Liberty's golf team completed one of its best fall seasons in history, ranked at No. 41 going into the spring. Check out the recap on B4.

Men's hockey split its weekend series against Stony Brook. Check out the details on B3.



RUNNING THE GAUNTLET — Even though SirChauncey Holloway ripped Coastal for a 33-yard score to open the game, the Flames coughed up untimely turnovers and put themselves in too many third-and-long situations to beat the Chanticleers.

Football drops the ball at Coastal

Liberty's playoff hopes are a longshot after a stunner in Carolina

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In the afternoon sun of Conway, South Carolina, a tale of two offenses unfolded as Liberty dropped its first Big South game 31-45 to rival Coastal Carolina.

Saturday's game was a must win for both teams. A win for Liberty would keep them in contention of the bottle-neck for the Big South championship. Likewise, a loss for Coastal would essentially eliminate them from playoff contention. Both teams had a banner to play for. Coastal capitalized, Liberty capsized.

Liberty's offense featured an average of better than 40 points a game in its Big South contests and a quarterback in contention for the Walter Payton award — the most prestigious FCS individual trophy.

However, the Chanticleer offensive unit fea-

tured a senior quarterback in Zac MacDowall who was fresh off a career outing against VMI. MacDowall threw for a career best 75 percent to 11 different receivers for three scores and 254 yards against the Keydets.

That high carried into Saturday's game as well.

The Flames allowed 41 points to Coastal's offense. Shocking. In the previous three contests combined, Liberty only allowed 45.

After a 33-yard scamper into the endzone by Liberty sophomore running back SirChauncey Holloway capping the opening 10 play, 71-yard drive, MacDowall led Coastal to four consecutive scores, two of them tossed to freshman wide-out Matt Hazell, ballooning the score to 24-7, Chanticleer's favor.

Liberty interrupted Coastal's offensive clinic with a 17-yard touchdown toss to senior wide receiver Kyle DeArmon on the ninth play of a

68-yard drive.

After another 80-yard surge by the Chanticleer offense, All-American Matt Bevins drilled his career long field-goal—a 52-yard launch with plenty of distance to spare to chisel the gaping lead to 17-31.

Coastal and Liberty traded scores into the waning minutes of the fourth and facing a 24-45 drumming, Brown heaved one last hail Mary to a quieted Summers for an 80-yard score. The touchdown was little more than consolation in Liberty's frustrating loss.

Playoff Picture

With Liberty's loss to Coastal Saturday, the Flames slide to a 7-3 overall mark (4-1 BSC) and Coastal moves to 5-5 overall and 4-1 in

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Lady Flames end season with final home game, senior night

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As the minutes counted down and senior captain Karyl Bacon bumped, set, and spiked for the last time in the Vines Center as a Lady Flame, the Liberty Lady Flames volleyball team defeated UNC-Asheville, 3-2.

"I would not have wanted to end the season any other way with any other team," Bacon said. "These girls are awesome. They flew around. It was great to go out with a win."

It was an emotional game and the impact of Bacon completing her final regular season game hung bitter-sweet in the air.

"First of all (we are) proud of Karyl Bacon, not only being out there and her career," head coach Shane Pinder said. "She made key plays down the strip and the last play ended with her getting it off the block."

The last home game means a celebration of seniors and their careers. Ba-

con, the only senior, had all the attention, celebration and emotions focused on her with the win.

"Since we have one senior, which is Karyl, we kind of focused on it being her day, but all around a great team effort," Pinder said.

The Lady Flames ended the season with an all around exciting match. With impressive plays throughout the match, the Lady Flames fought to destroy the Bulldogs' defense.

"It's always a dogfight with (UNC-Asheville), and we knew they were going to bring their A-game and be scrappy," Bacon said. "They weren't going to roll over for anything."

The Lady Flames clinched victory only after playing a fifth set to settle the tie with the Bulldogs. During overtime, everything seemed to be in the Lady Flames favor as they gathered points building a lead over the Bulldogs.

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HAIL TO THE CHIEF — Standout freshman outside hitter Lillie Happel and the Liberty Lady Flames volleyball squad honored its senior captain Karyl Bacon in a 3-2 win over UNC-Asheville.

Radford puts men's soccer season to an end

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The Radford Highlanders cut the Flames men's soccer team's season short with a 2-1 victory in the Quarterfinals of the Big South Tournament.

"I felt we were prepared to win. It just (was not) our day," Flames head coach Jeff Alder said.

The Flames ended its regular season with a home win over UNC-Asheville. This tied them in third place with Gardner-Webb.

The Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs took the third seed at home in a head to head game with Liberty, 1-0.

This set up the Nov. 11 meeting between the fourth seeded Flames and the fifth seeded Highlanders.

These teams, similar in intensity, are used to playing one another.

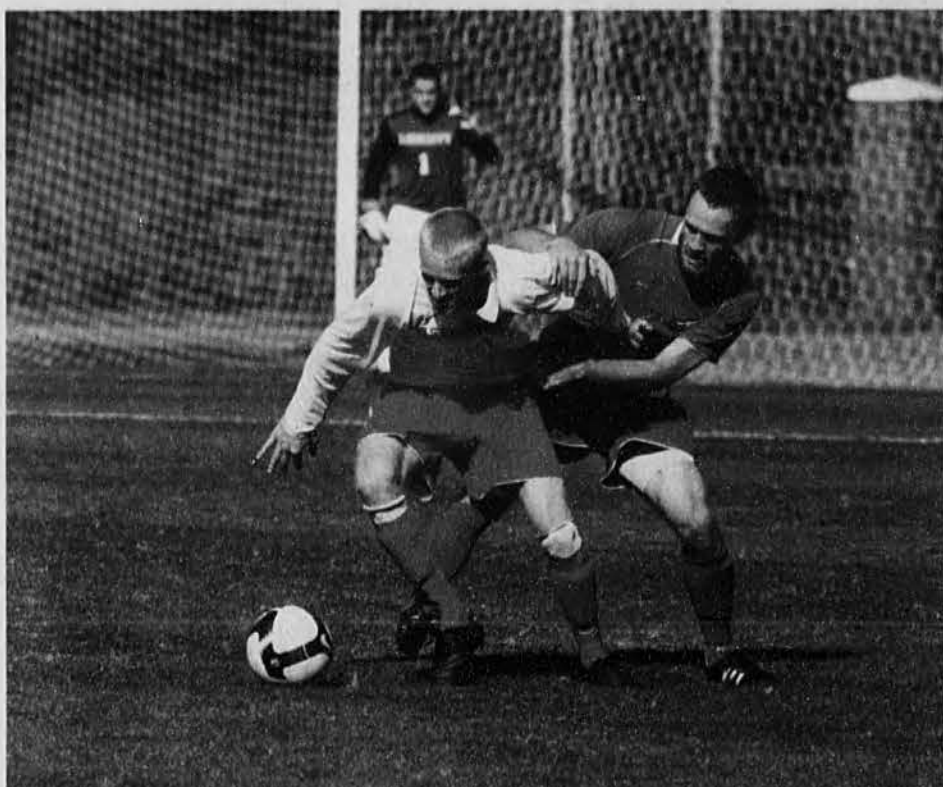
"Radford's very organized, very sound defensively and extremely good on the counter-attack," Alder said. "(We have) always had a big rivalry with them."

The Flames battled through some rough weeks in the season but stuck to the game plan.

"(We) hang our hat on playing good defense," Alder said. "Tournament time, I think (it is) important that your defense is tight and organized."

While High Point entered the tournament seeded first, Alder felt there could be upsets allowing a number of the teams to win.

History shows ranking does not determine outcomes. Liberty was seeded third in the



GIVE THEM THE "D" — Sophomore defensive midfielder Greg White and the men's soccer team finished the season with a winning 10-7-1 overall record marked by a commitment to defense.

2009 Big South Tournament and fell to the fourth seeded Winthrop Eagles in the championship game.

Entering the game on Nov. 11, the Highlanders and Flames were ready to fight it out. Both teams took 13 shots. Both goalkeepers, the Highlander's Joey Dennis and the Flame's Paul Gilbert, had six saves.

A little over the midway point in the first half, Liberty tried to clear the ball and the

Highlander's midfielder Luis Grande got in front of it and scored.

The Flames missed a couple of chances to tie the game up before forward Iyiola Awosika put the Highlanders up by two.

The Flames picked up the intensity on offense to try and get on the scoreboard. Forward Darren Amoo scored a goal with little time left and the Flames were unable to tie it up.

"(We) just ran out of time," Alder said. "I felt we were prepared to win, it just (was not) our day."

The Flames have gone through periods of lows this season, and felt they had fought through them.

"We (were not) happy in the middle of the season when we lost some games I felt we could have (tied or) won," Alder said. "(That is) part of the maturation process."

They felt they could win some games in this tournament, and this loss cuts their season shorter than expected.

"This will leave a bitter taste in our mouths for a long time because we felt we had a chance coming down here to win the thing," Alder said.

With the Flames moving into the off-season, Alder is eager to get back to work. Not everyone will get another chance. Seniors Thad Taylor, Chris Osborne and Panashe Nhekairo will not be returning.

"(We are) very proud of our seniors," Alder said. "We had a chance to see them go from being boys to being men."

Alder said he wants the team to take ownership and work on getting better for the next season.

"For us (it is) just not good enough," Alder said. "Our goal is to try and win a championship each year ... and we fell short of our goals."

The Flames finished the season, 10-7-1. Alder said they have won 45 games in the past five years.

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Recreation Options

Archery, firing range and motocross draws students

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Stadium lights draw thousands of fans to Liberty University's campus on Saturday nights. On certain weekends students have trouble finding parking spots at LaHaye as traffic spills over from the Ice Center's lot.

Mainstream sports such as football and hockey are most commonly patroned by students, but Liberty tries to offer students a wider variety of recreational opportunities mostly unknown to students.

According to Mountain Property Supervisor Jon Wallace, students are allowed to ride their dirt bikes on certain trails around Snowflex. There is a storage facility at the complex where students can store their bikes.

There is also a motocross track on Lone Jack Mountain off of Lone Jack Road, but students are required to have club memberships to ride there.

Wallace has semi-pro experience, and he watches students ride in order to make sure they are able riders.

"[I have] had a couple that are too sure of themselves," Wallace said.

Wallace restricts the less capable riders to the trails while those he deems fit have access to the motocross track.

Wallace said in addition to the mile and a half motocross track, Lone Jack Mountain has about 12 miles of trails.

There are approximately 35 members of the dirt bike club this year.

"We [have not] really started a motocross team," Wallace said. "We have to find some [students] who want to be consistent with it."

For many years Liberty has owned acres of forested land between Liberty Village and the Paintball course.

"The chancellor wanted to develop it for student use and having an archery team was a top priority for us," club sports coordinator Kirk Handy said.

Liberty has owned a 10-acre archery range for three years. It is only for club members, but Game Operation Administrator Carter Browning said they often find students trespassing.

In front of a storage shed are a few targets where archers can sight in from 20, 30 and 40 yards. The targets,

which look like deer, are kept in this shed.

A trail starts behind the shed and winds through the course.

Archers pair up and go through the course, keeping score on scorecards. There are 25 targets in the course and usually takes about two hours to complete, Browning said.

"All of this land is taken care of by the archery club," Browning said.

The club hosted two events in September, Browning said. There were about 50 people from the community who participated.

Liberty offers an archery class, but the class does not use the course.

Liberty also offers a shooting range for students who would rather not carry bows and arrows but choose guns and ammunition instead.

The Liberty Police Department operates a gun range on university property in Campbell County, according to Police Chief Colonel Richard D. Hinkley.

"[The Liberty University Police Department] does teach safety courses that are open to students and em-

ployees," Hinkley said.

It is an outdoor range and participants can practice with handguns and rifles.

Hinkley said it is free for students, but they are required to make an appointment to use it.

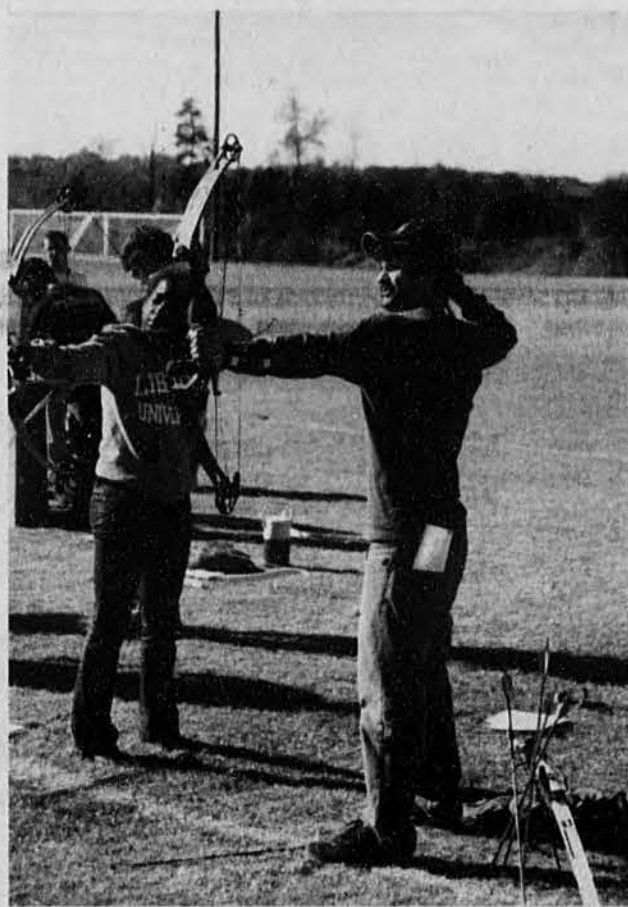
"They just have to attend the safety class then notify us in advance when they are planning on coming during the two days it is open to them," Hinkley said.

Students must also bring their own ammunition and guns.

"Students who live on campus are required to store personal firearms at the Police Department," Hinkley said. "Lockers are provided and students must provide a lock."

Whether it is extreme sports, archery or target shooting, Liberty University seeks to expand its bubble geographically and in the opportunities it offers its students.

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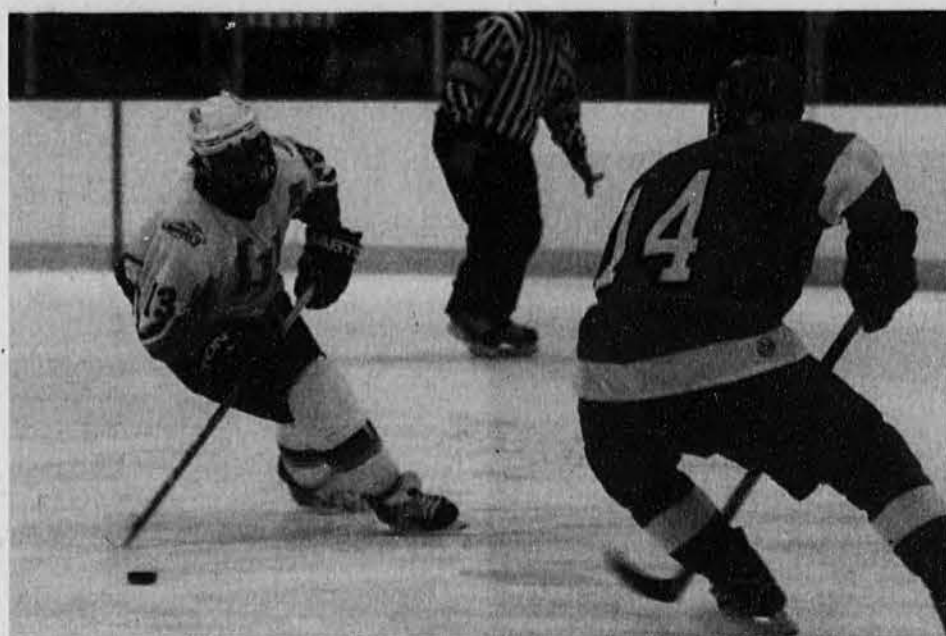
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RUTH BERRY

COLD WAR — No love was lost this weekend as junior defenseman Hunter Tweed stared down a Stony Brook player in a battle of two hard-hitting defenses.

Flames split series against Seawolves

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After losing two straight games, the Flames men's hockey team hosted the Stony Brook Seawolves Nov. 12 and 13. The Flames entered the game ranked No. 15 in the ACHA, while Seawolves were ranked No. 19.

In their first meeting, Stony Brook came out on top, defeating Liberty, 6-3. Although the Flames outshot and held the possession longer than the Seawolves, they were not able to overcome the strong defensive play of Stony Brook.

Midway through the second period freshman goalie Blair Bennett entered the game after a 3-0 deficit. By the end of the second period Liberty was on the board, thanks to a goal by defenseman Mackenzie Bauman. By the third period, after a quick goal by Stony Brook, Liberty came out firing on all cylinders to score two goals, one by forward Tom Charlton and the other from defenseman Mike Morrison, cutting the lead to 4-3. Stony Brook eventually iced the game scoring two late goals, the last on an empty net.

This set up an emotional Saturday night game at the LaHaye Ice Center. It was a hard-hitting game with Liberty winning, 4-2.

During a Stony Brook power play early in the first period, Liberty defenseman Greg Jensen scorched a shot into the back of the Seawolves goal. The short-handed score was the lone goal in the first period.

Heading into the second period, forward Eric Reynolds scored during a power play, giving the Flames a small 2-0 cushion. Before the second intermission, Stony Brook converted on a power play reducing the lead to 2-1.

Quickly in the final period, Stony Brook tied the game, 2-2. Overtime looked eminent but late goals by Jensen and forward Jonathan Chung gave the Flames the 4-2 victory. Goalkeeper Bennett had a solid game allowing only two goals.

Ending a four home game stand in winning fashion, Liberty will be on the road going against Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma and Oakland. Liberty's next home game is Dec. 6 against Virginia Tech.

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"We would have definitely liked to do it quicker, but we came out and fought through everything," freshman Jade Craycraft said. "We knew they bring a lot of energy to the court and we just tried to match that."

Craycraft was another essential player throughout the match picking up 46 assists. Freshman Lillie Happel provided 13 kills and was a critical component in the Lady Flames effort to dominate over the Bulldogs.

"I thought we did really well," Happel said. "It was rough at points, but we pulled together at the end."

Junior Kelly Hasemen contributed with 35 digs, leading all players defensively. The Lady Flames displayed a flawless teamwork effort which worked well against the Bulldogs.

"We played with so much fight and were

pretty consistent emotionally and physically," Bacon said. "It was an all-out hustle and effort from everybody."

A crucial player for the Lady Flames, Bacon upheld strong values and portrayed the qualities of a strong leader.

"Karyl has been a great leader and has always been behind us," Craycraft said. "Picking us up in the middle of the game, she's really a great girl and will really be missed."

The Lady Flames will enter the Big South Volleyball Championship as the No. 1 seed after securing their fourth consecutive regular-season conference title, ending their season with 23-8 overall and 14-2 in the conference. They have won the Big South Tournament three times when playing as No. 1.

The Lady Flames volleyball team will go head to head with the No. 8 seed Gardner-Webb at 5 p.m. Thursday in Rock Hill, S.C.

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CHRIS MADDEN

UP-ENDED — SirChauncey Holloway found no running room on a swing pass thrown by Mike Brown. Liberty's offense was upset by fast Coastal linebackers and persistent cornerbacks.

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the Big South. As Liberty and Coastal wound down their contest, Stony Brook's Seawolves rolled over Gardner-Webb in a 55-3 embarrassment, moving them to 5-0 in the Big South.

This makes Liberty's upcoming matchup

with Stony Brook Nov. 20 the decisive game in the Big South. Should Liberty win against Stony Brook, and Coastal Carolina win their matchup against last place Charleston Southern, all three teams would be marked at 4-1 in a deadlock for the Big South championship.

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Longboarding race held in Lynchburg

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When travelling around Liberty University's campus, several modes of transportation can be seen, like running, biking and even riding scooters. But an up and coming mode of transportation is longboarding — a special type of skateboard.

A group of about 25 longboarders met off campus on the James River Heritage trail Saturday for a 3-mile race.

"I really wanted to hold the race because I wanted to raise interest and awareness for the longboard community," race coordinator Chris Egan said. "I attended a much larger race this summer [with over] 125 riders over [a span] of 8 miles and it was a lot of fun."

Egan contacted longboard company Loaded and longboard wheel manufacturer Orangatang who both agreed to sponsor the



ROLLIN' — Longboarders from all over Virginia converged on Lynchburg for a 3-mile cruise.

event. Local skate shop Scene 3 was a sponsor as well.

The riders met in a parking lot on Washington Street. They crossed the bridge on that part of the James River Heritage trail before

beginning the race.

"The first portion, everyone was really close together. A couple people almost fell. [Some] did fall," race participant Garret Buckley said.

Within the first five minutes of the race, the

skaters had room to move freely.

"The last two miles, everybody was pretty spread out. [We were] kind of in groups. About halfway through, the three people that got the top three places were way ahead," Buckley said.

There were some slight obstacles along the trail. Traffic from bicyclers and walkers made passing opponents difficult at times and leaves and other debris could easily get stuck in a longboard's wheels.

Despite some snares, no racers were injured during the event.

Not all of the participants in the race were from the Lynchburg community. The first place skater came from Northern Virginia. Other skaters came from Richmond, Va., Washington D.C. and Suffolk, Va.

Cory Hunter, Adam Chesson, and Elic Kirby were the front three riders.

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A season to remember: Liberty golf finishes strong

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After one of the most successful fall seasons in program history, the Liberty golf team is preparing to carry that momentum into the spring.

The team is taking a few weeks off the course to rest after busy summer and fall practices and tournaments before getting ready for the spring season. The team wrapped up its fall season finishing third out of 18 teams at the ODU/Outerbanks Collegiate Golf Tournament. The Flames competed in four tournaments in the fall season and finished in the top three all but once.

Liberty finished third in the Golfweek Conference Challenge out of 15 teams, 12 of which finished in the top 75 last year. The Flames had their best finish of the season at the Rees Jones Intercollegiate, tying for first out of ten teams.

"We're definitely ranked the best we have ever been ranked and in that sense we are really happy," head coach Jeff Thomas said. "From a coaches stance we have areas where we feel like we can get better and get ranked better and hopefully put ourselves in position come spring where we can maybe compete and make it to nationals."

After a successful campaign, the

Flames finished of the season ranked No. 41 in both the Golfstat Collegiate rankings and the Golfweek Collegiate rankings. Liberty's freshman were also honored by being ranked the No. 13 freshman class in terms of contribution during the season.

Junior Robert Karlsson, who was named Big South player of the week twice this season, helped lead the Flames during the season and finished as the top ranked golfer for the Big South at No. 88 by Golfstat and No. 95 by Golfweek.

Freshman Ian McConnell and senior Preston Dembowiak each were named Big South Golfers of

the Week as well, allowing Liberty to take the honors four of eight times this season.

"Preston Dembowiak played really well this fall which made a big difference for us," Thomas said.

The Flames need to stay in the top 70 of the rankings in order to make it to the regional tournament.

"That would be our ultimate goal to be ranked high enough to make it into the tournament," Thomas said.

The hailing moment of the season came in the final round of the first tournament when the team broke the school record and jumped from eighth at the end of day two to finish third at the end of day three.

"That pushed us through the whole fall and was the most impressive thing we did all fall," Thomas said.

The Flames will take a few weeks off to rest and then start practicing after Thanksgiving break to begin preparing for the first tournament coming up in January. Liberty will be competing at the Players Stadium Course at TPC- Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. for the JU Invitational. The Flames will compete in the Big South Men's Golf Championship in April at The Patriot Golf Club in Ninety-Six, S.C.

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Men's basketball gets mixed results



RUTH BERRY

The Flames men's basketball team began its season Friday with a 82-65 victory over the Virginia Intermont Cobras at home. The Flames improved to 30-9 in home openers.

Sophomore guard Evan Gordon led all scorers with 23. Redshirt freshman guard John Brown ended the night with a double-double, scoring 18 points and 17 rebounds. Redshirt junior guard David Minaya and junior guard Jesse Sanders each scored in the double digits, with 13 and 12 points,

respectively.

The Flames travelled to North Bend, Ind., Sunday to face off against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish for the second time in team history. The Flames fell to the Fighting Irish, 72-51.

Minaya led Flames scorers with 12 on the night and Brown recorded his second double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds. John Caleb Sanders scored his first points as a Liberty Flames player, going 3-for-5 from 3-point range.

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Fall foliage enjoyed by Valley View runners

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While the majority of the Lynchburg community was sleeping, a group of runners stretched at the top of Snowflex for the Valley View 5 Mile Trail Race at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13.

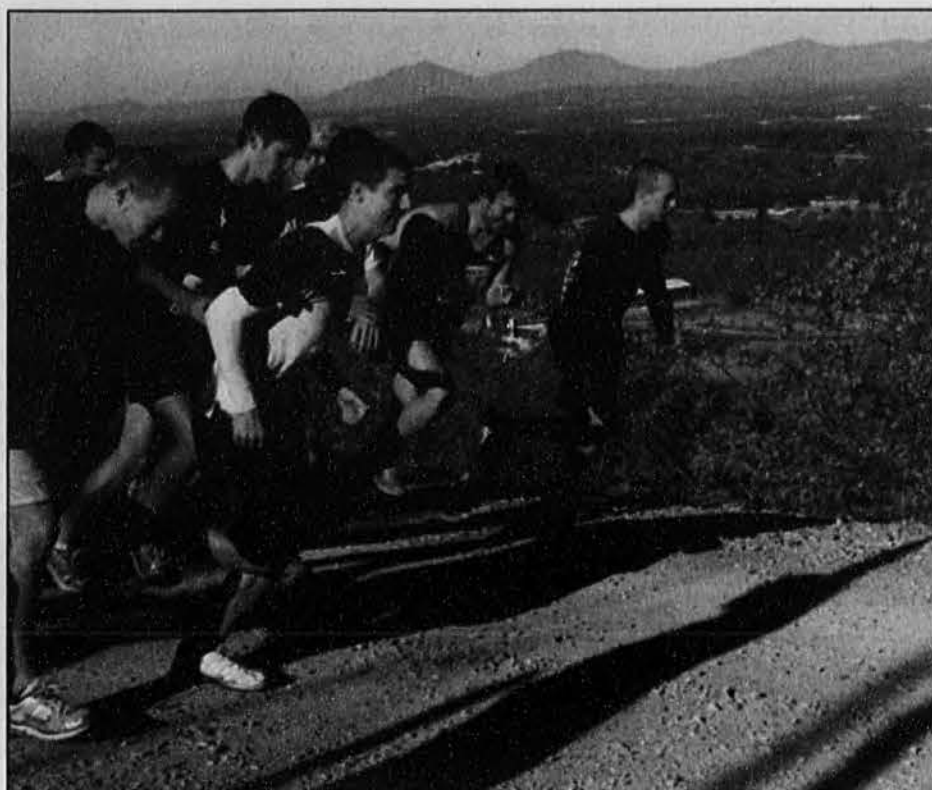
The race was part of the Liberty Mountain Trail series that seeks to provide fun events for students as well as the community, according to Associate Director of Student Activities Joshua Yeoman.

"The students and the general public have shown us a lot of support this year. All of our races have grown by at least 25 percent over the past years races," Yeoman said. "(Student Activities) thinks Liberty has some beautiful property in the trail system, and we want to be able to share it with everyone including the general public. The trail system is a major asset of the university."

According to Yeoman, the Valley View trail is the most difficult in the series with large hill climbs, technical single tracks and foliage that make the race especially difficult.

"This race is the fourth race in the Liberty Mountain Trail Series. It starts and finishes at Snowflex. We love having the start and finish there because the facilities are great and the views are tremendous," Yeoman said.

Sophomore Tim Shafer was the first



GREAT RUN WITH A GREAT VIEW — The Valley View 5-Miler was the fourth installment in the Liberty mountain trail series.

to cross the finish line at a time of 35:36, followed by senior Jordan Witlock at 36:24.

"The course was tough. They weren't kidding when they said it was tough," Witlock said.

Shafer, a runner since high school, believed

the last hill was the hardest part of the race after running four and a half miles.

Student Activities provided music and light refreshments throughout the event as well as games and prizes before awards were handed out.

Whitlock ran for Liberty until an injury from 100-mile race, but continues to run races such as the Liberty Mountain Trail Series. According to Whitlock both the 100-mile run and the 5-mile run are difficult in their own way in terms of pace.

"They both hurt and they're both painful," Whitlock said. "The 5-mile was tough for sure, especially with the leaves."

Junior Zach Kelly, a participant and runner in Liberty's Triathlon Club Team, said that most people running the race were not trained runners.

Runners were not only Liberty students but members of the Lynchburg community as well. There were about 125 participants not including the spectators that came to cheer on the runners.

Liberty Alum Darrell Wargo, 42, has been to 38 different countries for running and has participated in 1,328 races in 28 years, including 40 marathons. Wargo placed first in his age group.

"I came out here to enjoy the fellowship of other runners. I really appreciate all the trails," Wargo said. "It's also so good to see the kids get out and do stuff other than video games."

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Commuter Affairs recognized in national publication

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The Office of Commuter Affairs (OCA) has been recognized in the National Clearinghouse for Commuter Programs' (NCCP) first newsletter from its new location at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, Okla.

The NCCP specifically noted the OCA's apartment

fairs held every semester for current and prospective commuters.

"Competition fosters lower prices for students. Also, having most major apartment communities around campus gives students and opportunity to take advantage of specials and moreover, compare and contrast different communities with-in feet of each other," the article said.



The article also mentioned how the apartment fairs help community relations, and how feedback from both students and the apartment communities about the fairs has been overwhelmingly positive.

Commuter Affairs Director Larry Provost said that

the OCA has expanded its outreach with orientations, carpool programs, sermon series by the commuter pastor, and even special commuter tailgating events at football games.

"We have links on our website to help commuters to find a local church or to

purchase commuter meal plans, as well as our commuter newsletter," Provost said. "We have a lot of things to offer."

Commuter students have a lot of information made available to them through the OCA, such as transportation, housing, parking, cam-

pus events and many other resources. For more information about programs and services offered by the OCA, visit their website at liberty.edu/commuter, or call 434-592-3991.

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Get home for the holidays: Travel options in Lynchburg

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Football, family gatherings, working on Black Friday and whether they should bring home their new significant other are some of the things students have to consider once November's chilly weather and crisp colors make their appearance. However, a lot of students have to figure out how they will be getting home for break before they can make any definite plans.

Students planning to travel by air need to plan and purchase tickets weeks in advance, because prices go up the closer it gets to the holiday season. For Christmas break, a U.S. Airways round-trip flight from Lynchburg Regional Airport to Orlando, Fla. with one layover in Atlanta, Ga., costs \$354, according to travel website Priceline.com. A round trip flight to Dallas, Texas, from Lynchburg with a layover in Atlanta, Ga., costs \$434 with Delta Airlines. Travel sites such as Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz give customers deals on tickets and hotel stays based on the airline and hotel chain, and also list package deals.

For students who get queasy at the thought

of flying, Lynchburg Amtrak offers student and veterans deals to accompany their already affordable rates. Active duty military personnel are eligible to receive a 10 percent discount for themselves, spouses and dependents on most Amtrak rail fares, according to Amtrak.com. Veterans and students, including international students, receive a 15 percent discount with an Amtrak Advantage card, which can be applied for online. A round-trip ticket from Lynchburg to Baltimore, Md., with no stops for Thanksgiving break is roughly \$200 without any discounts applied.

Students can also carpool with friends and roommates, or send out the typical mass e-mail to all of their classes looking for a ride with a complete stranger. Students are able to put posters up on bulletin boards around campus advertising the need or availability of holiday carpool services, according to Commuter Affairs Director Larry Provost. All flyers need to be approved by the Office of Commuter Affairs (OCA) before being posted. Flyers can be taken to the OCA in the Schilling Annex room 223 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Prison ministry gives Bibles to inmates

Hope Aglow Ministries holds Bible donation

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The middle aged man sat across the table. With his hands folded, he looked intently, recalling what had brought him to this point. "Today, because of this ministry that Garry brings, I've learned how to be obedient," he said.

Johnny Davis has served time in correctional institutions twice for drug-related charges. Now his life is changed because of Hope Aglow Ministries, an evangelical prison ministry designed to minister to and disciple inmates across the country.

The organization's executive director, Garry Sims, has been working with Davis since they met in 1997 during Davis' first stint in the correctional facility.

"He would come in and we would talk about the Lord," Davis said. "When I got out, I met with him and he was doing the same thing he was always doing — being obedient (to God's calling)."

To Davis, Sims and the Hope Aglow ministry offered him guidance, and taught him what it meant to have a relationship with God.

"He's helped me to strengthen my relationship with God," Davis said. "I know now to stay the course — that things may look a certain way but they might not actually be that way. No matter what, God is still in charge."

Hope Aglow Ministries is a local organization that works throughout the U.S., visiting inmates in prisons and jails as well as distributing bibles and doctrinal studies to those who request them.

"We (go out the prisons) on a daily basis," Sims said. "Almost every day of the week we are doing something."

This year, with the help of Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC), Hope Aglow Min-

istries' annual Bible donation program will now be taken to a larger scale.

"This is the first time we've ever done a national Bible drive," Sims said.

For years, Bible donation has been a contributing factor to the changed lives of people in prison, like Davis.

"I had read the Bible while in the system," Davis said. "(At that point) I didn't have a relationship with God, but I desired to."

Davis said that Sims developed relationships with the inmates, encouraging them to keep in touch with him once they finished their time.

"We (as Christians) have a direct command to do jail or prison ministry," Sims said. "We have a direct command from Jesus to go into the whole world."

Sims and his staff do not take this biblical call lightly. He sees prison ministry as a perfect opportunity to tell others about Christ.

"The devil's done us a great favor," Sims said. "He's rounded up all the lost people and put them all in the same place. We know where they are at. We just need to go to them."

Sims has met many men in the prisons who desire to know God and do so through Hope Aglow's doctrinal booklets and bibles. It is for that reason that Hope Aglow has started this national Bible collection.

The Bibles given within the jails are poor in quality, explained Sims. They will only last a year if they are being well used.

"About 10 to 15 percent of them really get into the Bible study," Sims said. "We want to be able to provide them with Bibles that will last."

Everyone is encouraged to donate their extra, unused bibles to Hope Aglow so that they can distribute them to inmates.

"Providing a better Bible is getting more difficult because of the economy right now," Sims said. "Every Christian has two or three Bibles sitting around their house that they



BRINGING THE WORD TO THE LOST — Hope Aglow Ministries delivers study Bibles and other resources to prison ministries all over the country. Garry Sims (far right) delivered Bibles to a ministry in Philadelphia.

aren't using."

Sims said that these Bibles, even those that have marking and notes in them, would be appreciated by those in prison.

"Inmates love a good, marked-up Bible, because it tells them someone thought that the (highlighted area) was important," Sims said.

Bibles are being accepted at the front foyer of TRBC until after Thanksgiving.

"I've learned through this journey that obedience is the key. (Hope Aglow) has helped to teach me how important it is to be obedient," Davis said. "Words cannot describe how my life has changed."

For more information about Hope Aglow Ministries and how you can donate, contact hopeaglow.com or call 434-258-2248.

◆ JENNINGS is a feature reporter.

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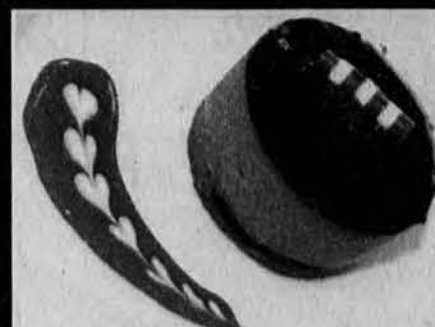
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ESSENTIALS (CHARITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES):



Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Liberty students, faculty and staff are invited to volunteer for the Salvation Army bell ringer position. CSER credit is available for students. Time slots to work are available from now until Dec. 24. For more information contact Darren Wu at dcwu@liberty.edu.

Dr. Judith Reisman Lecture: "How junk science abolished legal protections for women, children & the family." Reisman's lecture will focus on The Kinsey Reports: Crimes & Consequences 1948. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. in the Liberty School of Law room 1709.

Job and Networking Workshop: Liberty's Career Center is offering students the opportunity to learn job searching and networking skills at their Job Searching and Networking Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. in DeMoss Hall 3336. Contact the Career Center at careerevents@liberty.edu to reserve a seat.

Immigration Panel and Debate: Students are invited to attend and participate in the School of Law's Immigration panel and debate on Nov. 17 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information visit the School of Law's website at law.liberty.edu.

The 2010 Winter Market: Looking for the perfect shopping opportunity to begin the holiday season? The 2010 Winter Market will run from Nov. 19 to Nov. 21 at Liberty's Schilling Center. All proceeds will benefit the Liberty Godparent Foundation. Friday, Nov.

19 is the premier night, opening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$7, which includes a three day pass for shoppers who attend. Saturday, Nov. 20 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for those without a pass, with a free gift for first 500 shoppers. Sunday, Nov. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with \$5 admission and free photo opportunities with Santa Claus all afternoon. (Shoppers must bring own camera for this year's Santa Photos.) Kids age 12 and under are free.

For further information, please contact Kris Richard at 434.592.4400 or karichard@liberty.edu, or visit their Facebook page at 2010 Winter Market.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection: Boxes will be collected from Nov. 15 to Nov. 19 at the Office of Student Leadership in SLAB room 109 and the Liberty Champion Office in DeMoss Hall room 1035.

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS:

A Soulful Thanksgiving: The Black Student Initiative (BSI) is hosting a night of food, games, movies and fun on Nov. 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dress to impress, no jeans, sneakers or T-shirts allowed. Space is limited, students can reserve a spot for \$2. Contact Princess Patterson pwpatterson@liberty.edu or John Swann at 434-592-4024 for more information.

Frocks 4 Freedom: Want a new \$250 dress from Frankie & Millie for \$20? How about a leather bag or pair of shoes from J. Crew for \$15 and \$5 respectively? Designer shirts for \$5? Name brand pants for \$7? If you are searching for affordable designer clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories, and a way to help a worthy cause, check out Frocks 4 Freedom Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to

9 p.m. at City View Skytop Lounge.

Concerts at the Drowsy Poet: Need a good, local music fix? Check out the Drowsy Poet at Candler's Mountain Station for weekend concerts and events. Liberty band Revolution 180 will be performing at the Drowsy Poet Friday, Nov. 19. Folk/classic rock duo RagTop will perform at the Drowsy Poet Saturday, Nov. 27. There is a \$5 admission charge for the Nov. 27 concert.

A Christmas Carol: Join the Liberty Theater Department in their musical latest production "A Christmas Carol," which opens on Dec. 3 and runs until Dec. 11. Tickets are on sale now, at liberty.edu/theatre.

Virginia Christmas Spectacular: A Thomas Road Christmas Carol

The Virginia Christmas Spectacular's is in its 40th year of dazzling audiences of all ages. This year's performance will span 40 years of Christmas traditions and memories. For ticket information visit TRBC's event website at new.trbc.org/events/ or call 888-244-2178.

"Impending Doom" Concert: Featured bands include Honour Crest, I Am The Kid, Blood Before Dawn, Last Seconds Alive. Dec. 5 at Crosspoint Church, 7619 Timberlake Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.



Christmas Coffeehouse: Christmas Coffeehouse is coming Dec. 10. in the Vines Center. Tickets are available through Student Activities' website and at the Vines Center ticket office for \$3, tickets will be \$5 at the door. Floor tables are \$64, seat 8 people, and can only be purchased at the Vines Center ticket office.

Liberty's Christmas in Lights



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Liberty University will usher in the holiday season during a Christmas celebration Monday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in front of DeMoss Hall.

The "Christmas in Lights" event will include caroling and performances by orchestra and choral ensembles, free hot chocolate, coffee and snacks, and games and giveaways. Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. will light a 30-foot tree.

"We want to get the students in the Christmas spirit," Director of Student Activities Chris Misiano said.

University leaders will also announce

details about a dorm-decorating contest during the event, he said.

This will be the first event of its kind at Liberty, but Becki Falwell said she hopes it will become a Liberty tradition. She said "Christmas in Lights" and decorations throughout campus will give students the opportunity to celebrate the season together before Christmas break.

"All households decorate for Christmas, and since Liberty is the students' home-away-from-home, we wanted to do this to make them feel at home during the Christmas season," Becki Falwell said. "We hope to do it every year."

♦ PARKER is a news reporter.

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'Changing a life while saving another'

Liberty Godparent Home helps girls face crisis pregnancies

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Picture a woman staring at two pink lines on a home pregnancy test, consumed by her thoughts. She is panicked and unsure of where to turn. According to the Guttmacher Institute, in 2009 this scene reflects nearly half of all American pregnancies. The Liberty Godparent Home, a Christian maternity home in Lynchburg, Va. that offers an alternative to abortion, is planning its 2010 Winter Market Nov. 19 through Nov. 21 to raise money for girls going through this same situation.

One of the girls using the Godparent Homes services is 23-year-old Kelly White, who came to the home two months ago looking for help and understanding.

"I just needed a place away from all the drama," White said. "I wanted to be able to focus on if I was ready to become a mom or if I needed to place my daughter up for adoption."

The Liberty Godparent Home, originally called "Save A Baby," supplies girls with a safe, supportive environment to help them make these decisions.

Its founder, the late Dr. Jerry Falwell, created the home in 1982 after a confrontational run-in with a reporter about the ruling of Roe vs. Wade.

"The reporter overheard him talking about how awful abortion is and how he is pro-choice, so she asked if he was so against it, why hadn't he presented pregnant girls with another option?" Director of the Godparent Home Janelle Basham said. "So he did."

Family Life Services, a private adoption agency that works with residents of the Godparent Home who choose to place their baby, was established a year later in 1983.

The home takes in girls of all backgrounds and ages, and can care for up to 12 girls at a time. Right now, the home houses eight girls. White is the oldest of its current residents.

Before her pregnancy, White says she was living an unfulfilling life. She struggled to make ends meet at a minimum wage job and was living with a man she knew was not right for her. He was involved with drugs, and having come from a similar upbringing, White did not want



CHRIS MAHES | LIBERTY CHAMPION

LIVES SAVED AND CHANGED FOREVER — The Liberty Godparent Home was established by the late Dr. Jerry Falwell in 1982 to give young women an alternative to abortion.

the same for her daughter. White's aunt and uncle, whose close friends had a good experience with the Godparent Home, suggested she go there for a fresh start.

"It was the right decision," White said. "The people here have treated me so graciously and are very supportive. They paint a realistic picture of if we can provide for our babies and do it well."

The Godparent Home, with its mission statement "Changing a Life While Saving Another," strives to help young women investigate all their options.

At Family Life Services, the girls attend adoption classes where they learn about different forms of adoption, such as closed, mediated or open. They are also taught how to deal with the grieving process if they should decide to place their child.

The Godparent Home focuses on teaching practical life skills, such as budgeting, job searching, how to properly wash a baby and everything in between. Each girl is also assigned a specific caseworker to take them to appointments and follow up on their care.

While staying at the home, the girls continue

their education through a private tutor and online courses if needed.

"We try to create a structured environment," Assistant Director of Family Life Services Deanne Hamlette said. "We want to teach the girls skills they can use and try to make them comfortable in an uncomfortable situation."

Various fundraisers are held throughout the year by the Liberty Godparent Foundation, including the upcoming 2010 Winter Market Nov. 19-21 in Liberty University's Schilling Center.

Since 1982, Basham says the home has had four different locations and housed more

than 700 girls. According to Family Life Services most recent statistics, 60 percent of the birthmothers choose to parent and 40 percent choose adoption.

White, who is 26 weeks pregnant and still weighing her options, currently feels led to parent her daughter.

"I have prayed about it, and I really feel like it's what God wants me to do," she said.

Basham, who went through the home 17 years ago before becoming its director, chose to

place her daughter Amber up for adoption. Her reason for doing so was to supply her daughter with a solid father figure. When she reunited with her daughter eight years ago, Basham knew she had made the right decision.

"She is right where she needs to be," Basham said. "I had a peace that surpasses all understanding when I saw her."

Her positive experience at the home is what led Basham to return years later as an employee.

"When I was there, the staff totally invested in me and helped me see how strong I could be. I wanted to do the same for other girls," Basham said.

She served as a caseworker for 10 years before being promoted to her current position as director. It is the first time a past resident has held the position. Basham hopes her personal experience will help her connect with the girls on a deeper level since most of what they are going through, she has also gone through. White agrees that is the case.

"Janelle has helped me get up and keep going," White said. "She gave me hope."

Even after the girls leave the home, baby in tow or not, the staff makes a constant effort to keep in contact through phone calls, e-mails and Facebook.

The girls' caseworkers also have an open door policy, and are available to counsel and talk with them if needed in the future.

They also do their best to stay updated on adoptive families and the babies placed in them by offering ongoing support groups and get-together events throughout the year, such as Christmas and ice skating reunion parties.

"We want girls to realize that getting pregnant at a young age doesn't mean their life is over," Basham said. "They don't have to live in shame here."

White says she would not be who she is today if it were not for this mindset. The home has taught her that she can have faith in God and people, and that it is still possible for her dreams to happen.

In a world where unwed mothers are often judged, White said she is relieved to have found a safe haven where she is viewed as so much more than damaged goods.

For more information about the Liberty Godparent Foundation's 2010 Winter Market, visit the event's Facebook page.

Editor's Note: Kelly White is not the girl's real name. It was changed for privacy.

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Soprano Beth Porter brings music to life

Cedarville University faculty performs for Center for Worship

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Not many people get the honor of singing at the National Day of Prayer in front of dignitaries, senators and former President George W. Bush. But for soprano soloist Beth Porter, singing at the White House was trumped by an event much more personal.

"It will sound funny, but I was privileged enough to sing at my mother's funeral, and I feel like that was really the culmination of everything for me," Porter said. "To sing at the White House was a tremendous honor but on a spiritual and emotional level, the (highlight for me) was to sing at her funeral and honor her in that way and not fall apart. It was not my best singing, but it was my most heartfelt singing. I felt God's presence with me in a powerful way and it was pretty incredible."

Family has played a tremendous role in the life of Porter, who was the third artist to perform at the Center for Worship's Christian Artist Series Monday, Oct. 8.

Accompanied by pianist Amy Hutchinson, Porter sang a diverse selection of songs in front of students and faculty.

Two of these songs were written by her father James D. Cram, who died when Porter was only 13.

"I haven't had my dad in my life for the past 37 years, so singing his music reminds me of when I had a dad and what a good dad he was. It makes me feel connected to him," Porter said.

The daughter of a college professor of music and musician, Porter grew up constantly surrounded by music.

She played piano and violin as a child, but discovered her love for singing when she joined the choir in high school.

She then went on to get a degree in music at Baylor University and a master's degree in voice at Western Carolina University.

She began teaching at Cedarville University in 1997 and is now the chair of the Department of Music, Art and Worship as well as the Women's Choir director.

In March 2004, when Porter sang "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" for Cedarville University's daily chapel service, the chapel speaker was especially impressed.

The speaker that morning was Tim Goeglein, who at the time was the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison and worked closely with Bush. When he got up to speak, he turned to Porter and complimented her generously.

"I've never been complimented like that in my life. It was so elegant and sincere, it was amazing," Porter said.

After chapel ended, Porter thanked Goeglein for his kindness and introduced herself, adding that she was from Texas and would love to sing for Bush one day.

"I really thought I would never hear another thing about it," Porter said. "But then four or five weeks later, my phone rang after chapel and this gentleman called from the White House."

Porter was then invited to sing a solo at the National Day of Prayer, an experience that she called completely surreal.

"We were in the east wing of the White House, there were no barriers. We could sit in the furniture, we had a reception in the state dining room, the chaplain from the Senate

and House of Representatives was there, (along with) all these dignitaries and President Bush. It was a beautiful day," Porter said.

Vernon Whaley, director of the Center for Worship, said that all this experience is not what sets Porter apart as an artist. Rather, it is her ability to make the music relatable.

"What I like most about her is that she is able to take what is potentially very complicated music and make it understandable and enjoyable for the audience," Whaley said.

Porter explained the historical background and message of each song she sang, relating to the audience the way the song was written correlates with the message the composer was trying to get across.

"Knowledge is power and truth is freeing. A lot of people say they don't like (something) because they don't know anything about it," Porter said. "When they know something about it they feel intelligent when they listen. So I'm empowering my audience to listen with knowledge and truth. It makes music so much more real."

Not only does Porter think it is important



BARNEY DAVIS | UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

POWER IN THE SONG — Cedarville University faculty member Beth Porter performed at the Center of Worship Monday, Nov. 8. The soprano is known for performing at the White House for former President George W. Bush.

to educate the crowd, but she places special emphasis on having fun with her music and giving it life by expressing a wide range of emotions while she sings.

"I think my number one job as a singer is to have fun so that my audience will have fun. Number two is to bring that music to life. It deserves every attention to detail and that's fun for me. God has wired me in a certain way that sounds and words excite me so it's very natural for me to be that expressive when I sing," Porter said.

◆ ABRAHAM is a feature reporter.